



Covenant

To the best of my knowledge, it has not been the tradition of Covenant to celebrate the festival of Jesus' Ascension, but it is quite old as festivals go. Following the dating given in the beginning of Acts, it dates to forty days after Easter (always a Thursday, which may be why we don't usually celebrate it), and so it's on May 29th this year.

Ascension is often connected with the growing season that it falls in, so celebrations tend to have some connection with agriculture. It's a day for blessing the First Fruits of the fields, for praying for blessings on those fields, and for sharing together in the initial harvests. One congregation I've been a part of would, after the service that evening, gather for strawberry shortcake (since strawberry season is usually in fairly full force around Ascension). That seems like a pretty good idea to me.

Within the church, though, the Ascension serves a few different purposes. It marks Jesus' departure "to prepare a place" for us, and it follows Old Testament traditions about great men being taken up into heaven, like Moses or Elijah. But maybe most importantly, it serves as a sort of cosmic "Jesus has left the building" announcement, telling us that it's time for us to focus on our work here on Earth, rather than simply looking to Jesus to fix everything for us. It establishes us as the church to be the Body of Christ in the world, with a job to do, and workers to do it.

This year, I think that we might celebrate the Ascension, simply because we haven't lately, and it is an interesting thing. Its placement just before Pentecost might just give us a new lens and better focus on what we are called to do as the church. I hope to see you there.

Pastor Joshua

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 10, 2014

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Beth Morris.

Roll Call:

Melissa Garcia, Reed Elmquist, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Nancy Lubeck, Teresa Sherrill, Stu Hammersmark, Dorothy Lockwood, Terry Lubeck, Rick Robbins, Connie Thomas, Christy Watkins, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholton

Absent: Lee Morrison,

Additions to Agenda: Youth Representative, update on constitution, Both added to old business.

Thrift Store: Grant monies are on hold. Driver/insurance policies have been written and are in the van and seem to be working, both vans getting good use.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Balance
Community Thrift Store	\$9089.28	\$495.11	\$5529.77	\$11449.85
Grandma's Attic	\$2256.01	\$300	\$4385.96	

Correspondence: The Episcopal Church sent a thank you card to us for hosting the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. Source gas sent a card notifying us that it is time to make our gas provider decision. (Added to new business).

Reports:

Secretary: Christy moved and Nancy 2nd to accept the secretary's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Financial Secretary: Jim moved and Rick 2nd to accept the financial secretary's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

Treasurer: Rick moved and Terry 2nd to accept the treasure's report as written. Motion carried. Report posted on bulletin board.

President: Lent soup suppers and services have been going well. Will have treats for landscape work day. Reminded everyone that there is a piano recital April 13.

Elders: Everything going well.

Trustees: Fertilizing and general yard work has started.

Pastor: Written report available on bulletin board. Pastor also informed us that he has been called for jury duty. The photo directory is out and on line, please let the church office know if you desire any changes.

Committee Reports:

Education: There will be stuffing of Easter eggs Wednesday before Easter. May 18th will be the last Sunday for Sunday school. Vacation bible school will be June 29 thru July 2. Theresa announced that Dan has accepted a job in Rapid City, and that the Sherrill's will be moving this summer. We're going to miss you guys.

Youth: No youth rep. appointed.

Stewardship: No meeting this month. Some urgent needs for kids have been brought to our attention, and they are being worked on.

Worship: Praise in the park has been scheduled for June 29th, this will be followed by a pot luck and kickoff VBS.

Women of ELCA: No Mother's day tea this year. The stuff sale will be May 2nd and 3rd.

Hospitality: We need to know who is graduating so we can get their name on the cake celebrating upcoming graduations.

Men of Covenant: Easter breakfast has been planned, the guys will be putting it all together Saturday morning.

Outreach: Still visiting everyone.

Altar Guild: Easter is all worked out.

Landscape: All work day is Saturday April 12, please attend if you can.

Old Business: We are still looking for a youth rep. anyone have any ideas? Theresa will talk to other church's about some kind of a youth night.

No progress on constitution lately.

New Business: Rich moved to have Melissa call around, gather information, and then make our choice for a gas provider this year. Beth 2nd, Motion carried

The stuff sale will be May 2nd and 3rd, start bringing your stuff starting April 28th. Large items can be stored in the garage.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting May 8, 2014

Devotions for next Meeting: Teresa Sherrill

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lockwood, Secretary

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May Birthdays

2nd	Verna Hilderbrand
	Jeff Brown
4th	Reno Taylor
	Dave Miller
5th	Deana Haeffelin
8th	Jack Hudson
	Crissy Lauck
15th	Terry Meier
18th	Aiden Walters
19th	Michael Jesse
21st	Judy Windmeier
	Kevin Sluss
	Nicole Dingman
23rd	Clay Morrison
26th	Judy Race
27th	Cody Garcia
	Courtney Jenkins
29th	Joel McKee
30th	Reva Hammersmark
31st	Stu Hammersmark
	Jim Prince



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

May Anniversaries

2nd	Mike & Kathy Hahn
7th	Del & Liz Bitterman
9th	Kevin & Sue Sluss
12th	Perry & Melissa Garcia
17th	Bill & Judy Windmeier



GODFATHERS

Godfathers

**MEET AT 7:30 AM
SATURDAY,
May 3rd
AT**



Tasty Treats

ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO COME !

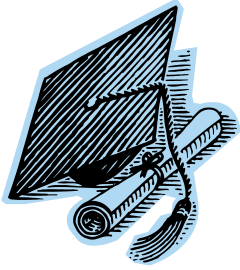
Landscaping Workday

April 12, 2014



**Many thanks to everyone who came
and helped. A lot of work was
accomplished and it looks great.
Your hard work is greatly
appreciated!**

GRADUATION 2014



Congratulations to the following 2014 graduates:

Clare Hansen, daughter of Red and Reno Taylor, will graduate from Casper College on May 16 with an Associates of Arts Degree in Dance. Clare's next goal is to obtain a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Dance so that she can perform professionally.

Kaycee Cordingly, daughter of Robert and Teri Cordingly, finished her Associate of Science Degree in December and will walk with her graduating class at the Eastern Wyoming College graduation ceremony on May 9th. Kaycee has already begun her studies at the University of Wyoming. She is working towards a degree in Agriculture Education. She hopes to become a county 4-H coordinator or an Ag teacher.

Paige Bosch, daughter of Ron and Hollee Bosch, will graduate from Pacific School of Optometry (Forrest Grove, OR) with a doctorate in Optometry on May 17th. In July she will attend Commissioned Officers Training as a captain in the Air Force. She will serve for three years and will be stationed at FE Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne.

Tiffani Dingman, daughter of Richard and Nicole Dingman and granddaughter of Don and Carol Dingman, will graduate from Wheatland High School on Sunday, May 18th. Tiffani plans to attend Laramie County Community College and study nursing.

Kevin Thomas, son of C.A. and Connie Thomas, has finished Army Basic Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He graduated from Basic on April 18th and spent the weekend with his wife, Chelsea; boys, Zach and Dart; and his parents. Kevin is now attending his AIT Training in Navigation at Fort Benning. He will receive his Blue Cord on May 15th and will graduate on May 16th in his Dress Blues. The family will once again attend. Kevin will be able to fly home with his family on May 17th and spend 5 days in Wheatland. Kevin and his family will be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, but there is a possibility of a station at Fort Carson, CO. The family thanks everyone for their continued prayers for Kevin and his family in the changes of their lives.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates. We will be recognizing them on Sunday, May 18th during our fellowship time after church. Please join us in celebrating them and their accomplishments.

MAY SERVERS

ELDERS

5-4 Christy Watkins
5-11 Rich Bohm
5-18 Rick Robbins
5-25 Connie Thomas

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5-4 Connie Thomas
5-11 Christy Watkins
5-18 Rich Bohm
5-25 Rick Robbins

ACOLYTES

5-4 Raegan Ehde
5-11 Gage Brown
5-18 Abby Sherrill
5-25 Mekayla Garcia

GREETERS

5-4 Don & Carol
Dingman
5-11 Christy Watkins
5-18 Beth Morris
5-25 Tatum Hudson &
kids

USHERS

5-4 Terry & Nancy
Lubeck
5-11 Sarah Miller &
Jim Lockwood
5-18 Frank & Sam
Jesse
5-25 Any volunteers?

READER

5-4 Rena Kittelson
5-11 Sarah Miller
5-18 Sarah Jesse
5-25 Christy Watkins

MUSICIAN

5-4 Mary Seim
5-11 Nancy Schumann
5-18 Gwen Seidel
5-25 Sarah Rodocker

ALTAR CARE

5-4 Judy Windmeier
5-11 Christy Watkins
5-18 Rena Kittelson
5-25 Gail Mattern

VISITATION

5-4 Nadine Morris
5-11 Cheryl Meier
5-18 Dorothy Lockwood
5-25 Bill Windmeier

FELLOWSHIP/TREATS

5-4 Carol Dingman/Dorothy Lockwood
5-11 Terry & Nancy Lubeck
5-18 Graduation Celebration
5-25 Rena Kittelson

MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SET UP FOR STUFF SALE 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	2 STUFF SALE 8:00—4:00	3 MEN'S GROUP 7:30 AM STUFF SALE 8:00—12:00
4 TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	5	6 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	7 CHOIR PRACTICE 7:00 PM	8	9	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	12	13 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	14	15 ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN 11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	16	17
18 LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION 2:00 PM TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	19	20 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	21	22 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	23	24
25 NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 PM	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	28	29 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM ASCENSION SERVICE 7:00 PM	30	31

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 Sunday School: 10:30 am Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 10:30 am Sunday