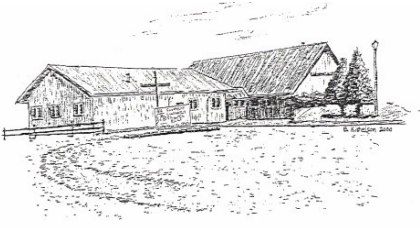


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One of the tools we use in the church is called The Revised Common Lectionary. It is revised because there was a “Common Lectionary” published about ten years before and this is a revision of it. It is Common because it is in use by a fairly large number of Protestant churches, including us, the Episcopalian Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the Methodist Church. A Lectionary is a series of assigned texts to be read on Sundays. This is important, since it means that I don't always get to choose my scriptural texts for a Sunday. It keeps me honest – not just picking my favorite dozen texts over and over, not simply skipping parts of the bible that I might rather avoid. To follow a Lectionary is a discipline in preaching.

The RCL is built on a three year cycle, around the main Gospel to be read that year. This is year A, so most of the gospel texts assigned to read are in Matthew. B will be Mark, C will be Luke. John fits in at appropriate places throughout the year (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter are all read from John, while Easter Sunday is read from Matthew, Mark, or Luke). There are a few exceptions – Christmas Eve is always read from Luke, since he tells the story so closely and intimately.

There are also Old Testament readings, Psalms, and New Testament readings assigned for each week. Well, really, there are two Old Testament Readings, and two Psalms (The psalm we sing or say is a congregational response to the Old Testament reading). As followers of Christ, we put our focus on the stories of his life, death, and resurrection – the Gospel is read each Sunday – and the usual Old Testament option has been what's called “Complementary”. It matches up with the gospel, to build up the theme established by the story of Jesus. We have used the Complementary Option for the last three years.

As we are in Year A again, and finished with this year's celebrations of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter (which usually don't have these options), I've opted to switch to the other Old Testament/Psalms selection. It's called the Semi-Continuous reading, and its goal is to more fully tell some Old Testament stories. This means that the story of Jacob wrestling overnight at the river Jabbok will come after the story of Jacob and Esau's birth and after the story of Jacob marrying Leah and Rachel. In the Complementary Series, Jacob wrestling is coupled with Jesus' parable about "Praying always and never losing heart". Both of these are good, but I hope that this may give us a new perspective on some of these familiar stories.

The Vanderbilt Divinity Library has an excellent website built around the RCL (though it lists the Complementary as "alternate"), with calendars, pdfs, and artwork. I'd encourage you to visit: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Pastor Joshua

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS

Attached to this newsletter are the revisions to the congregation's constitution suggested by the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee (first 9 pages), and by Pastor Joshua (page 10). They have been recommended for consideration by the congregation for a special meeting and vote on July 27th, following the service.

In the file, words that are not struckthrough or underlined remain from the previous constitution, words that are struckthrough are removed, and words that are underlined are added.

There are (broadly) three things in the proposal: Updating language to be more clear, especially with respect to electronic communications; changing the method and schedule on which the education committee chair is selected; and my proposal on communion age.

The hope is that, in sending them out as early as possible, we can talk about them (particularly my proposed change to they bylaws) together as a community, with some time for deliberation and discussion before the special meeting itself.

I look forward to discussing the possibility of these changes with you. Please come in to the office, call me, or simply come talk with me on Sunday morning about what you think.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to put this together.
Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
June 12, 2014**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Dorothy Lockwood

Roll Call:

Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Nancy Lubeck, Stu Hammersmark, Dorothy Lockwood, Lee Morrison, Rick Robbins, Connie Thomas, Christy Watkins, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholton

Absent: Reed Elmquist, Terry Lubeck, Teresa Sherrill.

Additions to Agenda: Add columbarium to old business.

Thrift Store: Orphan Grain Train people finally showed, approximately \$10,000 worth of clothing and other goods were loaded up to be send off. Thanks to those who helped load. Still waiting on walls if anyone can help. Snack shop still pending.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$8847.55	\$3050.31*	\$3837.24	\$11,375.80
Grandma's Attic	\$1097.17	\$80.37	\$4927.32	

*Assistance Figure does not reflect no cost vouchers and various donations in the amount of \$10,360.38.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

Secretary: It was pointed out that the word “recommended” be changed to “suggested” in reference to the columbarium. Rick moved and Connie 2nd to accept the secretary’s report with corrections. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Financial Secretary: Rich moved and Dorothy 2nd to accept the Financial Secretary’s report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Treasurer: It was pointed out that the money used to pay for plants should have come out of the Memorial fund. Connie moved and Nancy 2nd to accept the Treasure’s report with corrections. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

President: Though very different, both potlucks went very well. The ascension first fruits dessert potluck was great. And the farewell pot luck for the Sherrill’s was awesome, but it is sad to see you leave, best of luck.

Elders: Nothing new to report, other than incorporating some congregational interaction into the service. Such as leading the creed and giving the dismissal. Have you noticed? What do you think?

Trustees: Sprayed the weeds in the lawn. Special thanks for all the help, CA for mowing, and to everyone who helps with the spraying and planting.

Pastor: Written report available on bulletin board. Project Safe “Color Dash” is July 12 is there any interest in putting a team together to represent CLC?

Committee Reports:

Education: Sunday School is done for the summer. VBS starts June 29 and runs thru July 2. On June 29th CLC is responsible for snacks for all the kids during VBS, at night we are responsible for dinner for the Outlaw Ranch leaders. SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED.

Youth: No report

Stewardship: Nothing new to report.

Worship: Praise band will play June 29; this is not the bluegrass service. Praise in the Park will be July 13. Currently using With One Voice hymnal.

Women of ELCA: Prayer shawls given out to the Sherrill's

Hospitality: Cakes hosted for the Graduates, and also for the Sherrill's.

Men of Covenant: 9 men and one guest met for breakfast this month. Collected \$40 this month, more than usual. There will be no breakfast meeting in July or August due to July 4th and the Platte County Fair parade August 2nd.

Outreach: Visiting 2-3 homes weekly. Please be sure to send Cindy Kahrs a copy of the CD and bulletin while she is in rehab.

Altar Guild: Still need to order carafe. Thanks goes out to Merlyn for making the baptism butterflies.

Landscape: Front of the church is done, and looks good. We might have to replace a couple of plants that are looking a bit ill. Need to fill back retaining wall with dirt and level off. The play set is gone.

Old Business: Columbarium; we have made contact with the Episcopal Church and they will be having their vestry meeting on June 18. Dorothy will attend and glean any information she can and report back. Constitution revisions; Jim moved and Nancy 2nd to amend recommendation on B1.03 to read, Strike "Third Grade and above" and replace with the following: "at an age determined in consultation between the parents and the Pastor, or elders in the absence of a pastor." Motion carried. Rick moved and Rich 2nd, to accept the constitution recommendation's as amended. Motion carried. A copy of the constitution with recommended changes will be sent out to the entire congregation by mail or e-mail 30 days prior to the Special Congregational meeting as stated in our current constitution.

New Business: The date of July 27th 2014 was selected for the Special Congregational meeting. This meeting will be to vote on the constitution recommendations accepted by the church council.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer
Next Council Meeting 7/10/14
Devotions for next Meeting: Rick Robbins

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lockwood, Secretary

July Birthdays

1st	Michael Wright
2nd	Nicole Jeffries
6th	Karen Shore
	Wayne Skari
9th	Lee Morrison
14th	Kim Jeffords
17th	Alex Windmeier
19th	Riley Wright
20th	Chace Washington
22nd	Dorothy Lockwood
27th	Rick Robbins
31st	Dallas Watkins



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.

July Anniversaries

2nd	Rick & Arlene Robbins
4th	Tyler & Clare Hansen
5th	Joel & Dawn McKee
13th	Dan & Teresa Sherrill
17th	Mike & Susan Zimmerman
23rd	Ron & Hollee Bosch
24th	Jeff & Shari Brown
30th	Richard & Nicole Dingman
31 st	Jim & Lil Prince
	Wayne & Karen Skari
	Joshua & Jennifer Bruns

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Are you a Thrivent member? If you are, do you know that each Thrivent member has \$500.00 of Action Team money that can go to a good cause in our community? This money can be accessed through an application on-line at thrivent.com. Action team projects and help requesting the money can be obtained by contacting Jim Lockwood at 241-0233, Pastor Joshua Bruns, 331-5050, Rick Robbins, 331-3024 or Arlene Robbins at 331-1363. We need to allow up to 21 days lead time to receive the card in time for the proposed project.

If we don't use these action dollars, the money will be lost to us. Each Thrivent member has until the end of the year to apply for the two \$250.00 debit cards.

If you have any questions or ideas for projects, for example: food bank, medical bills, supplies for fundraisers or others you may have, contact the above people.



Vacation Bible School is almost here! June 29 – July 2, 2014

We will once again be hosting Vacation Bible School with several other Wheatland churches, and we will again be hosting a group from Outlaw Ranch from Custer, SD to present our VBS Day Camp! The Outlaw Ranch staff will bring with them plenty of enthusiasm in the activities, songs, Bible study, worship, arts and crafts, and games they have planned. It is sure to be a Christ-centered, fun-filled week! This program is for children who have **completed** grades K to 5. The dates and times are a little different this year.

Here are a few things you need to know:

- Day camp will be held at Lewis Park. In case of inclement weather, we will be at Covenant Lutheran Church.
- **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Sunday and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Wednesday.**
- Dinner will be provided Sunday evening.
- Please bring a sack lunch everyday. A snack will be provided.
- Please bring a towel for water activities on Wednesday.
- Please fill out the enclosed Health History Form. This **MUST** be returned to the church or brought to camp for your child to participate.
- There will be a “campfire” program for the campers to show what they have learned all week. This will be held **Wednesday at 3:00 pm** at the band shell. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Everyone is welcome!

We will also hold a shorter camp for children ages **3 to 5**. We will meet at Lewis Park, **Monday through Wednesday from 9 am to 11 am**. Please sign your child in/out at the picnic shelter. They will also participate in the Wednesday afternoon program.

There is still time to register if you have not done so already. If you have already registered, we are excited to have you join us! Please contact Pastor Josh at the church 322-9423 or at 331-5050 or Teresa Sherrill at 605-645-9901 if you need to register or have ANY questions!

JULY SERVERS

	ELDER			ASSISTANT			ACOLYTE
7-6	Christy Watkins		7-6	Connie Thomas		7-6	Gage Brown
7-13	Rich Bohm		7-13	Christy Watkins		7-13	*
7-20	Rick Robbins		7-20	Rich Bohm		7-20	Mekayla Garcia
7-27	Connie Thomas		7-27	Rick Robbins		7-27	Peter Jesse

	MUSICIAN			READER			ALTAR CARE
7-6	Sarah Rodocker		7-6	Reno Taylor		7-6	Christy Watkins
7-13	*		7-13	*		7-13	*
7-20	Lisa Young		7-20	Rich Bohm		7-20	Rena Kittelson
7-27	Nancy Schumann		7-27	Mary Seim		7-27	Gail Mattern

	GREETERS			USHERS			VISITATION
7-6	Terry & Cheryl Meier		7-6	Terry M. and Stu H.		7-6	Rich Bohm
7-13	*		7-13	*		7-13	Rick Robbins
7-20	Garcia Family		7-20	Terry M. and Dave M.		7-20	Nadine Morris
7-27	Terry & Cheryl Meier		7-27	Garcia Family		7-27	Cheryl Meier

	FELLOWSHIP/TREATS
7-6	Liz Bitterman
7-13	*
7-20	Liz Bitterman
7-27	Terry & Cheryl Meier

*July 13 is Praise in the Park followed by a potluck picnic

JULY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 VBS 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	2 VBS 9:00 AM VBS CLOSING PROGRAM 3:00 PM	3 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	4	5
6 TAIZE 7:00 PM	7	8 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	9	10 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	11	12 COLOR- DASH 5K 8:00 AM
13 PRAISE IN THE PARK AND PICNIC 9:30 AM TAIZE 7:00 PM	14	15 WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	16	17 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	18	19
20 TAIZE 7:00 PM	21	22 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	23	24 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	25	26
27 SPECIAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	28	29 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	30	31 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM		

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