



DECEMBER 2020

PIONEER LUTHERAN

Pastor Pam Wells

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PIONEER LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING December 2, 2020

Present were President Brad Nupen, Charlotte Mickelson, Valerie Hicks, Julie Petersen, Milan Kruse, and Denise Nepodal. Absent were Pastor Pam Wells and Keri Skroch.

Brad called the meeting to order. Charlotte led in devotions.

Secretary's Report:

Denise presented the report from November. Val moved to accept the report as read. Julie seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Julie presented the report. Denise moved to accept the report. Milan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Bathroom: issues with toilets flushing; no motion was made

Poor water down the drains in the kitchen and bathrooms.

Discussed website and Pastor Pam's email. These are a 'bundle' which is paid through 2022. At that time, council will discuss options.

New Business:

Christmas Eve service: concerns with the pandemic and it generally being a bigger crowd; have masks available; ushers help guide the spacing; have the fellowship hall ready – put down the tables and put more chairs up

Annual Meeting: concern with getting a quorum; offer it over Zoom. Date is set for January 17th with 'rain date' being January 31st.

Directory needs to be updated. Brad will talk to Bill Powers to see if he can help with this.

Pastor's report:

Pastoral contacts this month – 9

Denise will check with Mike to see if there are candles for Christmas Eve service.

Pastor Pam sent a cemetery plot request.

Julie will forward the email to Mike Thompson.

Denise moved to adjourn and Charlotte seconded.

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Submitted by Denise Nepodal

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
NOVEMBER 302020	
General Fund	\$ 12,176.71
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,976.48
Funds in Checking	\$ 14,153.19
Expenses	
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 165.91
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 98.30
Pam Wells pastor Housing	\$ 725.00
Lexy Carson wages	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas Cop and Kids	\$ 150.00
Thompson Concrete	\$ 612.00
Hy Vee cup for communion	\$ 4.87
Guide One Insurance	\$ 2,537.00
Total	\$ 5,793.08
Sunday Offering	
NOV 1	\$ 1,190.00
NOV 8	\$ 645.00
NOV 15	\$ 1,160.00
NOV 22	\$ 660.00
NOV 29	\$ 745.00
Total	\$ 4,400.00

“The very purpose of Christ’s coming into the world was that he might offer up his life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas.”

-Rev. Billy Graham



This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.

— Frank McKibben

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ARE DUE TO JULIE
NO LATER THAN
JANUARY 10TH,
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Are you a
Christmas
Carol Expert?

Each year as the holiday season rolls around, our ears are filled with the spirited sounds of familiar holiday tunes. But how closely do you really pay attention to the lyrics? Take our quiz to test your skills and see if you can call yourself a Christmas carol expert! Answers below.

1. In "Do you Hear What I Hear" the main characters are the wind, a lamb, a shepherd boy and...
2. In "The First Noel" when the poor shepherds look up in the sky, where is the star that they see?
3. When "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" we bring a cup of good cheer and this sweet treat.
4. When "I'll be Home for Christmas" I ask for snow, presents under the tree and this.
5. In "The Little Drummer Boy" the ox and lamb do this.
6. When we "Deck the Halls" what passes fast away?
7. As "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" we are told to be sure to do these three things.
8. On a "Silent Night," how should one sleep?
9. In "Jingle Bells," where are the bells that make spirits so bright?
10. What was the magic item that brought "Frosty The Snowman" to life?

Answers
1. King
2. Shining in the east beyond them far
3. Figgy pudding
4. Mistletoe
5. Keep time
6. The old year
7. Wash out. Not on. Not put.
8. In heavenly peace
9. On Ebb-tide
10. That old silk hat they found

I once bought my kids
a set of batteries
for Christmas with a
note on it saying
'toys not included.'
—Bernard Manning






















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"TEACHER SAYS
EVERY TIME
A BELL RINGS,
AN ANGEL
GETS HIS
WINGS."
—ZUZU BAILEY, IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

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Jesus Is Born

One day the  visited . The  told  she would be the mother of the Son of God. The  said the child's name would be Jesus.  was married to . The emperor made  and  travel to  to pay taxes. The trip was hard for  because Jesus would be born soon. When  and  got to , all of the inns were filled.  and  had to stay in a  with . Jesus was born in the .  wrapped Jesus in cloth and laid Him in a . An angel visited  and told them that Jesus had been born. The  visited Jesus and then told many people that they saw Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 1 – Newsletter articles due to Julie Petersen (email to jmpete@itctel.com)
- Wed Jan 6 Life In Spirit 6 pm Council 7:00 pm
- Annual Reports due no later than Sunday Jan 10th
- We continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts, so please remember to bring yours.
- Please remember to bring your donations for the Brookings Food Pantry. Your contributions are a blessing to others

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER READERS: POWERS/QUAIL	DECEMBER CLEANERS: CHAROLETTE	1	2 6 PM LIFE IN SPIRIT 7 pm CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4	5
6 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION 2 ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP 3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 4 TH SUNDAY OF	21	22	23	24 XMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE 5 PM	25 	26
27 10 AM HYMN SING	28	29	30	31	1 	2
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