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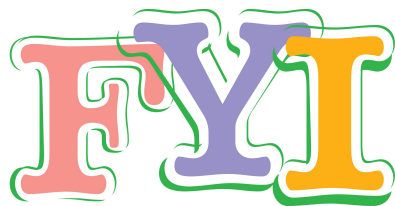
If you open a red hymnal to page 54, you'll come across a list of lesser festivals and commemorations. These are dates that remember an important person (or important people), but don't usually get celebrated unless they happen to be on a Sunday. The first one on the list is Saint Andrew, traditionally the first disciple of Jesus.

Unfortunately, being the first one on the list means that when November 30th is on a Sunday, it's also the first Sunday of Advent. So we don't do much for Saint Andrew, at least any more. At one point, his day was the last of a sequence of Autumn "Craft Feasts", where different craftsmen sold what they'd been working on over the summer. Andrew, as a fisherman, is related to fishermen and their tools, so ropes and nets were blessed and shown that day, along with the craftsmen themselves. Their similarities meant that women often celebrated and sold their lace workings at the feast as well. Industrialization has changed the feast a little bit, and crackdowns on public drunkenness may have had their part as well (We have records of odd folk songs that include phrases like, "On the 25th of October; cursed be the cobbler who goes to bed sober." The 25th of October is Saints Crispin and Crispinian's day, patron saints of shoemakers).

Andrew is first on the list because he is traditionally understood to be the first disciple. Luke doesn't seem to mention the first calling of disciples, but in Matthew and Mark, Jesus calls to Peter and Andrew on the seaside, telling them that they will be fishers of men. They drop their nets and come with him. John's gospel clarifies that Andrew comes to Jesus first, and the first thing he does is to go and bring his brother. This is the beginning of Jesus' ministry with others.

As we prepare to begin another church year, we might think about Andrew a little bit – how he jumped at the opportunity Jesus gave him, and how his first desire is to share what he has learned from Jesus with those close to him. We have an opportunity this Advent and Christmas to share what we have learned from Jesus, bringing others to discipleship just as Andrew did.

Pastor Joshua



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, **November 23rd** after service. When the decorating is done everyone is invited to a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Our annual
Women's Thankoffering
Service will be
Sunday, November 16th
at 9:00 am.

If you are not in our current photo directory OR if you would like an updated photo put in the directory, please be prepared to have your picture taken during Fellowship Hour on one of the following Sundays:

November 9th
November 16th

If neither of these dates works for you, please contact the office to arrange a time that will work.

If you want a picture for your own personal use (i.e., Christmas cards) we are happy to share a digital copy with you upon request.

To view our current photo directory visit the bottom of the "About Us" page on our website at clcwheatland.weebly.com, password: clc2014

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.

*Do you enjoy **scrapbooking** and **record keeping**?*

Contact the office if you would be interested in creating and maintaining church scrapbooks.

Church Photo Directory



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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: 10:30 am Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday
Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday



2nd Avery Rodocker
 3rd Gwen Seidel
 6th Nadine Morris
 7th Marge Scholten
 11th Teresa Sherrill
 12th Justin Robbins
 18th Shyanne Evans
 22nd Brandon Skari
 23rd Shari Brown
 27th Mary Seim
 Dan Sherrill
 28th Red Taylor
 30th George Taylor



12th Dick & Pat Morrison
 59 years
 14th Tom & Deana Haeffelin
 6 years



Men's Breakfast

Saturday,
 November 1st
 7:30 AM

at Tasty Treats



Practices for our Sunday school Christmas program will be:

November 9th

November 16th

November 23rd

November 30th

December 7th

And Saturday, December 13th
 (time to be announced later)

Our Christmas program will be
 performed on Sunday,
 December 14th during the
 service.



The children joined the adult choir to sing
 "The Bible Tells Me So" on
 Sunday, October 5th.

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 9, 2014**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm By Melissa Garcia.

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Connie Thomas

Roll Call:

Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Dawn McKee, Stu Hammersmark, Dorothy Lockwood, Rick Robbins, Connie Thomas, Christy Watkins, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholton

Absent: Reed Elmquist, Nancy Lubeck, Sarah Jesse, Lee Morrison, Terry Lubeck,

Additions to Agenda: None

Thrift Store:

Full of stuff, running out of room to work

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$10,973.67	\$624.23	\$6,301.53	\$12,268.14
Grandma's Attic	\$1,448.02	NA	\$4,968.11	NA

Correspondence: None

Reports:

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

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

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

President: Paving is done and looks good. Thanks to everyone for your contributions and your patience. Have had good reports on the intergenerational Sunday school.

Elders: Everything going great.

Trustees: No report

Pastor: Written report available, posted on bulletin board. Reformation Sunday is 10/26 wear red. Adult Sunday school has started a book study; the book is called "A Year of Living Biblically". Confirmation classes are going well. Pastor will be visiting Israel in February.

Committee Reports:

Education: 3 Sundays in and everything is going well. Pumpkin decorating will be Oct 15 and will be out for bid on Oct 19 and 26. Winning bids will be announced during fellowship on the 26th.

Youth: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship: Thank Offering service will be in late November. Will be using setting 8.

Women of ELCA: The women will be in charge of the Thank Offering service. Gave a prayer shawl to Dorothy S.

Hospitality: No report.

Men of Covenant: 5 were present for the meeting.

Outreach: Visits are going well.

Altar Guild: Pretty quiet month no color change till Reformation Sunday.

Landscape: Thanks to those, few but mighty, who worked on our last work day

Old Business: Columbarium: Nothing new to report.

New Business: There was discussion about helping out the nursing home with their Halloween candy and holiday parties. Rick moved and Mellissa 2nd to donate \$250.00 to the nursing home to use as they need for candy and or holiday parties. Motion carried.

It was pointed out that we need to start thinking about new council members. No nomination committee was formed but out-going council members are encouraged to talk to church members about running for their position.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting November 13, 2014 7:00pm

Devotions for next Meeting: Nancy Lubeck

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lockwood, Secretary



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 our current council members know: Vice-President, Elder, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Trustee or Member-At-Large. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents to the church council. Thank you!



On Wednesday, October 15th eighteen children and seven adults participated in decorating pumpkins. The auction raised \$383 for next year's Vacation Bible School. Thanks to everyone who participated!

The Blessing of the Animals



NOVEMBER SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
11-2	Christy Watkins	11-2	Connie Thomas	11-2	Carolyn Walters
11-9	Rich Bohm	11-9	Christy Watkins	11-9	Don & Judy Race
11-16	Rick Robbins	11-16	Rich Bohm	11-16	Floyd & Peggy Ingold
11-23	Connie Thomas	11-23	Rick Robbins	11-23	Dave & Lisa Young
11-30	Connie Thomas	11-30	Rick Robbins	11-30	Nadine Morris
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
11-2	Sam Jesse	11-2	Bob Seidel	11-2	Bob Seidel & Floyd Ingold
11-9	Gage Brown	11-9	Larry McKee	11-9	Larry & Joan McKee
11-16	Mekayla Garcia	11-16	Sarah Jesse	11-16	Woody & Karen Shore
11-23	Peter Jesse	11-23	Larry McKee	11-23	Bob & Sharon Catchpole
11-30	Raegan Ehde	11-30	Jennifer Bruns	11-30	Larry & Joan McKee
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
11-2	Gwen Seidel	11-2	Judy Windmeier	11-2	Bill Windmeier
11-9	Mary Seim	11-9	Christy Watkins	11-9	Rich Bohm
11-16	Sarah Rodocker	11-16	Rena Kittelson	11-16	Rick Robbins
11-23	TBA	11-23	Gail Mattern	11-23	Nadine Morris
11-30	TBA	11-30	Lorretta Lauck	11-30	Cheryl Meier
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
11-2	McKees	11-2	Intergenerational Sunday School		
11-9	Nadine Morris	11-9	Christmas Program Practice		
11-16	Shores	11-16	Christmas Program Practice		
11-23	Catchpoles	11-23	Christmas Program Practice/Decorating the Church		
11-30	McKees	11-30	Christmas Program Practice		

November



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
2 ALL SAINTS DAY INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM	3 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	4	5 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM BELLS 7:00 PM	6 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	7	8
9 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAIZE 7:00 PM	10 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	11 VETERANS DAY PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	12 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM BELLS 7:00 PM	13 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	14	15
16 THANKOFFERING SERVICE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE DIRECTORY PICTURES TAIZE 7:00 PM	17 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	18 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA B-DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	19 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM BELLS 7:00 PM	20 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	21	22 TREE ASSEMBLY BY THE MEN TBA
23 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS POTLUCK NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	24 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	25 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28	29
30 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE TAIZE 7:00 PM						