

Covenant News



June 2026

Dear Covenant Family,

On April 17, your Congregation Council gathered for a half-day retreat right here at Covenant. It was a meaningful day — one that felt different from a typical council meeting. We worshipped together, shared a meal, and had some of the most honest conversations we have had in a long time.

We started by asking a simple question — where have we seen life at Covenant in the past two years? The answers filled our board quickly. The community meal. The clothing shed ministry. The handbell choir. Outdoor worship. Sunday school. Children in our building. Our growing relationships with community groups and ecumenical partners. Our shared ministry with Church of the Master. There is more happening here than we sometimes give ourselves credit for.

We also asked what it feels like to be at Covenant. The words that came up were joyful, fellowship, family, openness, and welcoming. Those are not small things. Those are the reasons people come back.

We were honest about our challenges too — including our financial reality and the questions every small congregation faces about the future. We looked at the options in front of us with clear eyes and open hearts. No decisions were made. But something important happened — we began to find our shared voice. And that is exactly where faithful discernment starts.

More conversations will be coming — with our council, with our partners at Church of the Master, and with our synod. Importantly we also want to hear from

you. In the coming months we will be creating opportunities for the whole congregation to be part of this conversation. Your voice matters and your perspective is needed as we discern together what God is calling Covenant toward in this season. We invite your prayers as we continue this journey together.

In faith,
Pastor Andrea



We are starting outdoor worship Sunday June 7th at 9:00 am.
We will be outdoors the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and indoors on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We look forward

Schedules as follows:

June 7th Outdoor Worship
June 14th Indoor Worship and Favorite Hymn Sing
June 21st Outdoor Worship
June 28th Indoor Worship
July 5th Outdoor Worship
July 12th Indoor Worship
July 19th Outdoor Worship
July 26th Indoor Worship
August 2 Outdoor Worship
August 9th Indoor Worship
August 16th Outdoor Worship
August 23rd Indoor Worship
August 30th ?



6/1 Mike Garvin
6/16 Michelle Pekar
6/23 Paula Hohenstein
6/29 Samuel Reddig



6/11 Kelly (Constant) & Vimal Bahatnagar
Happy 21st Anniversary!

6/13 Claudia & Steve Senderak
Happy 62nd Anniversary!

6/20 Joan & Mike Garvin
Happy 57th Anniversary!

Lutheran Church of the Covenant
Council Meeting Minutes for Thurs, March 19, 2026
Meeting called to order at 7:17pm by Pastor Andrea

Present: MaryKaye Bernardo, Vince Besednjak, Mike Davis, Jennifer Lasher-Dobush, Pastor Andrea, Gwen Susanek, Charlotte Zaranka

Absent: Ted Lockmiller, Chuck Dickey

Devotion and Prayer: Mike - "Faithful Leaders of the Church"

Council Business: Minutes were approved/amended for meeting Feb 17, 2026
Motion made by Jen and seconded by Vince

Pastor's Report: Written report.

Retreat date for council - Fri, April 17, 2026, 10:00am –2:00pm

Subjects chosen to talk about:

1. Choosing a Few Priorities/Strategic Planning
2. Stewardship of Our Resources
3. Our Legacy and Story

Another joint worship with Master for Pentecost at Covenant 10:00am. New Cornerstone is also wanting to participate.

In April, Rev. Nathan Krause will join us at our council meeting.

For more details, see the office.

Treasurer's Report: Mike – Written report

Boiler fund now for repair of sticking valve.

Operating at a deficit of \$406. Need another program like the "Build Back" or something similar. For more details, see the office.

BOARDS:

Finance: Gwen – no written report

It's getting easier to post checks and make deposits.

Social Ministry – MaryKaye – No written report

MaryKaye will take fliers to schools regarding our monthly Community Dinner. One school at a time? About 500 students at each Elementary school plus Middle and High school. Easter baskets were raffled off at the March meal.

Education: Chuck – absent

Still reading “A Beautiful Year” in bible class each Sunday after service.

Worship and Music – Jen - Written report

Preparing for Holy Week. Office closed week after Easter. Jen will monitor emails and phone calls. For more detail, see the office.

Manager’s Report: Vince – No written report

Replaced lights in exit signs. New pump purchased 2/26/26 stopped working. Took back to where it was purchased and got a new one. No charge. A light was replaced on the pole in front of the building. Also, replaced light by front door. Carbon monoxide batteries replaced. Barnes Roofing came to inspect the leaking roof. Will repair. Nursery has a leak also.

Old Business: Feb shed amount was \$61.70.

Pastor Harper will pay \$250 per month more now. Still working on entering info into Church Trac. Ted will talk to Chuck so Judy can go to the retreat.

New Business: Need more space for rummage sale items found in shed. Will use the empty counseling room. Pastor will talk to Barb about the rummage sale since she is in charge. Habitat for Humanity will not come inside to collect items at the end of sale anymore. We must take everything outside.

Next Council Meeting: Tues, April 21, 2026, 7:15pm.

Devotions and Prayer: Pastor Andrea

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Charlotte Zaranka, Council Secretary

Comments: Need to pare down hats. A few have too much to do. Pastor appreciates everyone.



**Favorite Hymn Sing
Sunday June 14th. Please return your slips
in the bulletin with your favorite.**

**"Join your friends at the Master
Sunday June 14 for a song fest/favorite
hymn Sunday service"
There's a picnic after Worship
Hamburgs, Hot Dogs & beverage**



Join your friends at the Master
"PICNIC & PRAISE"
Wed June 24 & Wed July 1
6:00 pm
Good food, fellowship & songs
Meat & Beverage provided
Bring a chair- weather permitting we'll
meet outside
Bring a side dish or dessert to shar



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Server Schedule	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AG: Claudia Senderak, Gwen Susanek		1 6-8 pm AA hall	2 6:30pm Women's AA Meeting in Parish Hall	3 6-8pm AA Meeting in Hall	4 6-8pm NAMI meeting hall	5 6:30-8:30 pm GOD AA Meeting in Parish Hall	6 3:00 pm Women's AA Meeting in Hall 6-8 pm CA in Hall
AG: Sheila Werner, Annie Copeland, Paula Hohenstein, Charlotte Zaranka	7 Second Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor Eucharist 9:00am	8 6-8 pm AA hall	9 6:30pm Women's AA Meeting In Parish Hall	10 6-8pm AA Meeting in Hall	11	12 6:30-8:30 pm GOD AA Meeting in Parish Hall	13 3:00 pm Women's AA Meeting in Hall 6-8 pm CA in Hall
AG: Sheila Werner, Annie Copeland, Paula Hohenstein, Charlotte Zaranka	14 Third Sunday after Pentecost Eucharist indoor 9:00am	15 6-8 pm AA hall	16 7:00pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting in Hall	17 6-8pm AA Meeting in Hall	18 6-8pm NAMI meeting hall	19 6:30-8:30 pm GOD AA Meeting in Parish Hall	20 3:00pm Women's AA Meeting in Hall 6-8 pm CA in Hall
AG: Joan Garvin, Marie Zahn, Jen Garberich	21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor Eucharist 9:00 am	22 6-8 pm AA hall	23 6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting in Hall	24 6-8pm AA Meeting in Hall	25 5:00-6:00pm Community Meal in Hall	26 6:30-8:30 pm GOD AA Meeting in Parish Hall	27 3:00 pm Women's AA Meeting in Hall 6-8 pm CA in Hall
AG: Joan Garvin, Marie Zahn, Jen Garberich	28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Eucharist indoor 9:00 am	29 6-8 pm AA hall	30 6:30 pm Women's AA Meeting in Hall				

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