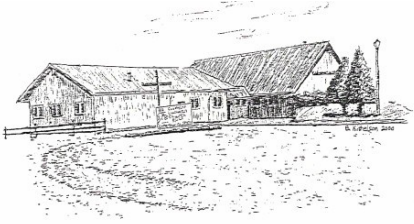


Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



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This month, the Rocky Mountain Synod's Outdoor Ministries have opened for registration for Summer 2017. Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp have started registration for family camp, for youth camp, and for backpacking trips. I know that in Wyoming, camping isn't entirely something special. But there is a difference between a family camping trip and a week at Church Camp. The time I spent growing up at Rainbow Trail was both more structured and more surprising than our family camping trips. There were campfire meals and hikes, but there were also bible studies and ropes courses. We spent time outdoors in contemplation, and we prayed and sang together.

Church Camp is a formational experience for an awful lot of church leaders – and I don't just mean rostered ministers. The lessons learned and experiences shared at camp help lead to lifelong discipleship. Although, if you think you're too old, I should point out that Rainbow Trail has a program they call, "Camp Grandparents". As the RTALC website says, "Camp grandparents are basically grown up campers. We want them to participate in everything the campers are doing, including Bible Study, worship, games, planning with their group, hiking, wood carving, etc. Your job is to play with the campers, worship with them, study and learn with them, and love them... as one of them."

I hope you will ponder the possibilities offered by our camps. This year, both camps are putting in extra effort to make slots available for all ages, throughout the summer. I hope you will find an opportunity to experience camp.

Pastor Joshua

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 13, 2016**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Lloyd Koerwitz

Roll Call:

Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Shelley Sterling, Lloyd Koerwitz, Jennifer Bruns, Nadine Morris, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Marge Scholten, Woody Shore, Joel McKee, and Rick Robbins.

Absent: Sarah Jesse, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, and Jamison Brown

Additions to Agenda:

Thrift Store:

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$ 5,026.59	\$3,147.97	\$6,346.04	\$4,948.54
Grandma's Attic	\$827.49	NA	\$3,887.30	NA

Correspondence:

Reports:

Secretary: Reno motioned to accept the minutes as read. Jennifer 2nd Motion carried.

Financial Secretary:

Treasurer:

President: Columbarium and playground committees have met. Time to start thinking about nominations for council positions.

Elders: Doing well.

Trustees: CA will be winterizing the landscaping soon.

Pastor: Report posted on bulletin board.



Committee Reports:

Education: Pumpkin decorating scheduled for October 19th at 4:00 pm. Christmas program scheduled for December 18th.

Youth: Report about youth breakfast and shopping trip for Thanksgiving.

Stewardship: Continue our informational campaign.

Worship: October 23rd Praise Band. Changing settings. Planning Advent Soup Suppers.

Women of ELCA: November 13th Thankoffering Service

Hospitality: Plan a New Member Day

Men of Covenant: Met October 1st for Men's Breakfast.

Outreach: Continuing to go well

Altar Guild: Nothing to report.

Landscape: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Playground committee planned for a four foot chain link fence located on the west side. Committee proposed that we earmark \$1300 to begin the process. Vote was in favor. The Columbarium committee did not meet, but bids are due October 24th. Hawkins Lumasia's 2nd term report card is on the bulletin board.

New Business: Need to plan a financial audit in November or December. December council meeting will be moved to the 15th.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer
Next Council Meeting November 10th
Devotions for next Meeting: CA Thomas

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.



A continuing article on Stewardship, and the gifts of God: Down, In and Out.

OUT: Relationship with our neighbor

We continue our practice of stewardship by looking out to see the many ways that God is calling us to love our neighbors both near and far. Throughout the Bible we hear God's commandment to love God and our neighbor not just with our words, but with our actions. When we share the abundance that God has entrusted to our care with our neighbor, we not only love our neighbor, but God. In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus tells us that when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned we are doing it to Jesus. Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). We are called to be good stewards of God's justice. We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Our faith calls us to share a common vision to uphold human dignity and to love, walk alongside and serve people, particularly those who are facing poverty. As the prophet Isaiah cries, "learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17). It is not good enough to talk about justice, but to act justly — crossing boundaries for the sake of the neighbor. With the lens of God's justice, we listen to our neighbors in both our local and global communities. Who are those most in need? How might we share the abundance that God has entrusted to our care? God calls us, like the Samaritan, to reach across boundary lines, setting aside our differences, to live lives of love.





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

12th Dick & Pat Morrison
 *61 years

14th Tom & Deana Haeffelin
 *8 years

Children's Christmas Program Practices

*November 13
 *November 20
 *December 4
 *December 11
 *December 17



All Anew

You are Invited to
 A Thankoffering Service for
 Women of the ELCA
 November 13, 2016 @ 9:00 am

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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

PUMPKIN DECORATING



Thank you to
Steve & Mary Seim
and
Rick & Arlene



Robbins
for donating the
pumpkins.



Thank you to Pastor
Joshua and the
parents for helping
us make and clean
up our messes.



Thank you to
everyone who
bought our
pumpkins!



	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
11-6	Reno Taylor	11-6	Woody Shore	11-6	Lloyd Koerwitz
11-13	Joel McKee	11-13	Reno Taylor	11-13	
11-20	Jennifer Bruns	11-20	Joel McKee	11-20	Lloyd Koerwitz
11-27	Woody Shore	11-27	Jennifer Bruns	11-27	Dorothy Stevenson
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
11-6	Peter Jesse	11-6	Joanne Harnish	11-6	Rick & Arlene Robbins
11-13	Eleni McKee	11-13		11-13	
11-20	William Jesse	11-20	Dorothy Stevenson	11-20	Dorothy Stevenson
11-27	Gage Brown	11-27	Joanne Harnish	11-27	Lloyd Koerwitz
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
11-6	Nancy Schumann	11-6	Hollee Bosch	11-6	Nadine Morris
11-13	Nancy Schumann	11-13	Judy Windmeier	11-13	Lloyd Koerwitz
11-20	Lisa Young	11-20	Gail Thompson	11-20	Stu Hammersmark
11-27	Nancy Schumann	11-27	Rena Kittelson	11-27	Rich Bohm
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
11-6	Melissa Garcia	11-6			
11-13	Arlene Robbins	11-13	Christmas Program Practice		
11-20	Pat Preuit	11-20	Christmas Program Practice		
11-27	Dorothy Stevenson	11-27	Inter-generational		

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	2 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM COLUMBARIUM MEETING 7:00 PM	3 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	4	5 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
6 YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	7	8 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	9 CHOIR PRACTICE 7:00 PM	10 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	11	12
13 THANKOFFERING SERVICE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	14	15 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH @ BIG A 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	16	17 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	18	19 WMS TURKEY TROT 5K 8:00 AM CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP
20 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE TREE/SANCTUARY DECORATING SENIOR HIGH THANKSGIVING DINNER SHOPPING TRIP YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	21	22 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	23	24 THANKSGIVING DAY	25	26
27 INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	28	29 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	30 ADVENT SUPPER 5:30 PM			

November