



February 2015



Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Romans 10:14-17

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

"The pen is mightier than the sword." I have often times thought this saying is silly. Certainly the pen is not that powerful. Words can't carry that strong of power. In fact there is even another contradictory saying used by children, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." However, then I think through my life. I think of the times in which kind words built me up, and hurtful words have tore me down. I think we have all experienced the power of words.

This reading from Romans speaks of the power of words. God's Word. "¹⁷So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." This is why we strive to daily hear God's Word. This is why we spend so much time reading scripture in worship. This is why we worship together!! In coming to worship and hear God's Word it enlivens our faith, so that we boldly go into the world with joy and thanksgiving! So that we may have the strength to live out our lives! It is also important then that the words we use build others up. As we live together as a community of Christ, may our words be used to encourage and support!

There will be many opportunities during Lent to spend time in God's Word. Lenten weekday services, adult studies, Sunday worship, and a Lenten reading plan. I encourage you during the season of Lent to spend time in God's Word. Let it become a part of your Lenten Journey! And also share an encouraging word with each other. Let your words bring hope and joy into the world!

God's Peace!!

Pr. Jeremy



<u>Important Dates</u>	
<u>February 4th</u>	Marshall Council
<u>February 8th</u>	Detroit Meeting
<u>February 18th</u>	Little Cedar Council
<u>February 22nd</u>	Junior LYO



Ash Wednesday
February 18th @ Little Cedar
Soup Supper at 6pm service at 7pm

Lenten Wednesday Services Schedule
Soup Supper @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm

February 25th ~ Marshall
March 4th Little Cedar
March 11th ~ Marshall
March 18th ~ Little Cedar
March 25th ~ Marshall





Prayers: Those known to have been hospitalized, ill or in need of prayers:

Amy Sprau~Marge Bartholmey~Dan Morgan
 Robert Hanson (A) ~ Maureen Underdahl ~ Judith Hanson
 Craig Hanson ~ Debra Wolf ~ Debbie Retterath ~ Janet Stotts
 Raeann Kane

Baptisms:
 Marshall ~ June Frances McKay ~ Parents Lonny & Sarah
 Little Cedar ~ Henley Grace Kana ~ Parents Tim & Bailey

If you have a prayer request, please let the church office know.

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Office Hours Are: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday Worship: Little Cedar 9:00am Marshall 10:30am

Sunday School: September - May Little Cedar 10:00am Marshall 9:30am

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For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059



Quilters meet at Little Cedar
Monday, February 2nd
@ 1:00pm

Cause of the Month @ Marshall
February 2015
“Domestic Abuse”



Back by popular demand! Several people have requested that Pastor Jeremy gives his presentations on the Holy Lands and World religions. So during Lent he will hold an adult education on Wednesday evenings. Plan to join him on

February 18th, March 4th, and March 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 at Little Cedar. You are then invited to stick around for the soup supper and worship. We'll begin with the holy lands the first night and then make our way into the world religions there!

Cause of the Month @ Little Cedar



Confirmation Service Project:
 The Confirmation class and their mentors will be making Tied Blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts are the most requested item and they are now offering the option of making Tied Blankets. We are excited for the Confirmation students to put their faith in to action with this service project. They just might be our future Quilters! To help with the cost of the fleece to make the blankets, this will be Little Cedar's February Cause of the Month.

Friends & Fellowship
 Tuesday, February 3rd
 @ Little Cedar
 Program @ 11:00am
 Lunch @ Noon
 Cost \$5
 All are welcome!!!
Program will be Storyteller Mike Cotter

Calling all thespians! Or anyone willing to read a script. During Wednesday Lenten Services we will once again be hosting a series of skits. This year the series is titled "How Did We Get Here? Detours on Faith Road," which focuses on folks who ended up in unexpected places. Skits are once again fairly simple. All that is required is a walk through once or twice; usually the night of the skit. So if you'd be willing to help out, please let Pastor Jeremy or the office know!



Miles to Detroit!



We need your help getting our bus from Adams to Detroit and back again! Coming soon there will be a display in the Narthex at Little Cedar and Marshall, it will show the progress of the youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit this July. You are invited to sponsor them by filling out a certificate and purchasing miles. For every \$10 donated, we will move the bus another mile closer to Detroit and back again. There are 1,316 miles to be driven! If you donate 2 or more miles, you will receive an invitation to a dinner upon our return as well as a postcard from Detroit!

Daycare News!!!

This month, we give thanks to God for this beautiful weather that we have been having! The children have been able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine and snow! We are learning about stars and planets in our curriculum.



Schwans-Cares Fundraiser: We still receive 5% on Schwans orders. Please contact Tara if you are interested in more information.

Join us for Winter Lay School Classes!



Are you interested in learning more about theology, church history, culture and the Bible? Luther Seminary Lay School of Theology is a

program of informal, non-credit classes taught by seminary professors for anyone who wants to learn more about matters that relate to their Christian faith and life.

For more information and to register,

Please visit:

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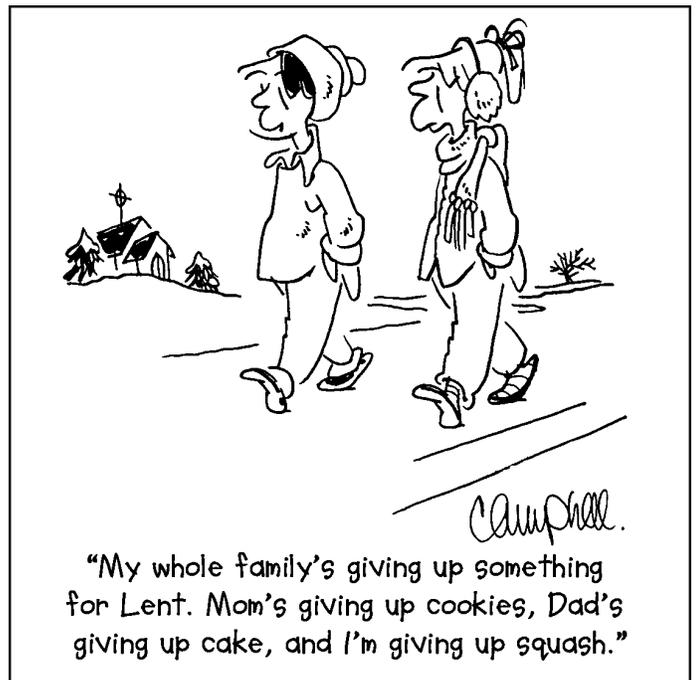


*****COMING IN MARCH*****

A Candle Light Dinner will be served at Little Cedar in the Fellowship Hall.

This is for everyone. You do not need to be a couple to come and enjoy. More information coming soon!

Mark your calendar for March 14th





Service Group #6

Larry & Ann Tompkins (582-7743) Co-Chairperson

John & Cindy Jax – Co-Chairperson (582-7797)

Nancy Thalberg (582-3300)

Nancy Smith Family (582-7826)

Al & Pat Sorenson (582-3223)

Mark & Lilly Sorenson Family (438-6354)

Randy & Janet Stephenson (433-7582)

Kerry Stroup (437-4329)

Jon & Laura Stroup (438-8995)

Virgil Bergene (582-3254)

Cathy Sumner (440-5068)

LeRoy & Karen Swanson (582-3416)

Marlo & Marilyn Thorstenson (582-3605)

Dean Tipton (582-3417)

Randy & RoeAnn Voigt (582-7717)

Kendal & Deb Klaehn (582-3224)

Beau & Holly Voigt (272-3840)

Jill Sheehan Family (434-9622)

Tracy & Angie Smith (440-5404)

Jon Thalberg

Gretchen Thome

Make some ones day! Send them a Valentine.



February

Communion Clean-up
1st – 15th &
18th Ash Wednesday
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Coffee Hours  
8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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Deliver Meals on Wheel

NONE
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Serve any funerals held

Your Chairperson or one of your  
Co-Chairpersons will contact you with  
information for your service group.



**Head Usher for February**

Bruce Bergene  
507-584-0908

**February Readers**

1st ——— Tara Mandt

8th ——— Gabrielle Smith & Chase Gilson

15th ——— Lyn Meany

22nd ——— Marlene Hanson



# YOUTH activities

**ELCA National Youth Gathering is in Detroit from July 13th through July 19th, 2015.**



There will be a MANDATORY Detroit meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm. This is for all students and chaperones. Parents do NOT need to attend.

We will have some snacks and drinks available.

Please make every effort to be here ~ as stated above ~ this is a Mandatory meeting. If you are not able to be here, let me know ASAP so we can make arrangements for you to get the information and do the activities with me individually.

## Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 1st. We will plan to go sledding if the weather is right!

**R.O.C.** (Junior High Students) - Our next meeting is February 22nd. We will go sledding. Stay tuned for details.

Detroit Fundraisers: Please stay tuned for more information on the Miles to Detroit Fundraiser, the Candle Light Dinner and the Dinner and Silent Auction.

**Schwans-Cares Fundraiser:** We still receive 5% on Schwan's orders. Please contact Tara if you are interested in more information.

## Educational News

Mark Your Calendars 4th Graders! It is your year for **1st Communion!** Class time will be from 5:00 to 6:00pm either in a classroom at Little Cedar or at Marshall depending on the church service. After class, we ask the students join with their families for the soup supper and to attend the 7pm Lenten worship service. This year's students are: Gregory Crumb, Khlover Schulz, Trent Canterbury and Chloe Whipple.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, February 18th at Little Cedar

Wednesday, February 25th at Marshall

Wednesday, March 4th at Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 11th at Marshall

Wednesday, March 18th Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 25th at Little Cedar (Church is at Marshall but this is easier for making the bread)

First Communion is Sunday, March 29, 2015 (Palm Sunday) 9:00am Little Cedar and 10:30am Marshall



## Little Cedar Sunday School News

Our lesson for February is Banquet with Simon found in Luke 7:36-50.

There is NO Sunday School on February 15th.

The Children's Choir will sing on February 8th.



# Confirmation News & Worship News

**Marshall Church Assistants**

**February 1 - Erin Hanson**  
 February 8 - Isaac Himebaugh  
**February 15 - Haley Whipple**  
 February 22 - Kendra Emanuel

**Little Cedar Church Assistants**  
**U=Usher G=Greeter**

February 1 - **U:** Kylie Poshusta **G:** Cade Sheehan  
**Communion Family:** Hannah McMasters  
 February 8 - **U:** Kylie Poshusta **G:** Noah Milks  
 February 15 - **U:** Dawson Gilson **G:** Lexi Smith  
**Communion Family:** Cole Medgarden  
 February 22 - **U:** Carter Johnson **G:** Malina Luke

**Confirmation Meals**

February 4—Ron & Tricia Milks  
 February 11—Rhonda Hatle



**Little Cedar Acolyte &  
Worship Assistant Schedule:**

February 1 - Chase Johnson  
 February 8 - Olivia Matheis  
 February 15 - Kiyanna Meyer  
 February 22 - Lydia Wik

**Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is**  
**February 8th**  
 Ushers: Laura Luke & Maya Luke  
 Readers: Gabrielle Smith & Chase Gilson

**Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is February 1st**  
 Kerry Webber, Leader  
 Katlin & Chris, Jacob Stephens & Alyssa Anderson

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara right away so she can switch people for you.

**Little Cedar Communion Helpers**

February 1—Jacob Anderson  
 February 15—Chase Gilson



**Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes****January 7th, 2015**

The Marshall Church Council met for its regular meeting on Jan 7th, 2015. Present were Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Luvern Hanson, Carie Hanson, Craig Hanson, Rhonda Hatle, Darrel Gordon, Gary Kulow and Karina Mensink. Absent were: Andrew Sprau, Gus Johnson, and Jerry Sprau.

The meeting was called to order by Dale Himebaugh. Pastor Jeremy lead us in devotions. The Secretary's report from December was read. Carie gave the Financial Secretary's report with the total offering for the month of Dec. being \$6600.15. Cause of the Month offering was \$210.15. Luvern gave the Treasurer's report. Gary Kulow made a motion that the reports be accepted as read with Craig Hanson seconding the motion. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dale accepted the bill from Brandt Construction after calling a few past customers of Brandt Construction. The other customers were pleased with their work. We looked at a few estimates on a replacement sign for the cemetery and decided it would cost between \$5,000-\$7,000 for a new 2 sided sign.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We received \$1550 donation from the United Farmers Bank. Rhonda moved that we put \$1000 in the Building Fund and \$550 in the Cemetery Fund. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed. January "Cause of the Month" will be Neighbor in Need.

Pastor asked for thoughts on a Men's Bible Study. We will be using the Holden Service for Lent again. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes will be held for 4<sup>th</sup> graders again during Lent. February Cause of the Month will be Domestic Abuse. The budget was discussed and a proposed budget was agreed on for the Annual Meeting which will be held on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Craig made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Karina Mensink, Secretary



### Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7 pm at the church. Present: Karen Anderson, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Jim Johnson, Joe Matheis, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Mary Schmitz, Nancy Smith, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness and Lani Wolff. Absent: Tricia Milks, Shari Wagner. The meeting was called to order by vice-president, Tracy Smith.

Tracy Smith called for volunteers or nominations from the floor for council president and vice-president. Tracy volunteered to be president and Joe Matheis, vice president.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** A motion was made by Mary Schmitz, seconded by Lani Wolff to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Recognition of visitors:** A letter of resignation effective May 31, 2015, from Janet Stephenson was read. Accepted with regret.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Karen Anderson to raise organist/pianist pay to \$55.00 per Sunday. Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Anderson, seconded by Joe Matheis, to approve paying the bill from Schmitz Electric for repair of the light on the roof cross and for additional light bulbs. Payment to come out of capital improvement fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Jim Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as printed. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

**Building:** Joe Matheis reported on possible changes to food shelf rooms

#### Cemetery:

**Daycare:** Jan Weness reported all is going well with a balance of \$8,337.00 to begin the year.

**Finance:** a printed report of Sunday offerings was presented by Nancy Smith

#### Life and Missions:

**Personnel:** wanted clarification on Tara's job description. Motion by Karen Anderson, seconded by Joe Matheis, to make a change in the youth job description to state that all money from fundraisers and donations to LYO by turned into the office and put into the general fund, with a check then written out of the general fund back to the LYO. Motion passed.

#### Youth and Education:

#### Worship and Music:

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**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jeremy reported on the results of the Christmas Day service survey taken at the annual meeting with 27 no and 10 yes. He also would like to get a men's Bible study started.

**Outstanding Business:** Motion by Nancy Thalberg, seconded by Jan Weness that we donate \$3000, taken from lutefisk funds, to Brevig Mission. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Mary Schmitz that the cause of the month for February is for money for Confirmation students to purchase fleece and make tie blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Balance of money needed for blankets would come from lutefisk funds. Motion passed.

Motion by Lani Wolff, seconded by Karen Anderson to pay \$75/time for snow removal from parking lot. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Jim Johnson to make payment of snow removal retroactive to beginning of snow season 2014. Motion carried.

Jan Weness volunteered to give devotions at the February meeting.

Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Bryce Nelson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

*Jan Weness*

Council Secretary



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