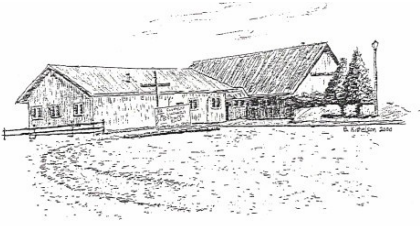


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Lent seems to come from the same place that the English word “Lengthen” comes from. The agricultural people of the time, when Christianity became a part of English, noticed that it happened when their crops were lengthening and growing taller, and it’s been called Lent in English ever since. Other languages seem to call it some variation on “The Forty Days”, or “The Fast”, but we are different.

But that difference points to something. During Lent, it’s not only the plants that grow. In our Lenten disciplines of fasting, charity, and prayer, we grow in faith and understanding as well. We learn to understand the plight of those without enough when we fast. We respond to that understanding from our abundance when we give. We deepen our faith when we pray in thanksgiving to God for all that God has given us.

Lent is a time of growth, for our crops, and for ourselves. I hope and pray that we will all share in that “lengthening”.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 2016**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Pastor Joshua

Roll Call:

Jim Lockwood, Joel McKee, Connie Thomas, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Rick Robbins, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, Lloyd Koerwitz, Nadine Morris, Beth Morris, Pastor Joshua, Sarah Jesse, Marge Scholten, Shelley Sterling.
Absent: Woody Shore, Jennifer Bruns, Reed Elmquist, Rich Bohm

Additions to Agenda: Devotion sheet for 2016, Under Old Business: Columbarium. New Business: Missions Project & Grievance class.

Thrift Store: A grant has been approved for Granny's Attic for new windows and doors. A grant has been sent in for the Thrift store to be done as well but haven't heard anything yet.

| | Receipts | Assistance | Ending Ck Bal | Ending Sav Bal |
|-----------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Thrift Store | \$6,788.55 | \$0 | \$1,715.15 | \$9,195.45 |
| Grandma's Attic | \$3,629.44 | \$45.00 | \$6,637.70 | NA |

Correspondence: Camp handouts for children and youth. If interested see Pastor Joshua.

Reports:

Secretary: Rick made a motion to accept the minutes, Nancy 2nd, motion carried.

Financial Secretary: Joel made a motion to accept the report, Beth 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer: Reno made a motion, Terry 2nd to accept the report. With further discussion the motion was passed.

President: No report.

Elders: Half of our members are new. Now serving are: Joel, Reno, Woody & Jennifer. Reno thanked Connie for her help the past 4 years.

Trustees: Pastor Joshua mentioned that there's a drip from the sink in the men's bathroom needing to be fixed. The motion light on the east of old fellowship hall needs to be checked.

Pastor: Written report available on the bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: Sunday school is going well.

Youth: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship: Palms will be used for the Palm Sunday Service. Looking for readers the week of Easter. Sign up sheet for those interested in bringing soup for the lent services the few weeks are located by the boxes.

Women of ELCA: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Men of Covenant: Good turn out for Shrove Tuesday. Easter breakfast is the next big event and it'll be served between the sunrise service and regular service.

Outreach: Things are going well.

Altar Guild: Gail Thompson has joined the group. Lots of changes from now until Easter.

Landscape: Thanks to everyone who has helped shovel the sidewalks and plow the parking lot.

Old Business:

Connie updated everyone on the columbarium. The proposal to the town council will be March 14th. It is being asked to budget \$75,000 for the columbarium. It will be located in the cemetery. Each niche is 12x12x12, enough for 2 urns to be in them.

New Business:

Rick suggested a missions project for a student in Kenya who has to pay for his high school. Hawkins Lumasia will be a freshman and it will cost him \$400 to attend. Rick made a motion to pay \$400 out of our designated account for missions. Lloyd 2nd, motion passed.

Jim mentioned we have lost quite a few of our church members and that it may be beneficial for the congregation to have a grievance class. Pastor Joshua will look into it. Reno suggested that the worship committee could also think about having a healing service.

Nancy will be retiring from the bank April 1st. She asked for authorization for her to access the accounts since she is the financial secretary. It is for informational purposes only. Lloyd made a motion to allow her access, Joel 2nd, motion carried.

The devotion sheet was passed around for those who wanted to sign up for this year.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: 3/10/16

Devotions for next meeting: Jim Lockwood

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Sterling, Secretary



8th Kael Rose
 11th Tonya Morrison
 12th Dawn McKee
 19th Samuel Jesse
 21st Tifanie Ehde
 26th Coan Price
 30th Terry Lubeck
 Hollee Bosch
 Kara Mattern
 Amy Windmeier
 31st Shawn Morris

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.



10th Woody and Karen Shore
 *55 years

The Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly is
 scheduled for April 28th – 30th in Loveland,
 CO. Please speak to Pastor Joshua if you
 would be interested in attending.

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Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm
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 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 Lenten Soup & Services continue on Wednesday evenings: March 2, 9, and 16. We begin with soup and fellowship at 5:30 followed by the service. A sign-up sheet for bringing soup is posted by the church mailboxes.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service: March 24th 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service: March 25th 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil Service: March 26th 7:00 pm
Sunrise Service: March 27th 6:30 am
Easter Service: March 27th 9:00 am

A sign up sheet for helping with services during Holy Week is located by the church mailboxes.



At the January council meeting Rick Robbins presented a missions opportunity for our congregation. Sandy Cooper contacted him and asked for a donation for a student in Kenya who has to pay for high school. Hawkins Lumasia will be a freshman and costs him \$400 to attend. The council voted to provide this tuition money for one year. Below is a copy of the thank you note we received:

Dear Rick and Arlene,

On behalf of Catherine and her son, Hawkins, I want to thank you and your fellow church-committee members for your huge generosity and kindness. Hawkins' annual school fees represent a massive amount of money to Catherine, and she still probably doesn't believe the good fortune that has come her way.

I can't tell you how important a secondary -school education means to Hawkins and his family's future welfare. It's almost incalculable.

I'd be grateful if you would share this note of thanks with others at Covenant Lutheran Church. And I'll establish contact between Hawkins, his mother, and members of the church so that you can share in his progress. Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

*Best regards,
Sandy Cooper*

MARCH SERVERS

| | ELDER | | ASSISTANT | | GREETERS |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 3-6 | Reno Taylor | 3-6 | Woody Shore | 3-6 | Carolyn Walters |
| 3-13 | Joel McKee | 3-13 | Reno Taylor | 3-13 | Bob & Sharon Catchpole |
| 3-20 | Jennifer Bruns | 3-20 | Joel McKee | 3-20 | Nadine Morris |
| 3-27 6:30 | TBA | 3-27 6:30 | TBA | 3-27 6:30 | Don & Judy Race |
| 9:00 | TBA | 9:00 | TBA | 9:00 | Larry & Joan McKee |
| | ACOLYTE | | READER | | USHERS |
| 3-6 | Eleni McKee | 3-6 | Jeff Brown | 3-6 | Jeff & Shari Brown |
| 3-13 | Gage Brown | 3-13 | Larry McKee | 3-13 | Bob & Sharon Catchpole |
| 3-20 | Sam Jesse | 3-20 | Connie Thomas (maybe) | 3-20 | Terry & Nancy Lubeck |
| 3-27 6:30 | TBA | 3-27 6:30 | Nancy Lubeck | 3-27 6:30 | Earl Schumann & CA Thomas |
| 9:00 | TBA | 9:00 | Larry McKee | 9:00 | Larry & Joan McKee |
| | MUSICIAN | | ALTAR CARE | | VISITATION |
| 3-6 | Lisa Young | 3-6 | Gail Thompson | 3-6 | Nadine Morris |
| 3-13 | Lisa Young | 3-13 | Rena Kittelson | 3-13 | Lloyd Koerwitz |
| 3-20 | Nancy Schumann | 3-20 | Gail Mattern | 3-20 | Stu Hammersmark |
| 3-27 6:30 | Nancy Schumann | 3-27 6:30 | Marge Scholten | 3-27 6:30 | Rich Bohm |
| 9:00 | Nancy Schumann | 9:00 | | 9:00 | XXXXXX |
| | FELLOWSHIP | | SUNDAY SCHOOL | | |
| 3-6 | Gail Thompson | 3-6 | Group #1: Thad Ehde Group #2: Dawn McKee | | |
| 3-13 | Cindy Anderson | 3-13 | Group #1: Melissa Garcia Group #2: Beth Morris | | |
| 3-20 | Nadine Morris | 3-20 | No Sunday School today | | |
| 3-27 6:30 | XXXX | 3-27 6:30 | No Sunday School today | | |
| 9:00 | XXXXX | 9:00 | | | |

MARCH



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM | 2 SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM CHOIR/BELL PRACTICE | 3 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM | 4 | 5 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM |
| 6 SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM | 7 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM | 8 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM | 9 SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM CHOIR/BELL PRACTICE | 10 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM | 11 | 12 |
| 13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM | 14 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM | 15 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH @ 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM | 16 SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM CHOIR/BELL PRACTICE | 17 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM | 18 | 19 |
| 20 PALM SUNDAY | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM | 25 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM | 26 EASTER VIGIL SERVICE 7:00 PM |
| 27 SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 AM EASTER SERVICE 9:00 AM NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM | | |