



# Pioneer Lutheran Church

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## Pioneer Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes March 6, 2013

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

Pastor David lead in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Keri presented the minutes from February. Bill moved to accept the minutes as read and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Arlene presented the treasurer's report. Bill moved to accept the report as read and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business: Keri called Audioconnetion and they don't have our mic. Keri will call them and see about getting them out to see about getting it replaced and have them see about the speakers.

Frank is working on the directory and Penny has put the pictures he has taken into the database.

Arlene would like to have the final bill for the insurance company by next meeting. Other items discussed that need be replaced are a table and chairs for pre-school age kids also high chairs.

New Business:

Pastor's Report: Pastor David stated that were are in the middle of Lent so there has been a lot of sermon prep. He is doing visitation on Wednesdays and Fridays. He has been elected to the national board for Lutherans for Life. There are going to be 4 meetings a year. Pastor may be going to South Sudan in June to help start a new church.

Storage shed: We need to decide exactly what we want.

We will put an add in the papers about Easter.  
 Maundy Thursday services will be 7:00 and Good  
 Friday services will be at 7:00. Easter Sunday  
 services will be at 7:00 AM with a potluck breakfast  
 to follow.

Next meeting is April 3.

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

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary.

**PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 FINANCIAL REPORT  
 MARCH 6, 2013**

<b>General Account</b>	<b>\$ 10,527.12</b>
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,809.97
<b>Funds in Checking</b>	<b>\$ 12,337.09</b>
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 280.08
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 94.54
Augsburg - palm ashes	\$ 17.20
Augsburg - devotions	\$ 18.97
David Patterson - Feb. salary	<u>\$ 1,888.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,298.79</b>

**Sunday Offering**

3-Feb	\$ 386.00
10-Feb - no church-snow storm	\$ -
17-Feb	\$ 1,080.00
24-Feb	<u>\$ 528.00</u>
	<b>\$ 1,994.00</b>

**Misc Income**

Thrivent Choice	\$ 137.00
Lent - Feb 15	\$ 120.00
Lent - Feb 21	\$ 85.00
Lent - Feb 27	<u>\$ 111.00</u>
<b>Total Misc.</b>	<b>\$ 453.00</b>

**Building Fund - Savings Acct.**

Balance 1/31/12	\$ 23,880.32
Feb. interest	\$ 2.09
<b>Balance 1/31/13</b>	<b>\$ 23,882.41</b>

**Fire Insurance Fund - Checking**

Balance 1/31/13	\$ 9,041.61
<b>Balance 2/28/13</b>	<b>\$ 9,041.61</b>

Rev. David Patterson

April, 2013

## **Pioneer**

Syllabification: (pi·o·neer)

Pronunciation: /,pīə'nir/

### **noun**

- a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area.
- a person who is among the first to develop a new area of knowledge or activity.

### **verb**

- develop or be the first to use or apply.

Words mean things. And when we call ourselves Pioneer Lutheran Church, it likewise means something. If we are to take ourselves seriously and be taken seriously by others as Pioneer Lutheran Church, we must clearly understand and own our name. When we call ourselves Pioneer Lutheran Church, we can imply one of three things. We could mean that we are a congregation that looks back and honors those who preceded us as the Church and this congregation who were people who first established our congregation. We could mean that we are a congregation that is committed to be the Body of Christ developing new areas of ministry and teaching. We could mean that we are the Body of Christ actively engaged in ministry; not waiting for others to get there first, but going first while others follow. So many possibilities for one small word. However I am convinced that we must take this word seriously and we as a congregation must be taken seriously by our community as Pioneer Lutheran Church.

Our congregation's motto is *Then and always, Pioneers for Christ!* Are these just words, or do we mean what we say? If we do, then this motto should direct our understanding of what it means to be Pioneer Lutheran Church. What we do as a congregation, we do not for ourselves; not for our congregation; not even for our community. What we do as a congregation we do *for Christ* and Him alone. We are a congregation that looks back to those who came before us. We honor the pioneers in our faith; we honor the pioneers in our congregation. We are a congregation continually engaged in the active process of being pioneers (now and into the future) for Christ. We are engaged in developing new areas of ministry; going where the word of God is absent and delivering that word to those who need to receive it. If we are to take our name and motto seriously, this is what we must be and do. Pioneers go to new places, not just to visit, but to settle. Pioneers homestead! And this is just what we must be about doing, in our community, into the next, and to the ends of the earth. We must identify the good soil (Luke 8:4-21), both here and afar, and set our stake. This Spring, our Pioneer committee will begin the process of developing three homestead efforts to which we—as Pioneers for Christ – may stake our claim. We will be working to bring the Word of God to our community by following Christ's example in feeding the multitude (John 6:1-15). Through the loaves and fishes project we will establish a food pantry for the community of White. We will feed the body, so that we might open minds and heart to the food that never perishes. We will be working to bring the good physician to those who most need a physician (Luke 5:29-32). Through the prisoners project we will build upon our long relationship with St. Dysmas prison ministry and develop outreach programs to the Brookings and Deuel county jails.

We will work fulfill the Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). Through the Brookings Homestead project we will work to establish an outreach congregation and campus ministry in the Brookings community.

We have must work ahead of us, but we are Pioneers. And as pioneers we cannot and will not be satisfied with just staying put and doing nothing. We are Pioneers for Christ and we must commit ourselves and our congregation – as the Body of Christ in this community – to do the work of Pioneers.

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **PIONEER** and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart”* (Hebrews 12:1-3).

**There was a very gracious lady who  
was mailing an old family Bible to her  
brother in another part of the country.  
"Is there anything breakable in here?"  
asked the postal clerk.  
"Only the Ten Commandments."  
answered the lady.**

## **Birthday Celebration for some of the ILT Men who will be turning "60" this year!!**

You are welcome to help celebrate this 'burgeoning decade' for Tim Swenson, Dennis Bielfeldt and Doug Morton, among others at ILT, which will only be with us in spirit!

The fun of a previously experienced 60s decade will be present in music, fun and food!! Sandwiches will be provided, we are asking that if you could bring a jello salad of your choice to go along with the sandwiches it will be greatly appreciated!!

The music will begin about 30 to 40 minutes after worship (Jazz liturgy) on Sun., April 28 at Pioneer Lutheran Church.

Fun door prizes will be passed around-do take them home-and song sheet will be provided.

Yes, it's a '60s Sing-A-Long'!

Then we will eat sandwiches and a spread of potluck JELLO dishes!

We end with cake, ice cream and 'May the Blessings of the Lord Be Upon You.'

Call this event The 60s Made Righteous!

Call Dale Ann Swenson for more details-701-421-1999 or write [journalistdale@gmail.com](mailto:journalistdale@gmail.com)

## Phone Tree

**Please look this Phone tree over and let Bill know if you see anyone that needs to be added or any changes that you fill need to be made. Thanks.**

David Patterson (651-9729) speaks with Larry Holler (629-6081 or 695-0984)

David Patterson calls »

Frank & Kim James (794-2088) call »

Dana & Nancy Crooks (794-4571)

Joe & Keri Skroch (629-2161) call »

Mike & Julie Petersen (629-3441)

Doug Morton

Tim Swenson

Larry Holler calls »

Bill Powers (629-3000 or 651-2068) calls »

Paul & Denise Nepodal (629-3212)

Lew & Donna Weeks (629-8471) call »

Karen & Rick Ronne (629-8971)

Ron & Deanna Tolrud (629-4861)

Mike & Patty Thompson (629-6571) call »

Kevin & Laura Quail (693-3709) call »

Trevor & Lana Schwartz (629-4991) call »

Matt & Tiffany Petersen (629-8421)

Glenn & Joann Thompson (629-6061)

Randy Jensen calls »

Thallis Jensen

Allan Jensen

George & Arlene Madsen (629-4781) call »

Dennis Bielfeldt (693-4050) calls »

Daniel Bielfeldt

Terrell Spence (794-2041)

Don't forget to check the church website or prayer chain and announcements. [www.pioneerlutheran.org](http://www.pioneerlutheran.org)

Thanks for saving those HyVee receipts. We're over halfway to \$150,000 turned in for \$1000 for Pioneer. Remember no alcohol, tobacco or gas( I will sort that out before final total). Thanks, Lew

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
It has become increasingly difficult to play prelude music over the years at PLC. The conversation has become louder and the occasional sharp peals of laughter seem to occur more frequently and it doesn't matter who is providing the music on a particular Sunday. From my understanding, once one enters the 'Lord's dwelling place', they should be entering a worshipful setting, not a sports arena of loud conversation and laughter where one is waiting for the jump ball to be thrown before the gym becomes quiet. Yet, to me, that seems to be what is occurring at PLC. From my understanding, once the pastor takes his seat in the chancel that is certainly the congregation's signal to be quiet. The prelude music is provided to create an atmosphere to allow one to read from the Bible or meditate our thoughts quietly. Therefore, to encourage a worshipful setting, prelude music will not be provided by me for awhile. We're a small body of Christ, yes, all the more reason to remind ourselves that there are formalities, no matter the number of worshippers. "Where two or three are gathered are in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20) If we take that verse to heart, what is yours and my reaction?

Respectfully, Mj Powers

## APRIL-COMPASSION MONTH

For the past several years Pioneer Lutheran has been "Partners of Compassion".

This month of April is designated as Compassion Month. Several families from Pioneer have stepped forward to sponsor a child from the following countries: India, Guatemala, Philippines and Ethiopia. For a little more than dollar a day to sponsor a child, can be a brighter spot in anyone's day. You can hear from them by letter or email and this encourages you to respond with encouragement, your love and support through prayers, pictures and sharing a meaningful Bible verse of yours. To the world you are one person but to one person you are the world.

A monthly gift to Compassion International will get this child out of poverty, into a school, health care, educated and learn social skills. Christian values are learned at school and then brought to their homes.

Little ones cannot speak for themselves. Please pray about sponsoring a precious child in need each month.

You will be greatly rewarded and blessed. God can change lives!!!

Call toll free at 1 (800) 336-7676 or email at [compassion.com](http://compassion.com)

For questions you may contact Lew and Donna Weeks 629-8471

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO  
MADE OUR LENTEN SEASON, HOLY  
WEEK AND EASTER SO  
MEANINGFUL.

From those who brought soup, served,  
ushered, shared music abilities, cleaned,  
removed snow and participated, we thank  
you and ask God to bless each of you.  
From the Life in Spirit Committee



Pioneer Lutheran would like to express their  
deepest sympathy to Larry and Sue Holler and  
family in the death of Larry's sister in law  
Suzie Holler. May God comfort you and your  
family during this difficult time.



## MOVIE/HOMEMADE PIZZA NIGHT

Yes we are having another one. Sign  
up for a pizza ingredient or two and  
come on Sunday, April 7 at 5 pm to  
have pizza and watch a movie. If you  
are bringing ingredients please have  
them there earlier so we can get the  
pizza's prepared and ready to eat by  
5:30. The movie will start at 6pm  
and is yet to be determined but  
guaranteed to be good. Come out and  
have an enjoyable evening.

# APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHURCH CLEANERS: JULIE PETERSEN	1	2	3 6 PM Life in Spirit 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	4	5	6
7 9 SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM 10:00 AM WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM 10:00 WORSHIP	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16	17	18	19	20
21 9 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM 10:00 WORSHIP	22	23	24 10:30 White Care Center Service	25	26	27
28 9 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM 10:00 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	29	30		April 21 <sup>st</sup> Eastern SD NALC/LCMC Gathering 3-6 pm	April 28 <sup>th</sup> 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration following service	





# Mission in our Midst



## Eastern SD NALC/LCMC Gathering

Sunday, April 21, 3pm-6pm

Old Sanctuary, 90 4th St., Brookings

ESD Lutheran Seminary w/ ILT  
Rev. Tim Swenson

Sponsored by  
Pioneer Lutheran Church

Mission support for Lutheran Church of South Sudan  
Rev. Jordan Long, President, LCSS

### Featured Missions Include

LCMC/NALC Mission Congregation in Brookings  
Rev. David Patterson

Support for Falls Community Church in Sioux Falls  
Rev. Julius Badago



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