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Beginning this month I will start working on the Rocky Mountain Synod's Candidacy Committee which will sadly necessitate some travel, mostly to Colorado and the Bishop's office. Each synod's Candidacy Committee was formed to shepherd and guide candidates for ordained ministry in the ELCA, the people who feel that they have discerned a call and are in the process of going to seminary to fulfill it.

The candidacy process is largely reliant on three major steps: Entrance, Endorsement, and Approval.

Before going to seminary, initial interviews are set up with the committee (which meets three times a year) where the candidates discuss their sense of call, what they expect out of seminary and ordained ministry, and talk about their hopes and concerns. After a positive entrance decision, a member of the candidacy committee is assigned to shepherd each candidate through the rest of the process.

Endorsement of the committee is necessary before internship and involves even more work in the form of an essay, Clinical Pastoral Education (most often three months intern chaplaincy in a hospital), and another interview with the committee to discuss strengths, weaknesses, and preparedness for a full year of internship. Often the committee will request specific things from the candidate at this point, such as spiritual direction or counseling, to better prepare him/her for internship.

After internship, not long before graduation, is the approval step. There is, of course, one more essay and a number of forms to fill out, and one more interview with the candidacy committee to discuss and demonstrate readiness for ordained ministry. Following approval, the candidate's information is sent to the conference of bishops where he/she is assigned to a region and synod to start the call process.

It is clearly a complicated process and one that I hope I can be helpful in – having been through it relatively recently myself. I can remember, maybe a little more clearly than others, the apprehension and excitement that come with each step on the way to ordained ministry. This will involve me spending a few days out of town, three times a year, but it is a wonderful way for our congregation to provide for the future leadership of our church. If you have any questions you can talk to me or go to the ELCA website at www.elca.org/candidacy.

Pastor Joshua

Covenant

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**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 10, 2013**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Thad Ehde

Roll Call:

Present: Thad Ehde, Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Red Taylor, Reno Taylor, Sarah Rodocker, Stu Hammersmark, Rick Robbins, C.A. Thomas, Connie Thomas, Joel McKee, Cody Garcia.

Absent: Nancy Lubeck, Christy Watkins.

Additions to Agenda:

Thrift Store employee needs dental assistance.

Thrift Store:

Took in receipts of \$7,527, and had expenses of \$7,074. Working on grant monies for a lift van. Has a good deal of holiday letterhead available if we would like to undertake a writing campaign of some sort.

Correspondence:

NONE

Reports:

Secretary: Reno moved, and Red 2nd to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary: No report submitted, will review at next meeting.

Treasurer: Rick moved, and C.A. 2nd to accept report as written. Motion carried.

President: Several council positions are available please start recruiting for your position. Positions that are available include: President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Trustees, 2 Elders 1 Member at Large, and Educational Chair.

Elders: Everything going well.

Trustees: Hot water heater not working, time to drain sprinkler system, and had some tree damage due to snow storm.

Pastor: Written report available on bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: Pumpkin decorating will be 10/13. Silent auction bids will be taken 10/20 and 10/27 and the winners will be announced 10/27 and pumpkins can be taken to enjoy. Kids will sing 11/3 and there Christmas program will be 12/15. Don't miss these special days. Thanks to Joel M. and Sarah J. for your work as substitute Sunday school teachers.

Youth: Sunday school discussing alternative Religious traditions.

Stewardship: No meeting this month.

Worship: Meeting and working out services for next couple of months.

Women of the ELCA: Annual thank offering will be Nov 17. Need leaders for adult Sunday class.

Hospitality: Had cake for first communion class.

Men of Covenant: 4 hearty souls made it through the snow to Tasty Treats for fellowship.

Need to do some fixes for the Fosters.

Outreach: Still need volunteers for visits.

Altar Guild: Getting ready for color changes.

Landscape: Still need to plan another workday.

Old Business:

Jim moved, and Red 2nd to accept Steve Seim to fill open Trustee position until council elections.

New Business:

Joel moved, and Stu 2nd to allow Marge S. to give assistance monies from the Thrift Store, to the Thrift Store employee needing dental work. Motion carried.

A committee needs to be formed to update our Church constitution. Updates should be ready for approval by council, and submitted for congregational vote at our annual meeting. Rick R volunteered to head the committee.

Due to several conflicts in schedule November's council meeting will be Nov. 21.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: November 21

Devotions for next Meeting: C.A. Thomas

Respectfully Submitted;

Jim Lockwood



Our Sunday School children enjoying some dress-up time! Back Row: Mekayla, Peter, Raegan, and Will
Front Row: Mekenna, Fletcher, Michael, Hudson, Eleni and Avery.

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Thankofferings: Continuing the Tradition

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAYS

November

3rd	<i>Gwen Seidel</i>
7th	<i>Marge Scholten</i>
9th	<i>Susan Wilhelm</i>
11th	<i>Teresa Sherrill</i>
18th	<i>Shyanne Evans</i>
23rd	<i>Shari Brown</i>
27th	<i>Mary Seim</i>



Anniversaries in November

14th Tom & Deana Haeffelin



Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us.

Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Giving Thankofferings is grounded in scripture and in our constitution. "All income, whether received by the unit, cluster or conference, synodical or churchwide organizations, shall be viewed as being given to the total program of Women of the ELCA.

... Thankofferings shall be gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings. These offerings shall be received by the unit and transmitted in full to the churchwide organization for the support of the ministries of this organization and the church" (Article X, Churchwide Women's Organization Constitution, Section 4, Item 1). The living words of our purpose statement further encourage our stewardship.

And stewardship is not just about providing assistance to others. It is also about provoking others to recognize their power to implement change through their offerings. It was this hope of change that motivated the women's cent societies 200 years ago, and it is the same today. Inspired by our spiritual foremothers, we continue to see our witness to the gospel, our capacity to serve and our community of women grow through our offerings.

You are invited to our annual Women's Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 9:00am.

CHILDREN'S NEWS



On Sunday, October 6, we celebrated the First Communion of Mekayla Garcia, Peter Jesse, and Raegan Ehde. Congratulations!



We have many things coming up in the next month! Please pay attention to the dates below and mark your calendars!

November 10th: Kids sing during service.
Start Christmas program practice during Sunday School - please have your children present as much as possible in the following weeks!

November 17th & 24th: Christmas program practice

December 1st: No Sunday School

December 8th: Christmas program practice

December 14th: Christmas program practice
9:30-10:30 am

December 15: Sunday School Christmas program
No Sunday School

December 22nd & 29th: No Sunday School

January 5th: Sunday School resumes

Please contact Dawn, Teresa or Sarah R. with any questions. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP

Unfortunately, the October Youth cook-out, bonfire, and hayrack ride had to be postponed due to inclement weather. We hope to reschedule the event or plan something new for November. Stay tuned!!

THANK YOU!

Once again, thank you for all the support in our Pumpkin Auction! We raised \$460 for our Vacation Bible School next summer! You are a wonderful congregation who support our children's activities whole-heartedly! We can't thank you enough! We hope that the pumpkins brought joy to your home, office, or wherever they sat!



What are the kids up to?

As we continue this school year, we want to acknowledge, promote, and celebrate the activities that our young people are involved in through the schools, sports, and other community events. Please help us stay informed about what our kids are up to by informing the office of any activities and events that may be taking place. Tell us about all of their sporting events, concerts, school plays, recitals, and anything else they're involved in. Even if we can't attend each activity we still want to share in their successes and other causes for celebration. It's important for all of us to support the positive actions of the young people of our congregation and community.

Please call or email the office with dates and times of activities that can be added to our calendar, and any announcements that can be added to our weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, and website.

Thank you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Nate Laney
11th Brandon Zimmerman
12th Justin Robbins
22nd Brandon Skari
25th Allen Foster
27th Dan Sherrill
28th Red Taylor
30th George Taylor



We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas after our regular service on Sunday, November 24th. Everyone's help is appreciated. After the decorating is done everyone is invited to a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Thank You!

To Our Church Family: We are always grateful for love, compassion, and thoughtfulness. You have proved again that Lutherans are the best cooks! We know that God lives in all of you by your actions and prayers for us. We hope that we too live up to the standards you have set in your lives as we know God lives in your hearts.

The Lockwoods
Merl, Dorothy and Jim



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

MEN'S GROUP

**MEETS AT
7:30 AM
SATURDAY,
November 2nd**



**AT
Tasty Treats**

Godfathers

ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO COME !



Are You Willing to Serve?

At the annual meeting in January there are several council positions that will need to be filled. If you would like to be considered for any of the following positions please let one of the current council members know: Vice-President, Elder, Treasurer, Secretary, Education, Trustee (2), or Member At Large.

Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents to the church council.

Thank you!

NOVEMBER SERVERS

ELDERS

11-3 Christy Watkins
11-10 Joel McKee
11-17 Rick Robbins
11-24 Connie Thomas

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

11-3 Connie Thomas
11-10 Christy Watkins
11-17 Joel McKee
11-24 Rick Robbins

ACOLYTES

11-3 Jamison Brown
11-10 Cody Garcia
11-17 Peter Jesse
11-24 Raegan Ehde

USHERS

11-3 Lorretta Lauck
11-10 Rick & Arlene Robbins
11-17
11-24 Joanne Harnish

READERS

11-3 Arlene Robbins
11-10 Suzanne Strom
11-17
11-24 Dorothy Stevenson

GREETERS

11-3 Bill & Judy Windmeier
11-10 Suzanne Strom
11-17
11-24 Lorretta Lauck

MUSICIAN

11-3 Mary Seim
11-10 Sarah Rodocker
11-17 Nancy Schumann
11-24 Lisa Young

ALTAR CARE

11-3 Marge Scholten
11-10 Hollee Bosch
11-17 Judy Windmeier
11-24 Christy Watkins

VISITATION



11-3 Rick Robbins
11-10 Nadine Morris
11-17 Cheryl Meier
11-24 Bill Windmeier

FELLOWSHIP/TREATS

11-3 Rick & Arlene Robbins
11-10 Bill & Judy Windmeier
11-17
11-24 Mike & Tonya Munari

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!

NOVEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 MEN'S GROUP @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	4	5 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	6 CHOIR 6:00 PM	7 NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY	8	9
10 CHILDREN SINGING DURING SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE	11 VETERANS DAY	12 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	13 CHOIR 6:00 PM	14 NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY	15	16
17 THANKOFFERING SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE	18	19 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	20 CHOIR 6:00 PM BELLS 7:00 PM THRIVENT 8:00 PM	21 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	22	23
24 DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS & POTLUCK LUNCH SUNDAY SCHOOL PRACTICE NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE TBA	25	26 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY 	29	30

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