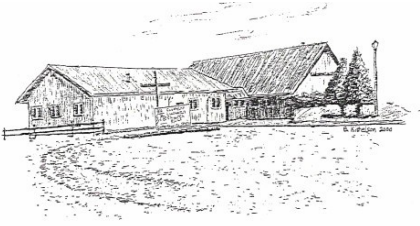


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Early this month, I'll be taking a short trip to Israel, thanks to my Uncle and Aunt. I'm not entirely sure what to expect, except that it will be fascinating. Thanks to the important history of the place, there is much there that has been kept as original as it can be from the time. There is also much that has been modernized and updated. I've been told that there will be a certain amount of "temporal whiplash" when we spend a morning walking through a tunnel built nearly three millennia ago, and then relax that evening in a hotel with a heated pool and wireless internet.

But this is a tension that we live in even in Wheatland. We read from the bible, and look for meaning and direction from the very book that tells us about the construction of the Siloam Tunnel. Then we decide what that means for us and how we live it out in a world with airplanes and cell phones. We are at risk of that temporal whiplash ourselves every time we open up a bible, and relearn that first century Judea is indeed very different from 21st century Wyoming. It can be a challenge, going deep into the bible, and learning what we can to bring it into our lives today. It requires deep thought, careful study, and a community of believers that support us and walk with us.

Understanding what the bible means for us today, overcoming that temporal whiplash, is a challenge that together we can rise to and learn from. We do understand the bible best when we come together as a community to study it. I hope to see you come and share your knowledge and experiences as we work to understand what the bible means for us today.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 8, 2014**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Pastor Joshua.

Roll Call:

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Sarah Jesse, Stu Hammersmark, Dorothy Lockwood, Nancy Lubeck, Dawn McKee, Terry Lubeck, Connie Thomas, Christy Watkins, Lee Morrison, Rick Robbins, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholton.

Absent: Reed Elmquist, Melissa Garcia, Dorothy Lockwood, and Dawn McKee.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Thrift Store:

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$9,643.09	\$328.11	\$5,686.41	\$9,195.22
Grandma's Attic	\$2,523.64	NA	\$4,446.43	NA

Correspondence:

Reports:

Secretary: Rick moved, and Nancy 2nd, to accept the Secretary's report as written. Motion carried. A copy of the report is posted on the bulletin board.

Financial Secretary: Rich moved, and Connie 2nd, to accept the Financial Secretary's report as written. Motion carried. A copy of the report is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer: Jim moved, and Rich 2nd, to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion carried. A copy of the report is posted on the bulletin board.

President: No report.

Elders: Nothing to report.

Trustees: Just dealing with snow and ice. Also checking into the batteries for the emergency lights and exit signs.

Pastor: Written report available on bulletin board. Special thanks go out to everyone who helped with Christmas.

Committee Reports:

Education: Kids program deemed a success; thanks go out to Sarah R. for all of her hard work on the program. Regular Sunday school starts back up Jan 11. Intergenerational Sunday school will continue the first Sunday of the month.

Youth: Confirmation has started back up after the holiday break. Still discussing a lock-in.

Stewardship: Still planning a stewardship event of some sort.

Worship: We have changed worship setting. Planning Lent services. Would like to get Gwen to schedule, and be present for a service call on the organ, something is not quite right.

Women of ELCA: They have selected new prayer partners for the year, and are planning a party in May.

Hospitality: Nothing happening.

Men of Covenant: 6 brave souls showed for breakfast. We will be planning Shrove Tuesday pancake feed and Easter breakfast.

Outreach: They are still visiting 4 members. We had some discussion on baskets and follow up visits for visitors to our church. Sarah volunteered to put something together.

Altar Guild: More color changes coming up.

Landscape: Thanks go out to Lee M. for doing a fine job plowing the parking lot.

Old Business: There are still some council positions that need to be filled. Sarah reminded us that committee reports are due for the annual report.

New Business: Christy moved, and Rich 2nd, to accept the budget committee's 2015 budget proposal to the council. Motion carried. Proposed budget will be presented at the annual meeting for approval/change.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting 2/12/15

Devotions for next Meeting: Terry Lubeck

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lockwood, Secretary

***Installation of new council members will take place on Sunday, February 1st during the service.**

***Council will meet on Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 pm and will include both old and new council members. Please plan to attend!**

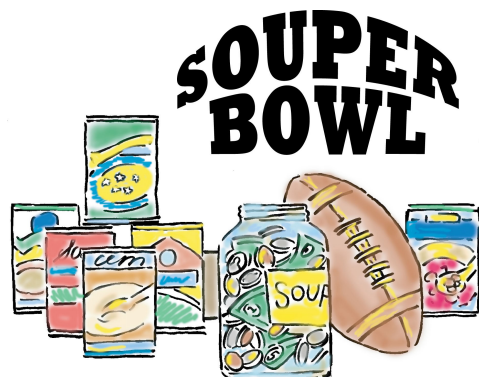


1 st	Raegan Ehde
3 rd	Suz Strom
6 th	Myron Mattern
9 th	Paige Bosch
10 th	Jack Hilderbrand
15 th	Melissa Garcia
16 th	Robert Catchpole
17 th	Merl Lockwood
19 th	Carol Dingman
24 th	Eleni McKee
27 th	Joanne Harnish
28 th	Beth Morris

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.



"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." --Reverend Brad Smith

Please join us in remembering the hungry on Sunday, February 1, and bring a donation of food or money to be given to our local food bank to help fight hunger on Souper Bowl Sunday.

Thank you



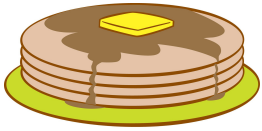
Ties & Tiaras, Father/Daughter Dance is Saturday, February 14th, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Wheatland Middle School. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased at the door or at the office of Dr. Zane Nevins, DDS. This event is sponsored by Chapter R.P.E.O., an organization that supports women's education. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for women!

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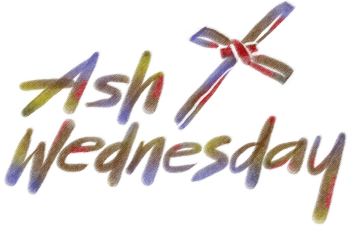
Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm
 Office: M - F: 9 am - 12: pm
 Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Sunday
 Sunday School: 10:00 am Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday
 Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday

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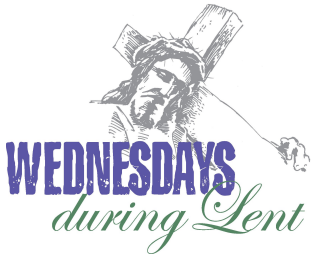


SHROVE TUESDAY

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church on Tuesday, February 17, beginning at 5:00 pm. This is a free-will offering event. Volunteers are need to help serve; please speak to Rick Robbins if you would be interested in helping.



Our Ash Wednesday service will be February 18 at 6:30 pm. We are in need of an elder, communion assistant, acolyte, musician, reader, and ushers. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Pastor Joshua or Sarah as soon as possible.



The Lenten Soup & Services will be held on Wednesday evenings, February 25 and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. We will begin with soup and fellowship at 5:30 followed by the service. The responsibility for bringing soup has been divided up by shepherding groups. Look for a copy of the shepherding groups and a sign-up sheet to be posted by the mailboxes.



The Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly is scheduled for May 1st – 3rd in Salt Lake City, UT. Please speak to Pastor Joshua if you would be interested in attending.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:
Choice Dollars for 2014 must be designated to the charity of your choice by March 31, 2014. Money that is not designated for a charity will be lost.

The Kiwanis Club is selling raffle tickets for \$10 apiece. First prize is ¼ beef. The drawing will be held on March 22nd after Dancing With the Stars. Need not be present to win. Contact Jim Lockwood for more information or to purchase a ticket.

FEBRUARY SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
2-1	Reno Taylor	2-1	Connie Thomas	2-1	Cindy Kahrs
2-8	Rich Bohm	2-8	Reno Taylor	2-8	Liz Bachmeier
2-15	Jennifer Bruns	2-15	Rich Bohm	2-15	Floyd & Peggy Ingold
2-22	Connie Thomas	2-22	Jennifer Bruns	2-22	Lee & Tonya Morrison
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
2-1	Mekayla Garcia	2-1	Jennifer Bruns	2-1	Bill & Judy Windmeier
2-8	Raegan Ehde	2-8	Dorothy Stevenson	2-8	Stu & Reva Hammersmark
2-15	Peter Jesse	2-15	Rich Bohm	2-15	Floyd & Peggy Ingold
2-22	Sam Jesse	2-22	Woody Shore	2-22	Woody & Karen Shore
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
2-1	Lisa Young	2-1	Suz Strom	2-1	Rich Bohm
2-8	Sarah Rodocker	2-8	Marge Scholten	2-8	Rick Robbins
2-15	Nancy Schumann	2-15	Hollee Bosch	2-15	Nadine Morris
2-22	Gwen Seidel	2-22	Judy Windmeier	2-22	Cheryl Meier
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
2-1	Windmeiers	2-1	Inter-generational Sunday School		
2-8	Liz Bachmeier	2-8	Group #1: Sarah Jesse Group #2: Nancy Lubeck		
2-15	Sharon Whipple	2-15	Group #1: Dawn McKee and Gage Brown Group #2: Joan McKee		
2-22	Windmeiers	2-22	Group #1: Sarah Rodocker and Sam Jesse Group #2: Any volunteers?		



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL	2 NO CONFIRMATION CLASS	3 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	4	5	6	7 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL	9 NO CONFIRMATION CLASS	10 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	11	12 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	13	14
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM	16 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	17 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH @ 11:30 AM PANCAKE FEED 5:00-7:00 WORSHIP COMMITTEE 7:00 PM	18 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM	19 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	20	21
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	23 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	24 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	25 LENTEN SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM	26 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	27	28