



Covenant

On March 5th, Ash Wednesday, we will begin a new season in the church year. There are two special parts to the service on Ash Wednesday. There is the Imposition of Ashes, which serves to remind us of the solemnity and tone for the season, and there is the Invitation to the Discipline of Lent.

“Discipline” has gotten a bad reputation over the last few decades, which makes the term “Discipline of Lent” sound rather unfortunate. Discipline, at heart, means, “to study, or learn”. And in Lent, we study and learn the ways God wants us to live. As Jesus' disciples (students!), we learn the way of Jesus, and follow the patterns he sets. We examine ourselves, our lives, and our consciences in Lent, turning back from harmful habits and renewing good ones. We learn anew to pray and fast – pray for others and fast from self-indulgence (this is why the popular view of Lent involves “giving something up”). We learn to give of ourselves and show our love of neighbor (and love of enemies) in works prompted by the grace already shown to us.

As we prepare for this special time in the church year, it is worth taking a few moments to consider some concrete ways you can work on these disciplines of lent – beyond simply the act of “giving something up”. Consider some bad habits that you might not just give up, but replace with something good. Think about new ways you might pray for others. Find a gift you have that you can share.

As the name suggests (Lent comes from the same root word as Lengthen – to grow), Lent is a time for growth and learning. I hope that, as disciples of Christ, we can learn from his example. May we have a blessed Lent.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 13, 2013**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Red Taylor

Roll Call:

Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Nancy Lubeck, Red Taylor, Reno Taylor, Stu Hammersmark, Rick Robbins, Lee Morrison, C.A. Thomas, Connie Thomas, Joel McKee, Reed Elmquist, Dorothy Lockwood, Beth Morris, Teresa Sherrill, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholton

Absent: Thad Ehde, Sarah Rodocker, Christy Watkins, Terry Lubeck, Cody Garcia

Additions to Agenda: Devotions signup sheet

Thrift Store:

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Balance	Ending Sav Balance
Community Thrift Store	\$6,875.34	\$1,317.75	\$2,469.49	\$13,328.92
Grandma's Attic	\$681.94	\$408.38	\$4,919.29	

Getting a New sign for the front of Grandma's Attic.

Correspondence: ELCA World hunger Fasting poster.

Reports:

Secretary: Nancy moved and Rich 2nd to accept January council minutes, and the Annual meeting minutes, reports as written, motion carried. Reports posted on bulletin board.

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

Treasurer: Rick moved and Nancy 2nd to accept the Treasure's report as written, motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

President: Though out of town, outgoing President Thad E. wanted to thank everyone on council for their help during the previous year.

Elders: Would just like an updated schedule.

Trustees: Not much happening. Jim reported that the tiles are coming loose again in the area of old and new construction. Seems to be a winter shifting thing.

Pastor: Written report available on bulletin board. Also reported that he appreciates input on hymn selection. So in you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing, let him know before the Sunday you would like to sing it.

Committee Reports:

Education: Special thanks went out to all our teachers who work so hard in our growing classes. Checking with Outlaw Ranch for VBS dates.

Youth: No youth representative selected yet.

Stewardship: No February meeting planned.

Worship: Working thru Lent. Lent dinners will be by shepherding groups. Signup sheets are available by the mailboxes. March 30th will be a bluegrass service with praise band.

Women of ELCA: Nothing happening right now. It was mentioned that there are no funds available for renewing the subscriptions of Gather magazine.

Hospitality: No report.

Men of Covenant: 8 men met at Tasty Treats. Shrove Tuesday will be at Covenant Lutheran Church

Outreach: 4 folks are receiving CD's. Souper Bowl food drive went well. 4 boys helped do the shopping and they had a good time. Connie and CA Thomas delivered the food to the food bank where it was very much appreciated. \$100 went to synod food drive challenge and all remaining funds went to local food bank. The Rocky Mountain Synod defeated the Pacific Synod by over \$5,000.

Altar Guild: No report.

Landscape: The landscape committee will be meeting 2/27/14 to plan out the rest of the landscaping in the front of the church, everyone is welcome to attend and give input.

Old Business: The constitution updates are coming along well and should be ready for next month's council meeting. Jim asked that copies of the current constitution be made available to the new members of council so they might be able to review their responsibilities.

New Business: It was brought to council's attention that the vacuums were not working properly. Discussion followed and it was brought up that this might be a problem with some of the outlets in the sanctuary needing repair. It was decided that vacuums that are not working and not repairable be pitched. And also that follow up on the outlets was needed and repairs made. Rick moved and Theresa 2nd that funds be made available to renew our subscriptions to the Gather magazine, motion carried.

Devotions signup sheet was passed around and filled out.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting 3/13/14

Devotions for next Meeting: Jim Lockwood

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lockwood, Secretary

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AND
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March Birthdays

7th Susan Zimmerman
11th Dawn McKee
12th Samuel Jesse
19th Tifanie Ehde
21st Coan Price
26th Terry Lubeck
30h Hollee Bosch
Kara Mattern
Samantha Hopkins



March Anniversaries

10th Woody & Karen Shore

On Sunday, March 2nd at 5:00 P.M. Pastor Joshua will be hosting an evening of Faith, Food, and Film. Please join us for a potluck supper followed by a viewing of *A Place at the Table*, a documentary about hunger in our nation. The movie runs for 84 minutes and will be followed by open discussion.

If you are interested in attending the 2014 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in Denver on May 8-10, please speak to Pastor Joshua.

No Sunday School on Sunday, March 23rd or Sunday, March 30th due to Spring Break.

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

LENT

The Lenten Soup & Services will be held on Wednesday evenings, March 12th, 19th and 26th and April 2nd and 9th. We will begin with soup and fellowship at 5:30, followed by the service. The responsibility for bringing soup has been divided among the five shepherding groups. There is a copy of the shepherding groups and a sign-up sheet by the mailboxes.

If you are interested in assisting with Wednesday evening services during Lent, please speak to Pastor Joshua or contact the office. For our Ash Wednesday service we are in need of a reader, ushers, and possibly one Elder. For the other Wednesdays we need ushers and musicians. Pastor Joshua is also looking for volunteers who are willing to write and share some personal reflections based on the themes that are informed by the lessons for each Wednesday. For more information, please speak to Pastor Joshua as soon as possible.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by the Men's Group in conjunction with All Saints Episcopal Church will be Tuesday, March 4th at 5:00 P.M. at Covenant. This is a Free Will Offering event.

MARCH SERVERS

ELDERS

3-2 Christy Watkins
3-9 Rich Bohm
3-16 Rick Robbins
3-23 Connie Thomas
3-30 Christy Watkins

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3-2 Connie Thomas
3-9 Christy Watkins
3-16 Rich Bohm
3-23 Rick Robbins
3-30 Connie Thomas

ACOLYTES

3-2 Raegan Ehde
3-9 Gage Brown
3-16 Abby Sherrill
3-23 Mekayla Garcia
3-30 Peter Jesse

USHERS

3-2 Sherrills
3-9 Hammersmarks
3-16 Browns
3-23 Windmeiers
3-30 Skaris

READERS

3-2 Sarah Jesse
3-9 Rich Bohm
3-16 Mary Seim
3-23 Christy Watkins
3-30 Karen Skari

GREETERS

3-2 Hammersmarks
3-9 Sherrills
3-16 Cindy Kahrs
3-23 Sharon Whipple
3-30 Windmeiers

MUSICIAN

3-2 Sarah Rodocker
3-9 Lisa Young
3-16 Nancy Schumann
3-23 Mary Seim
3-30 Praise Band

ALTAR CARE

3-2 Hollee Bosch
3-9 Judy Windmeier
3-16 Christy Watkins
3-23 Rena Kittelson
3-30 Gail Mattern

VISITATION

3-2 Cheryl Meier
3-9 Bill Windmeier
3-16 Rich Bohm
3-23 Rick Robbins
3-30 Nadine Morris

FELLOWSHIP/TREATS

3-2 Windmeiers
3-9 Hammersmarks
3-16 Browns
3-23 Sharon Whipple
3-30 Skaris and Liz Bachmeier

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact someone in that category to arrange a trade. This is your responsibility. Please call or email Sarah at the church office (322-9423 /CLCWheatland@gmail.com) with your trade info so that it can be included correctly in the Sunday Bulletin. THANK YOU!

MARCH 2014

Sun	M	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 MEN'S GROUP @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
2 FAITH, FOOD, AND FILM 5:00 PM	3	4 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER 5:00 PM	5 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	6 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	7	8
9 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	10	11 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	12 SOUP AND SERVICE 5:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	13 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	14	15
16 TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	17 	18 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	19 SOUP AND SERVICE 5:30 PM	20 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	21 DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER ITEMS	22
23 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	24	25 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	26 SOUP AND SERVICE 5:30 PM	27 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	28	29 
30 PRAISE BAND SERVICE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	31					

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Sunday
Sunday School: 10:30 am Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 10:30 am Sunday