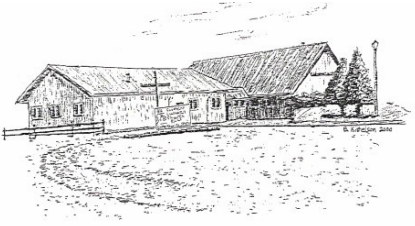


Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



Covenant

In the middle of August, the congregation was welcomed to service one morning with the smell of freshly baked bread. I had made bread to share, as a way to celebrate Lammas – the traditional church celebration of the wheat harvest. It is ancient tradition (and Old Testament law) to bring a selection of the first fruits of the field to the church at harvest to give thanks to God for all the blessings God has first given us, including the food that we eat. Bringing a gift from the beginning of the harvest was a sign of trust in God's goodness. This sits in contrast to finishing the harvest, counting what you had, and then bringing to God some of what might be left over.

I was told that mid-August is the beginning of the grain harvest in Wyoming, and while I don't know how many of us in the congregation grow wheat, it is a part of our history in Wheatland. I apologize for making you sit through an entire service perfumed by the smell of warm bread. But whenever you smell bread baking now, I hope that you, together with the whole congregation, will think about God's first fruits, and not your leftovers.

If you want to try the no-knead bread we shared that day, here's the recipe:

2 cups flour (AP flour, bread flour, bleached or unbleached. Not cake flour)
½ teaspoon yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup room temperature water (filtered, ideally)

*Mix all the ingredients until you have a shaggy mass. It will seem a little wet.

*Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, let it sit for 10 – 24 hours at room temperature.

*Turn the oven to 450 degrees, and preheat a cake pan on the bottom rack.

*Roll the dough gently into a ball, with a little flour (It will be sticky. Don't try to knead too much in).

*Place the ball into a lightly oiled cast iron pan (or something similar, oven safe)

*Put the dough into the oven (top rack), and pour two cups of water into the cake pan (bottom rack).

*Keep the oven door closed for 20 minutes. Check the bread, and continue cooking until it's a light brown, approximately 35-45 minutes.

Don't take the hot water/cake pan out of the oven until it has had enough time to cool to room temperature

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 13, 2015**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Devotions:

Devotions were led by Jim Lockwood

Roll Call:

Reed Elmquist, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Shelley Sterling, Sarah Jesse, Nancy Lubeck, Terry Lubeck, CA Thomas, Rich Bohm, Jennifer Bruns,

Absent: Lloyd Koerwitz, Marge Scholten, Connie Thomas, Reno Taylor

Additions to Agenda:

Thrift Store:

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$7,170.70	\$936.94	\$4,144.04	\$7,632.10
Grandma's Attic	\$1,092.95		\$3,906.79	NA

Correspondence: none

Reports:

Secretary: Nancy moved & Rich 2nd to approve minutes.

Financial Secretary: Jim moved & CA 2nd to approve report.

Treasurer: Jennifer moved and Terry 2nd to approve report.

President: No report.

Elders: No report.

Trustees: CA & Terry discussed the sprinklers.

Pastor: Report was given and posted on bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Education: Dawn & Sarah will continue to co-chair the committee. Sunday school will begin Sept 13th. Dates are still being set for upcoming events. Pumpkin decorating is in the works. Anyone interested helping would be greatly appreciated. December 13th will be the Christmas program. Intergenerational Sunday school will continue.

Youth: No report given.

Stewardship: Jim reported that the stewardship event went well with good attendance. Sept. 13th is God's Work, Our Hands. A day to volunteer and encourage others to volunteer in the community as well.

Worship: Aug. 30th is Praise Band Sunday. A look into the future, Nov. 21st will be a day to put Christmas trees up and decorating them will be Nov. 22nd.

Women of ELCA: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Men of Covenant: No report.

Outreach: Richard is taking over the visitation. He will check on CD's to be returned.

Altar Guild: No report.

Landscape: No report.

Old Business: Looking for someone to be a member at large to replace Dorothy.

New Business: None.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: Sept. 10th

Devotions for next Meeting: Shelley Sterling

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.



Happy Anniversary

7 th	Clare Hansen	4 th	Red & Reno Taylor *33 years
8 th	Bill Windmeier		
12 th	Liz Bitterman		
13 th	Sarah Miller	5 th	Bob & Sharon Catchpole 46 years
19 th	Dorothy Stevenson		
20 th	Bryan Seim		
24 th	Peter Jesse	25 th	Bob & Marge Scholten 40 years
25 th	Cindy Anderson		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes will resume on September 13th. We will continue to excuse children and teachers after communion is served. Pastor Joshua will also conduct a few intergenerational classes for the entire congregation. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School in any capacity, or if you have any questions about this upcoming semester, please contact Sarah or Dawn.



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Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm
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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



Join us for the 10th Annual Thrivent UW Picnic Saturday, September 5: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Laramie, WY: Washington Park, Shelter #1. Game begins at 2:00 p.m.

Thrivent Members and guests are invited to the 10th Annual Thrivent UW Picnic as part of the University of Wyoming's Fellowship Day. The [Thrivent Member Network – Rocky Mountain Region](#) is providing a picnic lunch at Washington Park before the game. Experience Thrivent's generosity movement with a special **Generosity Expo**.

To RSVP for the picnic, email [Leanne Zirbel](#) or call [307-778-3076](#)

To purchase discounted tickets for the game after the picnic, please call Chris Little at [\(307\) 766-4919](#) and say you're with Thrivent. Ticket prices are \$29/adult and \$16/youth (ages 3-12) and are seated in Section GG.

Thrivent's name will be displayed on the scoreboard during the game and we'll have the opportunity for a group picture on the field! Wear your **Live Generously** t-shirt. Don't have one? Some will be available at the picnic.

We hope to see you at the game!

WALKING SIDE BY SIDE – PART 2

Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's Organization FALL GATHERING

September 18-20, 2015
First Lutheran Church
1515 N. Cascade Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO



Registration Forms and Agendas can be picked up in our office or speak to Arlene Robbins.



Congratulations to the 20 recipients of the 2015 Carey Jo Thomas Memorial Scholarships. We are especially proud of the three recipients from Covenant: Jennifer Bruns, Treva Buller and Coan Price. Jennifer is working towards a degree in Education from Chadron State College. Treva Buller is in her final year at LCCC working towards a degree in Radiology. Coan Price received his Associate of Science degree from Casper College in May in Nutrition and will start attending the University of Wyoming this fall to obtain his bachelors degree in Nutrition. His plans are then to continue on to become a Registered Dietician. Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work!



Thank you to everyone who supports and contributes to the scholarship program. A very special thank you to CA and Connie Thomas for their tireless efforts to support education. Carey Jo's memory lives on through your contribution to your community!

Covenant Members in Action in August



	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
9-6	Reno Taylor	9-6	Connie Thomas	9-6	Tatum Hudson
9-13	Rich Bohm	9-13	Reno Taylor	9-13	Frank & Sarah Jesse
9-20	Jennifer Bruns	9-20	Rich Bohm	9-20	Lloyd Koerwitz
9-27	Connie Thomas	9-27	Jennifer Bruns	9-27	Thad & Tifanie Ehde

	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
9-6	Mekayla Garcia	9-6	Jennifer Bruns	9-6	Lloyd Koerwitz
9-13	Peter Jesse	9-13	Nancy Lubeck	9-13	Terry & Nancy Lubeck
9-20	Sam Jesse	9-20	Sarah Jesse	9-20	Slick Seidel
9-27	Gage Brown	9-27	Gwen Seidel	9-27	Jim Lockwood

	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
9-6	Lisa Young	9-6	Judy Windmeier	9-6	Rich Bohm
9-13	Nancy Schumann	9-13	Rena Kittelson	9-13	Rick Robbins
9-20	Gwen Seidel	9-20	Gail Mattern	9-20	Nadine Morris
9-27	Mary Seim	9-27	Lorretta Lauck	9-27	Cheryl Meier

	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL
9-6	Judy Windmeier	9-6	No Sunday School today
9-13	Nancy Lubeck	9-13	P: Dawn McKee E: Sarah Jesse
9-20	Gwen Seidel	9-20	Intergenerational Sunday School
9-27	Tifanie Ehde	9-27	P: Joan McKee E: Thad & Tifanie Ehde

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR I	SAT
		1	2 COLUMBARIUM MEETING 7:00 PM	3 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	4	5 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
6 TAIZE 7:00 PM	7 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL NO CONFIRMATION	8 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	9	10 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	11	12
13 1ST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FAITH FEST @ LEWIS PARK TAIZE 7:00 PM	14 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	15 DIAPER DAY 9:00 AM WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 AM PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	16	17 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	18	19
20 INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:00 PM	21 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	22	23	24 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	25	26
27 NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM TAIZE 7:00 PM	28 CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM	29 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	30			