



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Church Council Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at Pioneer Lutheran Church.

Present: Larry, Mike, Deanna, Bill, & Pastor.

Absent: Arlene, Kerri, and Frank.

Began at 7:10 pm.

Kerri being absent, Bill volunteered to serve as Secretary.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report: Pastor read report. Motion to approve was made by Deanna, Mike seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Mike, Bill seconded, motion approved.

Child's table and chairs: Larry was about to order a replacement for the child's table and chairs that were lost in the fire, when he noticed that the shipping costs were nearly the

same as the cost of the items. Larry will purchase a table and six stackable child-size chairs from eBay.

Building Project: Kerri talked to Mike Robbins. He said his estimate would be \$3000 each for electrical and heating. We will seek other bids, now that we have some idea of Robbins' complete bid.

Pastor reiterated the need for counseling space. It is not uncommon for members, without prior notice, to want to speak with him after church. We need a space that is private and is suitably outfitted with appropriate furniture. Considering the cry room, we discussed frosting the door windows and having a curtain made available for the large window that faces the sanctuary. Two or three comfortable chairs that are not too heavy would be appropriate. With this purpose in mind, we might want to get rid of the pew presently in there. If anyone has any easy chairs that might be appropriate, let the Council

know. The Christmas tree, presently sitting in the Cry Room, will be removed (hopefully to Larry's basement).

We are having difficulty getting all the jobs required for spring cleaning done. We considered a number of possible remedies. We need to find out what remains to be done and call for another spring cleaning day, perhaps on Saturday this time.

Pastor's Report: He will be gone the last week of June for National Board Meeting of Lutherans for Life. Regarding Summer Bible School, Pastor has tried to speak with the Pastor at the Methodist church. So far nothing has been arranged. The University Lutheran Center will be calling a new Pastor. The LCMC and NALC have not been invited to the review process. Beginning in July, we will begin a Sermon on the Mount ILT series for 12 weeks. Starting in January, Pastor wants to start a class on Principles of Biblical Interpretation. He will be teaching this ILT class, with further discussion on Sunday at Forum. Pastor is working on a number of other classes also. Confirmation will begin in the fall for a two year class.

Julie Peterson will be stepping down as Youth Group leader. We want to acknowledge Julie's long and dedicated service in this regard.

Mike moved that we adjourn. We adjourned at 8:31 pm with the Lord's Prayer.
Submitted by Bill Powers

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report June 5, 2013

General Account	\$ 12,506.76
Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 1,809.97</u>
Funds in Checking	\$ 14,316.73

Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 350.40
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 94.25
Lefty's - wine	\$ 17.00
Augsburg - devotions	\$ 18.97
David Patterson -May salary	\$ 1,888.00
Crossroads - communion wafers	<u>\$ 21.19</u>
Total	\$ 2,389.81

Sunday Offering	
5-May	\$ 850.00
12-May	\$ 631.00
19-May	\$ 830.00
26-May	\$ 575.00
Total	\$ 2,886.00

Misc. Income	
Thrivent Choice	\$ 57.00

Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 4/30/13	\$ 23,886.21
May interest	\$ <u>2.16</u>
Balance 5/31/13	\$ 23,888.37

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 4/30/13	\$ 8,716.61
Arlene Madsen- 2 high chairs	\$ 165.96
Balance 5/31/13	\$ 8,550.65

Rev. David Patterson
July, 2013

*"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you**" (Matthew 6:25-33).*

Each July we celebrate our independence as citizens of the United States of America. I am proud to be an American and I dearly cherish my freedoms as an American. Now at the heart of our founding father's understanding of their American identity is their understanding upon which they based their freedom. They expressed their understanding of this foundation in the Declaration of Independence, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*" The foundation upon which our freedoms are based is the belief that God -- our Creator -- bestowed our rights upon us. For me that means that my faith in God and my understanding of that faith must transcend my identity as an American if the rights I cherish as an American are to have any solid foundation. To be a good American, I must put my citizenship in the kingdom of God ahead of my citizenship in the United States. For my rights and freedoms to have any solid foundation, I must put my faith ahead of my rights and freedoms. So I ask you, which comes first for you, your faith or rights?

By the time this newsletter comes out, I will be attending my first meeting as a board member of Lutherans for Life. I made the decision to accept an appointment to this board, because I believe that as a Christian I must place what I know to be right before what I know to be my rights; as a pastor I must lead and guide this flock to know and observe all that Jesus has commanded (in fulfillment of the Great Commission); and as the Body of Christ we all have a responsibility to hold to what we have been taught by God's Word and proclaim what we have been taught to the world. As a member of the Board of Lutheran's for Life, I have committed myself to the vision of

every Lutheran congregation upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.

The gift of life is central to our Christian faith and to our walk as the Body of Christ. Jesus said, "*What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate*" (Mark 10:9). Now while Jesus was speaking specifically about marriage, I believe that this command cannot be simply limited to it. This command is equally valid when considering the issue of life. We read in chapter 2 of Genesis that "the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature." God joined together our bodies from the dust of the ground and God joined His own breath of life together with the bodies that He formed. If we believe that God created us; if we believe that God joined together the bodies He formed with His breath of life; if we believe that we are to learn and observe all that Jesus commanded, then we as Christians must hold as precious and holy the gift of life given to us by God.

You may not all agree with me, with either my view of the sacredness of human life or priority of our citizenship in the kingdom of God over our citizenship in the United States. I am not advocating any political position and I do not believe I have that right as your pastor. I am not questioning the faith or condemning any member of Pioneer Lutheran Church who might disagree with me and I do not believe I have that right as your pastor. However, I do believe I have the responsibility as your pastor to proclaim and teach what Jesus -- the Word of God -- has taught and to call you to observe what He has commanded. This includes Jesus command to not separate (destroy or kill) what God has joined together. This is my responsibility as a pastor; this is my responsibility as a citizen of the kingdom of God; and this is my responsibility as an

American. I encourage each of you to do the same. Praise God for His precious gift of life; praise God for the Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness given to us as an unalienable right; and praise God for the United States of America. "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men..*" (John 1:1-4).

DIAPER DERBY

Elizabeth House in Brookings was overwhelmed at the donation from Pioneer Lutheran. The director said, "We are so blessed with your generosity. Thank you so much!"

Do you know Diaper Derby donations emphasis was from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We at Pioneer are truly blessed as we give to others.

Thank you everyone for remembering to give a hand up in prayer to the needy also.

Be in prayer for St Dysmas Congregation at the penitentiary in Sioux Falls. Our visits from Pioneer members will be coming up later this summer. Date and time are forthcoming.

Hy Vee receipts are adding up fast. Thanks to all who faithfully turn them in for the count. We are 2/3 towards our goal!!

Ice Cream Social Sunday evening, June 30th at Zion Lutheran Church in White. See bulletin board for details.

Teen Compassion Newsletter:

“There are over 6000 churches in 26 developing countries around the world that compassion is helping to sponsor.

In each of these churches, the pastor and staff members provide a safe, nurturing haven for these children. These caring men and women of God enable your sponsorship to be truly life changing.

“Please continue to pray for each child to grow up physically and be an example to other children. Also continue to pray for all the teachers and workers with these children. The children’s homes are very small and crowded with two and three generations. Some children have no home and are living with relatives in unsanitary conditions. This environment causes any to be vulnerable to skin rashes, respiratory diseases, etc.

“All Children at the centers receive vitamins, treatment and preventative medicines as needed for the malnourished and sickly. Weekly activities enhance mental capacities, mostly to those who are slow in learning.

Spiritual roles at the centers are of utmost importance. Children love learning Bible stories, singing and role playing.

“Compassion theme has been “Releasing children from poverty in Jesus name---One child at a time.”

Matthew 10:42

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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, “When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah.”

The teacher asked, “What if Jonah went to hell?” Annoyed the little girl replied, “Then you ask him.”

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHURCH CLEANERS: Mike and Patty Thompson	1	2	3 6 PM Life in Spirit 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	4 	5	6
7 9 ADULT FORUM 10:00 AM WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	8	9	10	11	12	13 Arts In the Park
14 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10:00 WORSHIP	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16	17	18	19	20 Pioneer Days
21 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10:00 WORSHIP	22	23	24 10:30 White Care Center Service	25	26	27
28 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10:00 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	29	30	31	27	28	29

