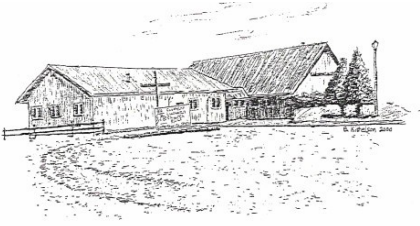


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Covenant

Throughout the church year, there are minor festivals and commemorations of important people in the history of the church. You can actually find a list on pages 15-17 in the red hymnal (ELW).

This month, on June 24th (six months before Christmas), we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist (Gabriel mentions in Luke 1 that Elizabeth is about six months pregnant at the annunciation). Putting it on June 24th makes it at about midsummer, so celebrations have often retained some of the solstice celebration in them.

While parties involving water (streams, lakes, rivers) and jumping into them to retrieve some sign of the festivity are common, and do have some connection with John's legacy of baptism, the celebration is far more often around a bonfire. Pre-Christian traditions often place bonfires at both midsummer and midwinter, as a sort of sympathetic magic. As the Christian world took over, the midsummer bonfire was combined with the celebration of John the Baptist's birth. So a story arose where Elizabeth used a signal fire to tell her relative Mary that her baby was born.

I would encourage you to look up the list of festivals and commemorations – there are a number of interesting stories and people within them. Stories of faith, and faithful people, stories of people who have lost their lives for their faith, and people who have lived their lives in faith.

Happy John the Baptist day.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 15, 2014**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Melissa Garcia

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Teresa Sherrill

Roll Call:

Melissa Garcia, Reed Elmquist, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Teresa Sherrill, Stu Hammersmark, Dorothy Lockwood, Lee Morrison, Terry Lubeck, Rick Robbins, Christy Watkins, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholton

Absent: Nancy Lubeck, Connie Thomas,

Additions to Agenda: Revisions to Constitution, added to old business. Community pallet gardens, added to old business. Columbarium, added to new business. Synod report, added to Elders report.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$7407.99	\$456.94*	\$6539.24	\$11800.32
Grandma's Attic	\$2258.84	\$30.00	\$4662.68	

*The assistance figure does not reflect gas for van for driver vouchers to take passengers to and from Dr. appointments.

Marge would like some walls built in Grandma Attic, she asked if the men at church could build them or should she pursue a contractor. It was generally agreed that the men could build them if she didn't have a big time crunch. So if you have time please talk to Marge. Marge has also been approached about the possibility of converting a corner of Grandma's Attic in to a snack shop. Discussion was tabled to new business.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Synod for donations.

Reports:

Secretary: Christy moved, and Rich 2nd to accept the Secretary's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Financial Secretary: Rick moved, and Terry 2nd to accept the Financial Secretary's' report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Treasurer: Teresa moved and Dorothy 2nd to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

President: Thanks to the men's group for Easter morning breakfast, and to all who helped stuff and hide eggs for the kids. Wyo. Community gas was selected as our gas provider; we are on a 2yr fixed rate plan. Things are still very busy around the church.

Trustees: Spring has sprung, mowing has begun and the sprinklers have been fixed. Terry has declared war on dandelions.

Elders: Things are going well. Rich reported on the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly, they got to visit the new office of the Synod Bishop. He reported on some plans to make our District greener, including webinars', solar panels and better insulation at the district office and new churches. Also planning on sharing keynote speeches from this Assembly and prior Assembly's via video at the adult Sunday school class.

Pastor: Written report available, posted on bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: Last day of Sunday school will be April 20th. Vacation bible school will kick off with a party 6/29 from 5:00 pm till 7:30. Classes start Monday morning, Pre-schooler's will go from 9am till 11:00am, grade-schooler's will go from 9:00am till 3:00pm. Ending program will be 7/2 at 6:00pm; CLC will be responsible for treats and meals for the Outlaw Ranch leaders on Monday 6/30.

Youth: No report

Stewardship: No formal meeting this month.

Worship: Praise in the park will be mid July, we are in summer mode.

Women of ELCA: Nothing going on.

Hospitality: Graduation celebration set for Sunday, preparing for 3 upcoming Baptisms.

Men of Covenant: Donated \$200.00 for plants for the landscaping, bought flowers for the ladies on Mother's Day. Donations from the Easter morning breakfast came close to breaking even with the cost of the meal.

Outreach: Still delivering CD's.

Altar Guild: A wine carafe is breaking will need to be replaced. Will be returning to Mogen David for communion wine, three buck chuck was not a big favorite.

Landscape: Jim thanked the men's group for their donation of \$200.00 for plants and also mentioned that he had secured \$250.00 a Thrivent Action Team grant. That left us \$250.00 short of the estimated cost of \$700.00 for the plants. Dorothy moved and Rich 2nd that the remaining funds be paid by the church out of the memorial funds account. Motion carried. A planting day is scheduled for 5/21 to be followed by a potluck dinner.

Old Business: Melissa and Beth reported that the community/pallet garden project is ongoing however at this point it won't happen till next year.

The Constitution Revision committee handed its recommendations to council. The council got the revisions and copies of the current constitution, Jim moved and Christy 2nd, to table a vote to accept the revisions as written until our next meeting to allow some time to read and compare. Motion carried

New Business: Due to changes in state law, it has been recommended that we look into putting a Columbarium at our church. The Episcopal Church is already well into the planning stages for one at their church, so Dorothy and Christy volunteered to get with them and investigate.

It was also pointed out that our swing set is trashed and a possible hazard and should be removed. All agreed, Jim volunteered to remove it and haul to the dump after his trip to Texas.

Discussion on the snack shop was opened up, and concerns regarding liability, tax exempt status, and the use of the kitchen were talked about. It was decided that more information was needed to make a quality decision. All are invited to Grandma's Attic to look around and discuss the possibility of the snack shop.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting 6/12/14

Devotions for next Meeting: Dorothy Lockwood

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lockwood, Secretary

June Birthdays

1st	Barb Larson
3rd	Treva Bitterman Buller
4th	Landen Whipple
8th	Jamison Brown
9th	Trae Bitterman
11th	Sharon Whipple
13th	Amy Sluss
14th	Kim Jeffords
17th	Floyd Ingold
18th	David Windmeier
19th	Peggy Ingold
20th	Laramie Evans
	Will deRyk
22nd	Fletcher McKee
	Lil Prince
28th	Carolyn Walters
29th	Steve Seim
30th	Bob Cordingly
	Pat Morrison



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.

June Anniversaries

1st	Don & Carol Dingman
	Stu & Reva Hammersmark
5th	CA & Connie Thomas
11th	Jack & Verna Hilderbrand
19th	Wade & Teresa Jenkins
21st	Ken & Dorothy Hanks
24th	Brian & Barb Larson
	Terry & Cheryl Meier
28th	Will & Tracy deRyk
30th	Myron & Gail Mattern



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 29 – July 2. Kids who have completed grades K-5 will begin on Sunday, June 29 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM and continue Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Preschoolers will attend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The ending program will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM. All activities will take place at Lewis Park. The sign-up sheet and health forms are located by the church mailboxes. Call the church office with any questions.

JUNE SERVERS

	ELDER			ASSISTANT			ACOLYTE
6-1	Connie Thomas		6-1	Christy Watkins		6-1	Peter Jesse
6-8	Rich Bohm		6-8	Christy Watkins		6-8	Sam Jesse
6-15	Rick Robbins		6-15	Rich Bohm		6-15	Cody Garcia
6-22	Connie Thomas		6-22	Rick Robbins		6-22	Jamison Brown
6-29	Rich Bohm		6-29	Christy Watkins		6-29	Raegan Ehde

	MUSICIAN			READER			ALTAR CARE
6-1	Mary Seim		6-1	Woody Shore		6-1	Lorretta Lauck
6-8	Sarah Rodocker		6-8	Sarah Jesse		6-8	Suz Strom
6-15	Lisa Young		6-15	Larry McKee		6-15	Marge Scholten
6-22	Nancy Schumann		6-22	Larry McKee		6-22	Hollee Bosch
6-29	Gwen Seidel		6-29	Larry McKee		6-29	Judy Windmeier

	GREETERS		USHERS		VISITATION
6-1	Larry & Joan McKee	6-1	Woody & Karen Shore	6-1	Rich Bohm
6-8	Sarah Jesse & kids	6-8	CA Thomas	6-8	Cheryl Meier
6-15	Dave & Lisa Young	6-15	Larry & Joan McKee	6-15	Dorothy Lockwood
6-22	Don & Judy Race	6-22	Bob & Sharon Catchpole	6-22	Nadine Morris
6-29	Nadine Morris	6-29	Floyd Ingold & Don Race	6-29	Bill Windmeier

	FELLOWSHIP/TREATS
6-1	Christy Watkins
6-8	Sarah Jesse
6-15	Larry & Joan McKee
6-22	Bob & Sharon Catchpole
6-29	Any volunteers?

JUNE 2014

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 GROUP @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
8 TAIZE 7:00 PM	9	10 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	11 FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR SHERRILL FAMILY 6:00 PM	12 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	13	14
15 TAIZE 7:00 PM	16	17 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 TAIZE 7:00 PM NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM	23	24 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	25	26 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	27	28
29 VBS 5:00 – 7:30 PM (K-5) TAIZE 7:00 PM	30 VBS 9:00 – 11:00 AM (PRESCHOOL) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (K-5)					

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