



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Council meeting for August

The meeting was held on July 27, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Holler. Present were Larry Holler, Bill Powers, Mike Thompson, Deanna Tolrud, David Patterson, Arlene Madsen, and Keri Skroch. Absent was Kevin Quail.

Pastor David led in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Keri Skroch presented the secretary's report. Bill Powers moved to accept the minutes as read and Deanna Tolrud seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasure's Report: Arlene Madsen presented the treasure's report. Mike Thompson moved to accept the treasure's report as read and Bill Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business: Larry talked to Ekerns about moving the thermostat and it will cost about \$125.

The black dirt was delivered.

Mike called and talked to Chad Landmark about tiling the cemetery but Chad doesn't do tiling that big.

Installation for Pastor David will be September 11th. There will be a pot-luck dinner following.

Bill present a stained glass committee report. They are still waiting for a full sized drawing.

Arlene called the insurance company and she is ready to turn in all the receipts.

Frank James is going to get the website information from Tyler Andor.

Larry is going to put up the Eternal light.

Pastor David and Larry are checking to see if there is any paperwork that needs to be done now that we belong to the Augustana District.

New Business: Pastor David gave his pastor's report. He has done 2 nursing home visits a week. He also helped with a wedding. Pastor David is going to be on a 2 week vacation in August. Confirmation will start in September. He is still doing a monthly worship service at the White Care Center. Pastor is also taking 2 classes at ILT and teaching 1 class. He would also like to talk to Bob Chell about an outreach service for Brookings and also in White.

Frank James is checking on what we need for an internet connection for the church.

Fall Festival committee will meet and Keri will call everyone on the committee and set up a time.

Ron and Penny Skovley requested a transfer out of Pioneer to First Lutheran in Brookings. Bill moved to accept the transfer and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Hansen family donated a quilt Arlene will talk to the family and see about the size of the quilt and see which picture they want to have replaced.

Jensen's sale August 5th. They were wondering if our church wanted to handle the concessions. The council decided it would not work.

Constitution was set aside to next month.

Sunday school starts Sept. 11 and Confirmation will start on Sept. 14th.

Winter hours will start on Labor Day.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting and Deanna seconded the motion.

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary.

**PIONEER LUTHERAN FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 27, 2011**

General Account	\$ 9,300.14
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,832.85
Funds in Checking	\$ 12,132.99

Expenses

Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 141.80
ITC - phone	\$ 29.75
Ace Hardware - 2 flood light bulbs	\$ 14.82
SD State Treasurer - tax on mowing	\$ 41.60
Brookings Engraving - engrave two brass plates	\$ 22.26
Lucas Quail - mowing May 21 & 28, June 11 & 25	\$ 520.00
David Patterson - July salary	\$ 1,500.00
UPS Store - 2000 pre-paid copies	\$ 84.80
Larry Holler - Matthew to Bible Camp	\$ 50.00
Matt Petersen - Rachel to Bible Camp	\$ 50.00
Keri Skroch - Coy to Bible Camp	\$ 50.00
Brookings Glass & Mirror - glass for altar	\$ 95.40
Total	\$ 2,600.43

Sunday Offerings

3-Jul	\$ 842.00
10-Jul	\$ 551.00
17-Jul	\$ 610.00
24-Jul	\$ 367.00
31-Jul	\$ 695.00
	\$ 3,065.00

Misc. Income

Old chairs sold	\$ 64.00
In Memory of Lloyd Hansen	\$ 20.00
Norma Jensen - mowing	\$ 100.00
Thrivent Choice deposit	\$ 97.00
Total Misc. Income	\$ 281.00

Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 6/30/11	\$ 10,320.44
In Memory of Lloyd Hansen	\$ 10.00
Food booth at Pioneer Days - Kim James	\$ 100.00
Transfer to Fire Insurance Account	\$ (4,500.00)
July interest	\$ 1.92
Balance 7/27/11	\$ 5,932.36

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 6/30/11	\$ 5,966.71
Transfer from Savings	\$ 4,500.00
Kindt Electric - final bill	\$ (8,339.64)
Kim James - shrubs, flowers & hose	\$ (390.85)
Glenn Thompson - communion set	\$ (855.97)
Balance 7/27/11	\$ 880.25



50th Anniversary Invitation

All of you are invited to an open house of celebrating 50 years of marriage for Lew & Donna Weeks, Saturday, September 3rd from 1-4 pm at Pioneer Lutheran Church.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for [he is] good: for his mercy [endureth] for ever. Psalms 107:1

INSTALLATION SUNDAY:

Pastor David Patterson will be installed as Pioneer Lutheran's pastor, Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 10:45am.

Pastor Mark VanderTuig, LCMC Service Coordinator and Pastor Kip Tyler from Church of the Master, Omaha, NE will be installing pastors.

Everyone is welcome to attend installation and potluck dinner.

Let's start up the Food Pantry Box! Add a couple of items to your weekly grocery list to donate. If we all give a little, it adds up to a LOT! Donations go to the Brookings County Food Pantry

11th Annual LCMC Gathering

The last two newsletters printed the LCMC schedule of events for October 2-5, 2011 in Des Moines, IA. Check out the website again: www.lcmc.net. Early registration is desired but do make plans to attend one or more days. This annual event is very important to the growth of our church and know what our "Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ" is doing. It is a mini retreat of knowledge in what we as Christians believe. Seriously plan to attend.

Thanks to all who helped clean up our church and cemetery, Wed. eve August 17th. Many hands make light work.
Thanks, again.

Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 11th at 9:30. Mandi Petersen will be teaching.
Youth group will have a kickoff on September 18th.

Prayer for Fall

There is so much happening in our world right now.
In the midst of it all, it's so good to know You're in control,
Your love is never-ending, and You provide for us.
As the trees turn colors, and the nights grow cooler,
may we be reminded that every season of our lives
is a part of Your loving plan.

Amen.

~Holley Gert

“Women of the Word” Retreat

Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24 there will be a “Women of the Word” retreat at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Mitchell, S.D.

There is a full day planned Saturday from 9am-3pm and the cost is \$15.00 to cover materials and lunch. An offering is suggested for “Rebuilding the Church in Belerus.” As you may know it is a communist country with much Christian persecution. A re-established LCMC congregation needs our help at this time.

Could we at Pioneer get one or two car loads to go to Mitchell for Saturday only?
It starts Friday with entertainment banquet and speaker but Saturday is the full day of events.
Retreat speaker is Jennifer Brown.

If you are excited to go, please let Donna Weeks know by September 11th. She plans to go and has room for 3 more. Please consider this event and mission outreach.

Pr. David R. Patterson
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"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness" (Isaiah 42:6-7).

I just got back from the St. Dysmas worship service at the South Dakota State Penitentiary and was struck by two facts. First, though St. Dysmas in in a prison, there are precisely the same percentage of sinners there as there are at Pioneer Lutheran Church (100%). Second, at St. Dysmas one cannot pretend to be something other than a sinner. One must wear the sign of their sinfulness on their person. They are all wearing clothes that were clearly labeled "INMATE." And while, I am not suggesting that we adopt a similar dress code at Pioneer Lutheran Church, I do think that this is – in an odd sense – liberating.

Every week we say the words, "*we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.*" How often do we really think about these words as we speak them? Do we really believe them to be true, or do we really mean '*we confess that we really aren't that bad, that were basically good people and God*

will see that we're good enough.' Do you really believe you are in bondage to sin? According to God's Word, we are. Each one of us is just as imprisoned to sin as any one of those men at St. Dysmas. They simply lack the illusion of their own innate goodness. They have no choice but accept that they are sinners. Like Hester Prynne in the Scarlet Letter, they wear the mark of their sin for all to see.

Every man, woman, and child on this earth is in bondage to sin and there has only ever been one person free of this bondage and we hung Him on a cross, but this is what God intended. It is through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that God frees us from our bondage and we – though in bondage to sin in our flesh – are now clothed in the freedom and righteousness of Jesus Christ. Imagine what it would mean to any of those men at St. Dysmas to be able to exchange those clothes labeled "INMATE" for clothes labeled "FREE."

"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:36).