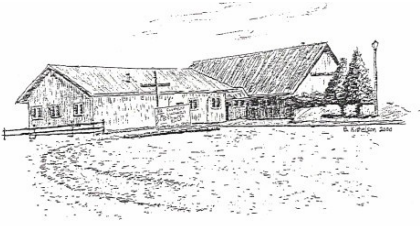


Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



# Covenant

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At the close of the year, there is much work to be done, both in our homes and in the church. Part of that is in preparation for the year to come, part of it is closing the year that was. Each year, as January ends, we at Covenant Lutheran have our annual meeting, both to conclude the business of the year before, and to make plans for the year that we are entering into.

Part of those plans involve elections of congregational leaders, for positions on the Council. Together, we make decisions that shape the future of our congregation, and together, we choose people that will faithfully steward those responsibilities throughout the year. This year, we have a variety of positions coming open, from assisting with worship as an elder, to behind the scenes work with finances and maintenance.

This is an opportunity to help lead our congregation and community into the future we might build together. I therefore ask you to spend some time praying, pondering, and thinking about the possibility that God might be leading you to a place on the council this year.

Thank you.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 10, 2016**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

**Devotions:**

Devotions were led by Pastor Joshua

**Roll Call:**

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Rick Robbins, Shelley Sterling, Lloyd Koerwitz, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Marge Scholten. Nadine Morris, Woody Shore, Sarah Jesse, and Jameson Brown

**Absent:** Jennifer Bruns and Joel McKee

**Additions to Agenda:** Under Old Business: Hawkins Lumasia; New business: Schedule an audit.

**Thrift Store:** New windows in Thrift Store; both stores are doing well.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$13,272.48	\$2,178.77	\$3,773.85	\$6,194.53
Grandma's Attic	\$934.01	NA	\$4,106.90	NA

**Correspondence:** A nice letter from Hawkins Lumasia along with his grade report. It is posted on the bulletin board.

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** Rick accepted the minutes as noted that Joel was present. Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary:** Reno moved, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the report. Motion carried.

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

**President:** The fence for the playground is up. All in all it was a good month.

**Elders:** Everything running smooth.

**Trustees:** Things are slowing down and going well. Winterizing is in progress.

**Pastor:** See report on bulletin board. Rick made a motion to designate \$3000 of Thrivent Choice funds to assist a community member in need. Woody 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Pumpkin painting and auction went well. \$320.00 was made. Thanks to everyone who helped out and raised the funds. Sarah mentioned possibly having another fundraiser in the spring to help with the funds for VBS. The Christmas program will be Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Practice will be every Sunday except Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Sunday School Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Youth:** The senior high school boys are accepting food donations until Nov. 20th for Thanksgiving baskets. \$250 Action Dollars are being used to help with this. Nancy and Jim will take the boys shopping on the 20<sup>th</sup> to buy the remaining items needed.

**Stewardship:** Reminder to look at the newsletters about the stewardship.

**Worship:** All is planned for the advent services. Sign up sheets for bringing soups are on the counter by the mailboxes.

**Women of ELCA:** Thankoffering service is on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Hospitality:** All is going well.

**Men of Covenant:** 4 were in attendance for the Men's breakfast.

**Outreach:** Doing well.

**Altar Guild:** Doing well.

**Landscape:** Working with the playground committee.

### **Old Business:**

Hawkins letter and report card were discussed. It was mentioned to maybe send him a t-shirt from Wyoming for his effort and hard work shown. 2017 tuition will be \$517.31 for the year. That term begins January 3, 2017.

Jim reported that the columbarium met again and the recommendations were taken to the town council. December 12<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting. All are welcome to come and show your support. The playground looks good and phase 1 is complete.

### **New Business:**

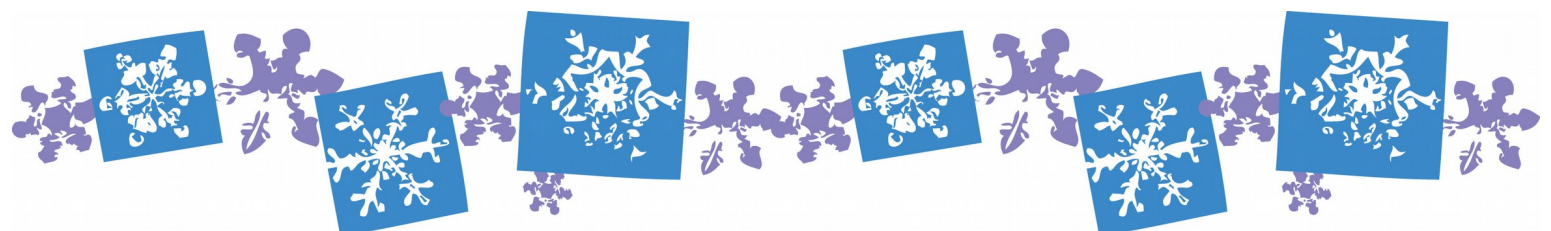
It was discussed to schedule an audit to be done by the end of the year. A budget was also discussed. Jim, Rick, Nancy, and Sarah will be on that committee. They will meet Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The annual church meeting will be January 29<sup>th</sup> right after church at 10:15 AM. A potluck to follow.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting Dec. 15

Devotions for next Meeting: Joel McKee

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Sterling





Our Advent Soup & Services will be held on Wednesday evenings, December 7, 14, and 21. 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.



Please join us on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> when the children will be performing, "This Shall Be A Sign" during the church service.

#### 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.



Anderson Podiatry Center in Cheyenne is collecting donations of new or gently used shoes for the homeless at their clinic through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please call 970-484-4620 or check out the flyer on our bulletin board for more information.

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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



3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah Taylor	15 <sup>th</sup>	Lee & Tonya Morrison
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gage Brown		3 years
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hudsen Ehde	21 <sup>st</sup>	Floyd & Peggy Ingold
13 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Thompson		59 years
15 <sup>th</sup>	Perry Garcia	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve & Mary Seim
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Lauck		37 years
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Sluss	27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Lorretta Lauck
30 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Hanks		56 years
		28 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Gwen Seidel
			50 years
			Ben & Joanne Harnish
			52 years



Join us for the live video stream of the  
St. Olaf College Christmas Festival Concert  
on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm here at Covenant.





Here are some examples of how congregations are loving God and their neighbors both globally and locally:

#### CONGREGATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

### A place for grace



Phoenix

Members of **Grace Lutheran Church** in Phoenix have a passion for serving people living on the street. Pastor Sarah Stadler-Ammon says, "One of our vocations as a congregation, I think, is to be **a place for people to serve and to learn**, specifically about homelessness." They host a community pancake breakfast and, on Wednesday evenings during the school year, they offer a meal and Bible study. Every Monday morning they open their Grace Room to offer clothing, blankets and hygiene products. Each summer, they offer Heat Respite in their fellowship hall to provide lunch, water, air conditioned shelter and various services to those searching for a reprieve from the overwhelming Phoenix heat. Grace enjoys partnering with other congregations, Lutheran and non-Lutheran, in their ministry to serve **those living on the street**. One of the blessings of their homeless outreach ministries is welcoming members to worship as members and leaders.



## CONGREGATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Gifting  
hope

Thousand Oaks, Calif.

**Ascension Lutheran Church** in Thousand Oaks, Calif., is actively serving both its global and local community. Each month they focus on a different ministry serving people locally, nationally or overseas. They spend the month educating people about these ministries and inviting them to give to these specific ministries. Each November and December, Ascension **offers "Gifts of Hope," an alternative Christmas** giving opportunity where they choose a local and an ELCA-related global ministry to support.

**Each year they raise about \$100,000.** Every other summer, Ascension members travel to Peru to "listen, learn and love" with their ministry partners in Pachacamac and Cusco. During their weekly worship services, Ascension designates all of the loose one-dollar bills in the offerings as "Caring Ones" to be used for unemployed, underemployed, and homeless people. This generates about \$1,000 a month for those in need of gas and grocery gift cards as well as help with rent and utilities.



**Mission Support** is the portion of a congregation's offering that is shared with the ELCA synod and with the ELCA churchwide organization. Mission Support is one of the best ways that your congregation can be a steward of your local and global community.

## CONGREGATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Lighting  
the way

Delano, Minn.

Members of **Light of Christ Lutheran Church** in Delano, Minn., share 10 percent of their Sunday weekly offering with the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod and the ELCA churchwide organization. Pastor Lee Hallstrom says, "Even though my daily calling is in the west Minneapolis area, I have the privilege of traveling around the world this week with my tithes and offerings." Through their gifts to Light of Christ and consequently to the ELCA synod and the churchwide organization, congregants have the ability to touch people in need, both near and far, through ELCA organizations and partner organizations. They have funded new ministries, responded to disasters, advocated to end world hunger, promoted HIV and AIDS prevention in Africa, funded scholarships at ELCA seminaries and so much more!






We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. We do God's work in the world — restoring and reconciling communities, pursuing justice and seeking peace no matter how long the journey or wide the chasm.

# DECEMBER SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
12-4	Reno Taylor	12-4	Jennifer Bruns	12-4	Shelley Sterling
12-11	Joel McKee	12-11	Reno Taylor	12-11	Deana Haeffelin
12-18	Jennifer Bruns	12-18	Joel McKee	12-18	Marge Scholten
12-24	TBA	12-24	TBA	12-24	Sarah Miller
12-25	Woody Shore	12-25	Jennifer Bruns	12-25	Marge Scholten
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
12-4	Sam Jesse	12-4	Jennifer Bruns	12-4	Connie & CA Thomas
12-11	Mekayla Garcia	12-11	Frank Jesse	12-11	Slick Seidel
12-18	Raegan Ehde	12-18	XXXXXXXXXX	12-18	Dave Young
12-24	Any volunteers?	12-24	Any volunteers?	12-24	Slick Seidel
12-25	Any volunteers?	12-25	Any volunteers?	12-25	Slick Seidel
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
12-4	Nancy Schumann	12-4	Gail Mattern	12-4	Rick Robbins
12-11	Lisa Young	12-11	Marge Scholten	12-11	Nadine Morris
12-18	Lisa Young	12-18	Hollee Bosch	12-18	Lloyd Koerwitz
12-24	Gwen Seidel	12-24	XXXXXXXXXX	12-24	XXXXXXXXXX
12-25	Gwen Seidel	12-25	Judy Windmeier	12-25	Stu Hammersmark
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
12-4	Gwen Seidel	12-4	Christmas Program Practice		
12-11	Prayer Partners	12-11	Christmas Program Practice		
12-18	Sunday School parents	12-18	Christmas Program		
12-24	XXXXXXXXXX	12-24	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
12-25	Any volunteers?	12-25	No Sunday School		



# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM  PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE 6:15 PM	2	3  MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
4  XMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE  ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2:00 PM  YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM  TAIZE 7:00 PM	5	6  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	7  ADVENT SUPPER 5:30 PM	8  	9	10
11  XMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE  PRAYER PARTNER REVEAL  YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM  TAIZE 7:00 PM	12	13  DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM  WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM  PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM  WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	14  ADVENT SUPPER 5:30 PM	15  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM  COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	16	17  XMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE 10:00 AM  WMS 5K RED-NOSED RUN DEER 6:00 PM
18  CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  CAROLING W/ ALL SAINTS TBA  TAIZE 7:00 PM	19  	20  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	21  ADVENT SUPPER 5:30 PM	22	23	24  XMAS EVE SERVICE 6:00 PM  
25  	26	27  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	28		30	31  