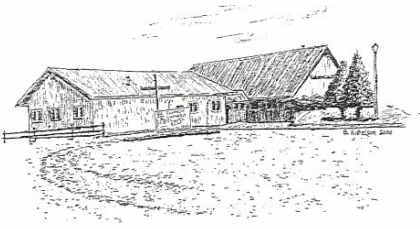


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# Covenant

This year, the Rocky Mountain Synod Theological Conference (locally provided continuing education for our ministers) will be in Cheyenne. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time we will gather as a synod here in Wyoming for something like this. Last year, someone had suggested Little America to Erin Power, our Synodical Minister for Hospitality, who's in charge of planning events like these. After some research, planning started, and so we will gather in September in Cheyenne.

One of the questions that has come up multiple times in the planning has been, "What things should we be involved with that are unique to Wyoming?" And that's a good question. In some ways, Wyoming is quite different from even our closest neighbors. Paying attention to the things that make our setting different will make our time in Continuing Education even better.

Here in Wheatland, we have things that make us unique as well. I would ask you to spend some time pondering what those things are, and how we too might use what makes our town unique to be of better service within it. With the change in seasons, opportunities are coming.

Pastor Joshua

# COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Church Council Minutes

July 14, 2016

### **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

### **Devotions:**

Devotions were led by Nadine Morris.

### **Roll Call:**

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Shelley Sterling, Lloyd Koerwitz, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Jennifer Bruns, Marge Scholten, Rick Robbins, Jamison Brown, Nadine Morris.

**Absent:** Sarah Jesse, Joel McKee, Woody Shore

**Additions to Agenda:** Under new business: bees.

**Thrift Store:** Glass Masters gave a bid of \$14,796.00 for the windows to be replaced at the Thrift Store. Waiting on other bids. The energy efficient grant will pay for \$3500 but needs to be completed by the middle of December.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$9,158.56	\$978.40	\$4,008.97	\$4,207.56
Grandma's Attic	\$618.78		\$5,590.60	

### **Correspondence:**

### **Reports:**

**Secretary:** Nancy moved to make a motion to approve the minutes, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>.. Motion passed.

**Financial Secretary:** Jennifer moved to accept the report, CA 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Nancy moved to accept the report, Reno 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**President:** Not much to report.

**Elders:** All is well.

**Trustees:** Would like another work day.

**Pastor:** Report was given and posted on bulletin board.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Still in search of anyone willing to be the education chairperson. VBS beginning the coming week, canceled the preschool part of it. Not many participants and couldn't find a preschool teacher.

**Youth:** No report given.

**Stewardship:** Something is being planned for the fall.

**Worship:** Nothing to report.

**Women of ELCA:** There are subscriptions to the Gather magazines by the mailboxes.

**Hospitality:** No report.

**Men of Covenant:** Won't be meeting again until September.

**Outreach:** Things are going well.

**Altar Guild:** Continuing as normal.

**Landscape:** Another work day planned for Monday, July, 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM to trim trees and mow.

**Old Business:** A grief class will be offered August 24<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>; one hour classes after church. There will not be any adult Sunday school classes those dates. Connie and CA are not going to use church for tax purposes for the Carey Jo Thomas Memorial Softball Tournament beings there's only a couple more years left. The city approved \$40,000 for the columbarium. It will be located at the entrance of the cemetery by one of the first building when you come in. Rock will be on the west side to match with the building and the niches will be on the other side. It'll be a good perimeter for the cemetery.

**New Business:** There was discussion about Scott Reinhart having a couple of bee hives to be put in the east part of the property. Rick made a motion to allow him to have them and Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; motion passed. Jamison explained the Pokemon Go to us. Our church is a stopping point and to be aware that there might be people in the parking lot at various times.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting August 11<sup>th</sup>

Devotions for next Meeting:

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Sterling,  
Secretary



6<sup>th</sup> Makenna Garcia  
 8<sup>th</sup> Bob Scholten  
 9<sup>th</sup> Woody Shore  
 10<sup>th</sup> Ben Harnish  
 12<sup>th</sup> Marcus Catchpole  
 15<sup>th</sup> Kevin Thomas  
 16<sup>th</sup> Don Race  
 Emily Morris  
 18<sup>th</sup> Joe Garcia  
 19<sup>th</sup> Ron Bosch  
 21<sup>st</sup> Don Dingman  
 Larry McKee  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Ruth Johnson  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sarah Jesse  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Wilhelm  
 30<sup>th</sup> Delmar Bitterman

2<sup>nd</sup> Frank & Sarah Jesse  
 \*19 years  
  
 19<sup>th</sup> Don & Judy Race  
 \*44 year  
  
 24<sup>th</sup> Thad & Tifanie Ehde  
 \*14 years  
  
 30<sup>th</sup> Larry & Joan McKee  
 \*48 years

#### 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.

#### 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: 10:00 am Sunday  
 Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday  
 Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday

## **A continuing article on Stewardship, and the gifts of God: Down, In, and Out.**

### **DOWN: Relationship with God**

Our practice of stewardship begins by looking at how God has come down to us in love. Stewardship begins with God and how God has shown love for us. We are first receivers. We belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. Out of this receiving, we are freed in Christ to love, give and serve. God comes down to us through creation. Stewardship begins at creation when God gave humanity dominion over all that God had made. God entrusted all of creation to our care — living creatures, plants, and water and all that is. God has called us to care, nurture and preserve creation for future generations. How might we honor and care for God's creation? God calls us to be stewards through our baptism. In baptism we are claimed as God's children and receive God's grace. As stewards, we live out our callings as children of God by sharing God's grace with the world. How might we share God's grace in our everyday lives? We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. For us as the ELCA, this faith comes through the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world. God comes down to us through the gospel. God so loved the world that God gave us Jesus. The gospel story is alive in us and written on our hearts. We are stewards of God's good news.

By God's grace, we are claimed as children of God through baptism. We belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. How does "belonging to God" shape the way that we live our lives? How might we be good stewards of God's grace?

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016



**Special thanks to the following people for helping with VBS this year:** Rick & Arlene Robbins, Dawn McKee, Beth Morris, Melissa Anderson, Jim Lockwood, Woody & Karen Shore, Joan McKee, and Pastor Joshua.

	<b>ELDER</b>		<b>ASSISTANT</b>		<b>GREETERS</b>
<b>8-7</b>	Reno Taylor	<b>8-7</b>	Woody Shore	<b>8-7</b>	Joanie McKee
<b>8-14</b>	Joel McKee	<b>8-14</b>	Reno Taylor	<b>8-14</b>	Carolyn Walters
<b>8-21</b>	Jennifer Bruns	<b>8-21</b>	Joel McKee	<b>8-21</b>	Nadine Morris
<b>8-28</b>	Woody Shore	<b>8-28</b>	Jennifer Bruns	<b>8-28</b>	Cindy Anderson
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>		<b>READER</b>		<b>USHERS</b>
<b>8-7</b>	Eleni McKee	<b>8-7</b>	Larry McKee	<b>8-7</b>	Larry & Joanie McKee
<b>8-14</b>	William Jesse	<b>8-14</b>	Nancy Lubeck	<b>8-14</b>	Terry & Nancy Lubeck
<b>8-21</b>	Gage Brown	<b>8-21</b>	Connie Thomas	<b>8-21</b>	CA & Connie Thomas
<b>8-28</b>	Sam Jesse	<b>8-28</b>	Shari Brown	<b>8-28</b>	Jeff & Shari Brown
	<b>MUSICIAN</b>		<b>ALTAR CARE</b>		<b>VISITATION</b>
<b>8-7</b>	Mary Seim	<b>8-7</b>	Marge Scholten	<b>8-7</b>	Stu Hammersmark
<b>8-14</b>	TBA	<b>8-14</b>	Hollee Bosch	<b>8-14</b>	Rich Bohm
<b>8-21</b>	Nancy Schumann	<b>8-21</b>	Judy Windmeier	<b>8-21</b>	Rick Robbins
<b>8-28</b>	Lisa Young	<b>8-28</b>	Gail Thompson	<b>8-28</b>	Nadine Morris
	<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>				
<b>8-7</b>	Joanie McKee				
<b>8-14</b>	Cindy Anderson				
<b>8-21</b>	Nadine Morris				
<b>8-28</b>	Connie Thomas				

# AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	5 CAREY JO THOMAS SOFTBALL TOURNEY 6:00 PM	6 HONORING VETERANS 1:00 PM  LIVE AUCTION 6:00 PM
7  CJT SOFTBALL DEDICATION 1:00 PM  TAIZE 7:00 PM	8	9  PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM	10	11  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM  COUNCIL 7:00 PM	12	13
14  GRIEVING CLASS 10:30 AM  TAIZE 7:00 PM	15	16  WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 AM  PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM  WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	17	18  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	19	20
21  BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  GRIEVING CLASS 10:30 AM  TAIZE 7:00 PM	22	23  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	24  FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	25  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	26	27
28	29	30  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	31			