



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Council meeting minutes for July 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Holler. Present were Larry Holler, Deanna Tolrud, Mike Thompson, Kevin Quail, Bill Powers, Arlene Madsen, and Keri Skroch.

Secretary's Report: Keri presented the secretary's report. Bill moved to accept the secretary report as presented. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasure's Report: Arlene presented the treasure's report. Mike moved to accept the report as presented and Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business: Bill reported that the stain glass committee is still meeting and making progress. David Patterson has taken care of the AV problems with Kindt Electric and everything is done and the final bill has been paid. Cemetery clean up is still waiting until it dries up a little. There was discussion about tiling the cemetery and Kevin will look into that. Kevin will also call to get a load of black dirt. Larry is working on the call process for David Patterson. Larry is also checking to see if there is any paperwork that needs to be done to join the Augustana District. The bell still needs to be fixed. Larry will take it to get fixed.

New Business: Pastor's report was presented by Larry. David made 3 visits, a congregational meeting, a council meeting, and 4 Sunday services. David also told Larry that a Canby church called about a potential partnership with Pioneer. Pioneer will be responsible for the Wednesday church services at the Care Center for the 4th and 5th weeks of the month. David will also be gone on vacation the first 2 weeks of August.

The installation of David as pastor was discussed and we need to decide on a date.

Arlene asked for use of the church on Oct. 8, 2011 for Heidi's wedding. Kevin moved to accept and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill gave a report on the Thrivent accounts. Bill moved to transfer \$8000 into account 222200061536 which is a large cap value fund. Deanna seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Deanna asked about buying a sheet of glass to go on the altar to protect the altar cloths. Bill made a motion to purchase the glass and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting and Kevin seconded the motion. The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary

PIONEER LUTHERAN
FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 6, 2011

General Account	\$ 8,574.57
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,812.85
Funds in Checking	\$ 11,387.42
Expenses	
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 264.46
ITC - phone	\$ 30.00
Augsburg Fortress - devotions	\$ 17.49
Crossroads - wicks and candles	\$ 23.16
First Bank of White - printed deposit forms	\$ 44.67
David Patterson - salary	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 1,879.78
Sunday Offerings	
5-Jun	\$ 715.00
12-Jun	\$ 635.00
19-Jun	\$ 485.00
26-Jun	\$ 659.00
	\$ 2,494.00
Memorial Fund	
Balance 1/1/11	\$ 2,552.85
Donations	\$ 260.00
Balance 6/30/10	\$ 2,812.85

Building Fund	
Balance 5/31/11	\$ 10,218.47
Charlotte Mickelson	\$ 100.00
June interest	\$ 1.97
Balance 6/30/2011	\$ 10,320.44
Fire Insurance Fund - Checking	
Balance 5/31/2011	\$ 9,231.71
Johnson & Crooks Construction	\$ 3,265.00
Balance 6/30/2011	\$ 5,966.71

A special called congregational meeting of Pioneer Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, June 26. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 by Council President, Larry Holler. David Patterson opened the meeting with prayer. There were 33 confirmed members present at the meeting.

The meeting called for the congregation to vote on issuing a call to David Patterson as a contract LCMC pastor for Pioneer. Vote was by paper ballot with the majority in favor of calling David as our new pastor.

The second item on the agenda was voting on Pioneer joining the Augustana District as members of LCMC. Several in the congregation shared information about the Augustana Dist and questions were answered. Vote was by paper ballot with the majority in favor of joining the Augustana Dist.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Quail, seconded by Dennis Bielfeldt, carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and the singing of the table blessing before we enjoyed a potluck dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Madsen

David R. Patterson
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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

As I write this, it is the middle of July and I am tired. This has been a very busy year, and the last six months even more so. Penny and I have been so blessed to serve you all and are humbled at the call extended through this congregation for us to serve in pastoral ministry. This has bred in me two conflicting emotions. My desire to serve, to not stop for one moment in my call to serve our Lord and Savior and His body

here at Pioneer Lutheran Church, stands in conflict with my need for rest. And then Jesus words come back to me, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*" Jesus knows we tire and we need to rest. He promises us rest. In fact, throughout scripture we read about God's care for us and His command that we rest.

In the institution of the sabbath, God commanded that we rest one in seven days. We – being made in His image – need rest, just as He rested after six days of creation. Throughout the year, God commanded festivals where work was to cease and the people were to rest. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus said to His disciples, "*Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.*" In each of these, two things are true: God desires that we take rest from our labors; and this rest is intended to allow us to be at rest with Him.

So, for the first two weeks in August, Penny and I will obey God's command and heed the urging of many in the congregation, and we go rest. We will be with each other, we will be with family back in Oregon, and we will find time to be at rest with our Lord. And each of you, though your responsibilities all demand your time and attention, find time to rest from your labors. During the heat of this Summer, a heat that compounds your exhaustion, take time to renew your strength. And, as your schedule gets constantly filled with the troubles of this world, make time to be at rest with the Lord.

"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest" (Hebrews 4:9-11).



St Dysmas Trip

On Thursday, August 25, 2011 members of the Pioneer Lutheran Church will take their annual St. Dysmas Trip. If you are interested in going there are 3 forms at the church that need to be signed and left in the envelope on the table. These forms need to be completed by August 7th so Glenn Thompson can get them turned in. Information on departure time will be announced in church closer to the event.

Sunday, September 11, 2001 will be Installation Sunday for David Patterson. Plan to attend.

Congratulations to Rick and Karen Ronne on the birth of their first grandchild.

Thanks to Kim James for organizing the food booth at Pioneer Days.



50th Anniversary Invitation

All of you are invited to an open house of celebrating 50 years of marriage for Lew & Donna Weeks, Saturday, September 3rd from 1-4 pm at Pioneer Lutheran Church. Save the date!!

“11th Annual Gathering”

How many of you are considering the LCMC Annual Gathering October 2-5? It will be in Des Moines, Iowa at Polk County Convention Complex. Keep checking the website: www.lcmc.net Come prepared to worship, learn, fellowship and be inspired! An amazing schedule of events awaits each of you. Plan to attend. The tentative schedule follows on the next page.

Tentative Gathering Schedule

Sunday, October 2

4pm Registration
5:30pm Dinner at Polk County Conventions Complex
7:00pm Opening Worship Rev. Bill Bohline
8:30pm Dessert and Fellowship Time

Monday, October 3

Breakfast at Hotels

8:00am Registration
8:30am Singing and Bible Study: Rev. Elisha Ashley
9:00am Opening and Welcome
9:15am Introduction of Board and Staff
9:30am Keynote Speaker: Rev. Greg Ogden
10:30am Break
11:00am Keynote Speaker: Rev. Greg Ogden
12:00pm Lunch at The Plex
1:30pm Singing
1:45pm Introduction of District Leaders/New
Congregations and Pastors /Seminararians
2:15pm State of the Association
3:15pm Opening Business Session
3:45pm Introduction to Breakouts
4:00pm Break
4:30pm Breakouts 1
5:30pm Area Caucuses
6:00pm District Gatherings for dinner at The Plex or
area restaurants

Tuesday, October 4

Breakfast at Hotels

8:30 am Singing and Bible Study: Dr. David Preus
9:00 am Keynote Speaker: Rev. T.J. Anderson
10:00 am Break
10:30am Keynote Speaker: Rev. T.J. Anderson
12:00pm Lunch at The Plex
1:15 pm Singing
1:30 pm International Focus
1:45pm Business/Anniversaries/Milestones
2:30pm Breakouts 2
3:30pm Break
4:15pm Breakouts 3
5:15pm Move back into Session
5:30pm Area Caucuses and Election of Board Members
6:00pm Evening out in Des Moines

Wednesday, October 5

Breakfasts at Hotels

8:30am Singing and Bible Study: Rev. Carl Billings
9:00am Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba
10:00am Break
10:30am Closing Worship Service with Holy
Communion: Rev. Jaynan Clark

