

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



If you haven't heard, Thrivent is trying new things with the disbursement of their non-profit funds. Thrivent Choice is still certainly happening, and if you're a Thrivent member who hasn't chosen where to send your choice dollars, I would encourage you to make a selection (possibly, but not necessarily Covenant).

But there is a new benefit for Thrivent members, the "Action Team". Twice a year, each Thrivent member is able to apply to lead an action team, and receive a \$250 "Community Impact Card" (a debit card), to help and strengthen the community. The funds on the card are intended to buy necessary supplies, refreshments for volunteers (and you don't have to be a Thrivent member to volunteer on a team), promotion, or expenses for the project. For instance, the Rocky Mountain Synod Office has used a Community Impact Card to purchase paint, and had volunteers from all over the synod come to paint the new Synod Office. A member of our church has used a card to get materials to build a wheelchair ramp for a person who needed one in his home, and another has used a card to buy food and promote the Souper Bowl of Caring. There's someone looking into using some funds to build a garden space we can share with the new nursing home – garden space that will need some volunteers to build and tend to. Anything that can have a positive impact on our community is fair game.

If you have an idea that you think can make a change in our community, applying for the funds is easy and fast – it took less than five minutes to fill out the web form. If you're a Thrivent member, please don't leave this benefit on the table. If you're not a Thrivent member, but have an idea, there are members you can share it with, and you can work together on your project. This is a great opportunity for community involvement, and I'd encourage you to explore how to use it.

You can talk with me, or go to <http://www.thrivent.com/actionteam> to find out more.

Pastor Joshua

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 16, 2013

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Thad Ehde

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Melissa Garcia

Roll Call:

Thad Ehde, Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Nancy Lubeck, Red Taylor, Reno Taylor, Stu Hammersmark, Rick Robbins, C.A. Thomas, Connie Thomas, Christy Watkins, Marge Scholton, Slick Seidel

Absent: Sarah Rodocker, Lee Morrison, Joel McKee, Cody Garcia

Additions to Agenda: Thrivent Choice Dollars, Paving the parking lot.

Slick S approached council with a proposal to pave the area from the north sidewalk to the north end of the island in the parking lot, and the south end of the island back to the sidewalk on the east side of the fellowship building, (we have a drawing). This would allow for 4 truly handicap accessible parking spots. For a 3" base of asphalt the first bid came in about \$5300.00 depending on final size. The project could not begin until spring so we have some time to determine the final shape and determine final price. The matter was tabled until new business.

Correspondence: Synod Conference will be May 8-10. If you are interested in attending please see pastor. Part of the group activities will be painting the new synod center. Paint provided using Thrivent Action Team money.

Thrift Store: The CTS had receipts totaling \$9,333.49; gave out \$2,848.72 in assistance and have an ending checkbook balance of \$4,066.86. Grandma's Attic had receipts totaling \$545.18; gave out \$1000.00 in assistance and have an ending checkbook balance of \$5,776.59. The CTS received donations of \$100.00 each from the Methodist Church, a local bridge club and Lar/Wht Dell. They also received \$1225 from the Don Parkin memorial. At year end 2013, the CTS had receipts of \$95,282.03, gave out \$12,706.52 in assistance. Grandma's Attic opened 8/22/13 and had receipts of \$7,975, and gave out \$1,000.00 in assistance. In December CTS and Grandma's Attic donated \$3,000.00 to DFS's foster kids care program to ensure that all foster kids in Platte County had a gift for Christmas. The new/used handicap accessible van is here and in use. Council needs to determine policies for use.

Reports:

Secretary: Reno moved and Rick 2nd to accept the Secretary's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Financial Secretary: Melissa moved and Red 2nd to accept the Financial Secretary's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Treasurer: Jim moved and Nancy 2nd to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

President: We still need council positions filled namely President elect, Treasure, Education Chair and Trustee

Elders: All is going well.

Trustees: We had some damage to the building during the recent high winds, some gutter was torn loose and some damage to the roof. The gutter was removed and the roof has been fixed.

Pastor: Written report available, posted on bulletin board

Committee Reports:

Education: No report.

Youth: No report.

Stewardship: Great potluck, have had reports back that the program was enjoyable. Looking at doing a Dave Ramsey program on financial counseling in a community wide format.

Worship: Have planned January and have started talking about Lent.

Women of ELCA: No monthly Bible study due to no Sunday school. We are in need of participation; World Day of Prayer is coming up as well as annual Mother/Daughter tea.

Hospitality: Working well.

Men of Covenant: Eight men met at Tasty Treats for fellowship and breakfast. Reimbursed Sarah for the kids Christmas snacks. Planning for the Easter breakfast has begun.

Outreach: Linda Snook has been added to our list of homebound in need of visits.

Altar Guild: Nothing new.

Landscape: Jim shared report that will be in the annual report. Look for things to start happening again in February.

Old Business:

The budget committee presented its proposed budget, discussion followed.

Rick moved and Stu 2nd to raise the secretary's pay by \$1.00 an hour effective 2/1/14.

Christy amended the motion and Red 2nd to have the raise effective 1/1/14. Motion carried.

Rick moved and Connie 2nd to accept the proposed budget with changes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Jim moved and Christy 2nd, that Thrivent Choice Dollars be deposited into our designated funds account to be used for special projects or urgent member needs and not for the everyday operations of the Church. The motion also stated that the funds should also be dispersed on a regular basis and not saved for long periods on time. Motion carried.

Rick moved and Red 2nd that we should proceed with the planning of the handicap parking area to determine final size, shape and cost. Funding to pay for project is already in hand. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting 2/13/14

Devotions for next Meeting: Red Taylor

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Lockwood, Secretary

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February Birthdays

1st *Raegan Ehde*
6th *Myron Mattern*
7th *Lacey Lauck Lind*
9th *Paige Bosch*
10th *Jack Hilderbrand*
11th *Christy Watkins*
14th *Mike Zimmerman*
15th *Melissa Garcia*
16th *Robert Catchpole*
17th *Merl Lockwood*
19th *Carol Dingman*
24th *Rylie Davis*
Eleni McKee
27th *Joanne Harnish*



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

“Souper Bowl” Sunday

Nearly 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch the Super Bowl on February 2nd. Many of them will be hosting or attending parties with abundant food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same time, nearly 1 billion people will be hungry—some worrying about staying warm, finding shelter, and securing their next meal. Please join us in remembering the hungry on Sunday, February 2, and give a donation (food or money) after worship to help fight hunger on “Souper Bowl” Sunday. Thank you!



A wedding ring was found on the floor at the front of the sanctuary several weeks ago. If you are missing a ring or know someone who is, please contact the office in order to claim it.

Haven't had your picture taken for the Covenant Photo Directory yet? Don't worry, there are plenty of opportunities left. I will have my camera at church on Sundays throughout February. Just let me know when you're ready and we'll get your picture taken. If Sundays don't work for you, call the office and we'll set up a day or evening time that works for you. It only takes a few minutes and it's virtually painless. We will even email you a copy of your picture to approve and use for your own purposes. A photo directory is a tremendous help for newer members who want to put names to faces AND it's a wonderful piece of record-keeping for the church.



FEBRUARY SERVERS

ELDERS

2-2 Christy Watkins
2-9 Rich Bohm
2-16 Rick Robbins
2-23 Connie Thomas

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

2-2 Connie Thomas
2-9 Christy Watkins
2-16 Rich Bohm
2-23 Rick Robbins

ACOLYTES

2-2 Mekayla Garcia
2-9 Jamison Brown
2-16 Cody Garcia
2-23 Sam Jesse

USHERS

2-2 Dave Miller & Terry Meier
2-9 Jim Lockwood & Terry Meier
2-16 Stu Hammersmark & Terry Meier
2-23 Perry & Melissa Garcia

READERS

2-2 Reno Taylor
2-9 Jim Lockwood
2-16 Mary Seim
2-23 Reno Taylor

GREETERS

2-2 Jim & Lil Prince
2-9 Perry & Melissa Garcia & family
2-16 Jim & Lil Prince
2-23 Terry & Cheryl Meier

MUSICIAN

2-2 Sarah Rodocker
2-9 Mary Seim
2-16 Gwen Seidel
2-23 Nancy Schumann

ALTAR CARE

2-2 Gail Mattern
2-9 Lorretta Lauck
2-16 Suz Strom
2-23 Marge Scholten

VISITATION

2-2 Bill Windmeier
2-9 Rich Bohm
2-16 Rick Robbins
2-23 Nadine Morris

FELLOWSHIP/TREATS

2-2 Del & Liz Bitterman
2-9 Terry & Cheryl Meier
2-16 Terry & Cheryl Meier
2-23 Del & Liz Bitterman

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact someone in that category to arrange a trade. This is your responsibility. Please call or email Sarah at the church office (322-9423 /CLCWheatland@gmail.com) with your trade info so that it can be included correctly in the Sunday Bulletin. THANK YOU!

FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 MEN'S GROUP @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
2 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	3	4 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	5	6 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	7	8
9 TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	10	11 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	12	13 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 	15
16 TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY	18 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	19	20 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	21 DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWS- LETTER ITEMS	22
23 NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	24	25 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	26	27	28	

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 Sunday School: 10:30 am Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 10:30 am Sunday