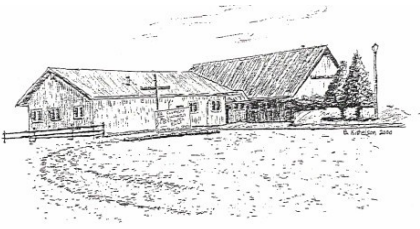


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New Year's Message

F R O M T H E P A S T O R

Covenant

Happy New Year!

And with the new year comes some time to reflect on the year that has passed. It has been a strange year, in many ways. A busy one, to be sure, but one filled with unexpected events.

But if there is one thing that I'd like to carry forward from last year to this year, it is a sense of overwhelming thankfulness to all of you. I am thankful for the work you put in to our community, the time you spend here, and the relationships you build together. I am thankful for your gifts of time, skills, and finances. I am especially thankful for your presence here.

Thank you all so very much.
I look forward to another year together.

Pastor Joshua

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



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

Sarah

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 2016
 are due in the office no later
 than Friday, January 20. The
 annual meeting will take place
 on Sunday, January 29 after
 service.

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 Sunday School: 10:00 am Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday
 Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday

"This Shall Be A Sign Unto You"

December 18, 2016



COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Minutes

December 15, 2016

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Joel McKee.

Roll Call:

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Nancy Lubeck, Jennifer Bruns, Reno Taylor, Marge Scholten, Woody Shore, and Joel McKee

Absent: Shelley Sterling Beth Morris, Rich Bohm, C.A Thomas, Terry Lubeck, Lloyd Koerwitz, Sarah Jesse, Jameson Brown. Jameson has notified the council that with his basketball and other activities he will be unable to attend any more council meetings.

Additions to Agenda: Under Old Business: Columbarium, Tuition for Hawkins Lumasia

Thrift Store: Marge reported that things were going fine at both stores. \$3,033 in assistance was given last month.

Community Thrift Store \$13,366.67 Receipts; \$3,033.14 Assistance; \$2,948.07 ending ck balance

Grandma's Attic : \$1,118.97 Receipts; \$4,498.19 ending ck balance;

Correspondence: Pastor received information regarding the Synod Assembly to be held in Colorado Springs, CO on May 5-7, 2017. He will not be able to attend because it is at the same time that Jennifer graduates from Chadron State Collage. One man and one woman from the congregation are needed to attend. This is very important and if anyone is interested please contact Pastor.

Reports:

Secretary: There were two corrections to the minutes. Under Secretary's report Rick "moved" instead of "accepted" and no comma between Woody and Shore under Roll Call. Nancy moved to approve with corrections made and Reno seconded the motion

Financial Secretary: Reno moved and Jennifer seconded to accept as presented.

Treasurer: Rick moved and Woody seconded.

President: Jim reported that the Planning and Landscape Committee met . Next step will be to decide what to put in the play area and the cost.

Elders: Things going well. Busy with Christmas. Woody advised that he and Karen would be gone the later part of January and first part of February.

Trustees: Sprinkler System winterized. Nativity set up on lawn.

Pastor: See report on bulletin board. Preparations for Christmas are ongoing. St Olaf's concert at Cinema West on 12-18 at 2:00pm. Advent services have been going well.

Committee Reports:

Youth: Six food baskets were assembled and taken to Wheatland Early Childhood for Thanksgiving distribution. Sam and Peter Jesse accompanied by Sarah and Jen went to Shopco and fulfilled the wishes of three Angel Tree children. They were a four year old girl, four year old boy and a seven year old boy. This was accomplished with money from Thrivent. Pastor is working on a money making

project of flower pots decorated by the children to raise money for vacation bible school. They would be bid on through a silent auction. Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 at 5 pm.

Stewardship: Nothing new to report.

Worship: Focus on Christmas, Praise Band to play on January 8, 2017.

Women of the ELCA: Secret Prayer Partner reveal was on December 11, 2016, and partners were re-drawn for 2017.

Hospitality: Nothing to report.

Men of Covenant: Quite a few attended. Men approved money to buy presents and cake for Nursing Home December birthday party. There were four residents celebrating their birthdays, Gwen played Christmas Carols for a group sing along, and residents enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Outreach: CD's being provided to six people: Dorothy and Ken Hanks, Cindy Kahrs, Bonnie Jenkins, Norm Erickson and Maxine Koerwitz, if unable to come to church.

Altar Guild: Bought new wicks for candles.

Landscape: Playground committee met. Ideas for play area are a basketball court and a climbing fort. Working on getting prices, will bring to council for approval.

Old Business:

Hawkins Lumasia's tuition was discussed. Joel moved to pay Hawkins tuition in the amount of \$517.31. Rick seconded the motion.

Town of Wheatland has approved the columbarium recommendation. It will be constructed this spring as weather permits. The company Timeless is the one being used.

Reschedule Budget Meeting for noon on December 19, instead of 9 AM.

New Business:

Encouraged to ask members to serve in Council Positions. There are several positions open. Annual meeting will be January 28, 2017. It was moved to purchase Pride Certificates for Pastor, Sarah, and Liz for Christmas, seconded by Woody. Passed with Jennifer and Pastor abstaining.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be January 12, 2017.

Devotions for next meeting:

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Lubeck for Shelley Sterling

JANUARY SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
1-1	Reno Taylor	1-1	Woody Shore	1-1	Liz Bachmeier
1-8	Joel McKee	1-8	Reno Taylor	1-8	Larry & Joan McKee
1-15	Jennifer Bruns	1-15	Joel McKee	1-15	Carolyn Walters
1-22	Woody Shore	1-22	Jennifer Bruns	1-22	Larry & Joan McKee
1-29	Reno Taylor	1-29	Woody Shore	1-29	Jeff & Shari Brown
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
1-1	Eleni McKee	1-1	Nancy Lubeck	1-1	Dawn McKee & kids
1-8	Peter Jesse	1-8	Jim Lockwood	1-8	Larry & Joan McKee
1-15	William Jesse	1-15	Larry McKee	1-15	Larry & Joan McKee
1-22	Gage Brown	1-22	Larry McKee	1-22	CA Thomas & Earl Schumann
1-29	Sam Jesse	1-29	Shari Brown	1-29	Jeff & Shari Brown
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
1-1	Lisa Young	1-1	Rena Kittelson	1-1	Rich Bohm
1-8	Praise Band	1-8	Gail Thompson	1-8	Rick Robbins
1-15	Gwen Seidel	1-15	Gail Mattern	1-15	Nadine Morris
1-22	Nancy Schumann	1-22	Marge Scholten	1-22	Lloyd Koerwitz
1-29	TBA	1-29	Hollee Bosch	1-29	Stu Hammersmark
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
1-1	Leftovers!	1-1	No Sunday School		
1-8	Gail Thompson	1-8	No Sunday School		
1-15	Bob & Sharon Catchpole	1-15	Dawn McKee		
1-22	Cindy Anderson	1-22	Thad Ehde		
1-29	Annual Meeting potluck	1-29	No Sunday School		



JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 TAIZE 7:00 PM	2	3 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	4	5 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	6	7 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
8 YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	9	10 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	11	12 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL 7:00 PM	13	14
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	16	17 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH @ 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	18	19 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	20	21
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	23	24 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	25	26 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	27	28
29 ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK NO SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	30	31 PRAISE BAND 6:00				