



# Pioneer Lutheran Church

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## Pioneer Lutheran Council Minutes February 2012

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

Pastor David led in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Larry Holler presented the secretary's report. Bill Powers moved to accept the report as read. Mike Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Arlene Madsen presented the treasure's report. Arlene asked permission to pay the benevolences. Mike moved to approve the report as read and to approve the payment of the benevolences. Deanna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business: Pastor David mentioned that they were asking for free will donation for the World Mission Festival meeting in Watertown. Frank James moved to give \$40 to the meeting. Mike Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor also reported that the mike was repaired.

The eternal light will be taken care of by Kevin Quai. And Dana Crooks.

Arlene reported that the office cabinets are close to being done.

Pastor David reported that the regional LCMC meeting will be May 12 at Pioneer.

New Business: Elections were held. Bill nominated Larry for president and Frank James seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Frank nominated Keri for secretary and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike nominated Bill for Vice President and Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Arlene was appointed treasurer.

Pastor's Report was presented by Pastor David. There was one pastor's meeting, 4 visitations; I worship service at White Care Center.

Ash Wednesday will be February 22 service begins at 7 PM. Lenten services will be every Wednesday with soup supper at 6 PM and services at 7 PM.

There will be a special meeting to ratify the constitution on March 11. Post cards will be sent out by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The cleaning list is up and people need to sign up.

The youth group is serving a Valentine Dinner February 11.

The kitchen floor needs to be cleaned and resurfaced. Keri will look into this.

Bill brought information about a seal for the toilets. He will take care of this.

Frank is looking into registering a website for the church.

Easter is April 8<sup>th</sup>. Church will be at 7 AM with a potluck breakfast to follow.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is Palm Sunday and confirmation Sunday. Patty and Pastor David will take care of the palms.

World day of Prayer is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pioneer will host this year. Church needs to be cleaned before May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Arlene found information on Confirmation gowns. She will look into ordering some so Pioneer will have their own.

Deanna will pick up Baptismal candles and certificates and Confirmation certificates.

Mike asked for permission to use the church for Glenn and Joanne anniversary March 24.

Deanna moved to adjourn the meeting Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary.

## Pioneer Lutheran Annual Meeting January 22, 2012

President Larry Holler called the meeting to order. There were 25 voting members present.

Pastor David led in prayer.

The congregation sang the opening hymn "Children of Our Heavenly Father".

Secretary Report: Keri Skroch read the Secretary Report from the meeting of 2011. Dennis Bielfeldt moved to accept the minutes with the correction that Augsburg be changed to Augustana. Dana Crooks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Arlene Madsen read the Treasurer's Report. Lana Schwartz, Lew Weeks, & Julie Petersen audited the books and stated that the books were all in order. Deanna Tolrud moved to accept the report as presented. Nancy Crooks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business: The electrical work is done. The pastoral acts were accepted as read with the correction that Penny and David Patterson transferred from Prineville Oregon.

New Business: The budget was presented. Dennis Bielfeldt moved that the benevolences to LCMC and Augustana District be switched. So the new budget will reflect \$400 to LCMC and \$700 to Augustana District. Frank James seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Julie Petersen moved to accept the budget with the changes and Glenn Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election: Larry Holler and Kevin Quail will go off. The nominating committee brought forward Frank James and Larry Holler. Glenn Thompson moved to cast a unanimous

ballot. Dennis Bielfeldt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New council members are Larry Holler and Frank James 2012-2015.

Synod Delegates: The LCMC Conference is in Denver Colorado and the Augustana District conference is to be determined yet. Frank James moved to nominate Lew and Donna Weeks. Dana Crooks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Lists: Nominating Committee for 2013 will consist of Dana Crooks, Patty Thompson, & Keri Skroch. Auditing Committee will remain the same.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor David presented his Pastor’s Report.

President’s Report: Larry Holler presented the Presidents Report.

Sunday school Report: Mandi Petersen presented the Sunday School Report and budget. Kim James moved to accept the report and budget. Sue Holler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Youth Group: Julie Petersen presented the youth group report.

Fall Festival Committee: Frank and Kim James will be added the committee.

Cemetery Report: Presented by Mike Thompson and Bill Powers.

Life in the Spirit Committee: Glenn Thompson has been the lead person for the ST. Dysmas trip. He would like to step down from this. Pastor David will work with him this year to learn the ropes.

ILT: Dennis Bielfeldt reported that there have been staff changes. But it has been a great fundraising year. This has been the strongest year so far.

Service Order: It was decided to keep the announcements at the end of the service. This will help preserve the worship attitude.

Cleaning list will be posted so people can sign up.

Service Time: Ron Tolrud moved to change the service time to 10 o’clock year round starting on Memorial Day weekend. Sunday school would be at 9 o’clock. Glenn Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Constitution: The Constitution was discussed. After much discussion Frank James moved to table the discussion and have a special meeting when we can devote entirely to the Constitution. Bill Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed. Keri Skroch will send a postcard 10 days ahead to everyone to inform them of meeting.

Dana Crooks moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Lord’s Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary.

### Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report February 11, 2012

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>General Account</b>   | <b>\$ 9,962.10</b>  |
| Memorial Fund            | \$ 2,342.85         |
| <b>Funds in Checking</b> | <b>\$ 12,304.95</b> |

**Expenses**

|   |           |                 |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| ITC - phone & internet                        | \$        | 92.13           |
| Sioux Valley Energy - electricity             | \$        | 289.64          |
| Deanna Tolrud - rubber stamp                  | \$        | 19.40           |
| Concordia - offering envelopes                | \$        | 39.95           |
| Postmaster - stamps for annual meeting notice | \$        | 17.60           |
| UPS Store - 2000 prepaid copies               | \$        | 84.80           |
| Augsburg Fortress - palm ashes                | \$        | 8.43            |
| David Patterson - January salary              | \$        | 1,833.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,384.95</b> |

**Sunday Offerings**

|        |           |                 |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1-Jan  | \$        | 555.00          |
| 8-Jan  | \$        | 897.00          |
| 15-Jan | \$        | 613.00          |
| 22-Jan | \$        | 585.00          |
| 29-Jan | \$        | 655.00          |
|        | <b>\$</b> | <b>3,305.00</b> |

**Building Fund - Savings Acct.**

|                        |           |                 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Balance 12/31/11       | \$        | 8,615.51        |
| January interest       | \$        | 1.65            |
| <b>Balance 1/31/12</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>8,617.16</b> |

**Fire Insurance Fund - Checking**

|  |           |                  |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Balance 12/31/11   | \$        | 16,125.95        |
| Augsburg Fortress - additional 25 "With One Voice" books | \$        | 294.00           |
| <b>Balance 1/31/12</b>                                   | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,831.95</b> |



The children of Glenn and Joanne Thompson wish to invite you to an open house 50th Wedding Anniversary Party on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm at Pioneer Lutheran Church. The couple requests no gifts please.

**Cleaning Schedule**

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| February-Skroch/Petersen | August-        |
| March-Powers             | September-     |
| April-Petersen/Skroch    | October-       |
| May- Patterson           | November-      |
| June-                    | December-James |
| July- Mike Thompson      | January-       |

## FOOD PANTRY GRATEFUL

The Brookings Food Pantry appreciated the monetary donation sent them recently. A “Thank you” for our support was sent to Pioneer from the Food Pantry manager, Amy Lacek.

Could we at Pioneer have a staple food donation box in the narthex of our church like we previously had in the old church? Remembering the less also fortunate is part of our mission.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** who turned in HyVee receipts during the last several months. Pioneer received \$1000 after turning in \$150,000 in total receipts. This does not include sales tax, cigarettes, and alcohol from the Brookings HyVee. Keep saving receipts and deposit them in container on the narthex table. Thanks, again.

Sign up for serving lunch for fellowship after church services.

Sign up for cleaning church, sheet is on bulletin board.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>

Our church will host the Annual World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm. The country of Malaysia will be featured this year, written by the women of that country for families in need worldwide.

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration under this year’s theme, “Let Justice Prevail”. It takes courage, compassion and active engagement for justice to prevail. Prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God’s kingdom. An offering will be received, making a personal connection between prayer and action. Since 1927 WDP celebrated around the world asking God to relieve suffering, bring healing, and mend brokenness, bringing peace, justice and well-being to the featured country that year. All are welcomed to attend.

Pioneer Lutheran Church  
Newsletter Article – Lent 2012  
Pr. David Patterson

*“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him”* (Matthew 6:7-8).

During Lenten services this year, we will be exploring the role of prayer in the life of the believer through Luther’s treatment of the Lord’s Prayer in the Large Catechism.

Jesus, in chapter 6 of Matthew, calls prayer a ‘Practice of Righteousness’ or what we as Lutherans might call a good work. We are not saved through any good work we do – even prayer – but entirely through God’s free gift of faith. So, why pray? According to Luther, “it is our duty to pray because of God’s commandment. For thus we heard in the Second Commandment: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain, that we are there required to praise that holy name, and call upon it in every need, or to pray” (BoC, Large Catechism 3.5). You see, for each commandment there is both a negative and positive application. When we curse, swear, lie, use sorcery, or deceive by His name, we violate the Second Commandment. And likewise, when we call upon his name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks, we obey the Second Commandment.

So, this is why we should pray, but why would God wish us to pray? It is not like He needs our prayers. God receives no power or sustenance from prayer. God is not ignorant of what we need and awaiting our guidance in how best to help us. Neither is God waiting to be placated through prayer before He might be disposed to help us. God does not wait for us to beg. God loves us, knows what we need, and graciously supplies our need without our asking or even knowing – simply because He loves us. So why would God command us to pray? Not because He needs our prayers, but because we need to pray. We read in the Apology to the Augsburg Confession that “when by faith we have received the Holy Spirit, the fulfilling of the Law necessarily follows, by which love, patience, chastity, and other fruits of the Spirit gradually grow.”

We need to pray, because – through prayer – we learn to rely upon God in every situation. We learn to trust Him for every need. Through prayer, the fruits of the Spirit gradually grow within us. Through prayer, we begin to become the way God intended us to be. Through faith in Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection, God not only justifies and grants to us eternal life, He restores us – in Christ – to relationship with Him. In prayer we participate in that relationship with our heavenly Father established in Christ’s death and realized in His resurrection. This Lent, I encourage each of you to devote yourselves to prayer.

# MARCH 2012

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                                       | Saturday   |
|--|---|---------|--|----------|--|--|
| Church Cleaners:<br>Powers   | March 11<br>Special Meeting to<br>Ratify Constitution |         |  | 1        | 2<br>World Day of Prayer<br>Pioneer Lutheran | 3  |
| 4<br>9:30 AM ADULT<br>FORUM/SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL<br>10:45 AM WORSHIP<br>HOLY COMMUNION   | 5   | 6       | 7<br>4 PM CONFIRMATION<br>6 PM SOUP SUPPER<br>7 PM LENTEN SERVICE<br>8PM CHURCH<br>COUNCIL | 8        | 9  | 10   |
| 11<br>9:30 AM ADULT<br>FORUM/SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL<br>10:45 AM WORSHIP                    | 12  | 13      | 14<br>4 PM<br>CONFIRMATION<br>6 PM SOUP SUPPER<br>7 PM LENTEN SERVICE                      | 15       | 16   | 17   |
| 18<br>9:30 AM ADULT<br>FORUM/SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL<br>10:45 AM WORSHIP                    | 19  | 20      | 21<br>4 PM<br>CONFIRMATION<br>6 PM SOUP SUPPER<br>7 PM LENTEN SERVICE                      | 22       | 23   | 24<br>Thompson<br>Anniversary<br> |
| 25<br>9:30 AM ADULT<br>FORUM/SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL<br>10:45 AM<br>CONTEMPORARY<br>WORSHIP | 26  | 27      | 28<br>4 PM<br>CONFIRMATION<br>6 PM SOUP SUPPER<br>7 PM LENTEN SERVICE                      | 29       | 30   | 31   |

A Pray for Lent

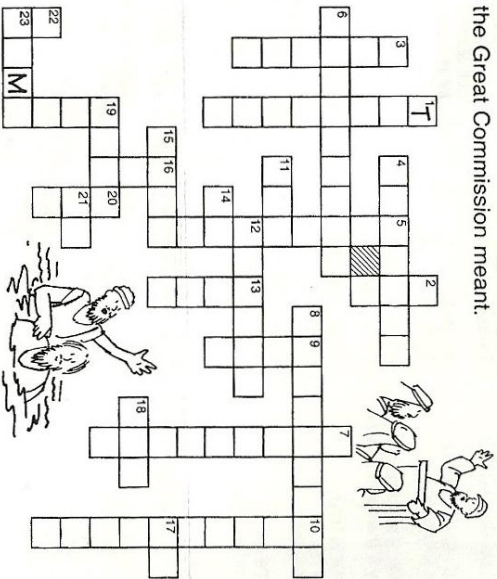
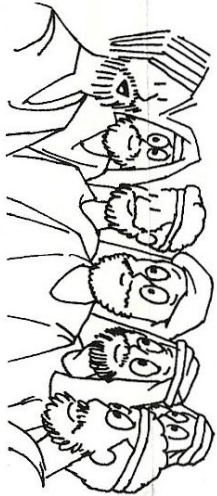
Father,  
 through our observance of  
 Lent,  
 help us to understand the  
 meaning  
 of Your Son's death and  
 resurrection,  
 and teach us to reflect it in our  
 lives.

Grant this through our Lord  
 Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with You  
 and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

Jesus explained to the disciples what the Great Commission meant.

Fit these words into the crossword puzzle.  
 Then transfer words from the puzzle to the lines below.

|    |     |      |        |           |            |
|----|-----|------|--------|-----------|------------|
| GO | AND | YOU  | HOLY   | FATHER    | BAPTIZING  |
| OF | ALL | MAKE | OBEY   | NATIONS   | COMMANDDED |
| IN | THE | THEM | HAVE   | TEACHING  | THEREFORE  |
| TO | SON | NAME | SPIRIT | DISCIPLES | EVERYTHING |



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2 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 Across \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 Down \_\_\_\_\_