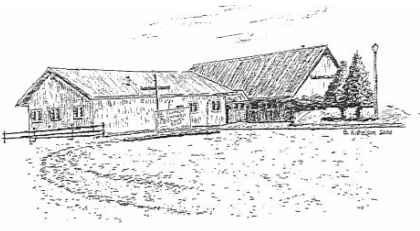


Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



Covenant

The Final day in February this year is Shrove Tuesday, the last day before the beginning of Lent. Some places call it “Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)” or “Carnival (removing meat)”, both of which point to the beginning of Lent as a time of fasting and of minimizing our indulgences. (Fasting does not have to mean eating absolutely nothing, historically meaning restricting oneself to simple, bland food – the proverbial “bread and water”.) So all the fat, butter, lard, and eggs go, and the last of the winter slaughter is eaten, so that there are no temptations left in the house for Lent. In one giant blowout of self-indulgence, we claim that we prepare ourselves for a fast.

This year, I would encourage you to try something else. Instead of removing something like a favorite food from your life (resulting in a feast both before and after Lent), add something. Find a new spiritual discipline (Matins, Lectio Divina, or Labyrinth tracing, for example), and see how you respond to it over the course of Lent. Instead of making Lent a season of deprivation, make it a season of a deepened and deepening relationship with God.

Shrove comes from an Old English word for “blessed”. I hope and pray that you will find new blessings this Lent.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 12, 2017**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Pastor Josh

Roll Call:

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Shelley Sterling, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Jennifer Bruns, Marge Scholten. Joel McKee, Rick Robbins, Woody Shore, Nadine Morris

Absent: Sarah Jesse, Lloyd Koerwitz

Additions to Agenda:

Thrift Store: Marge reports all is going well at both places. She mentioned someone might be interested again in the range hood and sink. Council said it was fine to still sell as long as the buyer removes it and makes sure there are no leaks.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$8,240.96	\$2,760.85	\$3,049.87	\$5,165.47
Grandma's Attic	\$1,278.08	NA	\$4,848.64	NA

Correspondence: Received a thank you from Sandy Cooper and a donation from Burns Insurance.

Reports:

Secretary: Joel made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Terry 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Reno made a motion to approve the report and Terry 2nd it. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Nancy made a motion to approve the report, Reno 2nd. Motion passed.

President: Nothing new to report.

Elders: They will make some changes for next years Christmas decorating for outside.

Trustees: Was suggested this spring to remark the parking places again.

Pastor: Report is posted on the bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: Not much going on since Christmas.

Youth: Nothing new.

Stewardship: Rick mentioned there will be one more insert in the next bulletin. Encouraged all to take a look at the Living Lutheran magazine. It has some good reading in it.

Worship: Nothing new to report.

Women of ELCA: Nothing to report.

Hospitality: Thank you to all helped out with the Deitrick funeral.

Men of Covenant: They met for breakfast and then came back to the church to take down the Christmas tree.

Outreach: Nothing to report.

Altar Guild: Nothing to report.

Landscape: Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

The 2017 budget was discussed. After changes were made Reno made a motion to approve the budget. Nancy 2nd and the motion passed.

Nominating committee still has offices opened if anyone would be interested in being on the council this year. Please talk to Pastor Joshua or any other council member. The annual meeting is January 29th with a potluck to follow.

New Business: No new business.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: February 9th

Devotions for next Meeting: Shelley Sterling

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Sterling, Secretary

***Council will meet on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm and will include both old and new council members. Please plan to attend!**



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.

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
24 th	Eleni McKee
27 th	Joanne Harnish
28 th	Beth Morris

****Thrivent Choice Dollars
expire on March 31, 2017!!**

NEW Youth Group Schedule

5:00 – 6:00 pm 4th & 5th graders

6:00 – 6:30 pm Dinner together

6:30 – 7:30 pm 6th grade & up

Beginning Sunday, February 12th
All Saints Episcopal Church
605 11th St.

Bring a friend and join us for some
Faith, Food, and Fellowship

The Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly

is scheduled for May 5th – 7th in Colorado Springs, CO.

Please speak to Pastor Joshua if you are interested in attending.

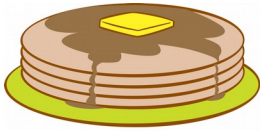


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Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm
Office: M - F: 9 am - 12: pm
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Sunday
Sunday School: 10:00 am Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday
Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday

LENT



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church on Tuesday, February 28, beginning at 5:00 pm. This is a free-will offering event. Youth group members are being asked to help serve if able.



We will have two Ash Wednesday services this year (March 1); one at 12:00 pm and one at 6:30 pm. We are in need of an elder, musician, ushers, and a reader for the 6:30 service. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Pastor Joshua.



The Lenten Soup & Services will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning March 8th. We will begin with soup and fellowship at 5:30 followed by the service. A sign-up sheet for bringing soup will be posted by the church mailboxes before the end of February.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service: April 13th 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service: April 14th 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil Service: April 15th 7:00 pm
Sunrise Service: April 16th 6:30 am
Easter Service: April 16th 9:00 am

As the Body of Christ...

Paul writes to the church in Corinth: Now you are the **body of Christ** and individually members of it.

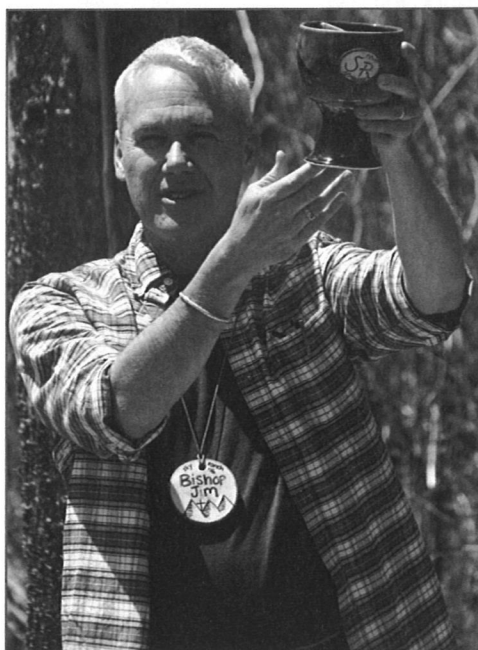
When we read the New Testament we discover something critical about the nature of Christ's Church. It always finds expression BOTH in local communities of disciples AND as a universal community of faith. There is an inherent **mutuality** that never allows one part of the Body to exist in isolation from the rest.

One of the gifts of our life together as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is that we take this Scriptural understanding of the church seriously, BOTH honoring our expression as individual communities of faith AND recognizing our shared ministry and witness. We claim the gift of the **mutuality** as we BOTH accompany one another in our local contexts AND support the ministry to which we are called as a synod, as a wider church, as a global communion, and as an ecumenical partner.

Mission support is a tangible expression of our **mutuality** as Christ's Church. By providing resources for our shared participation in God's mission—



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 God's work. Our hands.



as a synod, as a wider church, as a global communion, and as an ecumenical partner—we extend our local capacity to proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world while bringing the fullness of Christ's Church into our particular context. What a gift!

As you consider the fruits of our life together as the

Rocky Mountain Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I pray that you will find joy in sharing the resources that enable us to continue in ministry and witness as Christ's Church, Better Together.

Yours in Faith,

Jim G.
2016 by the numbers

Claiming our Gifts

\$51,300 for Equipping new leaders at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.
\$5,000 to Betela Seminary in Madagascar.
\$38,500 to support 5,373 summer campers at Sky Ranch and Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camps.
\$242,750 in support of 7 Campus Ministries.
\$1,038,500 shared with our Churchwide ministries.

Connecting in Ministry & Witness

11 Office of the Bishop staff members did over **400** visits to **117** congregations for Sunday worship, council meetings, exit interviews, retreats, and installations and **43** visits to **11** of our partners in ministry: campus ministry, outdoor ministry, social ministry organizations, and education institutions.

Equipping All Leaders

Bishop Gonia or the Office of the Bishop staff took part in **1** Consecration, **4** Ordinations, **26** Exit Interviews, and **25** Installations of pastors and deacons.
155 ministers participated in our annual Theological Conference.
488 attended the annual RMS Assembly.

Accompanying one another into God's Future

Accompanied **60** congregations in transition and shepherded **35** current candidates for ministry.
 Supported **12** new, renewing, and ethnic-specific ministries.
137 WebEx videoconferencing meetings took place, bridging our vast synod distances.

What we did, together, in 2016

Claiming our Gifts

Together, we formed Re-Formation Teams and provided resources for congregation Re-Formation Heritage Events.

Connecting in Ministry & Witness

Together, we met monthly for planning and decision making: Conference Deans, Synod Council, and Faith Formation Coordinators.

Together, we attended the 2016 Churchwide Assembly to worship, elect leaders, and support new initiatives.

Together, we supported refugee resettlement through Lutheran Family Services.

Together with Cristo Rey, we hosted the Region 2 Global Mission Gathering and Border Immersion in El Paso, TX..

Together, 7 teams, tables, and committees met in person or via WebEx to support our life together as the RMS.

Equipping All Leaders

Together, we worked with seminaries, candidates, and Bishops to improve the assignment process for first call leaders.

Accompanying one another into God's Future

Together, we engaged in synod-wide conversation to develop a 3-year strategic plan for the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Together, we hosted the Region 2 First Call Theological Event: Leadership in a Public Church.

Together, leaders gathered in Cheyenne, WY for retreat, community, and learning at the Fall Theological Conference.

Together, we walked with 15 new & renewing RMS congregations with financial resources, leadership development, and staff support.

Together, we embraced a unified Word and Service Roster under the title, *Deacon*.

looking ahead to 2017

Claiming our Gifts

- Deepening our Unity: Common Prayer Services with 7 Roman Catholic Diocese around the RMS.
- Supporting unaccompanied migrant minors through AMMPARO

Equipping All Leaders

- Launching *Educate, Equip, Enact (3E)* to begin addressing economic challenges of rostered ministers
- Developing Fiscal Wellness Teams and Coaches

Connecting in Ministry and Witness

- Connecting a contact person for all candidates awaiting call and all leaders new to the synod
- Developing new digital resources: RMS App, online directory, and video resources for teaching
- Continuing congregational visits by Office of the Bishop staff

Accompanying one another into God's future

- Reviewing synodical teams and committees to ensure structure promotes effective and creative ministry
- Convening the Mission Imagination Table to explore new models of ministry



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR	SAT
			1 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM	2 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	3	4 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
5 SUNDAY SCHOOL	6	7	8	9 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	10	11 OGT @ THRIFT STORE 11:00 AM
12 SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5:00/6:30 PM DINNER @ 6:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	13	14	15	16 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	17	18
19 SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5:00/6:30 PM DINNER @ 6:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	20	21 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH @ 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	22	23 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	24	25
26 INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM YOUTH GROUP 5:00/6:30 PM DINNER @ 6:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	27	28 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER 5:00 PM				

FEBRUARY SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
2-5	Reno Taylor	2-5	Woody Shore	2-5	
2-12	Joel McKee	2-12	Reno Taylor	2-12	
2-19	Connie Thomas	2-19	Joel McKee	2-19	
2-26	Woody Shore	2-26	Connie Thomas	2-26	
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
2-5	Mekayla Garcia	2-5		2-5	
2-12	Raegan Ehde	2-12		2-12	
2-19	Peter Jesse	2-19		2-19	
2-26	Eleni McKee	2-26		2-26	
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
2-5	Lisa Young	2-5	Judy Windmeier	2-5	Rich Bohm
2-12	Nancy Schumann	2-12	Gail Thompson	2-12	Rick Robbins
2-19	Praise Band	2-19	Rena Kittelson	2-19	Nadine Morris
2-26	Gwen Seidel	2-26	Gail Mattern	2-26	Lloyd Koerwitz
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
2-5		2-5			
2-12		2-12	Melissa Garcia		
2-19		2-19	Sarah Jesse		
2-26		2-26	Inter-generational Sunday School		

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

2017

Group I – February/July/December

Lockwood, James	241-0233
*Meier, Terry & Cheryl	322-3182
Bitterman, Del & Liz	262-3591
Garcia, Perry & Melissa	322-6066
Johnson, Ruth	331-3562
Lauck, Warren & Kathy	322-9562
Mattern, Myron & Gail	331-5969
Miller, Dave	331-4618
Morris, Shawn & Beth	640-0406
Prince, Jim & Lil	322-9474
Wilhelm, Bob & Susan	331-8485
Young, Lisa & Dave	717-940-1722

Group II – March/August/January 2018

*Shore, Woody & Karen	322-3140
Bachmeier, Liz	322-4515
Bohm, Rich	322-9554
Hammersmark, Stu & Reva	322-5262
Hilderbrand, Jack & Verna	322-2362
Ingold, Floyd & Peggy	322-2467
Kahrs, Cindy	322-4239
Lauck, Wade & Laura	331-1639
Seim, Steve & Mary	331-4949
Snook, Linda	322-3562
Whipple, Sharon	322-4856
Windmeier, David & Amy	331-5766
Windmeier, Judy	322-3041

Group III – April/September/Feb 2018

Taylor, Red & Reno	322-1707
*Stevenson, Dorothy	331-0140
Bremer, Ray & Helen	322-3345
Dingman, Richard & Nicole	322-3105
Garland, Shirley	307-620-2523
Harnish, Ben & Joanne	241-0300
Jeffords, Kim	331-4959
Koerwitz, Lloyd & Maxine	322-5141

Lauck, Bob & Lorretta	322-3059
Morrison, Lee & Tonya	331-8439
Preuit, Pat	331-1404
Robbins, Rick & Arlene	322-9250
Strom, Suz	331-5570
Wilhelm, Maryanne	322-2240

Group IV – May/October/March 2018

Thomas, CA & Connie	331-3269
*Seidel, Slick & Gwen	322-9101
Anderson, Melissa	307-401-0770
Bosch, Ron & Hollee	322-6030
Dingman, Don	322-4544
Ehde, Thad & Tifanie	331-3750
Evans, Dana & Justin	322-3714
Haeffelin, Deana & Tom	331-3797
Hudson, Tatum	303-518-5598
Jenkins, Wade & Teresa	331-0730
Jesse, Frank & Sarah	331-3513
Kittelson, Rena	322-2537
Miller, Sarah	331-0661
Scholten, Bob & Marge	331-2724
Sterling, Shelley	331-1512

Group V – June/November/April 2018

McKee, Joel & Dawn	331-0921
*McKee, Larry & Joan	322-4166
Anderson, Cindy	322-3432
Brown, Jeff & Shari	322-9304
Bruns, Joshua & Jennifer	322-2480
Catchpole, Bob & Sharon	322-5226
Lubeck, Terry & Nancy	322-4173
Morris, Nadine	640-4942
Race, Don & Judy	331-2024
Schumann, Earl & Nancy	331-0863
Sluss, Kevin & Sue	322-3940
Thompson, Gail	322-3610
Walters, Carolyn	331-9904