



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Convened 7:13 PM

In attendance were Arlene Madsen, Mike Thompson, Pastor David Patterson, Deanna Tolrud, and Bill Powers. Absent were Kevin Quail and Keri Skroch. Pastor opened with prayer.

Bill read the minutes from last meeting.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mike, seconded by Deanna, and unanimously approved by the Council.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Arlene. Of particular mention was the first month's payment for the recently installed DSL package.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Bill, seconded by Mike, and unanimously accepted by the Council.

Old Business:

Larry has contacted Ekern again to have them move the thermostat. They assured us that they intend to do it soon.

The quilt donated by the Hansen's will be put up in the Cry Room. Arlene will have it mounted, probably by the Hobby Lobby. The picture (the Good Shepherd), also donated by the Hansen's, will be located in the Sunday school room, and will be about 30 inches square. Arlene will see about purchasing the picture.

On Sunday, 9/11, Sunday school will begin. Mandi Petersen will be the principal teacher. She will be installed probably on 9/18. Post cards will be sent out to the church's children informing them that Sunday school will be beginning on 9/11. Bill will get from the Nepodal's their mailing address.

Pastor's Installation will take place on 9/11. Pastor has the Installation Service ready, and will get it to Laura Quail soon. There will be Communion. The entire Council will participate in the ceremony by their placement of hands upon David. Red flowers will be purchased at Hy-Vee and Pastor will pick them up. Pictures of the service will be taken. A potluck will follow installation, with Larry supplying the lamb.

The internet is now installed, with WIFI capability. We tested the upload and download speed of the connection using Larry's laptop connected to the WIFI. We obtained the 2 Mbps upload and 10 Mbps download, just what we were paying for. WIFI not being as fast as a hardwire connection, we need to have a hardwire connection from the modem to the east wall of the fellowship room. In this way a laptop could be directly connected to the modem for presentations and possible broadcasting. We will try to find an electrician to perform this task.

We need to set a date for the Fall Festival. Keri Skroch was contacted to try to set a date. The eternal light Larry promises will be up before Installation. Bill will contact Paul Ekern to change the listing for Pioneer to reflect that David is now our pastor. David will contact Bob Chell at SDSU regarding his understanding of his campus ministry.

New Business

Deanna suggested putting up a sign where old 77 intersects with 202nd St. Larry will check into placement of the sign. David is interested in providing transportation for Sunday services for SDSU students to Pioneer.

We discussed having a community wide Thanksgiving service and meal on a Tuesday or Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving. David will contact other White churches to see if there is any interest. David is interested also in having a Thanksgiving Day meal at the church for those who may not have prior commitments.

The Life in the Spirit Committee has recommended that we fix our service times and not change it during the summer. They have recommended that we change it to 10am. Council could not come to unanimous agreement. So we decided to table the discussion, and perhaps wait until the church's annual meeting.

David introduced the Loaves and Fishes Project proposed by the Live in the Spirit Committee. Its intention is to involve the entire community in a sharing of needs and services. The Council agreed that the project had promise. David will begin contacting other churches in the area in this regard.

David proposed that we set up a small church office in the small room to the north of the altar, at a cost of \$740. Mike proposed that we approve the proposal. It was seconded by Bill and unanimously approved by the Council.

Mike reported that there was interest in embellishing the cross located on Hwy 30. The Council decided to leave the cross as it is. Arlene noted the dire need of Brookings Food Pantry. She proposed that we donate money to them. We will likely do this, but the exact amount was tabled.

George Madsen proposed that we place the church monument inside the fenced in area in the Cemetery. The Council thought this a good idea and will pursue the details later.

Arlene noted that the Fire Insurance Account was not yet closed. There were a number of items for which the insurance company refused payment. One in particular involving site preparation will be challenged. Nonetheless, of the maximum insured amount about \$32,000 is unspent. For this reason, the Council examined possible items that have not been yet replaced with the insurance monies. We decided to pursue the purchase of flags, flag stands, flower stands, Bibles, book cases, an easel, boom boxes, and

wireless router. Some sort of storage space under the table in the small room to the north of the altar will also be pursued. We need new hymnals, but David wasn't prepared to make a recommendation at this time.

We closed the meeting at 10:15pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Pioneer Lutheran Church
Financial Report
August 31, 2011

General Account	\$ 9,705.05
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,832.85
Funds in Checking	\$ 12,537.90
<u>Expenses</u>	
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 121.95
ITC - phone	\$ 29.66
Dennis Bielfeldt - supply pastor Aug 7 & 14	\$ 300.00
Augsburg - devotions	\$ 17.49
Postmaster - stamps & postage on insurance pkg	\$ 21.96
Lowe's - bulb changer	\$ 21.67
David Patterson - July salary	\$ 1,500.00
Crossroads - candles	\$ 66.36
Total	\$ 2,079.09

Sunday Offerings

7-Aug	\$	473.00
14-Aug	\$	676.00
21-Aug	\$	623.00
28-Aug	\$	500.00
	\$	2,272.00

Misc. Income

Thrivent Choice deposit	\$	212.00
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Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 7/27/11	\$	5,932.36
Gift from Hansen family towards stained glass windows	\$	937.57
Transfer to Fire Insurance Account	\$	(1,000.00)
July interest	\$	1.10
Balance 7/27/11	\$	5,871.03

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 7/27/31	\$	880.25
Trans from Savings	\$	1,000.00
Charlotte Mickelson - advance for stained glass supplies	\$	1,000.00
Dennis Bielfeldt - alb and 2 stoles	\$	408.10
Guide One Insurance Co. - reimburse Sept 2010 rent	\$	300.00
Guide One Insurance Co. - reimburse contents claim	\$	10,578.98
Guide One Insurance Co. - reimburse building claim	\$	<u>9,657.48</u>
Balance 7/27/11	\$	21,008.61

YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED EVENT

We will be having a Movie/Homemade Pizza night Sunday, October 30 at 5pm. Movie will be yet. Watch for further announcements on this event.

Come and have a great time.

FALL FESTIVAL

The fall fest is the in planning stages. Watch for announcements and details on this event.

PIONEER LUTHERAN INSTALLS DAVID PATTERSON AS PASTOR

On Sunday, September 11, 2011 Pioneer Lutheran installed David Patterson as pastor for Pioneer Lutheran. Installation Pastors were Mark Vander Treig and Kip Tyler. Pastor Dennis Beilfeldt also took part in the service.

David also serves on the faculty of the Institute of Lutheran Theology. David and his wife Penny were welcomed into the church with a potluck dinner following the service.

Pr. David R. Patterson
Pioneer Lutheran Church Newsletter
October 2011

Look how far we've come. Just two and a half years ago, our building burned to the ground. This led to a time of mourning in our congregation over the loss of our place of worship. While much was lost, the people of Pioneer Lutheran Church – not the building but the body of Christ here in this place – would not be stifled by even such a loss as this. We have risen from the ashes. Today, Pioneer Lutheran Church has rebuilt, stands as a member of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, as a member of the Augustana District, and as a campus of the Institute of Lutheran Theology.

We have never been a large congregation. Currently we have a membership of around 150 with an average weekly attendance at worship of around 40. So, what does it mean for us to be a Designated Teaching Center for the Institute of Lutheran Theology?

It means we are active participants in a worldwide effort to raise up and educate the next generation of faithful Lutheran preachers and teachers.

- ⤴ We share our experiences and needs as a small, rural, mid-west congregation with ILT and they use what they learn from us to shape their academic and devotional resources.
- ⤴ We share of our resources through annual

benevolence giving to ILT. It may not be much compared to larger congregations, but given the size of our congregation, it is significant. And we know that our gift is going to support real ministry efforts and will help shape and support the church world-wide.

It means we can provide lay education resources to our members that are typically only available to much larger congregations.

- ⤴ This fall, in our new fellowship hall, we can be offering education opportunities to our congregation and surrounding community that we've never been able to offer before. Through ILT's Word as Work series, we can offer courses like: How God Grows Churches, Introduction to the Apostle Paul, and Defending Your Faith! Apologetics for the Christian Layman.

It means that we can contribute and help shape the life and ministry of Lutheran congregations all across North America.

- ⤴ As the pastor here at Pioneer Lutheran Church, I also can contribute to the educational opportunities for other congregations by teaching for the Word at Work program. This Fall I am teaching *Inductive Bible Study Method: An LBI Tradition* and *Restoring the Bible as the Primary Text*, the introductory

course for the *Captured by the Word Online Biblical Studies Program* in partnership with the Lutheran Bible Institute in California.

Imagine what it means for us at Pioneer Lutheran Church to be a part of the Institute of Lutheran Theology's nation-wide, distributed campus. We receive resources and opportunities that would be otherwise totally out of reach for our small congregation. We also – with the support of ILT – can minister in our community and to the world in ways we never could before. So, how will we make use of the opportunity? How will we use the resources of ILT to support the building up of the body of Christ here at Pioneer? How will we use this opportunity to reach out into our community and across the nation? Following their great commission, twelve people changed the world. Imagine what – guided by the Holy Spirit and in partnership with ILT – the 150 of us can do.

“Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Youth Group Kickoff

The youth group kickoff was Sunday, September 18 at 5pm.

The evening started with youth and parents going on a Road Rally. This took them to different Christian related places.

A brief organizational meeting was held. The youth will be meeting every other Sunday at 5pm. The youth were asked to sign up for Sunday which they could light the candles and be ushers. Some special events were discussed. Movie night was planned for October 30 along with homemade pizza. A game night was discussed for November. A Lock In was discussed for Friday, December 2.

We concluded our meeting with the Lord's Prayer and enjoyed pizza. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 2, 2001 at 5pm.

