



Covenant

When I was growing up, a retired pastor in my congregation always held a barbeque up at his cabin in the mountains on June 24th. We'd gather for food, time together, and a good hike through the woods. In this pastor's youth, Saint John the Baptist day on June 24th was an important holiday in the Danish church, and while it's not so much in the American church, he held onto those traditions and memories he'd had and shared them with us.

The Nativity of John the baptist is traditionally held to be June 24th, not because of any evidence, but because it's 6 months before Jesus' nativity on December 24th. This is why Scandinavian churches, in particular, find so much meaning in the day – Jesus is born near the Winter solstice and John is born near the Summer solstice, important days in the far north. With the birth of Jesus we get more sun, with the birth of John we get less. This is usually connected to the words of John the Baptist in John 3, “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

I suspect that you have traditions and memories that you have carried with you from your youth, and I hope that you might share them with the younger members of our congregation . I know that Pastor Ove had a lot to do with my faith formation, and our yearly Sankthans day visit was a part of that. We each have great opportunities to share the things that make us who we are, and together help form the faith of the youngest among us.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2016**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Pastor Jim

Roll Call: Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Shelley Sterling, Nancy Lubeck, Woody Shore, CA Thomas, Terry Lubeck, Sarah Jesse, Marge Scholten, Nadine Morris,

Absent: Reno Taylor, Rick Robbins, Joel McKee, Lloyd Koerwitz, Jamison Brown

Additions to Agenda: Grieving class, exit lights, work day, Carey Jo Tournament

Thrift Store: Both stores are doing well. Windows for Granny's Attic have been ordered. An energy audit has been done for the thrift store. Discussion was made about new windows in the Thrift store. Marge will send in for a grant to see about replacing them. It can't be turned in until June 30th. It was suggested to sell items in Granny's Attic on eBay. An account would need to be set up. After discussion, Terry made a motion to open an account for PayPal of \$500 for eBay purposes. CA 2nd the motion and it was carried.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$7,548.22	\$655.51	\$3,796.64	\$7,832.29
Grandma's Attic	\$3368.19	\$244.40	\$5,827.35	NA

Correspondence: Received a letter from Hawkins Lumasia and he is doing well in school. There was also a letter from the Town of Wheatland about a neighbor wanting a fence put up.

Reports:

Secretary: After making changes to Teri's name a motion was made by Nancy to approve the minutes as amended and Sarah 2nd it. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary: After some discussion on Thrivent Sarah made a motion to accept the report and Woody 2nd it. Motion carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Woody to accept the report, Nancy 2nd it and motion carried.

President: Nothing to report.

Elders: Working out good. Each are trading when needed.

Trustees: CA & Steve are doing the lawn care. The exit lights haven't been checked out yet but are in the works.

Pastor: Report is posted on bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: A big thank you to Nancy for donating the flowers and planting them for the children since the weather didn't want to cooperate. VBS is the week of July 17th and will be down at the park again. Need to find housing that week for about 3 counselors who will be working with the children.

Youth: Sarah & Frank Jesse would like to do something with the jr/sr high school kids. An evening of games and a possible lock-in. Anyone who would like help, participate, or organize please see Sarah.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship: There will be a blue grass service at the end of the month. Planning is being done for a Praise in the Park sometime this summer.

Women of ELCA: No report.

Hospitality: Cakes are ordered and things are set for both confirmation and graduation.

Men of Covenant: A big thank you for the carnation's on Mother's day.

Outreach: Going well. Still looking for someone to help Red out with the sound system. If anyone would like to fill in or even take over it would be greatly appreciated.

Altar Guild: Everything is Normal.

Landscape: Clean up day will be May 23rd at 9 AM

Old Business: Scheduling is still in process for a grieving class. Connie briefly spoke about the columbarium.

New Business: Connie presented the Carey Jo Softball Tournament to be under the umbrella of Covenant Lutheran for tax purposes. It was decided that the board would discuss and get back to Connie and CA.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: June 9th

Devotions for next Meeting: Rick Robbins

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Sterling

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 18-22. Once again we are looking for volunteers to help house the counselors for five nights, feed them lunch and supper for one day, teach one or two days of preschool, and bring ice cream to the ice cream social on Thursday. If you are able to help with any of these things please contact Sarah, Dawn, or Pastor Joshua.

Registration forms will be available in the church at the end of June.



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

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.



2nd Stu & Reva Hammersmark
 *58 years
 5th CA & Connie Thomas
 *40 years
 11th Jack & Verna Hilderbrand
 *66 years
 21st Ken & Dorothy Hanks
 *57 years
 24th Terry & Cheryl Meier
 *54 years
 30th Myron & Gail Mattern
 *33 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

The Education Committee would like to thank:

*All of the **Sunday School teachers** who helped this year. Your contribution to the education of our youth is very much appreciated.

***Rena Kittelson** for the movie passes she donated to the kids on holidays.

***Nancy Lubeck** for buying and planting the flowers by the front door.

Thank you for another great year of Sunday School.

See you next year!

The Orphan Grain Train will be at the Community Thrift Store on Thursday, June 9 at 11:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help load the truck. Please join us if you are able.

Landscape Work Day 2016



Thank you to all the volunteers!

CONFIRMATION 2016



Gage Brown, Samuel Jesse, and Cameron Hanks were confirmed on Sunday, May 15th.

GRADUATION 2016



Pictured: Cody Garcia, Chugwater High School & Amy Sluss, WHS

Other graduates: Quinn Zimmerman, Black Hills State
Brandon Zimmerman & Grady Haeffelin, WHS
Treva Buller, CSU
Jordan Koerwitz, UW
Erica Heil, Dimond High School, Anchorage
Tristan Rogers, Laramie High School
Wyatt Rising, Moorcroft High School

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
6-5	Reno Taylor	6-5	Woody Shore	6-5	
6-12	Joel McKee	6-12	Reno Taylor	6-12	
6-19	Jennifer Bruns	6-19	Joel McKee	6-19	
6-26	Woody Shore	6-26	Jennifer Bruns	6-26	
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
6-5	Raegan Ehde	6-5		6-5	
6-12	Peter Jesse	6-12		6-12	
6-19	Eleni McKee	6-19		6-19	
6-26	William Jesse	6-26		6-26	
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
6-5		6-5	Rena Kittelson	6-5	Rich Bohm
6-12		6-12	Gail Mattern	6-12	Rick Robbins
6-19		6-19	Marge Scholten	6-19	Nadine Morris
6-26		6-26	Hollee Bosch	6-26	Lloyd Koerwitz
	FELLOWSHIP				
6-5			**A COMPLETED SERVERS SHEET WILL BE PRINTED		
6-12			AND SHARED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.		
6-19			THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.		
6-26					

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	3 RELAY FOR LIFE 6:00 PM	4 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
5 TAIZE 7:00 PM	6	7 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	8	9 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL 7:00 PM OGT 11:00 AM	10	11
12 TAIZE 7:00 PM	13	14 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	15	16 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY TAIZE 7:00 PM	20	21 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	22	23 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	24	25
26 NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	27	28 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	29	30 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM		