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Covenant

In the middle of this month we celebrate Easter Sunday. Last year it was the end of March. It's been commented on that while we always know when Christmas is, Easter's date is as reliable as a weather forecast. There is a reason for this, but we have to go quite a ways back.

Easter's date is related to the Passover, as the gospels connect Jesus' crucifixion with the temple celebration (John explicitly connects Jesus' death with the sacrifice of the Passover lamb). But the Jewish calendar isn't a solar calendar, like ours is. It's also not a fully lunar calendar, like the Muslim calendar is. It's a lunar calendar that adjusts itself so that it doesn't get too far off from the solar year, called a Lunisolar Calendar.

What this means to us is that Easter is the first Sunday following the first full moon following the spring equinox. Or, rather, it was. Once a group of mathematically inclined people got a hold of some patterns, they made up a set of calculations and tables and ignored the real moon and sun. In about the third century, a set of tables was fairly well solidified, and with a few adjustments for changing calendar systems, it is still what we use today. Those calendar adjustments also explain why the eastern churches and the western churches often celebrate Easter on different days.

There is some movement afoot to fix the date of Easter, to be either the second or third Sunday of April. This isn't the first time people have suggested fixing the date. It's been suggested a number of times, both to make it easier for civil calendars, like school and governments, and to better connect the event with a historical date. This current movement is mostly centered around the greater ecumenical connections the church is building, even from East to West, so it may succeed where others have failed. We may see a change in how we celebrate Easter within our lifetimes.

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Pastor Joshua

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Minutes

March 16, 2017

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Richard Robbins, President.

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Richard Robbins.

Roll Call:

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Nancy Lubeck, Beth Morris, Marge Scholten, Woody Shore, Terry Lubeck, Richard Robbins, Joel McKee, C.A. Thomas and Connie Thomas.

Absent: Reno Taylor, Melissa Garcia and Sarah Jesse.

Additions to Agenda: Under New Business: Lenten offering designation, Clean Up Day for church, Stuff Sale. Under Old Business: Audit church books.

Thrift Store: Marge Scholten reported that things were going well, nothing new to report. Community Thrift Store : \$5,911.81 Receipts; \$3,082.04 Disbursements; \$6,265.30 ending checking balance. Grandma's Attic : \$929.92 Receipts; \$956.85 Disbursements; \$1,986.93 ending checking balance.

Correspondence: None to report.

Reports:

Secretary: A motion to approve February 16, 2017 minutes was made by C.A. Thomas, seconded by Terry Lubeck. Motion passed

Financial Secretary: Nancy Lubeck moved to approve with the correction of \$141.00 in Thrivent Choice #9000 to be added. Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Pastor Joshua presented report in Sarah Jesse's absence. After discussion as to a service charge incurred, Joel McKee motioned to approve the report and to change the account to a -0- minimum balance required, if possible. Woody Shore seconded the motion, and motion passed.

President: Rick Robbins reminded everyone that March 31, 2017 was the deadline to designate Choice dollars. Ask Rick Robbins, call Thrivent or ask Pastor Joshua for help with designating the funds.

Elders: Busy planning for Easter.

Trustees: Terry Lubeck reported that he had checked with Black Hills Energy in regard to obtaining coverage on appliances (ie furnace, air conditioning units). After speaking with a rep, it was determined that there is NO coverage available for churches. The trustees were asked to check the front door lock that is sticking and the woman's bathroom toilet that was running.

Pastor: See report on bulletin board. Pastor Joshua reported that there is a sale on Reformation materials, a table will be set up to show theological materials and take orders. April 22, 2017 in Casper is the joint meeting with the Catholic's celebrating 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Also, Synod Assembly in Colorado Springs on May 5-7th.

Committee Reports:

Education: Pastor Joshua reported that the date for Vacation Bible School will be June 26-30. Counselors arrive on June 25th. Working on fundraiser for VBS.

Youth: Pastor Joshua reported that the Youth Group will be taking a couple weeks off due to traveling basketball.

Stewardship: Jim Lockwood is working on some sort of event.

Worship: Psalms will be sung during Lent instead of reading. Plans being worked on for Holy Week. Traditional palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday.

Women of the ELCA: Nothing to report.

Hospitality: Nothing to report.

Men of Covenant: It was reported that there were 6 or 7 men present for the breakfast on Saturday morning. Easter breakfast will be organized by the men.

Outreach: Nothing new to report.

Altar Guild: Preparing for Easter.

Landscape: Jim Lockwood reported that he was checking on prices for concrete with Alexander Construction and H & H Construction for the play area.

Old Business:

Audit has not yet been scheduled. Columbarium is moving forward, money has been sent to the company constructing them.

New Business:

Lenten offerings were discussed and a motion was made by Woody Shore, seconded by Beth Morris to deposit Lenten offerings to General Fund. Motion passed.

A church Clean Up Day was scheduled for April 1, 2017 at 8:00 AM. This will spruce up the outside of the church for Easter.

Pastor Joshua has recommended Shirley Garland for church membership. Council unanimously approved.

The Stuff Sale is being planned for sometime after Easter. Proceeds were suggested to go to K.T. Hohnholt.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be April 12, 2017.

Devotions for next meeting: Jim Lockwood

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Lubeck, Secretary



MISSION STATEMENT

We covenant ourselves to gather around Word and Sacrament for mutual support and strength in Christ, that by God's grace we:

Proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom
Nurture the community through Christian Education
Provide settings for Christian fellowship, and
Equip the membership to be Christ's servant people within
God's world.

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| 5 th | Nancy Schumann |
| 6 th | Pastor Joshua |
| 8 th | Gail Mattern |
| 13 th | Jennifer Bruns |
| 16 th | Austin Wright |
| 18 th | Liz Bachmeier |
| 21 st | Janae Mattern |
| 22 nd | Rena Kittelson |
| 24 th | William Jesse Courtland Seim |



Honoree: Grandmother-to-be,
Nancy Lubeck

When: Tuesday, April 11 11:30 am

Where: Covenant Lutheran Fellowship
Room

RSVP: Joanie @ 322-4166

Nancy reports that baby Anna has received everything she needs, so we will be sending donations of money in Anna's name for chicks, pigs, goats, etc. to families served by Lutheran World Relief.

We will be having a tea theme. If you would like to provide any treats please let Joanie know.



Will, Michael, Fletcher and Hudson enjoying Wednesday night service.

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Office Hours:

Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm
Office: M - F: 9 am - 12: pm
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Sunday
Sunday School: 9:50 am Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday
Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday

In observance of 500 Years of Reformation
**Lutheran & Roman Catholic
Common Prayer**

**Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m.,
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
318 East Sixth Street, Casper, WY**

The Rev. Jim Gonia, bishop, will be representing the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Rev. Gary Ruzicka, the Dean of the Casper Deanery of the Diocese of Cheyenne, will be representing the Roman Catholic Church.



The liturgy will highlight the agreements that have been reached through fifty years of dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans on topics such as the Church, Ministry, and the Eucharist. The Common Prayer is structured around the themes of thanksgiving, repentance, and commitment

to common
witness.

LIBERATED
BY GOD'S
GRACE

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| | ELDER | | ASSISTANT | | GREETERS |
| 4-2 | Reno Taylor | 4-2 | Woody Shore | 4-2 | Dorothy Stevenson |
| 4-9 | Joel McKee | 4-9 | Reno Taylor | 4-9 | Rick & Arlene Robbins |
| 4-23 | Connie Thomas | 4-23 | Joel McKee | 4-23 | Pat Preuit |
| 4-30 | Woody Shore | 4-30 | Connie Thomas | 4-30 | Lloyd Koerwitz |
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| | ACOLYTE | | READER | | USHERS |
| 4-2 | Mekayla Garcia | 4-2 | Joanne Harnish | 4-2 | Lloyd Koerwitz |
| 4-9 | Raegan Ehde | 4-9 | Joanne Harnish | 4-9 | Dorothy Stevenson & Shirley Garland |
| 4-23 | Peter Jesse | 4-23 | Reno Taylor | 4-23 | Lloyd Koerwitz |
| 4-30 | Eleni McKee | 4-30 | Dorothy Stevenson | 4-30 | Any volunteers? |
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| | MUSICIAN | | ALTAR CARE | | VISITATION |
| 4-2 | Lisa Young | 4-2 | Rena Kittelson | 4-2 | Lloyd Koerwitz |
| 4-9 | Nancy Schumann | 4-9 | Gail Mattern | 4-9 | Stu Hammersmark |
| 4-23 | Lisa Young | 4-23 | Marge Scholten | 4-23 | Rich Bohm |
| 4-30 | Praise Band | 4-30 | Hollee Bosch | 4-30 | Rick Robbins |
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| | FELLOWSHIP | | SUNDAY SCHOOL | | |
| 4-2 | Dorothy Stevenson | 4-2 | Melissa Garcia | | |
| 4-9 | Dorothy Stevenson | 4-9 | Sarah Jesse | | |
| 4-23 | Arlene Robbins | 4-23 | Dawn McKee | | |
| 4-30 | Pat Preuit | 4-30 | Inter-generational Sunday School | | |



| | ELDER | | ASSISTANT | | GREETERS |
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| 4-13 | Connie Thomas | 4-13 | Reno Taylor | 4-13 | Woody & Karen Shore |
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| 4-15 | Reno Taylor | 4-15 | | 4-15 | |
| 4-16 6:30 | Connie Thomas | 4-16 6:30 | | 4-16 6:30 | |
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| 4-16 6:30 | | 4-16 6:30 | | 4-16 6:30 | CA Thomas |
| 4-16 9:00 | Eleni McKee | 4-16 9:00 | | 4-16 9:00 | |
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| | MUSICIAN | | <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> Maundy Thursday Service Good Friday Service Easter Vigil Service Easter Services </div> <div style="flex: 1;"> April 13 7:00 pm April 14 7:00 pm April 15 7:00 pm April 16 6:30 am 9:00 am </div> </div> <p>The sign-up sheet to volunteer to serve during Holy Week is located by the church mailboxes. If you are able to help in any way, please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you!</p> | | |
| 4-13 | Gwen Seidel | | | | |
| 4-14 | | | | | |
| 4-15 | | | | | |
| 4-16 6:30 | Nancy Schumann | | | | |
| 4-16 9:00 | Nancy Schumann | | | | |

APRIL

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|  | | | | | | 1 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM LANDSCAPE WORKDAY 9:00 AM |
| 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE SERVICE 7:45 PM | 3 | 4 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM | 5 SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 6:30 PM | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM | 10 | 11 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM LUBECK BABY SHOWER 11:30 AM | 12 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM COUNCIL 7:00 PM | 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM | 14 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM | 15 EASTER VIGIL SERVICE 7:00 PM |
| 16 SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 AM EASTER SERVICE 9:00 AM TAIZE 7:00 PM | 17 | 18 WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM | 19 | 20 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM | 21  | 22 |
| 23 SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM | 24 STUFF SALE SET-UP ALL WEEK | 25 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM | 26 | 27 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM | 28 STUFF SALE | 29 STUFF SALE |
| 30 PRAISE BAND SERVICE INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | | | | |