



# Pioneer Lutheran Church

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## Pioneer Lutheran Council Meetings for June 2011

The council meeting was called to order by President Larry Holler with Arlene Madsen, Kevin Quail, Bill Powers, David Patterson and Deanna Tolrud present. Mike Thompson and Keri Skroch were absent. David Patterson opened the meeting with prayer. Larry Holler read the Secretary's report. Motion to accept the minute was made by Deanna Tolrud, seconded by Kevin Quail. Motion carried. Arlene Madsen present to accept the report was made by Kevin Quail, second by Bill Powers. Motion carried. Old Business: David Patterson reported on the audio visual work. Bill Powers gave a report from the Stained Glass Committee.

New Business: David Patterson gave his pastor's report. He will be taking his vacation in late July, and will be getting back to his schedule of visitations. Bill Powers reported from the Call Committee-a congregational meeting will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> to vote to offer a letter of call to David Patterson. We will also vote on joining the Augustana District of the LCMC. A potluck dinner will follow this meeting. A new constitution will be worked on this summer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Quail, second by Bill Powers. Motion carried. We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna Tolrud.

## Pioneer Lutheran Church Financial Report June 1, 2011

General Account	\$ 7,960.35
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,812.85
<b>Funds in Checking</b>	<b>\$ 10,773.20</b>

Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 216.46
ITC - phone	\$ 29.76
Lew & Donna Weeks - Augustana registration	\$ 50.00
David Patterson - Augustana registration	\$ 25.00
Crossroads - Altar candles	\$ 11.55
David Patterson - May salary	\$ 1,500.00
Postmaster - stamps	\$ 17.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,850.37</b>

### Sunday Offering

May 1, 2011	\$ 582.00
May 8, 2011	\$ 405.00
May 15, 2011	\$ 1,275.00
May 22, 2011	\$ 494.00
May 29, 2011	\$ 631.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,387.00</b>

### Misc Income

Thrivent Choice	\$ 124.00
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### Building Fund - Savings

Balance 4/30/2011	\$ 20,216.10
May interest	\$ 2.37
Transfer funds to Building Checking Account	\$ (10,000.00)
<b>Balance 5/31/2011</b>	<b>\$ 10,218.47</b>

### Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 4/30/2011	\$ 425.55
Bill Powers - step ladder	\$ (40.27)
Crossroads-eternal light & 2 candle lighters	\$ (1,153.57)
trans funds from Building Savings Account	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Balance 5/31/2011</b>	<b>\$ 9,231.71</b>

A big thanks to all who volunteered to install the new front garden. In addition to enhancing the look of the church, there are many plants with meaning in the garden. Plants were chosen based on several themes. Labs ear, yellow archangel, baptisia, and the thorny barberry are examples of plants with religious reference. Old fashioned plants that could have been (and still are) seen on farming homesteads include bleeding heart, mums, asters, and lilacs. The black-eyed Susan's and single roses represent plants that could be found on the prairie. The two sedums in front of the monument are of particular importance. Another common name for sedum is "live forever" which is appropriate as these two plants are fire survivors rescued by Donna Weeks. We are happy to have them back at the church. We will be looking for donations of peonies and iris to add to the garden this fall, so take a look around your yard now and make a mental note of possible plants to donate. Spring blooming bulbs will be planted later as well. We hope that the garden will bring joy through the seasons for many years to come.

Volunteers: Nancy Crooks, Frank and Kim James, Penny Patterson, Bill and MJ Powers, Laura Quail and Donna Weeks



Pictures of the flower garden planted by the bell.

David R. Patterson  
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"Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Ephesians 5:14)

There is an apocryphal account of Billy Graham referring to the Lutheran Church as a "Sleeping Giant." I don't know if he actually said this, but this story has continued to circulate because – deep down – most Lutherans know it to be true. We pride ourselves on sound doctrine and theology, but we don't do anything with it. We have been asleep, complacent in our church, while the world desperately needs what we so blithely take for granted. The good news of Jesus Christ.

Now, it is important for us to know where our complacency comes from. The Lutheran reformation took place within Christendom and the Lutheran church grew in a Christian world. The priority was correcting error within the church. The need for correct teaching is as true today as it was when Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg. However, that is no longer enough. For you see, we no longer live in Christendom. While we have been asleep, the United States has become a pluralistic nation. Christianity is one religion among many. But we, as Christians holding to the orthodox teachings of Confessional Lutheranism, know that ours is not one truth among many. We know that there is only one way to salvation. We are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ and apart from any works of our own. This truth cannot be kept to ourselves, it must be shared. This is why the church exists, to follow Jesus command to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

It is time for us to take our name seriously. We are Pioneer Lutheran Church. Our congregation's motto is "Then and always, pioneers for Christ." A pioneer does not stay home and just get by. A pioneer dreams of something better, strikes out for new horizons, and works to make that dream real. It is time for us to awaken from our dream, load our wagons and strike out with the good news. Let us be pioneers for Christ today.

"The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." (Romans 13:11)

LCMC GATHERING OCTOBER 3-4<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

Many of you have already read the LCMC's "BY THE WORD" recently at the upcoming gathering in Des Moines, Ia.

As you can see by the schedule many opportunities to worship, learn, fellowship and be inspired as we continue to be Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

The theme verse is 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 "I planted the seed, Apollo's watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants or he who waters is anything but only God, who makes things grow."

Plan to attend if you have not already done so. Easy motel accommodations are located on the skywalk system to the Polk County Convention Complex. If you wish to know more contact the website:

[www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net)

## 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

# A blessed 4th of July: America's Christian base

President George Washington wrote a prayer addressed to "O most glorious God, in Jesus Christ" and ended it with this: "Let me live according to those holy rules which thou hast this day prescribed in Thy Holy Word. Direct me to the true object, Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Bless O Lord all the people of this land."

President Thomas Jefferson: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis — a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever."

President James Madison: "Religion is the basis and foundation of government. We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

President Andrew Jackson: "I nightly offer up my prayers to the throne of grace for the health and safety of you all, and that we ought all to rely with confidence on the promise of our dear Redeemer, and give Him our hearts. This is all He requires and all that we can do, and if we sincerely do this, we are sure of salvation through His atonement."

Patrick Henry: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, property, and freedom of worship here."

President Abraham Lincoln: "The ways of God are mysterious and profound beyond all comprehension. 'Who by searching can find Him out?' God only knows the issue of this business. He has destroyed nations from the map of history for their sins. Nevertheless, my hopes prevail generally above my fears for our Republic. The times are dark, the spirits of ruin are abroad in all their power, and the mercy of God alone can save us."

President Grover Cleveland: "All must admit that the reception of the teachings of Christ results in the purist patriotism, in the most scrupulous fidelity to public trust, and in the best type of citizenship."

President Woodrow Wilson: "America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of the Holy Scriptures."

President Dwight Eisenhower: "Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first — the most basic — expression of Americanism. Thus, the founding fathers of America saw it, and thus With God's help, it will continue to be."

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT NEWS

Besides discussing worship services and picking hymns for the next few weeks our focus was on Mission Outreach for Pioneer. Our next meeting July 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm will center around evangelistic outreach in the White area, campus ministry, and getting others involved to know of LCMC.

The card surveys filled out this spring have been very helpful to our committee. With council approval we shall go forward with plans as they progress.

Please keep our church and its leaders in prayer as we continue in mission for Christ.

We will have a worship service at the White Healthcare Center the fifth Wednesday of the month. June 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am we will be the next service. Please come if you can.

### *PRAYER CORNER*

*\*Inmates of St. Dysmas*

*\*Displaced flood victims*

*\*Family of Lloyd Hanson*

*\* Hospitalized & Nursing Home patients*

Thanks to the “planters” around the bell!!

Thanks to all those who donated to “Diaper Derby”. Maybe next month we will start donating to the food pantry. OK? It’s one more way of mission outreach.