

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



Over the last month, some of you may have read the bulletin or the newsletter, come to Sunday evening, and wondered, “What is 'taizé', and why is there a service about it?”

First, Taizé is a town in Burgundy, France. About 70 years ago, a Swiss protestant man who has become known as “Brother Roger” lived there, and, partly due to his tuberculosis, felt himself drawn to monastic life.

He founded a semi-monastic community in Taizé, where those that joined lived in intentional community, in simplicity. In the 60s, the community became a site of youth pilgrimage – and it still is, in many ways – with young people coming on retreat from all over Europe, and eventually coming from around the world.

This brought new problems, though: how does a group of people worship together when no one speaks the same language? By setting the rhythms of their day similarly to monastic orders, they worshiped a lot, several times a day, and so it was a real problem.

The solution was found to be in embracing the differences. By writing simple songs, just a few lines which could be easily translated, easily learned, and easily sung, they formed a new way to worship together. They sing in many languages, but in one voice. It continues to this day, with over 100,000 people visiting the community each year.

Our own service is actually more based on their “morning prayer” service, even as we hold it in the evening. It is at the beginning of the week, though, and so it fits a similar purpose: to provide a grounding in scripture and community for the busy and sometimes hectic time ahead. Between the song, scripture, and silence, I certainly found it a very useful tool for combating the busyness of Advent and Christmas.

I hope you will join us to see if it helps to center and prepare you for your week as well.

Pastor Joshua

# Covenant

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**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 12, 2013**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

**Devotions:**

Devotions were led by Cody Garcia

**Roll Call:**

Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Red Taylor, Reno Taylor, Stu Hammersmark, Rick Robbins, Lee Morrison, C.A. Thomas, Connie Thomas, Christy Watkins, Joel McKee, Cody Garcia, Marge Scholten, Jack Hudson

**Absent:** Thad Ehde, Nancy Lubeck, Sarah Rodocker,

**Additions to Agenda:** Need to form budget and audit committees, Men of Covenant to purchase kids gift bags, Jack Hudson's fish farm suggestion. Council decided to hear Jack's fish farm proposal at this time. Jack recommended that council use the \$210.00 raised at the used book sale to purchase a fish farm. He pointed out all of the good things that can come from providing a fish farm for a community. He also pointed out that since we were \$40 short of the \$250 needed to buy a farm, if council would approve the use of the \$210, he would like to donate \$20 from his tooth fairy money and get his grandma to match his donation to make the \$250 total. Reno moved and Red 2<sup>nd</sup> to use the \$210 raised by the sale of used books, and the donations of Jack and Christy to buy a fish farm. Motion carried.

**Thrift Store:** The Thrift Store had receipts of \$7,690.88. Gave assistance in the amount of \$2446.03. Spent \$129.00 in fuel costs for trips to Cheyenne. And had \$1144.88 in maintenance cost for the van, \$344.88 for license plates, and \$800.00 in shipping costs to have the new handicap van shipped to Wheatland. Ending checking account balance of \$2614.45 and a saving account balance of \$11,402.46. Grandma Attie had receipts of \$1,380.18 and an ending checking account balance of \$6,294.70. The paperwork for the new handicap van is all ready, and just needs to be signed by Thad.

**Correspondence:** Pastor had a pamphlet from the Synod office regarding "The Church and Criminal Justice"; if interested please see pastor.

**Reports:**

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

**Financial Secretary:** Jim moved and Reno 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the financial secretary's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

**Treasurer:** Christy moved and C.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

**President:** No report. But we are still looking for candidates for council positions.

**Elders:** Everything going well so far in Dec. will meet 12/17/13 to plan out Jan.

**Trustees:** With winter set in everything is quiet.

**Pastor:** Written report available on bulletin board.

1<sup>st</sup> Taize service was held Sunday 12/8 and will be every Sunday evening till Christmas.

Rick recommended that all our services be called in to KYCN to be posted on the community calendar.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Kids program to be 12/15/13 no Sunday school till 1/5/14.

**Youth:** No report.



**Stewardship:** Stewardship event and potluck planned for Jan 12<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**Worship:** December is planned, moved pews, next meeting 12/17/13.

**Women of ELCA:** Met 12/8 and revealed prayer partners from last year and drew names for new prayer partners for next year.

**Hospitality:** Baptisms planned for 12/22

**Men of Covenant:** 6 met for breakfast 12/7, will supply goodies for the kids' gift bags after their Sunday performance.

**Outreach:** Nothing new to report.

**Altar Guild:** White for Christmas. And we're into our last bottle of wine, Rena restock the wine cellar.

**Landscape:** Nothing new to report.

**Old Business:** Constitution update. The Constitution and bylaws update will not be ready to vote on by annual meeting. Everything needs to be done 60 days prior to meeting and we have already past that deadline. We will keep working on it and then vote on it at a later date.

**New Business:** Christy raised concerns that there are a growing number of home bound folks in our community, and wondered if anyone had ideas how to muster help in time of need. I.e. last October's snow storm that left people needing branches cleared from their yard.

A budget/audit committee was formed that will put together a budget before our next council meeting. Committee members include Thad, Nancy, Reno, Melissa, and Pastor Josh.

Due to several schedule conflicts Christy moved and Red 2<sup>nd</sup> to move January council meeting to 1/16/14. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting 1/16/14

Devotions for next Meeting: Melissa Garcia

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Lockwood, Secretary

#### 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

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# January Birthdays

1st Cindy Kahrs  
 2nd Teri Cordingly  
 4th Craig Larson  
 7th Floyd Thompson  
 8th Thelma Foster  
 12th Thad Ehde  
 15th Kathy Hahn  
     Trista Mattern  
     Tessa Skari  
     Abby Sherrill  
 22nd Nancy Lubeck  
 24th Andrew Seim  
 28th Cameron Hanks  
 29th Connie Thomas



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## Anniversaries in January

7th Robert & Teri Cordingly  
 18th Alan & Thelma Foster

THANK YOU for the Platte County Pride  
 Certificates for me and my family. I  
 have enjoyed being your secretary and  
 feel blessed to have the opportunity to  
 work outside of the home while not miss-  
 ing out on any of my family's activities.  
 Please let me know if there's anything I  
 can do to better serve you and our church.  
 Happy New Year!

Sarah Jesse



"A Christmas Alphabet Poem"  
 performed on December 15, 2013

Featuring: Avery Rodocker, Jack Hudson, Chace Hudson, Carson Munari,  
 Fletcher McKee, Abby Sherrill, Owen Rodocker, Peter Jesse, Addison Mu-  
 nari, Austin Rodocker, Emily Morris, Mekenna Garcia, Jameson  
 Munari, Eleni McKee, Sam Sherrill, Aiden Walters, Mekayla Garcia, Mi-  
 chael Jesse, Will Jesse, Sam Jesse, Gage Brown, Jamison Brown, Cody  
 Garcia and Amy Sluss

Many thanks to our Sunday School teachers:  
 Sarah Rodocker, Dawn McKee, and Teresa Sherrill

## JACK'S FISHY IDEA

On December 12, 2013, Jack Hudson approached the church  
 council with a suggestion for how to spend the money raised by  
 the church book sale in October. The book sale raised \$210 and  
 Jack proposed that the money be used to purchase a community  
 fish farm from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. According to the  
 catalog, \$250 helps to pay for a pond, fish food, a few fast-  
 growing fish, and the training needed to operate the fish farm.  
 The fish farm provides healthy meals as well as employment  
 within the community. Because the money raised by the book  
 sale fell short of what was needed to purchase a fish farm, Jack  
 offered to donate \$20 from his tooth fairy money and convinced  
 his grandma, Christy Watkins, to match his donation to make  
 up the difference. The board voted to carry out Jack's  
 suggestion and purchase a fish farm for a community in need. If  
 you see Jack, please take a moment to congratulate him on his  
 successful campaign and praise his generous and enterprising  
 spirit. For more information about a community fish farm or  
 any of the other similar charitable gifts, please check out one of  
 the ELCA Good Gifts catalogs scattered throughout the  
 Fellowship Hall. Awesome job, Jack!



# ***JANUARY SERVERS***

## ELDERS

1-5 Christy Watkins  
1-12 Joel McKee  
1-19 Rick Robbins  
1-26 Connie Thomas

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

1-5 Connie Thomas  
1-12 Christy Watkins  
1-19 Joel McKee  
1-26 Rick Robbins

## ACOLYTES

1-5 Sam Jesse  
1-12 Peter Jesse  
1-19 Gage Brown  
1-26 Abby Sherrill

## USHERS

1-5 Larry & Joan McKee  
1-12 Larry & Joan McKee  
1-19 Don Race & Floyd Ingold  
1-26 Woody & Karen Shore

## READERS

1-5 Larry McKee  
1-12 Larry McKee  
1-19 Larry McKee  
1-26 Woody Shore

## GREETERS

1-5 Carolyn Walters  
1-12 Bob & Sharon Catchpole  
1-19 Nadine Morris  
1-26 Floyd & Peggy Ingold

## MUSICIAN

1-5 Sarah Rodocker  
1-12 Gwen Seidel  
1-19 Lisa Young  
1-26 Nancy Schumann

## ALTAR CARE

1-5 Hollee Bosch  
1-12 Judy Windmeier  
1-19 Christy Watkins  
1-26 Rena Kittelson

## VISITATION

1-5 Rich Bohm  
1-12 Rick Robbins  
1-19 Nadine Morris  
1-26 Cheryl Meier

## FELLOWSHIP/TREATS

1-5 Larry & Joan McKee  
1-12 Stewardship Committee Potluck  
1-19 Potluck/Reception for Lee & Tonya Morrison  
1-26 Annual Meeting followed by potluck

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!



# JANUARY 2014

Sun

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Sat

			<p>1</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>MEN'S GROUP @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM</p>
<p>5</p> <p>PRAISE BAND SERVICE</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES</p> <p>TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 5:00 PM</p> <p>PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE POTLUCK</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS</p> <p>TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM</p> <p>CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>POTLUCK/RECEPTION FOR LEE &amp; TONYA MORRISON</p> <p>NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM</p> <p>TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM</p> <p>WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM</p> <p>PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM</p> <p>WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ITEMS</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK</p> <p>TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM</p>	<p>31</p>	

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