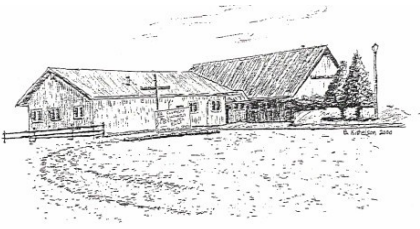


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# Covenant

This past month, Bishop Gonja and a few others traveled to visit our companion synods in the north of Madagaascar. As a part of the Lutheran World Federation, synods and conferences from all over the world have been paired up to share a global vision of the church. Thirty some years ago, we in the Rocky Mountain Synod were connected with the Mahajanga Synod in Madagascar.

Since then, the Malagasy Lutheran Church has grown so significantly that what was the Mahajanga synod is now four synods; the Boeny Mahajunga, Sofia, Antsiranana, and Avaratra Atsinanana synods. Through our connections with all four of them, we continue to do new work there; sharing teachers for our seminaries, trading our experiences of God, and finding companionship across the globe. The Malagasy Lutheran church has a special place in Health Care in Madagascar, and we have given time, money, and personnel in support of their mission.

We Are Church together, for the sake of the world. Our work in Madagascar is one way that, even from Wheatland, we are sharing the gospel around the globe.

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## **COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Church Council Minutes**

**February 16, 2017**

#### **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Richard Robbins, President.

#### **Devotions:**

Devotions were led by Shelley Sterling.

#### **Roll Call:**

**Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Nancy Lubeck, Shelley Sterling, Beth Morris, Reno Taylor, Marge Scholten, Woody Shore, Terry Lubeck, Richard Robbins, Sarah Jesse, Melissa Garcia, Joel McKee and Nadine Morris.**

**Absent: Jennifer Bruns, C.A. Thomas, and Connie Thomas.**

**Additions to Agenda:** Under New Business: New signers on signature cards for church accounts.

**Thrift Store:** Marge Scholten reported that things were going fine at both stores. Orphan Grain Train came on February 4, 2017. Insurance was paid on vans. There have been and will be contributions to the school Book Fairs. \$1,861.88 in assistance was done. Small room at Grandma's Attic is ready to open. Range hood is being sold to David Weber's church, possibly the sink too.

Community Thrift Store: \$6,194.86 Receipts; \$5,809.20 Disbursements; \$3,435.53 ending checking balance.

Grandma's Attic : \$455.26 Receipts; \$3,288.04 Disbursements; \$2,015.86 ending checking balance.

**Correspondence:** Pastor Joshua Bruns reminded us about the Synod Assembly to be held in Colorado Springs, CO on May 5-7, 2017. One man and one woman from the congregation are needed to attend. This is very important and if anyone is interested please contact Pastor.

#### **Reports:**

**Secretary:** There were two corrections to the minutes. Under Elders's report it should read "They will make some changes for next year's INSIDE Christmas decorating to make more room to maneuver around the pulpit . Under Hospitality, the spelling of Deitrick was changed to Detrick. With corrections noted, Jim Lockwood moved to approve with Terry Lubeck seconding. Motion passed.

**Financial Secretary:** Joel McKee moved to approve as presented, Reno Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Nancy Lubeck moved to approve as presented and Terry Lubeck seconded. Motion passed.

**President:** Jim thanked the past council members and the future council members for serving.

**Elders:** Things going well. Scheduling was discussed and will be worked out among the elders.

**Trustees:** Terry Lubeck reported that he and C.A. Thomas had repaired the overhead door on the garage. Several volunteers had replaced the ceiling lights in the sanctuary and it was labor intensive. Thank you to them.

**Pastor:** See report on bulletin board. Lent begins in March. Shrove Tuesday is February 28, 2017 with the Episcopal church hosting. Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017 with noon and 6:30 pm. services. Lenten Soup suppers begin on March 8, 2017. Joint prayer service with Rocky Mountain Synod and Roman Catholic Diocese on April 22, 2017 in Casper. Celebrating 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. A new mission statement was approved at the Rocky Mt Synod strategic planning meeting "Together we proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world." Pastor suggested that we may want to review our (CLC) mission statement. We will talk about at the next Council meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Youth:** Pastor Joshua and Sarah Jesse reported that the joint youth meetings on Sunday evenings at the Episcopal church are going well. Attendance for the younger youth is very good, it is very hard and frustrating to get the older youth to attend.

**Stewardship:** Nothing new to report.

**Worship:** Lenten services were discussed. Worship Committee meeting soon.

**Women of the ELCA:** Nothing to report.

**Hospitality:** Nothing to report.

**Men of Covenant:** Richard Robbins reported there was a big group for Men's Breakfast this month. They will be working with All Saint's Episcopal to do the Shrove Tuesday Supper on February 28, 2017.

**Outreach:** Pastor Joshua visited Dorothy and Kenneth Hanks. Bonnie Jenkins was not at Nursing Home when Rick Robbins went to give her a CD.

**Altar Guild:** Nothing to report.

**Landscape:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

Council discussed having an audit of the church accounts. Pastor Joshua Bruns will ask Jeff Brown to help Woody Shore with this audit.

**New Business:**

It was determined that new signature cards for the bank's two checking accounts and two savings accounts with First State Bank will need to be changed to delete Shelley Sterling and James Lockwood and add Richard Robbins and Nancy Lubeck. Nancy Lubeck will take minutes to First State Bank to get new cards started. Signature cards for the Thrift store accounts will also need to be changed. Marge Scholten will take care of with Platte Valley Bank.

A letter from Black Hills Energy was received regarding appliance insurance for the church. Terry Lubeck was asked to check on the cost and make a recommendation to the Council. It may be a good idea to cover the furnaces, hot water heaters and air conditioner.

Next month's meeting date falls on the dates when Pastor Joshua is gone for Candidacy Committee meeting in Denver, it was decided to change next Council meeting to March 16, 2017.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be March 16, 2017.

Devotions for next meeting: Richard Robbins

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Lubeck, Secretary



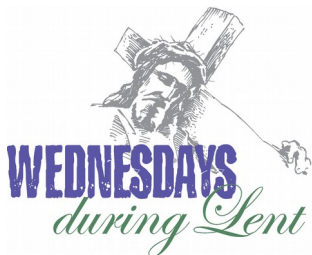
8<sup>th</sup> Tonya Morrison  
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 12<sup>th</sup> Samuel Jesse  
 19<sup>th</sup> Tifanie Ehde  
 21<sup>st</sup> Coan Price  
 26<sup>th</sup> Terry Lubeck  
 30<sup>th</sup> Hollee Bosch  
 Kara Mattern  
 Amy Windmeier  
 31<sup>st</sup> Shawn Morris

#### 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.



10<sup>th</sup> Woody and Karen Shore  
 \*56 years



The Lenten Soup & Services will be held on Wednesday evenings: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. 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.

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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

# MARCH SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
3-5	Reno Taylor	3-5	Woody Shore	3-5	Reva Hammersmark
3-12	Joel McKee	3-12	Reno Taylor	3-12	Liz Bachmeier
3-19	Connie Thomas	3-19	Joel McKee	3-19	Peggy Ingold
3-26	Woody Shore	3-26	Connie Thomas	3-26	Judy Windmeier
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
3-5	Eleni McKee	3-5	Rich Bohm	3-5	Stu Hammersmark & Floyd Ingold
3-12	William Jesse	3-12	Any volunteers?	3-12	Woody and Karen Shore
3-19	Gage Brown	3-19	Rich Bohm	3-19	Stu Hammersmark & Floyd Ingold
3-26	Sam Jesse	3-26	Karen Shore	3-26	Judy Windmeier & Karen Shore
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
3-5	Lisa Young	3-5	Marge Scholten	3-5	Stu Hammersmark
3-12	Lisa Young	3-12	Hollee Bosch	3-12	Rich Bohm
3-19	Lisa Young	3-19	Judy Windmeier	3-19	Rick Robbins
3-26	Lisa Young	3-26	Rena Kittelson	3-26	Nadine Morris
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
3-5	Judy Windmeier	3-5	Thad Ehde		
3-12	Liz Bachmeier	3-12	Beth Morris		
3-19	Linda Snook	3-19	Carolyn Walters		
3-26	Karen Shore	3-26	Inter-generational		

# MARCH



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 ASH WED SERVICE 12:30 PM  ASH WED SERVICE 6:30 PM	2 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	3	4  MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
5  SUNDAY SCHOOL  YOUTH GROUP TO NURSING HOME 3:45-5:00 PM  TAIZE 7:45 PM	6	7  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	8  SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM	9  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	10	11
12  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  SUNDAY SCHOOL  YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM  TAIZE 7:45 PM	13	14  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	15  SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM	16  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM  COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	17	18
19  SUNDAY SCHOOL  YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM  TAIZE 7:45 PM	20	21  DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM  WELCA B-DAY LUNCH @ 11:30 AM  PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM  WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	22  SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM	23	24	25
26  INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL  NURSING HOME 2:00 PM  YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM  TAIZE 7:45 PM	27	28	29  SOUP & SERVICE 5:30 PM	30  BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	31	