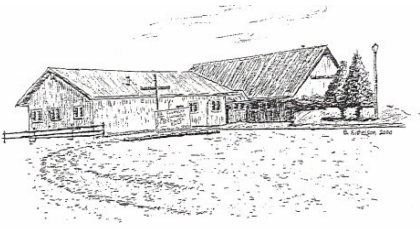


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Happy summer, everyone!

Summer brings changes in schedules and patterns, especially if school (yours, your children's, or your grandchildren's) is involved. In our area, agriculture takes its time and resources as well. This is a part of the rhythms of the year, and it's something we're familiar with.

But as we deal with the changes that summer brings, I encourage you find time to maintain the rhythms of life that don't change. Prayers at meals (and other times), daily bible reading, weekly communion and fellowship; the patterns of life spent together within the Christian community. Much like a drum beat, these give order and definition in times that often feel like nothing is stable or consistent.

Maintaining these rhythms of life is a healthy and helpful thing in a world that suffers from complicated and sometimes surprising shifts. I hope that your summer is fruitful and fun, no matter how things change or stay the same.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 14, 2015**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Pastor Joshua

Roll Call:

Reed Elmquist, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, , Shelley Sterling, Nancy Lubeck, Reno Taylor, Rich Bohm, Jennifer Bruns

Absent: Beth Morris, Marge Scholten, Connie & CA Thomas, Terry Lubeck, Lloyd Koerwitz, Sarah Jesse, Dawn McKee, Dorothy Lockwood

Additions to Agenda: Memorial fund to old business

Thrift Store: Marge left a report that they will be participating in the Casey Courmier Golf Tournament. Some proceeds from the fundraiser will come to the thrift store. Connie Courmier is making a thank-you note with the Community Thrift Store and the church mentioned for all who donate. Marge also left a few thank you's from people in the community that we have helped out. A freezer is being purchased for the Food Bank at UCC.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$7,082.18	\$1906.73	\$707.71	\$6630.19
Grandma's Attic	\$912.47	\$200.00	\$2983.73	NA

Correspondence:

Reports:

Secretary: Jim made a motion to accept the minutes after noting who was absent at the last meeting. Nancy 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Richard moved, Reno 2nd to accept the report. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Reno moved, Jennifer 2nd to accept the report. Motion passed.

President: Reed reported that he along with Pastor Joshua & Jennifer went to the Synod Assembly. They each told a little about it.

Elders: Everything is going well.

Trustees: Began mowing and doing outdoor maintenance.

Pastor: Report is posted on bulletin board. Subscription to the Gather magazine was discussed. Richard moved and Jennifer 2nd to buy 3 subscriptions. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Education: Graduation Sunday was the last Sunday school class until fall. Thanks to all who have helped teach. June 21st-26th is VBS.

Youth: No confirmations this year but will be next year.

Stewardship: Jim reported that there will be Stewardship event July 19th and a fundraiser. There will be a meeting about it the first Wednesday of each month to help plan it. He'd like to see the committee continue to meeting monthly after that to keep the stewardship going forward.

Worship: Praise band playing May 31st.

Women of ELCA: nothing to report.

Hospitality: Graduation will be celebrated on June 7th.

Men of Covenant: Easter breakfast brought in about \$100 for donations.

Outreach: Is going well.

Altar Guild: Need and looking for purifiers. Continuing at pace.

Landscape: Clean up day May 30th

Old Business: Memorial funds were discussed. No decisions were made.

New Business: Rick and Arlene Robbins would like the old stones. Jim moved and Richard 2nd to let them haul the old stones and make a donation. Motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: June 11th

Devotions for next Meeting: Beth Morris

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Sterling



****The Stewardship Committee will be hosting an event after service on July 19th, with a meal and a speaker. Please make plans to attend.**



1st Barb Larson
 3rd Treva Buller
 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
 22nd Lil Prince
 Fletcher McKee
 28th Carolyn Walters
 Norm Erickson
 29th Steve Seim
 30th Pat Morrison
 Bob Cordingly

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.

Happy Anniversary!

1st Don & Carol Dingman
 *63 years
 Stu & Reva Hammersmark
 *57 years
 5th CA & Connie Thomas
 *39 years
 11th Jack & Verna Hilderbrand
 *65 years
 21st Ken & Dorothy Hanks
 *56 years
 24th Terry & Cheryl Meier
 *53 years
 30th Myron & Gail Mattern
 *32 years

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Office Hours:

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

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2015

Reed Elmquist, Pastor Joshua and I were given the opportunity to be voting members at this year's Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in Salt Lake City. Lay and rostered leaders of the church met for 3 days under the theme of We are Church. Better Together. The theme of Better Together was present in all of our discussions, keynote addresses, small groups and excursions.

We were given the chance to hear Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, and Presiding Bishop of the RMS, Jim Gonia, speak on several occasions. We also heard from some of our interfaith partners-from our Episcopalian partners to our Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints partners. Our Saturday excursions also focused on the theme of Better Together. Pastor Joshua attended an excursion to a local cemetery to hear stories of some of the people who were interred there. Reed went on a walking tour of Salt Lake City and learned about the history of the Mormons as they settled in this area. I had the opportunity to visit Temple Square and the LDS Convention Center.

As a whole group, we also conducted the business of the church. We passed the 2015 synod budget and the preliminary 2016 budget. The group passed four resolutions or memorials: supporting and bringing awareness to the mental illness in our church body, a statement on Israeli-Palestinian relations that encourages advocacy in the US to support Palestinian Christians, a memorial that would allow Rostered Lay Leaders (Deacons, Associates in Ministry) to be counted as voting members alongside of clergy, and a statement bringing awareness and victim advocacy to the plight of human trafficking.

Our time together as Church - Better Together was both fruitful and busy. If you have any further questions about the Synod Assembly, any of the statements and resolutions debated and voted on, or want to know more about how you can become involved at the Synod level, please speak to one of us!

Respectfully,
Jennifer Bruns

Wheatland United Methodist Church will be hosting a 2nd prayer gathering on Sunday, June 7th at 4:30 pm. We invite you to be a part of this service devoted to prayer, fellowship, refreshments, and healing of relationships in our community. Everyone is welcome!

Norman Erickson will be turning 90 years old on June 28th. If you would like to send Norman a card his address is:

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

WHO: Covenant Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church

WHAT: Vacation Bible School

Day Camp for children who have completed Kindergarten to 5th grade or ages 6 – 12.

Preschool Program for children ages 3 – 5 who have not completed Kindergarten. Children younger than 3 are welcome when accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

WHERE: Lewis Park

WHEN: June 22 – 26

Day Camp: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:00 pm,
Friday 9:00 – noon

Preschool: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 11:30 am

Ice cream social and program for the entire congregation:

Thursday, June 25th at 3:00 pm at the band shell.

Sign-up sheets and health history forms can be found by the church mailboxes. When signing up, please include the phone number where you can be most easily reached during the day in case of emergency (cell phone, work phone, etc.) Health history forms may be returned to Sarah in the office or turned into the counselors on the first day of VBS. If you have any questions, please call or email the office.

***Covenant's VBS day is **Thursday, June 25**. On that day we are responsible for organizing the preschool program, providing volunteers to help with supervision of the Day Camp, providing lunch and supper for the counselors, and bringing ice cream to the ice cream social. If you are interested in helping with any of those things, please contact Sarah Jesse or Dawn McKee.

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
6-7	Jennifer Bruns	6-7	Connie Thomas	6-7	Garcia Family
6-14	Rich Bohm	6-14	Jennifer Bruns	6-14	Terry & Cheryl Meier
6-21	Reno Taylor	6-21	Rich Bohm	6-21	Jim & Lil Prince
6-28	Connie Thomas	6-28	Jennifer Bruns	6-28	Beth Morris
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
6-7	Raegan Ehde	6-7	Rick Robbins	6-7	Terry & Nancy Lubeck
6-14	Sam Jesse	6-14	Mary Seim	6-14	Dave Miller & Reed Elmquist
6-21	Gage Brown	6-21	Rich Bohm	6-21	Garcia Family
6-28	Mekayla Garcia	6-28	Rena Kittelson	6-28	Terry & Nancy Lubeck
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
6-7	TBA	6-7	Rena Kittelson	6-7	Bill Windmeier
6-14	TBA	6-14	Gail Mattern	6-14	Rich Bohm
6-21	TBA	6-21	Lorretta Lauck	6-21	Rick Robbins
6-28	TBA	6-28	Suz Strom	6-28	Nadine Morris
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
6-7	Graduation	6-7			
6-14	Cheryl Meier	6-14			
6-21	Liz Bitterman	6-21			
6-28	Beth Morris	6-28			

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM	4 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	5	6 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
7 GRADUATION CELEBRATION UMC PRAYER GATHERING 4:30 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL 7:00 PM	12	13
14 TAIZE 7:00 PM	15	16 WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	17	18 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY TAIZE 7:00 PM	22 VBS 9:00 AM @ LEWIS PARK	23 VBS 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	24 VBS 9:00 AM	25 VBS 9:00 AM ICE CREAM SOCIAL 3:00 PM @ LEWIS PARK BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	26 VBS 9:00 AM	27
28 PRAISE IN THE PARK 9:00 AM NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	29	30 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM				