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Racing Against Hunger
Saturday, October 5
9:45 am to 2:30 pm
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
Lakewood, CO

Covenant

The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network will be offering a training workshop for everyone who is concerned about hunger and poverty (pastors, congregational hunger leaders, anyone who is interested in hunger's causes and solutions). Two sets of practical workshops will be offered in addition to a selection of resources and time for networking and forward planning. Thanks to a leadership development grant from ELCA World Hunger, there is no charge for this workshop, and some funds are available to help defray travel costs. Our special guest speaker will be Jessica Fairfax, Coordinator for Volunteer Engagement, from ELCA World Hunger.

There will also be a WebEx meeting on World Hunger Appeal Basics 101 a few days prior to the workshop. Participants new (or fairly new) to the work of the hunger appeal can get all the basics and ask questions. If you are not able to participate at the time the webex is scheduled, a recording of the session will be available on the synod website.

I will be among the workshop leaders this year, so I will be headed to the workshop. If you would like to come with me, I'd be happy to have you come along, so we can find even better tools and methods to fight hunger here in Wheatland and throughout the world.

Pastor Joshua



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsored their annual blood drive at Covenant Lutheran Church on Monday, August 19th from noon until 6:00. They wanted to draw at least 45 pints of blood and they were able to get 57, so it was a successful drive. It was a steady stream of donors giving this time.

There have been some changes in the process of donating blood. Donors are now able to go online on the day of the drive and do their own medical history which saves time at the interview. There have also been some new federal regulations in effect. People can't give any more than 6 pints in one calendar year or 3 of the 2Red Blood Cell units in one calendar year. That rule resulted in some people not being able to donate as they are regular donors and had reached their limit. They will be able to donate again next time.

In order to have enough help, we have people coming from both Casper and Cheyenne to do the local blood drive. Wheatland is consistently one of the best blood drives they have so they are always happy to do our drives. Thanks for all the help from donors and those helping with the registration. It went smoothly.

Arlene Robbins,
Chairman



**WOMEN'S BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES FOR**

September

Birthdays this month are:

7th—Clare Hansen &

Whitney Jenkins

13th—Sarah Miller

19th—Dorothy Stevenson

20th—Laura Lauck

22nd—Roberta Jo Cordingly

25th—Cindy Anderson

27th—Tiffani Dingman

Anniversaries this month are:

4th Red & Reno Taylor

5th Bob & Sharon Catchpole

18th Dallas & Christy Watkins

25th Bob & Marge Scholten



Thanks so much to my church family for all of your thoughts & prayers through my latest journey of cancer & chemotherapy. I am blessed to have such a wonderful family to be concerned & care about me. My life may not be going the way I planned it, but it is going exactly the way God planned it. Thanks again, I love you all so much.

Gwen Seidel



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**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 8, 2013**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Pastor Joshua

Roll Call:

Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Nancy Lubeck, Red Taylor, Reno Taylor, Stu Hammersmark, Christy Watkins, Joel McKee, Sarah Rodocker

Absent: Thad Ehde, Jim Lockwood, Rick Robbins, Lee Morrison, C.A. Thomas, Connie Thomas, Cody Garcia

Additions to Agenda: None

Thrift Store: Took in \$9,000 in sales. \$11,500 in savings account. \$4500 in checking account. New store opened and did a decent amount of business on Saturday. Still looking to buy a lift van.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

Secretary: Christy moved, and Reno 2nd to accept the secretary's report as written. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Reno moved and Red 2nd to accept the Financial Secretary's report as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Some funds were moved from memorial savings to general fund to cover landscaping costs. Nancy moved, and Sarah 2nd to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion passed.

President: None

Elders: Everything going well

Trustees: None

Pastor: Written report available on bulletin board. Everyone seems happy with newsletter but suggested hardcopies of calendar be available at church. So there is a stack by the mailboxes. Pastor will be gone on 8/25/13; Karen Matuska will be supply pastor.

Committee Reports:

Education: Found a curriculum that is good for all levels. Looking for a youth teacher that is a non-teacher, as well as subs for the younger kids classes. Blessing of the backpacks will be 8/18. Looking to do a Bible bestowment to the 3rd graders as well as 1st communion for them at the end of Sept. or early Oct. On Aug. 11th there will be training for new acolytes. Sunday school will start Sept 8th.

Youth: Working with other churches to do work with junior high kids; meet once a month to do activities possibly.

Stewardship: None, have not met this month.

Worship: Setting two through remainder of Aug. St. Michael's Sunday is coming up in Sept. still looking for people to share a messenger from God experience.

Women of ELCA: Women of Faith tickets are available for an upcoming event in Denver; more information will be made available,

Hospitality: Baby shower for Hunzakars was hosted.

Men of Covenant: Not scheduled in August due to fair.

Outreach: Prayers for Dorothy and committee will move forward as best they can.

Altar Guild: Things are going OK.

Landscape: Project is moving forward, need to schedule another work day to finish it off.

Old Business: PCFC, Christy is the new signatory person in place of Deana. Flag is up in the sanctuary.

New Business: Food schedule for Dorothy and family.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting 9/12/13

Devotions for next Meeting: Jim Lockwood

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lockwood, Secretary

ELCA NEWS SERVICE

August 16, 2013

ELCA assembly adopts social statement on criminal justice

13-58-MRC

PITTSBURGH (ELCA) -- Voting members of the 2013 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries" -- a social statement on criminal justice -- Aug. 16 with a 882 to 25 vote.

The 952 voting members and others of the 4-million-member ELCA are gathering Aug. 12-17 in assembly at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center here under the theme, "Always being made new." The churchwide assembly is the highest legislative authority of the ELCA. The denomination is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

The call for a statement on criminal justice emerged from concern among ELCA members over the "massive levels of incarceration in the United States," said Cynthia Osbourne, chair of the ELCA task force charged with leading this church in a study about criminal justice and the development of a proposed social statement for the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to consider. She introduced the social statement to the assembly earlier this week.

While commending positive aspects of the system, the statement conveys dissatisfaction with many areas about the criminal justice system that urgently need reform.

"The task force was formed in response to concerns expressed from ELCA synods about the alarmingly high incarceration rates in the United States," said Osbourne.

She said the United States ranks among the top two or three countries in the world in percentage of people under control of a criminal justice system -- one out of 31 adults and, for people of color, as high as one out of 11.

The statement affirms the fundamental principles of the U.S. criminal justice system, such as due process of law and the presumption of legal innocence, and it also recognizes serious deficiencies -- overly harsh sentencing and persistent inequalities based on race and class. It calls ELCA members to ministry and compassion through some practices: hearing the cries of those affected, accompaniment, hospitality and advocacy. It asks members of this church to recommit themselves to visiting the prisoner; correct the flawed criminal justice system; participate in God's work with hands and hearts and to hear the cries of people affected.

In its deliberation, the assembly made two amendments to the statement -- the first was to substitute a paragraph that now begins: "Confession is one 'mark of the church'" and the second amendment was adopted to correct what appeared to provide an editorial comment in the text.

ELCA social statements are teaching documents that assist members in forming judgments on social issues. They set policy for this church and guide its advocacy and work as a public church.

The 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly authorized the development of a social statement on criminal justice. The task force has been studying the issues and providing resource material for members since 2008.

The social statement on criminal justice is available at www.ELCA.org/criminaljustice.

Bishop Jim Gonia
Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Madagascar: let me tell you three things

On our recent RMS Companion Synod journey to Madagascar, each one of the twenty participants was encouraged to think about how he or she would answer those who would invariably ask, "So, how was your trip?" Knowing how challenging it can be to summarize something as transformational as a visit to a companion church halfway around the world, everyone was invited to think about three specific things they could share in a brief way with those who asked. Below are three of my key learnings.

1. I gained additional insight into what it means for us to be church today

Visiting the Malagasy Lutheran Church is like holding up a church mirror: you get to see new things about yourself. One of the things I learned on this trip is the extent to which we in the ELCA must continue to move out of an institutional church model as we seek to be faithful to our calling to the gospel in the North American context.

We are used to measuring our vitality in much the same ways as our Malagasy colleagues:

- How many members do we have? How many people are worshipping? Are we growing?
- Do we have all the expected congregational groups and programs: Sunday School, youth ministry, Women's Ministry, choir, etc?
- Is our church building adequate enough to accommodate our activities?

I am convinced that we in ELCA must ask ourselves questions of vitality like these:

- What is the depth of our spiritual and communal life? Is there a place for everyone among us?
- Are we living from a theological center informed by God's radical grace? Is that center embodied in the ways we worship, learn, witness and serve?
- What is our engagement with our local community and with our world?

2. Our youth and young adults are central to our companion relationship

Amid our many commitments with our Malagasy colleagues, we must place a priority on fostering meaningful connectivity between our respective youth and young adults. The high level of youth participation on this trip was extremely significant given the very high percentage of youth in the Malagasy Lutheran Church. To the extent that the young leaders from each of our churches are engaged with one another and are given

the chance to set the agenda, not only does our mutual understanding grow in new ways, but the path our relationship takes is shaped in life-giving ways.

3. Personal integration is a lifelong exercise

Every time I go to Madagascar, it's both a fresh experience and an opportunity to integrate two distinct parts of my identity. This trip helped me realize that my role as a bishop in the ELCA will always be connected to the variety of roles I have played within the Malagasy Lutheran Church. My understanding of mission, church, spiritual life, and community have all been deeply informed by my time in Madagascar—and my life in the RMS determines how I engage our ongoing relationship with our brothers and sisters in Madagascar. I'm not always sure how to integrate these two realities, these two ways of being in the world. But that I must be attentive to that task—for the sake of my personal and professional life—is one of my takeaways from this journey.

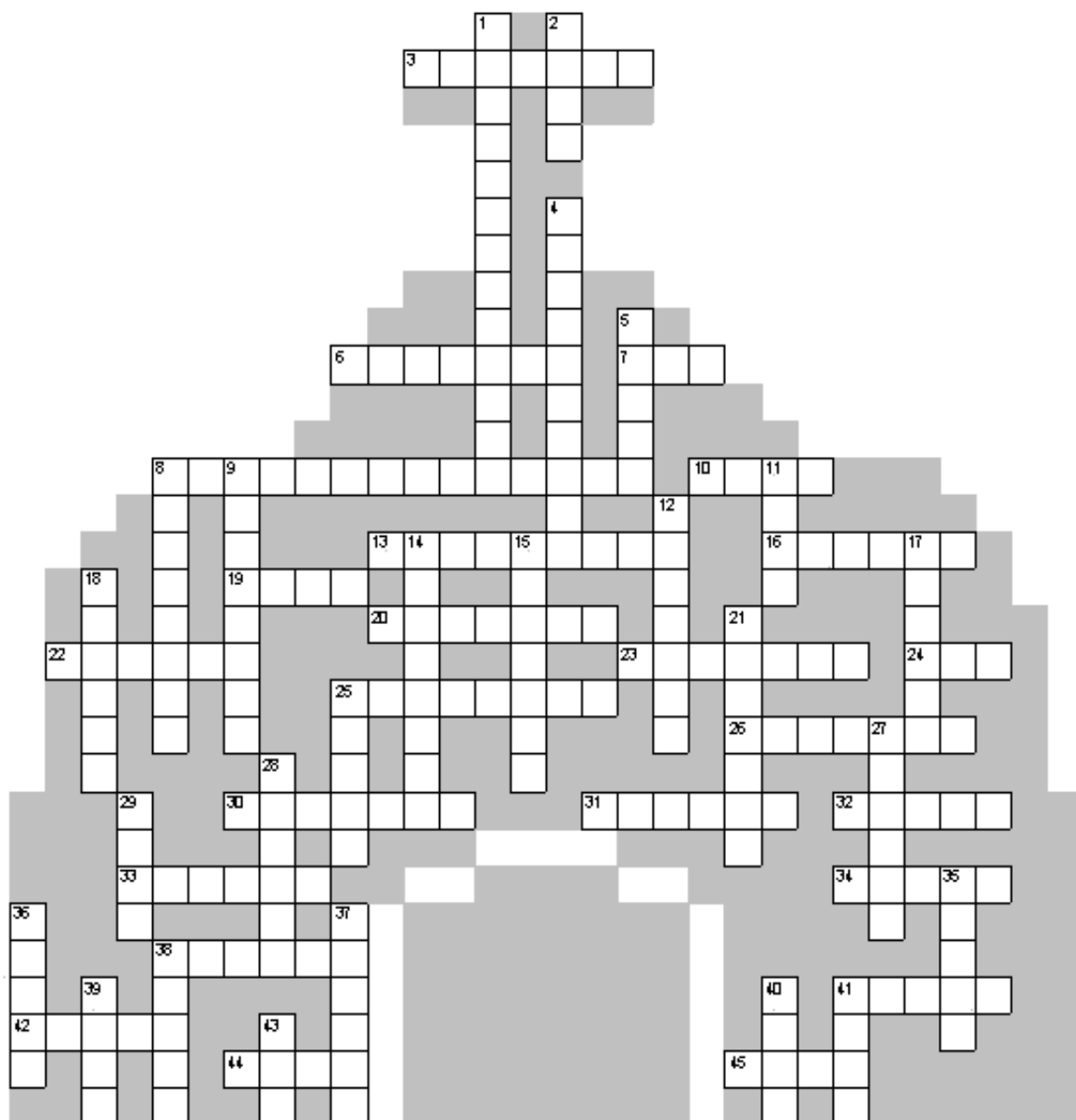
Feel free to ask me more. Better yet, ask one of our other trip participants about their three learnings. You'll be glad you did!

Yours in Faith,
Bishop Jim Gonia



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People of the Bible



Across		Down	
3. Title of the kings of Egypt	31. Thrown into the lion's den	1. First to see the risen Christ	27. A doubtful one
6. Deceives Samson	32. Swallowed up by a great fish	2. Killed Abel	28. Mary's husband
7. First woman	33. Jacob's eldest son	4. The handwriting was on his wall	28. Had a coat of many colors
8. Builder of Babylon; takes Jerusalem captive	34. A shepherd boy who God chooses to be King	5. A fisherman who walked on water	29. Mother of Jesus
10. First man	38. Destroys Jericho	8. Cupbearer to Artaxerxes I; rebuilds Jerusalem's wall	35. The promised son of Abraham
13. Father of John the Baptist	41. Betrays the Christ	9. Jacob's youngest son	36. Ruth's mother-in-law
16. Queen who helped Mordecai save the Jews	42. Led the Israelites out of Egypt	11. First murder victim	37. Lazarus' busy sister
19. Brother of Jesus	44. Built an ark	12. Son of Abraham and Hagar	38. The Christ; the Son of God and Savior of the world
20. A prophetess and judge of Israel	45. Marries Boaz	14. One of the three who survived the fiery furnace	39. Hairy hunter who sold his birthright
22. Aaron's sister who leads a victory song		15. Father of the faith	40. First king of Israel
23. Called out of his tomb		17. Was transported into heaven in a chariot of fire	41. Wrote the Book of Revelations
24. Afflicted by Satan		18. Brought Nathanael to Christ	43. Abraham's nephew; his wife turned to a pillar of salt
25. Saul's son; loved by David		21. A tax collector who became an apostle and an author of the gospel	
26. Paul's young "son in the faith"		25. Wrestles with an angel	
30. A king known for his wisdom			

ELCA NEWS SERVICE

August 14, 2013

Elizabeth Eaton elected ELCA presiding bishop

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PITTSBURGH (ELCA) - The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Northeastern Ohio Synod, was elected Aug. 14 presiding bishop of the ELCA at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. She was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 889 votes cast, and 445 votes were needed for an election. Eaton received 600 votes and the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, received 287. Eaton is the ELCA's first woman presiding bishop-elect.

The churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, is meeting here Aug. 12-17 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The theme for the triennial assembly is "Always being made new." This year marks the 25th anniversary of this church.

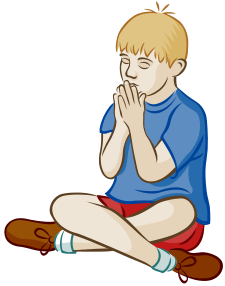
"We are a church that is overwhelmingly European in a culture that is increasingly pluralistic. We need to welcome the gifts of those who come from different places, that is a conversation we need to have as a church," Eaton told the assembly shortly after the election.

Prior to becoming synod bishop, Eaton served as pastor for ELCA congregations in Ohio. She earned a Master's of divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and a Bachelor's degree in music education from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

An assembly schedule is available at www.ELCA.org/assembly and up-to-the minute news entries at <http://blogs.ELCA.org/assemblynews>.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Dave Wood
2nd	Curtis Nickle
8th	Bill Windmeier
10th	Erik Larson
18th	Mike Hahn
20th	Bryan Seim
24th	Peter Jesse
28th	Richard Dingman
17th	Quinn Zimmerman
30th	Sean Larson



PRAYER CHAIN 2013

Would you like to be added to the Church Email Prayer Chain? Let us know at

CLCWheatland@gmail.com and we'll add you to the list. Don't have an email address? We can add you to a separate telephone list and give you a call when prayer requests are added. Just contact Sarah at the church office (307-322-9423).

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

GODFATHERS

Godfathers

**MEET AT 7:30 AM
SATURDAY,
September 7th
AT**



Tasty Treats

ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO COME !

Sunday School 2013

Sunday School starts Sunday, September 8th after Sunday service. Preschool through high school ages are welcome. See you all there!



If you are interested in helping with Sunday School in any capacity please speak with Sarah R., Dawn, or Teresa. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER SERVERS

ELDERS

9-1 Christy Watkins
9-8 Joel McKee
9-15 Rick Robbins
9-22 Connie Thomas
9-29 Rick Robbins

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

9-1 Connie Thomas
9-8 Christy Watkins
9-15 Joel McKee
9-22 Rick Robbins
9-29 Joel McKee

ACOLYTES

9-1 Jamison Brown
9-8 Cody Garcia
9-15 Sam Jesse
9-22 Reagan Ehde
9-29 Gage Brown

USHERS

9-1 Rich Bohm & Terry Meier
9-8 Stu Hammersmark & Terry Meier
9-15 Rich Bohm & Dave Miller
9-22 Terry & Nancy Lubeck
9-29 Rich Bohm & Terry Meier

READERS

9-1 Rich Bohm
9-8 Mary Seim
9-15 Rich Bohm
9-22 Jim Lockwood
9-29 Reno Taylor

GREETERS

9-1 Cindy Kahrs
9-8 Ehde Family
9-15 Garcia Family
9-22 Terry & Nancy Lubeck
9-29 Bitterman Family

MUSICIAN

9-1 Mary Seim
9-8 Nancy Schumann
9-15 Sarah Rodocker
9-22 TBA
9-29 TBA

ALTAR CARE

9-1 Marge Scholten
9-8 Hollee Bosch
9-15 Judy Windmeier
9-22 Barb Larson
9-29 Christy Watkins

VISITATION


9-1 Rich Bohm
9-8 Nadine Morris
9-15 Cheryl Meier
9-22 Bill Windmeier
9-29 Rich Bohm

FELLOWSHIP/TREATS

9-1 Meier Family
9-8 Seim Family
9-15 Garcia Family
9-22 Meier Family
9-29 Bitterman Family

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE IN THAT CATEGORY AND MAKE 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!

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY! 	3 NO PRAISE BAND PRAC- TICE TODAY!	4	5 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	6	7 MEN'S GROUP 7:30 AM @ TASTY TREATS
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS	9	10 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	11	12 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17 DIAPER DAY WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	18 THRIVENT MEETING 8:00 PM	19 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	20	21
22 SERVICE AT NURSING HOME 2:00 PM	23	24 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	25	26 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	27	28
29	30					

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 Sunday School: 10:30 am - Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 10:15 am—Sunday