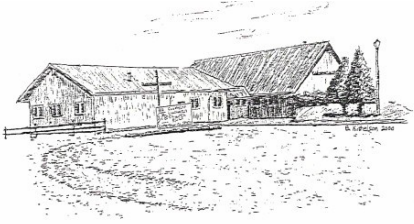


Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



Covenant

Have you ever sat around the thanksgiving table with your family and friends, and before the prayer, someone says, "We should go around the table and say what we're thankful for!" I suspect most of you have. For some, this is a great opportunity to share in the spirit of the holiday, and even to give thanks for some of those friends around the table itself. But for some, it's a moment of immediate horror, trying to decide what to say: something reasonable, and true, but not so sappy as to be made fun of by your little sister. It can be a challenge.

So I have a suggestion, and not just for those of you for whom this is difficult. Get an envelope and put it on your fridge. For the next month (and perhaps the next year, as well), when you feel thankful about something or someone, some gift that God has given you, write it down on a slip of paper (maybe keep a few behind the envelope so you can find them). Put the slip of paper in the envelope and on Thanksgiving day you'll have a number of things to choose from. You may even be surprised at all the things you have to be thankful for.

This is one of those things that carries on further than just Thanksgiving day. The more you think about things you are thankful for, the more things you will see to be thankful for. And it turns out that having a spirit of Gratitude, not just to God, but for your family, friends, and community, pays great dividends throughout your relationships.

Even if you don't get an envelope to put on your fridge as a tangible reminder of all the things you have to be thankful for, I still encourage you all to be mindful of the many gifts God has given us. Not just for Thanksgiving, but throughout the year.

Pastor Joshua



**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 8, 2015**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Joshua

Roll Call:

Reed Elmquist, Pastor Joshua, Beth Morris, Shelley Sterling, Sarah Jesse, Lloyd Koerwitz, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, Connie Thomas, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Marge Scholten. Melissa Garcia, Arlene Robbins

Absent:

Additions to Agenda: Book sale under new business. Orphan Grain Train.

Thrift Store:

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$ 6949.40	\$120.00	\$5,107.00	\$6,388.38
Grandma's Attic	\$361.86	\$15.00	\$4011.75	NA

Correspondence: Platte County Memorial Nursing Home sent a letter about donations towards the trick or treaters for Halloween.

Reports:

Secretary: Lloyd motioned to accept the minutes as read. Nancy 2nd Motion carried.

Financial Secretary: Beth motioned to accept the report. Reno 2nd Motion carried.

Treasurer: Connie moved to accept the report. Lloyd 2nd. Motion carried.

President: No report.

Elders: Doing well.

Trustees: Terry reported the driveway has been re-graveled.

Pastor: Report posted on bulletin board.



Committee Reports:

Education: Sarah wanted to thank the Seims and Robinsons for donating the pumpkins for the children to decorate. Christmas program will be December 13th. Practice begins the beginning of November.

Youth: No report

Stewardship: Joshua reported November 8th will be a spaghetti supper beginning at 5:30pm.

Worship: November 15th Blue grass and Praise band Sunday. Planning advent.

Women of ELCA: No report

Hospitality: Planning a cake for the First Communion

Men of Covenant: No report

Outreach: Continuing go well

Altar Guild: No report

Landscape: Trees and landscaping set for October 10th. Prayer garden has been cleaned up.

Old Business: Connie reported about the Columbarium. The town council is open to look at it in the future. They cannot do much with it until the next budget meeting.

New Business: Discussion was made about the book fairs at the schools. Anyone wanting to donate money towards them please see Sarah. If the congregation would like to donate any Halloween candy for the nursing home please drop off at the church. The children will go with to deliver it to them. Melissa would like us to consider a fun, safe, and fenced outdoor area for the children to play. Possibly the west side of the church. Melissa will find out some pricing. This is to be tabled. Arlene discussed the Orphan Grain Train. A letter is posted on bulletin board.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting November 12th

Devotions for next Meeting: Reno

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Sterling, Secretary

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.



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



12 th	Dick & Pat Morrison
	*60 years
14 th	Tom & Deana Haeffelin
	*7 years

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Stewardship Committee is hosting a spaghetti supper with a guest speaker on Sunday, November 8th at 5:30 pm. Please respond to the email invitation you received or sign up on the sheet near the church mailboxes. We hope to see you all there!

Donations for the Orphan Grain Train will be accepted through Sunday, November 15th. Please put your donation in the envelopes provided (extra envelopes can be found by the church mailboxes). See Arlene with any questions you may have.



The men will be putting up the Christmas trees on Saturday, November 21st and we will be decorating them on Sunday, November 22nd during fellowship time.

PUMPKIN DECORATING



The children had a great time decorating pumpkins this year. Many thanks to everyone who helped out. Our auction raised over \$400! Thank you to everyone who placed a bid.

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
11-1	Reno Taylor	11-1	Connie Thomas	11-1	Beth Morris
11-8	Rich Bohm	11-8	Reno Taylor	11-8	Melissa Garcia
11-15	Jennifer Bruns	11-15	Rich Bohm	11-15	Nancy Lubeck
11-22	Connie Thomas	11-22	Jennifer Bruns	11-22	Jim & Lil Prince
11-29	Connie Thomas	11-29	Jennifer Bruns	11-29	Beth Morris

	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
11-1	Eleni McKee	11-1	Mary Seim	11-1	Joel McKee & Steve Seim
11-8	Jack Hudson	11-8	Reno Taylor	11-8	Reed Elmquist
11-15	William Jesse	11-15	Nancy Lubeck	11-15	Lil Prince & Melissa Garcia
11-22	Sam Jesse	11-22	Nancy Lubeck	11-22	Terry & Nancy Lubeck
11-29	Gage Brown	11-29	Beth Morris	11-29	Joel & Dawn McKee

	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
11-1	Mary Seim	11-1	Rena Kittelson	11-1	Nadine Morris
11-8	Gwen Seidel	11-8	Gail Mattern	11-8	Lloyd Koerwitz
11-15	Praise Band	11-15	Lorretta Lauck	11-15	Bill Windmeier
11-22	TBA	11-22	Suz Strom	11-22	Rich Bohm
11-29	TBA	11-29	Marge Scholten	11-29	Rick Robbins

	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL
11-1	Liz Bitterman	11-1	Intergenerational Sunday School
11-8	Melissa Garcia	11-8	Christmas Program Practice
11-15	Rena Kittelson	11-15	Christmas Program Practice
11-22	Cheryl Meier	11-22	Christmas Program Practice
11-29	Cheryl Meier	11-29	No Sunday School today

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM	2 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	3 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM STEWARD- SHIP MEETING 7:00 PM	4	5 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	6	7 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
8 XMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP SPAGHETTI SUPPER 5:30 PM	9 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	10 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	11	12 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	13	14
15 PRAISE BAND BLUEGRASS SERVICE XMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE TAIZE 7:00 PM	16 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	17 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH @ BIG A 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	18	19 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	20	21 XMAS TREE SET UP
22 TREE/ SANCTUARY DECORATING NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ FIRST CHRISTIAN 3:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	23 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	24 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY 	27	28
29 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM	30 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM					