



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Church Council meeting Minutes
for December 2011

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

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report from
November was presented by Keri. Bill moved to
accept the report as read and Mike seconded the
motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report from
November was presented by Arlene. Deanna moved
to accept the report as presented and seconded by
Kevin. The motion passed.

Old Business: Ekern's still has not moved the
thermostat. Larry will call and see what he can do.
Larry will talk to Matt Lagerstrom about the eternal
light.

Thanksgiving service was a nice turnout.

The Fall Festival was fun and a good success. Thanks
to all who helped out!

Pastor David brought up that we need 25 more copied
of With One Voice. Bill moved to order them and
Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business: Pastor's Report was presented by
Pastor David. He had 6 visitations, 1 communion, 1
White care center service, 1 Thanksgiving service,
and a Pastors meeting from the White area.

Distribution of Earl's money was discussed. There
was \$600 to distribute for mission work outside of our
church. After much discussion it was decided that all
of the money will go toward the Brookings Food
Pantry.

Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00. The
Christmas day service will be held at 10:45.

It was mentioned that there is a need for music
storage. Pastor and MJ will look into it.

Deanna will look into getting a stamp with the Pioneer
Lutheran Name.

Lloyd Everson offered 2 book cases to Pioneer.
 Deanna moved to accept them and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 Keri will send a thank you to Lloyd for the bookcases and to Stan Hortness who sent money for the bell repair.
 Replacement flags were discussed and it was decided that we would like replace the ones that we lost in the fire. Arlene will order them.
 Storage cabinets in the office area were discussed. Arlene received estimates from Preferred Woodwork. Kevin moved to go ahead with the plans and Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 Amber (Ronne) Overby requested a transfer from Pioneer to Peace Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Mike moved to accept the transfer and Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 The new insurance premium is \$2950. Larry signed all the paperwork.
 Stained glass: Charlotte has all the glass that she needs and working on the windows. She hopes to be done in April.
 It was decided to get baskets for the members of our church that are not able to get to church regularly. The Annual Meeting will be held Jan. 22 with Jan 29th being the backup date.
 The budget was discussed and worked out by the council.
 The Constitution was postponed until a later date.

The Nominating Committee will be notified so they can get prepared. Kevin and Larry both go off.
 Bill moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded the motion.
 The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.
 Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch Secretary.

**PIONEER LUTHERAN
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 DECEMBER 7, 2011**

General Account	\$ 9,254.21
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,342.85
Funds in Checking	\$ 11,597.06
<u>Expenses</u>	
ITC - phone & internet	\$ 94.02
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 158.57
Augsburg Fortress - devotions	\$ 17.49
David Patterson - November salary	\$ 1,500.00
Postmaster - stamps	\$ 17.60
Total	\$ 1,787.68
<u>Sunday Offerings</u>	
8-Nov	\$ 700.00
13-Nov	\$ 755.00
20-Nov	\$ 464.00
27-Nov	\$ 523.00
Total	\$ 2,442.00

Misc. Income

Thrivent Choice	\$	106.00
Fall Festival Turkey Supper	\$	847.00
Fall Festival Auction Income	\$	516.00
Julie Petersen, plates & buns for Fall Festival	\$	(23.50)
Thanksgiving Eve Service	\$	121.00
Brookings Food Pantry	\$	(121.00)
Lutheran World Relief - Lent Offering	\$	(410.00)
Total	\$	1,035.50

Memorial Fund

In memory of Thornton Westbrook	\$	10.00
Transfer Petersen Memorial money to Building Account	\$	(500.00)

Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 10/31/11	\$	8,612.86
November interest	\$	1.47
Balance 11/30/11	\$	8,614.33

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 10/31/11	\$	18,330.20
Augsburg - 50 With One Voice w/accompany & Pastoral Care	\$	(723.06)
Concordia - 72 bibles, 10 small catechism	\$	(724.60)
Slumberland Furniture - 2 plant stands	\$	(339.18)
Transfer from Memorial Fund - Petersen Memorial	\$	500.00
Christ us Statue		
Brkgs Engraving - brass plate for Hansen picture	\$	(8.75)
Balance 11/30/11	\$	17,034.61

ANNUAL MEETING

The Pioneer Lutheran Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 following the church service. There will be a potluck dinner following the meeting

Anyone who has a report needs to have it submitted to Julie Petersen by January 15th. January 29 will be the backup date should we have bad weather.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

"The reason we can give is because Jesus has given to us. The reason we can love is because Jesus has loved. The reason we can celebrate is because Jesus gave us a reason to celebrate."

Pr. David Patterson
Newsletter Article
Epiphany 2012

The season of Epiphany is the season of *manifestation*. Historically, this season has been called both *Epiphany* (meaning the manifestation from above) and *Theophany* (meaning the manifestation of God). While today we think of Epiphany as the commemoration of the visit of the wise men, it actually represents much more. This season truly celebrates Jesus as Emmanuel (God with us) and the first public miracles recorded in each of the Gospels. In Luke, that miracle is the actual birth of Jesus where the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and proclaimed “*Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord*” (Luke 2:10-12). In Matthew, the miracle is the star that appeared above and led the Magi to Jesus who said “*Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him*” (Matthew 2:2). In Mark, the miracle is the baptism of Jesus where the heavens were “*torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased*” (Mark 1:10-11). In John, the

miracle is the wedding at Cana where Jesus turns the water of purification into the wine of celebration. “*This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.*” (John 2:11).

Each miracle points to Jesus as God with us (or Emmanuel) and each declares a central message about Jesus proclaimed each Gospel. In Luke that message is that Jesus is a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. In other words, God Himself (the Lord or *Adonai*) is the Messiah who has come to save all peoples. In Matthew that message is that Jesus is both God and king (king of the Jews and one to be worshiped). In Mark that message is that Jesus is the Son of God. In John that message is that Jesus has come to save the world from the sin, turning our impurity into celebration. In Epiphany, we commemorate Jesus appearance to this world. God the Son revealed. Emmanuel manifested. But we commemorate this Theophany not simply as an event of historical significance (God came), but as an event of personal significance (God came to me). For Jesus – declared by God as His beloved Son – became flesh so that He might save us from our sin. He is our Savior and King – just as the heavens themselves proclaim – and we believe in Him and come with the Magi to worship Him.

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM 10:45 AM WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	2	3	4 4 PM CONFIRMATON 6 PM LIFE IN SPIRIT 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	5	6	7
8 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP	9	10	11 4 PM CONFIRMATON	12	13	14
15 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP	16	17	18 4 PM CONFIRMATION	19	20	21
22 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM WORSHIP ANNUAL MEETING	23 EVENING OF THE ARTS DEUBROOK SCHOOL 7 PM	24	25 4 PM CONFIRMATION	26	27	28
29 9:30 AM ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	30	31				