



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Council October meeting minutes

The October council meeting of Pioneer Lutheran was held September 28, 2011. Present were Larry Holler, Arlene Madsen, Bill Powers, Mike Thompson, Kevin Quail, Pastor David Patterson, and Keri Skroch. Larry Holler called the meeting to order. Pastor David led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report: September's meeting minutes were presented by Bill Powers. Keri Skroch moved to accept the minutes with corrections and Mike Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Arlene presented the financial report. Mike Thompson moved to accept the report as read. Kevin Quail seconded the motion.

Old Business: Arlene found 2 plant stands and Bill Powers moved to reimburse her for the purchase and Kevin Quail seconded the motion.

Larry called Clites electric to see about moving the thermostat that Ekern's has never responded to.

The stained glass committee Charlotte will take the old church picture that she presented the church and fix it so it can be seen on both sides. The committee is still trying to agree on the colors for the rays of light.

We need to decide if we want to plant grass in the cemetery now or wait. Mike also reported that he will check into having either Landmark or Dave Lucas spray the weeds.

The installation service for Pastor David went very well. It was also decided that he would get 2 vacation Sundays a year and 2 continuing education allowances a year.

Arlene reported that there were some issues with the insurance from the fire. They are denying the site prep.

We are officially members of the Augustana district.

Keri was put in charge of the Fall Festival. She will call a meeting and get things planned.

Arlene also reported that there is \$600 of Earl's money to decide what to do with.

New Business: Pastor's report was presented by Pastor David. He reported that Bob Chell has confided that the Lutheran Center funding has been cut very severely. He also mentioned that a partnership would be problematic for them.

Six people from Pioneer are going to the LCMC event. Lew and Donna Weeks, Dennis and Susanne Bielfeldt, and David and Penny Patterson.

He led service at White Care Center. He also visited Ruby Watt.

Starting October 9th a Sunday evening Class will be held at Pioneer at 7:00 to 8:30.

There was a transfer request for Darla Bielfeldt to Ascension in Brookings. Kevin Quail moved to approve the transfer and Mike Thompson seconded the motion.

We received a thank you for the donation from the University Lutheran Center.

Mike asked for approval to involve the youth with the ushering. Kevin Quail moved to approve and Keri Skroch seconded the motion.

Kevin Quail moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike Thompson seconded.

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully presented by Keri Skroch, Secretary

Pioneer Lutheran Church Financial Report September 28, 2011

General Account

Memorial Fund \$ 6,764.45

Funds in Checking \$ 2,832.85

\$ 9,597.30

Expenses

Ace Hardware - 15 keys made

ITC - phone & internet \$ 31.64

Sioux Valley Energy - electricity \$ 141.72

LCMC - benevolence \$ 118.84

ILT - benevolence \$ 700.00

Brkgs Harvest Table - benevolence \$ 1,000.00

University Lutheran Center - benevolence \$ 200.00

Brkgs Habitat for Humanity benevolence \$ 200.00

St Dysmas - belevolence \$ 200.00

Lucas Quail - mowing July 7,16 & 23 Aug 5,13 & 27 \$ 200.00

Postmaster - stamps \$ 780.00

UPS store - 2000 pre-paid copies \$ 17.60

David Patterson -Sept. salary \$ 84.80

Total \$ 1,500.00

\$ 5,174.60

Sunday Offerings

4-Sep

11-Sep \$ 615.00

18-Sep \$ 651.00

25-Sep \$ 640.00

\$ 302.00

\$ 2,208.00

Misc. Income

Thrivent Choice deposit

\$ 26.00

Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 8/31/11

Gift from Maurice & Ruth Madsen family \$ 5,871.03

towards stained glass windows

Gift from Stan Hortness towards bell tower \$ 739.21

September interest \$ 2,000.00

Balance 9/28/11 \$ 0.97

\$ 8,611.21

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 8/31/11

Balance 9/28/11 \$ 21,008.61

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Pr. David R. Patterson
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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6-7).

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Each year, I tend to get caught up in the outward trappings of this national holiday. The parades and the pilgrims, football and family, the turkey and dressing, and the pumpkin pie (I especially like the pumpkin pie). This national day of thanksgiving has deep roots in our heritage and our hearts. But we must not forget who is being thanked in the celebration. The modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition traces its origins to a 1621 celebration at Plymouth in what would become Massachusetts. This day of thanksgiving was called in thanks to God for His provision of the food that saved the colony. He provided for this colony of puritans with a good harvest, and before the harvest – when the Plymouth colony did not have enough food to feed half of the 102 colonists – God provided for the colony through the native peoples who provided seed and taught them to fish. The Puritans thanked God for supplying their needs and saving their lives.

In our lives of great abundance, it is easy to forget that what we are given is given to us by God and apart

from His giving, we would have nothing. The natural response to such a gift is thankfulness. Just as when a friend or family member provides a greatly needed or desired gift, you want to thank them. More than this, you wish to share with others your gratitude for what this one has done for you. Your gratitude or thankfulness overflows. But remember, we as Christians live our lives in the assurance of salvation from sin and death and the promise of eternal life, given as a free gift of faith in Jesus Christ. This greatest of gifts moves the believer to thankfulness. Our gratitude to God wells up within us and overflows. As the body of Christ, we live to give thanks to God. Our thankfulness overflowing into our lives in this world and shared with all those around us. Don't hide your joy, but let it flow freely to all those around you so they might know and share your joy. GIVE THANKS!

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:15-17).

LCMC Gathering Hi Lites

We were privilege to be among so many friendly and excited believers at Des Moines, IA, October 2-5th, for the eleventh annual Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ gathering.

Singing, Bible studies and prayer was the start of each day. There was a strong mission emphasis with various displays of information on two levels of the arena. We were proud to be affiliated with ILT and many were informed as they gathered around the display for information. (Great job, Pastor Dave & Penny along with Pastor Dennis!)

Over 1100 attended the gathering; opening Sunday evening with worship and closing Wednesday with Holy Communion at its worship service. Please plan to attend next year's gathering at Denver, CO October 7-10, 2012.
Lew & Donna

PS. Pastor Jim Norem & Mike Williams attended the gathering and send greetings to all Pioneer members who remember them.

“Women of the Word”

Saturday September 24th three of us from Pioneer attend “Women of the Word” annual meeting at Resurrection Lutheran, Mitchell, SD. Music, bible study, small group discussion and worship filled the day. An offering was taken for two mission projects. Over \$650.00 was given to Safe House (Emergency Shelter) in Mitchell and almost \$1300 was collected for building Lutheran churches in the country of Belarus. Over 90 women were in attendance.

An inspiring Bible study was given by Jennifer Brown on the “abundance of Christ’s work in our lives and in our world.” We were thankful we attended.

Arlene, Karen and Donna



FALL FEST

Pioneer Lutheran will be having their Fall Fest Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 4-7 pm. There will be musical entertainment. Meal \$7.00 with family rates available. Meal includes: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, corn and pie. There will also be an auction.

Pioneer members are asked to bring 2 pies per family and any items you may have for the auction.

Pause and Give Thanks

Wherever you find yourself today,
whether filled with joy or wrapped in pain,
remember to pause a moment and give
thanks

For no other event in our history and time,
Can change our lives like the [birth of
Christ](#) – so divine.

His love never failing, and His Presence
always near
the greatest wonder in [Heaven](#) on
Christmas did appear.

God's gift full of grace that brings life,
love, and hope,
Can be unwrapped by us all - changing
life's scope.

For when we invite His life into our hearts,
No love is greater than that He imparts.
So wherever you find yourself today,
Remember to pause and give thanks,
For He is the Truth and the Way!

Thanks to Deanna for the ribbon markers in our hymnals. Good job!!!!

Pray for you church, pastor, council, Sunday school and attendance at worship each Sunday. (We miss you when you aren't there!)

Thanks to Laura Quail for printing the Sunday worship bulletin these past months. Pastor Dave has taken over this responsibility and can be reached at 605-215-9475 or dpatterson@ilt.org

Remember to sign up for Coffee fellowship

Many of you received "By the Word" LCMC newsletter. Our pastor friends that were here at Pioneer for installation have articles worth reading. It was a privilege to have Pastor Mark & Kip in our presence.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to everyone who made our 50th Anniversary a beautiful day. At this writing we are still getting cards. It is humbling to have such dear family and friends.

"We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Psalms 107:1

Lew and Donna