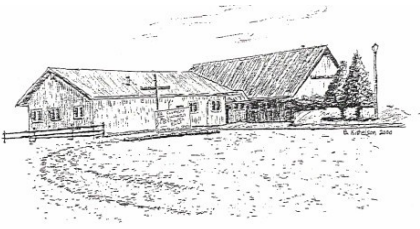


Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



Covenant

Continuing Education in the Rocky Mountain Synod presents fewer choices than some other places have, especially synods that have a seminary within them. But once a year, we do gather for a Theological Conference, with classes, worship, and fellowship. For those of us in more isolated areas, this is a crucial time for us to reconnect. This year, the conference was held in Cheyenne, the first time in the Synod's history to be in Wyoming. The pictures here are from one of our smaller classes, and from our worship service in Curt Gowdy Park - led by one of our new ministers in Cheyenne, Rev. Alison George. This is one of those times when we can truly see how we are better as church together.



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**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 8, 2016**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Pastor Josh

Roll Call:

Pastor Joshua, Jennifer Bruns, Jim Lockwood, Shelley Sterling, Nancy Lubeck, CA Thomas, Reno Taylor, Marge Scholten, Sarah Jesse, Woody Shore. Nadine Morris, Joel McKee

Absent: Lloyd Koerwitz, Jamison Brown, Rick Robbins, Terry Lubeck

Additions to Agenda:

Thrift Store:

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$8,328.10	\$268.60	\$3,950.51	\$4,946.24
Grandma's Attic	\$1,526.77	\$829.00	\$4,462.52	NA

Correspondence: A thank you from Jim Engel who took Pastor Joshua's place August 28th

Reports:

Secretary: Reno moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Nancy 2nd Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: CA made a motion to accept the report. Reno 2nd motion passed.

Treasurer: After some discussion Nancy moved to accept the report. Joel 2nd the motion as amended to take \$300 from savings to checking for the next 3 months. Motion passed.

President: Not much to report.

Elders: All is well.

Trustees: Cooler weather has helped out with the greenery.

Pastor: See report on bulletin board.



Committee Reports:

Education: Sarah reported that Sunday school has been figured out for the children. All Saints have invited youth grades 4-8th grade to their youth group. They meet on Sundays from 5-6:30 PM with a meal provided. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help with a meal or teach a class please see Sarah.

Youth: Discussion was made about getting our youth involved again. There are plans in the works for the next few months to do something with them once a month. The first get together will be after church on October 2nd. They will be going to Arby's for breakfast.

Stewardship: Continuing fall planning.

Worship: Has been posted that there will be a meeting on the 3rd of every month but it will be changed this month to the 13th and praise band will be at 6:30.

Women of ELCA: September 16-18th is a meeting in Cheyenne at St. Paul's Church.

Hospitality: New members for the future.

Men of Covenant: Meets 1st Saturdays of every month at Tasty Treats. Rick, Lloyd & Jim attended the last one.

Outreach: Visitation and CDs being dispersed and going well.

Altar Guild: All is going well.

Landscape: Gail took some soil samples by the trees to see if its a good place for them.

Old Business: Memorials were discussed. Joel made a motion to form an advisory committee for an installation of a playground. Funds from the memorial will be used for this. Nancy 2nd the motion and motion carried. A meeting will be Sunday, September 25th at 11 AM. All are welcome who would like to be a part of this committee.

There will be a quick columbarium meeting on Sunday evening at 7:30 PM.

New Business:

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: October 13th

Devotions for next Meeting: Lloyd Koerwitz

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.



2nd Bob Seidel
Shelley Sterling
Melissa Anderson

4th Lorretta Lauck
Rich Bohm

6th Joan McKee

8th Sharon Catchpole

11th Arlene Robbins

14th CA Thomas

22nd Cheryl Meier
Dick Morrison

23rd Frank Jesse

24th Addison Walters

28th Matthew Lubeck

30th Mekayla Garcia

24th Pastor Joshua's Ordination
*6 years

25th Terry & Nancy Lubeck
*42 years

Senior High Breakfast

Our high school students are invited to breakfast at Arby's on October 2nd at 10:30 am. Need a ride or have questions? Contact the church office, Pastor Joshua, or Jennifer Bruns.

Blessing of the Animals

October 2nd, 2:00 pm
Lewis Park

Pumpkin Decorating

October 19th, 4:00 pm
Call or email the church office with any questions.



Office Hours:

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

IN: What God has entrusted to our care

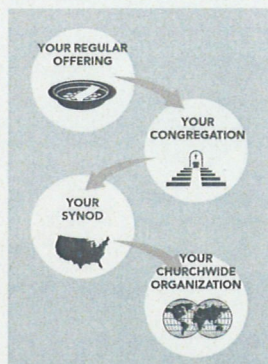
Next, we look in to discover all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care. God loved us so much that God gave each of us varying talents, time, money and stuff. We each have resources that we can use to love God and our neighbor. We need only to look in to discover the abundance that God has entrusted to us. God has given each of us talents and time. As Peter writes, “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10). We each have unique gifts and talents that we can use. God has also blessed us with time. We lead very busy lives, but we seldom reflect on how we are using this time. How might God be calling us, both as individuals and as a congregation, to use our time and our unique gifts to love God and our neighbors?

We have varying amounts of money and stuff. Jesus talks about money more than any other subject except the kingdom of God. Money is a powerful resource because it has the ability to take our heart with it. As Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:34). How is God calling us to use all of our money, not just the portion that we give to this congregation, to love God and our neighbor? How, as a church, are we called to use all of our money, not just benevolence, to share God’s love with the world? In a culture of consumerism, it is important for us to consider not only where we put our money but also all of the stuff that we are accumulating. How can we, as individuals and a congregation, use these physical assets to serve God and our neighbors? How might a life of frugality and simplicity free us up to better serve God and our neighbor?



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

WHERE DOES MY OFFERING GO?



In 2015, members of 9,300 congregations in the United States and Caribbean gave **\$1.75 billion** in regular offerings to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide.

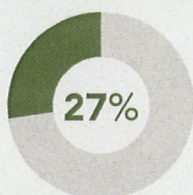
When members give through their **congregations**, a percentage of that money is then shared with the local **synod** and the national **churchwide organization**.

Of the \$1.75 billion total, the churchwide organization received **\$47.1 million**, or **2.7 percent** of the total regular offerings to ELCA congregations in 2015. This represents the largest portion of the ELCA churchwide organization's current operating budget of \$69 million, which includes additional income from investments, bequests and trusts, grants, and certain designated offerings.* This unrestricted giving, called Mission Support, gives us both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world.

*Designated offerings included in the operating budget are your gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission and ELCA Global Church Sponsorship. ELCA World Hunger, the ELCA Malaria Campaign and Lutheran Disaster Response operate their own annual budgets exclusively from ELCA members' designated offerings each year.

In 2015, your churchwide offering made it possible to:

Grow the ELCA in the United States

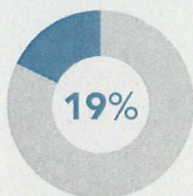


Plant and support
372 new congregations.

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- **Enable congregations to renew their ministries** and reach out to their surrounding communities.
- **Work together** with our African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Latino/Latina members to develop networks and resources for ministry.
- **Develop and share resources** for faith, discipleship, prayer and worship.

Grow the Lutheran church around the world

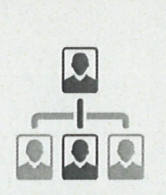
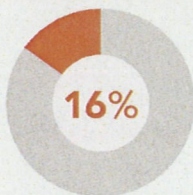


Send 228 missionaries
in more than 40 countries, and more than 73 Young Adults in Global Mission in nine country programs.

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- **As a member of The Lutheran World Federation, we're in communion with 144 member churches** and directly connected to 85 companion churches in other countries.
- **Accompany new Lutheran churches**, expand ministries, and train leaders and evangelists.

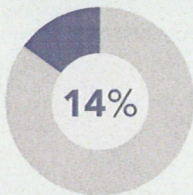
Provide coordination and support for churchwide ministries



1.1 million
Maintain constituent database, including 1.1 million records of rostered and lay leaders, members, donors and congregations.

- **Preserve and maintain archives and historic records** of the ELCA and its predecessor bodies.
- **Provide office space, equipment and human resources** for staff and operations.
- **Process 150,000 gifts** to ELCA ministries.
- **Equip congregations and synods** with resources to assist in risk management and legal matters.

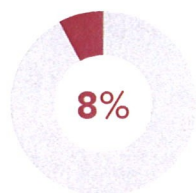
Support and develop current and future leaders in the ELCA



9,500
Recruit, prepare and implement a system for the assignment of 9,500 rostered leaders.

- **Support the work** of eight ELCA seminaries and 26 colleges and universities.
- **Identify, connect and provide** ministry resources and opportunities for networking for lay leaders.
- **Offer events and leadership opportunities** for youth and young adults.

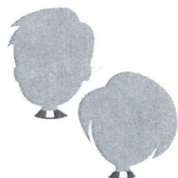
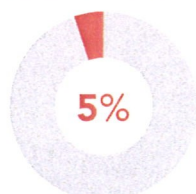
Invest in **technology** and **communications**



Design and maintain communications tools to strengthen our Lutheran identity and grow awareness of our church and its mission and ministries.

- **Connect members with one another** through new technology and systems.

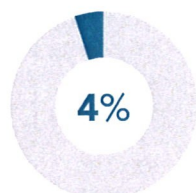
Provide **governance** and **leadership**



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Coordinate meetings and support for 65 synodical bishops.

- **Organize lay and clergy leaders from across the church to serve** on the governance boards and committees that provide guidance and oversight for ELCA ministries.

Address social issues and **work for justice**



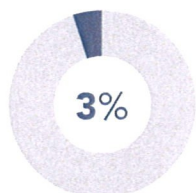
1 in 50

Support social ministry organizations, such as Lutheran Services in America, to impact the lives of **1 in 50** Americans.

- **Engage** in churchwide study and deliberation to create social statements and resources that address social, political, environmental and other public issues.
- **Equip** members and leaders to advocate with lawmakers in order to support policies that promote justice and peace.

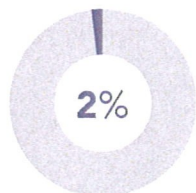
Your designated gifts to ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign provide an additional \$30 million annually to address hunger, poverty and suffering in more than 65 countries around the world.

Grow and sustain financial resources



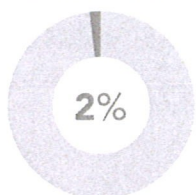
Develop and promote efforts related to stewardship education, financial literacy, mission interpretation and growth in giving to all church ministries.

Engage in **research** and **strategic planning**



Research and analyze trends that impact the ELCA and develop innovative strategies to improve mission and ministry in the 21st century.

Sustain **ecumenical** and **interfaith relationships**



Facilitate dialogue and common action among communities of other faiths, including the development of resources and communications for ELCA congregations.

- **Seek unity in faith and life** with all Lutherans and six full communion partners.

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
10-2	Joel McKee	10-2	Woody Shore	10-2	Jack & Verna Hilderbrand
10-9	Joel McKee	10-9	Reno Taylor	10-9	Jack & Verna Hilderbrand
10-16	Jennifer Bruns	10-16	Joel McKee	10-16	Peggy Ingold
10-23	Woody Shore	10-23	Jennifer Bruns	10-23	Linda Snook
10-30	Woody Shore	10-30	Jennifer Bruns	10-30	Judy Windmeier
	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
10-2	William Jesse	10-2	Rich Bohm	10-2	Jack & Verna Hilderbrand
10-9	Gage Brown	10-9	Mary Seim	10-9	Jack & Verna Hilderbrand
10-16	Sam Jesse	10-16	Karen Shore	10-16	Floyd Ingold & Stu Hammersmark
10-23	Mekayla Garcia	10-23	Rich Bohm	10-23	Karen Shore & a friendly volunteer
10-30	Raegan Ehde	10-30	Mary Seim	10-30	Floyd Ingold & Stu Hammersmark
	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
10-2	Gwen Seidel	10-2	Judy Windmeier	10-2	Nadine Morris
10-9	Mary Seim	10-9	Gail Thompson	10-9	Lloyd Koerwitz
10-16	Lisa Young	10-16	Rena Kittelson	10-16	Stu Hammersmark
10-23	Praise Band	10-23	Gail Mattern	10-23	Rich Bohm
10-30	Nancy Schumann	10-30	Marge Scholten	10-30	Rick Robbins
	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL		
10-2	Judy Windmeier	10-2	Thad & Tifanie Ehde		
10-9	Karen Shore	10-9	Dawn McKee		
10-16	Liz Bachmeier	10-16	Carolyn Walters		
10-23	Karen Shore	10-23	Sarah Jesse		
10-30	Judy Windmeier	10-30	Inter-generational		

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
2 SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH BREAKFAST 10:30 AM BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS @ LEWIS PARK 2:00 PM YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	3	4 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	5 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM	6 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	7	8 11TH ANNUAL THRIVENT COMMUNITY PICNIC & VETERAN APPRECIATION EVENT
9 SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	10	11 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	12	13 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL 7:00 PM	14	15
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30 INTER-GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PUMPKIN AUCTION YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	31					