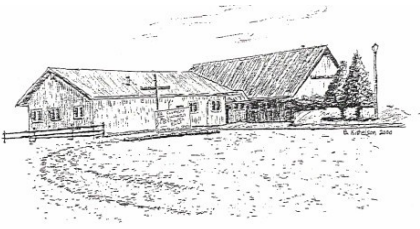


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Due to the busyness of the season, I've decided to forgo a proper article and instead share some photos from Bethlehem to give some context for what the place of Jesus' birth looks like today. Have a happy Christmas this year, and remember all of the people who live in the holy land in your prayers.

Pastor Joshua

Covenant



This is the wall that separates Jerusalem from Bethlehem.



The People of Bethlehem welcome us and ask us to pray for them.



The traditional site of Jesus' birth.



A traditional site where the Shepherds watched their flocks when they were sent to find the infant Jesus.

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Please do remember, as you go, to purchase something from the Prince Of Peace Giftshop.



Our Advent Soup & Services
will be held on Wednesday
evenings, December 2, 9, and 16.

We will begin with supper and
fellowship at 5:30 pm, followed
by the service. A sign-up sheet
for bringing food is located by
the church mailboxes. Call the
office with any questions.

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.



Please join us on Sunday,
December 20th when the children
will be performing "A Tree that
Points to Jesus" during the
church service.

Gorman Funeral Home – Platte Chapel would like to invite
the community to their Christmas Service of Remembrance
at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 1. Let us come together
to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have lost.
Take time to say a prayer and thank them for being a part of
our lives.



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

Anderson Podiatry Center and Associated Podiatrists of Cheyenne are collecting donations of new or gently used shoes for the homeless at their clinics through December 31st. Please call 309-644-0068 for more information.



The nursing home Christmas party will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at 3:00 pm.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the West Elementary Book Fair. Because of your generosity 71 students in grades 3 – 5 were able to purchase a book of their own choosing. Check out the poster signed by the kids and the thank-you note from West librarian, Sue Sluss, hanging in the fellowship hall.



At the annual meeting in January there are several council positions that will need to be filled. If you would like to be considered for any of those openings please let one of our current council members know. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents to the church council. Thank you!

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 12, 2015**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Reno Taylor

Roll Call:

Reed Elmquist, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Shelley Sterling, Lloyd Koerwitz, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, Connie Thomas, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholten. Melissa Garcia

Absent: Melissa Garcia, Dawn McKee, Sarah Jesse

Additions to Agenda: Columbarium

Thrift Store:

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$11,114.56	\$3,206.06	\$1,981.22	\$6,388.38
Grandma's Attic	\$576.76	NA	\$4,837.32	NA

Correspondence: Information was given about a couple of camps coming up in the summer '16

Reports:

Secretary: Connie moved, Nancy 2nd to approve minutes.

Financial Secretary: Rich moved, Lloyd 2nd to approve the report.

Treasurer: Jim moved, Terry 2nd to approve the report.

President: No Report

Elders: Everything running smooth.

Trustees: Things are slowing down and going well.

Pastor: See report on bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: Pumpkin Auction went well. \$477 was made. Thanks to everyone who helped out and raised the funds. The Christmas program will be Dec. 20th. Practice will be every Sunday except Nov. 29th. There will be no Sunday School Dec. 27th or Jan. 3rd

Youth: Discussion had been made about the summer camps and possibly raising money to help out the kids who would like to participate.

Stewardship: The spaghetti dinner and presentation was good and about 40 people were in attendance. There was a suggestion made that possibly next year offering a Thanksgiving dinner maybe for next year.

Worship: Getting ready for Christmas and Advent. There will be 3 Soup suppers on Wednesdays in December. Sign up sheet is available to bring soup. Choir practice began Nov. 18th. Dec. 27th there will be blue grass and carols for that service.

Women of ELCA: Working on highlights for Thank offering before end of the year.

Hospitality: There was cake for the First Communion.

Men of Covenant: 11 were in attendance for the Men's breakfast.

Outreach: Continuing to take CD's to people.

Altar Guild: The New Christ candle has been ordered.

Landscape: Done for the year.

Old Business: Connie discussed the columbarium project. It was decided to have another committee meeting and then go before the town council again. The next meeting will be Dec. 2nd after the advent service and choir. Likely about 8PM. Any one interested please come to the meeting.

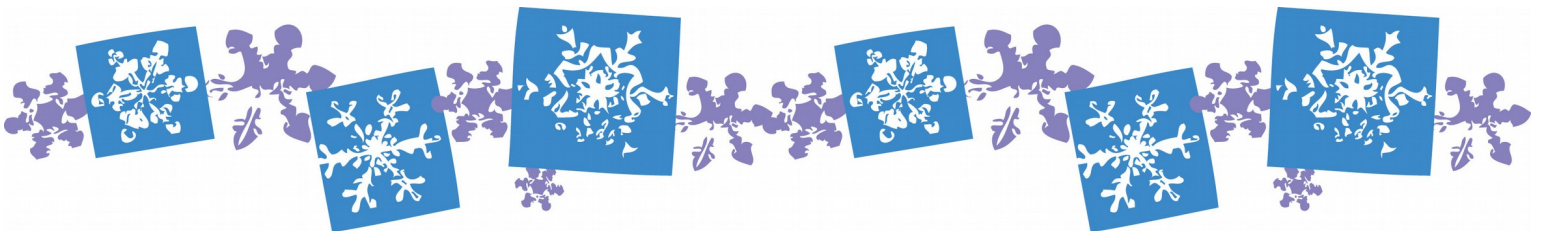
New Business: Replacements for council was discussed. Anyone interested on being on the council please contact any of us. Those whose term is up should try and find a replacement for their office. January 24th is the tentative date for the annual meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting Dec. 10

Devotions for next Meeting: CA Thomas

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Sterling





3 rd	Sarah Taylor
10 th	Gage Brown
11 th	Hudsen Ehde
13 th	Gail Thompson
15 th	Perry Garcia
18 th	Bob Lauck
19 th	Sue Sluss
30 th	Dorothy Hanks

15 th	Lee & Tonya Morrison
	2 years
21 st	Floyd & Peggy Ingold
	58 years
22 nd	Steve & Mary Seim
	36 years
27 th	Bob & Lorretta Lauck
	55 years
28 th	Bob & Gwen Seidel
	49 years
	Ben & Joanne Harnish
	51 years

***Please note (on the next page) that we are still in need of volunteers to serve on Sundays and Christmas Eve this month. If you are able to fill any of these spots, please let the office know ASAP. Thank you!!

DECEMBER SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
12-6	Reno Taylor	12-6	Connie Thomas	12-6	Beth Morris
12-13	Rich Bohm	12-13	Reno Taylor	12-13	Liz Bachmeier
12-20	Jennifer Bruns	12-20	Rich Bohm	12-20	Lloyd Koerwitz
12-24	TBA	12-24	TBA	12-24	XXXXXXXXXXXX
12-27	Connie Thomas	12-27	Jennifer Bruns	12-27	Stu Hammersmark
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
12-6	Mekayla Garcia	12-6	Beth Morris	12-6	Floyd Ingold
12-13	Raegan Ehde	12-13	Reno Taylor	12-13	Stu Hammersmark
12-20	Peter Jesse	12-20	Rich Bohm	12-20	Lloyd Koerwitz
12-24	Any volunteers?	12-24	Any volunteers?	12-24	Any volunteers?
12-27	Eleni McKee	12-27	Any volunteers?	12-27	Lloyd Koerwitz
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
12-6	Lisa Young	12-6	Hollie Bosch	12-6	Nadine Morris
12-13	Nancy Schumann	12-13	Judy Windmeier	12-13	Lloyd Koerwitz
12-20	Any volunteers?	12-20	Rena Kittelson	12-20	Rich Bohm
12-24	Nancy Schumann	12-24	XXXXXXXXXXXX	12-24	XXXXXXXXXXXX
12-27	Praise Band	12-27	Gail Mattern	12-27	Rick Robbins
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
12-6	Any volunteers?	12-6	Christmas Program Practice		
12-13	Liz Bachmeier	12-13	Christmas Program Practice		
12-20	Any volunteers?	12-20	Christmas Program		
12-24	XXXXXXXXXXXX	12-24	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
12-27	Any volunteers?	12-27	No Sunday School		

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 6:30 PM	2 ADVENT SUPPER 5:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE MEETING	3	4	5 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
6 TAIZE 7:00 PM	7 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	8 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	9 NURSING HOME XMAS PARTY 3:00 PM ADVENT SUPPER 5:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	10 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	11	12
13 TAIZE 7:00 PM	14 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	15 WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	16 ADVENT SUPPER 5:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	17 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	18	19 XMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE
20 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TAIZE 7:00 PM	21	22 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	23	24 XMAS EVE SERVICE 6:00 PM	25	26
27 LESSONS & CAROLS NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	28	29 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	30	31		