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New Year's Message

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Covenant

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Happy new year!

New years are times for resolutions as we look forward, and looking backward to reminisce. It has been a long and busy year, and when we look back, we remember the people among us who have completed their baptismal journey. We miss them, and give thanks that we knew them.

We also look forward and plan for our future together. Some of that planning is in the shape of budgets, and I hope that you will consider your giving prayerfully. Some of it is in the shape of education, and I hope you will think about what you can do for the education of the children, the adults, and yourself.

And some of our planning is about service. There are many ways to help serve here at Covenant and beyond our walls. We need people to serve on council, and I hope you will give that some thought. If you're able to visit some of our members and friends who can't get here every week, you are welcome to help with visits. There are many places and ways to serve, and I hope you will.

I pray that you will have a wonderful year.

Pastor Joshua



1 st	Cindy Kahrs
12 th	Thad Ehde
15 th	Trista Mattern
22 nd	Nancy Lubeck
24 th	Andrew Seim
25 th	Dave Young
28 th	Cameron Hanks
29 th	Connie Thomas

We are looking for volunteers to join the visitation committee. If you are interested, please speak to Rich Bohm, Rick Robbins, or Pastor Joshua.

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.



ANNUAL MEETING

Committee reports from 2015 are due in the office no later than Friday, January 15. The annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 24 after the service.



THANK YOU for the gift of the Platte County Pride Certificate! I had a wonderful Christmas with my family and friends; I hope you did, too! Happy New Year!!

Sarah

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Office Hours:

Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm
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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

“A Tree That Points to Jesus”

December 20, 2015



Emily Morris, Peter Jesse, Michael Jesse, Raegan Ehde, Mekayla Garcia, Eleni McKee, Will Jesse, Mekenna Garcia, Fletcher McKee, and Hudson Ehde.



**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
December 10, 2015**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm

Devotions:

Devotions were led by CA

Roll Call:

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Shelley Sterling, Nancy Lubeck, Connie Thomas, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholten.

Absent:

Additions to Agenda: Budget committee

Thrift Store: Granny's Attic gave \$1000 for the Christmas to the foster children.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$6,447.75	\$542.37	\$3,678.88	\$6,820.98
Grandma's Attic	\$1,769.21	NA	NA	NA

Correspondence: none

Reports:

Secretary: Connie made a motion to accept the minutes, Nancy 2nd. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Nancy made a motion and Rich 2nd to give our employees Platte County Pride Certificates for Christmas gifts. Also in the motion was to allow the children to spend \$2100 on Gift Giving. Motion passed. Reno made a motion to accept the report and Connie 2nd. Motion passed.

President: No Report.

Elders: Going well.

Trustees: All is good.

Pastor: Report is posted on bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: No changes since last month. Getting ready for the Christmas Program.

Youth:

Stewardship: No Report.

Worship: No report.

Women of ELCA: Secret Prayer gift exchange was done Sunday, December 6th and new names were drawn for the 2016. Everyone participating needs to write their name and who they have on a piece a paper and leave in the office for Sarah. The Thank Offering is continuing.

Hospitality: No report.

Men of Covenant: A few men were at the last breakfast.

Outreach: Could use another person or two on the committee.

Altar Guild: No report.

Landscape: No report.

Old Business: Connie updated us on the columbarium. The committee will meet again in Jan/Feb with Doug Wiggins. It was recommended to have a city council member also participate and anyone else in the community that might be interested is welcome to come. Then in March go to a council meeting to possibly put into the budget for the next fiscal year for the city.

New Business: There will be a budget meeting Tues. Dec. 29th @ 6 PM Officers need to get their annual reports ready for the meeting Jan. 25, 2016

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: Jan. 14th

Devotions for next Meeting: Reed/Shelley

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Sterling, Secretary



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YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED

Live Generously Banquet

We're hosting a Live Generously Banquet and would love for you to join us.

In highlighting Thrivent Financial as an organization, we will be speaking about the importance of Action Teams in our community, and members will be sharing their own experiences. We will also be recognizing individuals from the Cheyenne community and their generous work over the previous year. We will be completing an Action Team for "Safehouse Cheyenne" at the event as well.

Please choose from the following 3 choices, for your meal when you RSVP:

1. Roast Eye of Round
2. Apple Brandy Pork Chop
3. Chicken Teriyaki

Please bring a guest who isn't familiar with Thrivent Financial.

A brief educational presentation will take place.

Hosted by the High Plains Associates.

Event details

Sunday, January 10, 2016

12:30 p.m.

Historic Plains Hotel

1600 Central Avenue

Cheyenne, WY 82009

Please RSVP by January 4, 2016. Call Leanne Zirbel at 307-778-3076 or email leanne.zirbel@thrivent.com.

We hope to see you there!

No products will be sold at this event.

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JANUARY SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
1-3	Reno Taylor	1-3	Connie Thomas	1-3	Karen Shore
1-10	Rich Bohm	1-10	Reno Taylor	1-10	Dorothy Stevenson
1-17	Jennifer Bruns	1-17	Rich Bohm	1-17	Lloyd Koerwitz
1-24	Connie Thomas	1-24	Jennifer Bruns	1-24	Dorothy Stevenson
1-31	Reno Taylor	1-31	Connie Thomas	1-31	TBA
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
1-3	Eleni McKee	1-3	Dorothy Stevenson	1-3	Woody Shore
1-10	Jack Hudson	1-10	Arlene Robbins	1-10	Rick Robbins
1-17	Will Jesse	1-17	Joanne Harnish	1-17	Reno & George Taylor
1-24	Gage Brown	1-24	Joanne Harnish	1-24	Lloyd Koerwitz & CA Thomas
1-31	Sam Jesse	1-31	TBA	1-31	TBA
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
1-3	Nancy Schumann	1-3	Marge Scholten	1-3	Nadine Morris
1-10	TBA	1-10	Hollee Bosch	1-10	Lloyd Koerwitz
1-17	Gwen Seidel	1-17	Judy Windmeier	1-17	Rich Bohm
1-24	TBA	1-24	Gail Thompson	1-24	Rick Robbins
1-31	TBA	1-31	Rena Kittelson	1-31	Nadine Morris
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
1-3	Shores	1-3			
1-10	Arlene Robbins	1-10	Group #1: Joan McKee Group #2: Sarah Jesse		
1-17	Connie Thomas	1-17	Inter-generational Sunday School		
1-24	Dorothy Stevenson	1-24			
1-31	TBA	1-31	Group #1: Beth Morris Group #2: Melissa Garcia		



JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
3 TAIZE 7:00 PM	4	5 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	6	7 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	8	9
10 SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM	11 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	12 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	13	14 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL 7:00 PM	15 DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS	16
17 INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM	18 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	19 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH @ 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	20	21 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	22	23
24 ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	25 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	26 PRAISE BAND 6:00	27	28 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	29	30
31 SUNDAY SCHOOL						