



Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Pioneer Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2013

Present were Larry Holler, Pastor David Patterson, Mike Thompson, Bill Powers, Deanna Tolrud, Arlene Madsen, Frank James, and Keri Skroch. Larry called the meeting to order and Pastor David lead in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Keri presented the report from April.

Mike moved to approve the minutes as read and Deanna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Old Business: Arlene bought 2 high chairs and will be reimbursed for them.

Mike presented a bid from Lemke Pest Control for spraying 2 times a year. Bill presented a bid from MinKota Pest Control for 4 times a year. He will see about getting a bid for 2 times so we can compare. Bill moved to table this motion until fall. Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Table and chairs for preschool room. Keri will check on this.

Larry will talk to Ryan about mowing.

Pastor's Report: NACL-LCMC meeting Pastor David said 35 people attended. It went very well. There is support for a mission start in Brookings. New Hope, Hayti, and Hosanna will support a Sunday night service. Pastor is not going to South Sudan this summer. It was pushed back to next year. NALC has sent a missionary to start a school in South Sudan. Life in the Spirit committee suggested buying carnations for mom's on Mother's Day. Mike moved to accept this motion and Frank seconded this motion. The motion passed.

Pastor will be around most of the summer. Pastor requested that his check be changed to a monthly household check instead of a salary check.

Bill mentioned he is concerned about insurance for Pastor and Penny.

Pastor will be teaching class this fall.

Addition was discussed and council decided to get another bid from Mike Robbins that includes Electrical and heating. Keri will take care of this.

New business: Bible school was discussed. It was mentioned that even though we do not have many children that would attend Bible school we should still encourage them to go to another Bible school or camp. Frank moved to increase the youth scholarship from \$50 to \$100. Deanna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting and Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, Secretary

PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT
MAY 1, 2013

General Account	\$ 11,953.57
Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 1,809.97</u>
Funds in Checking	\$ 13,763.54

Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 398.03
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 94.25
Town & Country Shopper-Easter Ad	\$ 21.00
Postmaster - stamps	\$ 18.40
Deanna Tolrud - step stool	\$ 19.06
David Patterson -April salary	\$ 1,888.00
Hy-Vee - palms & kitchen supplies	<u>\$ 38.11</u>
Total	\$ 2,476.85

Sunday Offering

7-Apr	\$ 837.00
14 -Apr - no church, snow storm	\$ -
21-Apr	\$ 922.00
28-Apr	\$ 923.00
Total	\$ 2,682.00

Building Fund - Savings Acct.

Balance 3/31/13	\$ 23,884.24
March interest	<u>\$ 1.97</u>
Balance 4/30/13	\$ 23,886.21

Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 3/31/13	\$ 9,041.61
Deanna Tolrud - 13 banners	\$ 325.00
Balance 4/30/13	\$ 8,716.61

Rev. David Patterson
May, 2013

This last month – with commencement happening at SDSU and at Deubrook High School – I’ve been thinking a lot about what it means to be a student, what it means to graduate, and how one should define success as a student. Grades are important of course. If any children in our congregation read this, listen up! Work as hard as you can to get good grades in school. But while good grades can be an important gage of the level of competence in a specific class, they do not – in and of themselves – serve as an indicator of success as a student. In college I knew many fellow students – each of whom got great grades – that I would not consider a successful student. I am speaking of course of the “professional” student. One who continually changes their major in order to continue as a full-time student, but never seems any closer to graduating. Now there is nothing wrong with being a life-long learner (I am one myself), but when I think about what it means to be a successful student, I don’t think about just getting good grades and perpetually continuing courses with no end or goal in sight. One goes to school to learn and that learning is directed toward a specific goal or end, not

as an end unto itself. For me, true success as a student must be gagged on meeting the goals for which you began your education and graduating on into your life making use of the education you have obtained.

I mention this, because I often think of us Lutherans as the perfect “professional” students. We tend to be really good at doctrine and theology, but we tend to be quite poor at doing anything about it. We forever remain disciples with no interest in being anything else. A disciple is nothing other than a student or learner. When Jesus gathered His 12 disciples, they were His students and He was there teacher (or Rabbi). But the time came for His disciples to graduate, and He commissioned them as His “sent ones” (Apostles) to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I (Jesus) have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus did not make them disciples so they might remain disciples, but so they might learn all He commanded them so that they might graduate and be sent so that, through their proclamation of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit might call others as disciples. And they – being made disciples through the waters of baptism – might learn from the apostles all that Jesus had commanded them, in order that they in their time might also graduate and be sent to proclaim, baptize,

and teach. Just as the “professional” student cannot be considered as successful student, so the perpetual disciple cannot be considered a successful disciple. What determines the success of the disciple is seen in their apostleship.

Now in none of this am I speaking of the issue of salvation. We are saved by the grace of the Father, through faith in Jesus Christ the Son, worked when and where the Spirit wills. No, I am speaking to the Church, the redeemed Body of Christ, made disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit through the waters of baptism. We are made disciples so that we might learn and having learned might be sent so others might be called as disciples. This we Lutherans have not done well. We tend to think of improving things in the church with discipleship programs. We are so satisfied being such good disciples, it never occurs to us that we need to graduate and become apostles. We do not need to cease being a disciple. Every follower of Jesus remains His disciple (we should remain life-long learners). But being a great disciple does not necessarily mean that we are successful disciples. Our success as His disciples is only seen in our response to His sending us out as His apostles. Every Christian is called through the waters of baptism as a disciple and every disciple is a disciple in order to

learn and be sent and every equipped disciple is sent as an apostles. As Lutherans, we are great disciples, but the time comes when we must graduate.

Apostleship awaits!

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21).



Pioneer Lutheran extends their deepest sympathies to Doug Morton and family in the loss of his daughter to a tragic accident.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD

The Fourth Annual Gathering will be held on
September 21, 2013 at the Watertown, South Dakota
Event Center

Reservations need to be made by August 22, 2013
Information regarding the gathering includes:

- *Break-out Sessions
- *Lunch and fellowship
- *Special Music
- *Business Meeting
- *Displays
- *Vendors
- *WOW Boutique

Diaper Derby


From Mother's Day to Father's Day we are collecting baby items to give to Elizabeth House. Bring you items and put in the bassinet at the church. There is also a baby bottle to momentary donations if you wish to give that way.

Buffalo Ridge Chorale
Sunday, June 2 4pm @ Christ
Lutheran Church in Hendricks,
MN

A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied happily, "They will in a minute."

JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHURCH CLEANERS: SUE HOLLER					1	1
2 9 ADULT FORUM 10:00 AM WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	3	4	5 6 PM Life in Spirit 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	6	7	8
9 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10:00 WORSHIP	10	11	12	13	14 	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
16 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10:00 WORSHIP FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10:00 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	24	25	26 10:30 White Care Center Service	27	28	29

