



# Pioneer Lutheran Church

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Minutes 4/3/13 7:05 pm

Present: Arlene, Deanna, Larry, Mike, Bill, Pastor, & Frank  
Keri being absent, Bill volunteered to take the minutes.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Read by Mike.

Correction noted: Pastor is going to help start a new seminary in South Sudan, not to start a church.

Motion moved to accept by Frank, Mike seconded, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept by Deanna, and seconded by Frank. The motion to accept approved.

Old Business:

Church directory:

Frank has now 16 families in directory, which is most of those who regularly attend.

The plan is to make copies of the directory when done, combining them with other church records, like baptisms, etc.

Prayer Chain:

Prayer chain has been printed in the newsletter,

Mike notes that Sandy and Matt Reed are not included.

When the Phone Chain is done we will distribute it with the newsletter.

It will, however, not be posted on the internet.

Insurance Close Out:

12 child's chairs and 8' table will be ordered soon, and the bill presented to insurance.

We are looking into getting real high chairs. Unless we hear very soon about any other items, this will close out the insurance claim.

Storage of the artificial Christmas tree was discussed. No good solutions that are mouse proof were immediately forthcoming.

We will look for bags or the like to store them. We ought to be able to find something on the internet.

Kitchen Sink: Need to replace the small three sinks in kitchen. Larry will look into this.

New Business:  
Pastor's Report

The Eastern SD NALC-LCMC meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21, at Old Sanctuary from 3-6 pm. Pioneer is the host, meaning we are responsible for setting up chairs, snacks, coffee, tea for about less than 100, leading opening and closing service, including Communion wine and wafers. We will need some people to make sure we have the food and setup before the event.

We discussed inattentiveness just prior to service and decided that it might be addressed by moving Forum into Youth Room. In this way, people that want to carry on a conversation before service could do so in the Fellowship Room. We don't want to discourage such fellowship. But we also don't want loud conversations to disrupt those who are preparing for worship. This idea was approved.

Current space assessment:

Space needs include a library and a counseling space. With our limited space, we recognize that space must be able to serve multiple purposes. With this in mind, we need to consider the ease of moving furniture around, or storing it in the new addition.

We discussed putting a shelf above the sink in the furnace room to store some cleaning material. Bill will look into doing this.

We need to better understand what exactly the new addition will be used for.

Spring Cleaning:

May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm was agreed upon. We will consider other days if needed.

Pest Control: Mike brought up Brad Lemke of Toronto. We'll get an estimate for mice and termites or whatever they think is required.

We need to arrange for mowing. We will contact Ryan to see if he wants to it again this year.

Good Friday Service: Bill suggested that we cover the statue of Jesus during the dismantling of the altar. We will look into that possibility for next year.

Bill moved that we adjourn. So we did.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 pm.

Respectively submitted by Bill Powers.

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FINANCIAL REPORT  
APRIL 3, 201

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>General Account</b>   | <b>\$ 11,748.42</b> |
| Memorial Fund            | <u>\$ 1,809.97</u>  |
| <b>Funds in Checking</b> | <b>\$ 13,558.39</b> |

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| Sioux Valley Energy - electricity      | \$ 301.17          |
| ITC - phone and internet               | \$ 94.53           |
| Brookings Deuel Rural Water-annual fee | \$ 248.00          |
| David Patterson - March salary         | \$ 1,889.00        |
| Lutheran World Relief - Lent Offering  | <u>\$ 594.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 3,126.70</b> |

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| <b>Sunday Offering</b> |                    |
| 3-Mar                  | \$ 575.00          |
| 10-Mar                 | \$ 565.00          |
| 17-Mar                 | \$ 1,080.00        |
| 24-Mar                 | \$ 892.00          |
| 31-Mar                 | <u>\$ 875.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$ 3,987.00</b> |

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| <b>Misc Income</b> |                  |
| Lent - March 6     | \$ 94.00         |
| Lent - March 13    | \$ 71.00         |
| Lent - March 20    | \$ 113.00        |
| Maundy Thursday    | <u>\$ 83.00</u>  |
| <b>Total Misc.</b> | <b>\$ 361.00</b> |

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| <b>Building Fund - Savings Acct.</b> |                     |
| Balance 2/28/13                      | \$ 23,882.41        |
| March interest                       | <u>\$ 1.83</u>      |
| <b>Balance 3/31/13</b>               | <b>\$ 23,884.24</b> |

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| <b>Fire Insurance Fund - Checking</b> |                    |
| Balance 2/28/13                       | \$ 9,041.61        |
| <b>Balance 3/31/13</b>                | <b>\$ 9,041.61</b> |

May Friendship Day 2013

Saturday, May 4

12 noon

St. Paul Catholic Church

*The theme is "Woman of  
God" using Bible verse  
2 Peter 3:18 - Grow in  
grace.*

Please come for friendship,  
fellowship, fun, and food!

Rev. David Patterson  
May 2013

There are two important holidays that we are celebrating this May. The first is Mother's Day. When I think about my mother, what I think about is how irrational she had to have been raising me. I suspect the same is true of all mothers. Now I don't mean this in a negative or derogatory way. But nonetheless I am struck with how irrational one must be to be a good mother. I remember time after time my mother telling me what was right, what I should do and what I should avoid. I also remember just how unlikely it was that I would listen to a single thing my mother would say. I was so convinced that I knew everything and she knew nothing that there was no way I was going to pay any heed to what she had to say. Now my mom was no dummy, so this fact could not have escaped her, and the logical thing to do would be to stop trying. Why keep talking if she knew I would not listen. The very notion was irrational. And yet keep talking she did. No matter that I refused to listen, she kept talking. Why? Because she loved me and in her love for me she prayed for a miracle from God that would open my ears so I might hear and give heed to what she had to say. Thank God that mothers are irrational.

Now I think there is an important lesson for us to learn from this first holiday as we contemplate the second, Pentecost. In the miracle of Pentecost, each of those listening was "amazed and astonished" to hear the words from Jesus' apostles each in his native tongue. At Pentecost, God worked a miracle by opening the ears for those assembled to hear. And He has been working that same miracle ever since. The words spoken by the apostles were not in and of themselves miraculous, but

that the people could hear and receive the Good News, that was a miracle. This same miracle is being worked in the ears and hearts of people around the world every day.

We are called as the Body of Christ -- baptized by the Holy Spirit -- to proclaim the Good News to our neighbors, and by all accounts the very thought of doing this is irrational. No matter how much we care for our neighbor -- how much we love them -- they'll never listen, so why proclaim the Gospel in the first place? For the very same reason that mothers around the world have continued to speak in spite of the deaf ears turned by their children, because they love their children and those children need to know what those mothers are telling them, and maybe -- just maybe -- this time the Lord will work a miracle and their children will hear. This is why mothers keep talking and this is why we must continue to proclaim the Good News. Because our neighbors need to hear this Good News and the Lord can and does work miracles and maybe this time will be the time He opens their ears and hearts through His gift of faith. So this Pentecost, take a lesson from Mother's Day and in your love for God and your neighbor, irrationally spread the Gospel. And this Mother's Day, share a miracle with your mother. Listen to her.

# MAY 2013

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                       |
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| CHURCH<br>CLEANERS:<br>Penny Patterson   | Last day of Sunday<br>School May 19<br>also Deubrook's<br>Graduation                                      |         | 1<br>6 PM Life in Spirit<br>7 PM CHURCH<br>COUNCIL | 2        | 3      | 4<br>MAY<br>FELLOWSHIP<br>12PM |
| 5<br>9 SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>& ADULT FORUM<br>10:00 AM<br>WORSHIP<br>HOLY COMMUNION | 6   | 7       | 8  | 9        | 10     | 11                             |
| 12<br>9 AM SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL & ADULT<br>FORUM<br>10:00 WORSHIP                  | 13  | 14      | 15<br>NEWSLETTER<br>ARTICLES DUE                   | 16       | 17     | 18                             |
| 19<br>9 AM SUNDAY<br>SCHOOL & ADULT<br>FORUM<br>10:00 WORSHIP                  | 20  | 21      | 22<br>10:30 White Care<br>Center Service           | 23       | 24     | 25                             |
| 26<br>9 AM ADULT<br>FORUM<br>10:00<br>CONTEMPORARY<br>WORSHIP                  | 27<br>MEMORIAL DAY<br> | 28      | 28   | 29       | 30     | 31                             |

