



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Council meeting minutes for January 2012

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

Secretary's Report: Keri presented the secretary report from December. Bill moved to accept the minutes and Deanna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Arlene presented the treasurer's report. Mike moved to accept the report as read. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business: Ekern's moved the thermostat and serviced the geothermal.

The baskets were delivered to people that they were bought for. The flags are here and Ron Tolrud put them in their correct positions.

Arlene reported that the storage cabinets for the office would probably be done in January.

David is still working on the music storage for the piano music. The annual meeting notices need to go out. Keri will take care of this.

Nominating committee is Dana Crook, Larry Holler and Patty Thompson.

The auditing committee consists of Lew Weeks, Lana Schwartz, and Julie Petersen.

New Business: David presented the Pastor's report. He had 10 visitations, a Christmas Eve service, Christmas Day service, caroling at the White care center with Pioneer, Zion, and United Methodist, one hospital visit, and a monthly meeting with Zion and United Methodist. He will be attending The Mission Festival in Watertown February 4 and will attend the Augustana Theological Conference.

Arlene was sent a Bible that belonged to one of the first pastors of Pioneer, Hans Christofferson. It is written in Norwegian. David will look into getting an archival box to store it in until we decide what to do with it.

The mike on the podium is not working. David will look into getting it fixed or replacing it.

The Pastor's salary was discussed. Bill moved to offer \$22,000 and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The constitution was gone over. Keri will type up all the changes that were made.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded.

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary

PIONEER LUTHERAN
FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 4, 2012

General Account	\$ 9,042.05
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,342.85
Funds in Checking	\$ 11,384.90

Expenses

ITC - phone & internet	\$ 92.07
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 243.02
Postmaster - box rent	\$ 30.00
Sec. of State - Filing Fee	\$ 10.00
Augsburg - advent candles	\$ 20.70
GuideOne - insurance	\$ 2,950.00
Lewis Drug - gifts for elderly & shut ins	\$ 105.46
David & Penny Patterson - Christmas gift	\$ 150.00
Hy-Vee - supplies for church	\$ 3.72
David Patterson - December salary	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 5,104.97

Sunday Offerings

4-Dec	\$ 1,062.00
11-Dec	\$ 1,132.00
18-Dec	\$ 681.00
24-Dec	\$ 705.00
25-Dec	\$ 128.00
	\$ 3,708.00

Misc. Income

Pioneer Cemetery Assn.-1/2 mowing costs for 2011	\$ 670.80
Earl Michaelsen Account - 1/2 2010 interest earned	\$ 600.00
Thrivent Choice	\$ 140.00
Town & Country Shopper - Festival Ad	\$ (54.00)
Hy-Vee - Festival supplies	\$ (171.99)
	\$ 1,184.81

Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 11/30/11	\$ 8,614.33
December interest	\$ 1.18
Balance 12/31/11	\$ 8,615.51

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 11/30/11	\$ 17,034.61
Charlotte Mickelson - stained glass project	\$ 250.00
George Madsen - Lord is my Shepherd picture replacement	\$ 176.49
Larry Holler - boom box replacement	\$ 99.72
Crossroads - 2 flags & stands	\$ 382.45
Balance 12/31/11	\$ 16,125.95

- *SIGN UP FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES*
- *KEEP SAVING THOSE HYVEE RECEIPTS*
- *SIGN UP FOR CHURCH CLEANING SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN ENTRY*

**RESPECT THE PRELUDE TOO
WORSHIP BY SITTING QUIETLY
AND PREPARING YOURSELF FOR
WORSHIP**

Pr. David R. Patterson
Pioneer Lutheran Church Newsletter
February 2012

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you (Psalm 51:9-13).

We are saved! We are justified before God and for the sake of Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Our old Adam has died with Christ and we are raised with Him to eternal life. These are the things we as Christians like to focus on, and rightly so. But there is something here that we too easily overlook. While saved, justified, and forgiven, we remain sinners. February 22 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This is the time of year, the church especially focuses on the issue of repentance. During Lent we prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter. This season brings into focus what we so easily forget the rest of the year. We forget that we are at once both justified and sinner.

Our ongoing sin is often the source of both confusion and doubt. We believe that Jesus died for our sins. We trust that through faith in Jesus Christ we are made new, and yet we still sin. Does that mean that we're not saved? Does that mean that our sin no longer matters? *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound”* (Romans 6:1)? Neither is true. We are at once both justified and sinner. We do sin every day and it is right that

this sin should trouble us. It is also right that we should seek to live each day without sin, though we will fail. It is in this struggle that the Gospel is seen afresh in this world. Our salvation came not by the path of glory, but by the way of the cross. Our redemption was purchased not through power and might, but through humiliation, suffering, and death. When we as the body of Christ face the daily humiliation of our sin, daily suffer the anguish of our sin, and daily seek to put that sin to death in our lives, we too walk the way of the cross. It is through this struggle that the Holy Spirit proclaims the Good News of salvation to others – who like us – daily suffer in sin. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells us, *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*

We are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, not through our ability to be free of sin. We should never lose sight of the fact that – though redeemed by the blood of Jesus from the power of sin – we still sin. We daily turn away from God to our own flesh and we daily need to return to God. We daily need to seek afresh the forgiveness of sins that is ours through Jesus Christ.

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:14-15).



The Youth will be selling tickets for their Valentine Supper. Take your sweet heart out for an enjoyable meal. Tentative date is Saturday, February 11, 2012 Watch for more details to follow.

The annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 22, 2012. Several reports were given. The Constitution was tabled until everyone has a chance to look it over. There will be a congregational meeting in about a month to approve the Constitution. The meeting was followed by a potluck dinner.

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.
His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.
He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.
So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4 PM CONFIRMATON 6 PM LIFE IN SPIRIT 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	2	3	4
5 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	6	7	8 4 PM CONFIRMATON	9	10	11  Valentine's Supper
12 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP	13	14 	15 4 PM CONFIRMATION	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP	20	21	22 4 PM CONFIRMATION	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	27	28	29 4 PM CONFIRMATION			