



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Council meeting for November 2011

The meeting was called to order by vice president Kevin Quail. Present were Arlene Madsen, Mike Thompson, Deanna Tolrud, Bill Powers, Kevin Quail, Pastor David Patterson, Keri Skroch, and Larry Holler. Pastor David led us in prayer.

Secretary Report: The secretary's report for September meeting was read by Keri. Bill Powers moved to approve the minutes as read. Deanna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasures Report: The treasures report was presented by Arlene. Kevin Quail moved to approve the report as read. Mike seconded the motion.

Old Business: Ekern's will check on the thermostat and geo-thermal this week.

We decided it is too late to spray for weeds in the church lot and the cemetery. It will have to be done in the spring.

Larry got in touch with the insurance company. There is no coverage for the site prep.

The bell is still up at Al's waiting to get fixed.

The stained glass for the church decisions have been made. Charlotte is going to start working on them. New Business: David presented the Pastor's report. David announced that we will have a Thanksgiving Eve service Nov. 23, at 6pm. We will include the surrounding churches and we will have a luncheon afterwards.

David found the With One Voice books, new pew Bibles, and Small Catechism books we had previously talked about replacing. Council gave the go ahead to replace them; this will come out of the insurance fund. Pastor held one service at White health care center, 4 home visits, 1 pastoral council session, and 1 communion.

David talked about the possibility of having an outreach on Sunday nights. These would be held at the Old Sanctuary.

The movie night that was organized by Julie Peterson youth leader was a huge success! Thank you, Julie.

Request for a transfer from Thomas and Kristin Walker to Heritage Lutheran Church in Brandon. Mike moved to approve the transfer. Deanna seconded the motion. The motion passed. Larry is buying a boom box and a set of audio Bible stories to replace the ones lost in the fire. This will also be taken out of the insurance fund. We need to have the choir decide which music they would like to have so this can come out of the insurance fund also. Pastor David gave a copy of the constitution to the Council. It is a combination of LCMS and Augustana District. Council will look over in the next few weeks and make decisions. The motion to adjourn was made by Kevin and seconded by Mike. The Lord's Prayer was said in closing. Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary.

Pioneer Lutheran Church
 Financial Report
 November 2, 2011

General Account	\$ 7,564.39
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,832.85
Funds in Checking	\$ 10,397.24

Expenses

ITC - phone & internet	\$ 97.50
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 136.71
David Patterson - lap top computer & lock	\$ 491.84
Hy-Vee - flowers for installation	\$ 42.40
Wal-Mart - garbage bags, plates & light bulbs	\$ 45.61
David Patterson - October salary	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 2,314.06

Sunday Offerings

2-Oct	\$ 800.00
9-Oct	\$ 488.00
16-Oct	\$ 620.00
23-Oct	\$ 588.00
30-Oct	\$ 618.00
	\$ 3,114.00

Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 9/28/11	\$ 8,611.21
October interest	\$ 1.65
Balance 10/31/11	\$ 8,612.86

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 9/28/11	\$ 21,008.61
Mandi Petersen - replace some Sunday School material	\$ 135.49
George Madsen - replace 2 flower stands	\$ 78.07
Kanel Brothers - altar covers	\$ 2,464.85
Balance 10/31/11	\$ 18,330.20

Pr. David R. Patterson
Pioneer Lutheran Church Newsletter
Advent 2011

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen – they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion" (Isaiah 52:7-8).

I love Christmas! The trees and wreaths, the parties and carolers, the food and the gifts... more joy and excitement than could possibly be contained in just one day. We often forget that Christmas is a season of the church that lasts 12 days (remember the carol?). Christmas begins on December 25th and doesn't end until January 5th. But as you look around today, on December 26th it all appears to be over. No more time for celebrating, no more time for gifts, no more time for carols, and no more time for the Christ child. But like I said, Christmas includes more joy and excitement than could possibly be contained in just one day. So what happened? Christmas has devoured Advent, gobbling it up with the turkey and ham and washing it down with a large glass of Eggnog. So what has become of Advent? Do we even know what it is all about anymore? If you ask most people, they will tell you that Advent is the time that we look

forward to Christmas and the coming of the Christ child. And they would be wrong... or at least two thirds wrong. In fact Advent not only represents the beginning of the church year, but the end of the previous year as well.

Advent is the season of expectation. The looking forward to the coming of Jesus Christ into our world and into our hearts. This expectation is not just about Christmas, but so much more. In Advent we look forward to the coming of God the Son *who was, who is, and who is to come*. It is about the incarnation of God the Son who took on flesh and became man.

Advent is a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love. But it is also about the means of grace, through the sharing of the Good News and through the sacraments. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves, to make our souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in His body (the church), the bread, the wine, the water, and the Word. And more than this, it is about the promised resurrection. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the return of Jesus Christ in glory when He shall sit upon His throne and we shall be with Him rejoicing eternally.

So, it is OK to get ready for Christmas and look forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth, but don't stop there. Let's celebrate Advent for all it is worth. Not just remembering what was, let us celebrate what is – Jesus Christ with us today, and what is to come –

when Jesus returns and we are resurrected unto eternal life.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty'" (Revelation 1:8).

FALL FEST

The Fall Festival was held Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Dennis and TerryL entertained for this event. We served turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We had a large turnout. At conclusion of the evening we had several items to be auctioned off. This event was a big success and thanks to everyone who had part in it.

Watch for the next LCMC magazine, Pioneer Lutheran Church will be featured in it

We are in need of a church cleaner for the month of January.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/DECORATING

This year the Sunday school and Youth Group are joining together and putting on a program explaining the Christmas decorations. This will be followed by making of decorations and doing the decorating of the church. This event is for all to attend and participate in. There will be a potluck meal to follow this event. This event will be held Sunday, December 4th at 5pm. Plan to attend this memorable event.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 5:30
With Potluck to follow for those that don't
have any place to go
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:45