



OCTOBER 6, 2021

PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2021

Present were President Valerie Hicks, Pastor Pam Wells, Charlotte Mickelson, Milan Kruse, Julie Petersen, Kevin Quail, and Keri Skroch. Laura Quail was absent. Val called the meeting to order. Pastor Pam lead in devotions.

Secretary's Report: Keri presented the report from September. Kevin moved to accept the minutes. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Julie presented the monthly and quarterly reports. Charlotte moved to approve the reports. Kevin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Membership records – Laura would like to have some help.

Records- Laura has a list for the directory to go over.

Constitution- Charlotte has questions about the by-laws and mission statement. This was tabled until the next meeting until we could dig into it more. Fall Festival Went very well.

Cry room and Youth room cleanup will be October 14th. Julie, Laura, and Val will take care of this.

PR group for community involvement (Charlotte & Laura)- Some of the ideas that they came up with are: Online presence should be more updated. Welcome brochures updated. Reach out to members – postcard? Do more activities at the church to bring a bigger presence - connect with youth groups. Fall fun – have a bonfire. Free meal in November? Christmas caroling. Winter fun. Ladies Tea for Spring. Bible School partner- Neso Dak. They plan to meet once a month and come up with more activities to get Pioneer recognized. Plumbing (hot water) update - Kevin reported that he met with Ekern's. They timed how long it takes and he said would go back and talk to his boss. We received an invoice, and they did not really do anything.

Charlotte will talk to them.

Pastoral call committee update (Val, Julie, Bill P., Jim H., Arlene, and Larry H.)

They are meeting this week. New

Business: Confirmation class for Sandy Reed's boy? Pastor Pam will take care of this.

Michaelson account mission money- We have \$625 to spend on missions decided to give \$325 to Deubrook Backpack, \$300 to BATA bus.

Annual meeting preparations- Need to remind some of the committees. Need to replace Paul Nepodal on the auditing committee. This will be listed in the newsletter and bulletin. Agenda needs to be ready so it can go on the post card. Meeting time and date for council- November 2 at 6 PM was decided on. The telephone is not working at the church. Val will have Steve check it.

Pastor's Report-

Adult Bible study has begun. Not gathering on October 13th.

Book club has begun The Art of Racing in the Rain discussion Nov. 9th at 9am.

Pastor will be out of town Oct. 11 through Oct. 16.

Pastor requests permission to be gone on Sun. Dec. 5th (gone Nov29 – Dec. 9th)

Council agreed to her being gone this week. Pastor Pam will pay whoever covers for her. When pastor missed Sept. 12th due to family issues should she have a portion pulled from this check to cover these two Sundays?

While the council appreciated the gesture, it was decided that it will be fine.

Baptism- Millie Forest Skroch was baptized 8-15-21.

Pastor has information/contact information for LCMC staff re: call process and will share with the council.

Pastoral contacts for September- 7

Attendance has stayed steady through the year.

Kevin moved to adjourn the meeting and Milan seconded the motion.

The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch,
Secretary

30-Sep-21	
General Fund	\$ 11,873.47
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,026.48
Funds in Checking	\$ 13,899.95
Expenses	
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 133.76
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 98.62
Pam Wells pastor Housing	\$ 1,000.00
Pam Wells salary	\$ 1,225.00
Town & Country Shopper	\$ 48.00
Matt Petersen 2X mowing/Tree trim	\$ 610.00
Sola Publishing	\$ 16.71
	\$ 3,132.09
Sunday Offering	
SEPT 5	\$ 615.00
SEPT 12	\$ 1,115.00
SEPT 19	\$ 725.00
SEPT 26	\$ 855.00
Total	\$ 3,310.00
FALL FEST	
MISC DONATIONS	\$ 162.00
MEAL INCOME	\$ 696.00
AUCTION INCOME	\$ 914.00
	\$ 1,772.00
THRIVENT CARD	\$ 250.00
EXPENSES HYVEE/TOWN COUNTRY AD	\$ 250.00
TOWN COUNTRY AD	\$ 48.00
	\$ 48.00
1/2 PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH	\$ 838.00
1/2 PIONEER CEMETERY	\$ 886.00
	\$ 1,772.00

The Call committee has been formed. A meeting was held to start the process of looking for a pastor. Another meeting will be held in 2 weeks.

Members and Friends of Pioneer: It's an exciting time to be a member of Pioneer as we search for a new spiritual leader for our church. What would that look like for you and your family? We have some decisions to make, and you have a choice and a place at Pioneer. As members of Pioneer and our church council, we are asking you to make a commitment to this process by participating in any or all of the following:

1. Pray for our congregation and the ministry of Pioneer Lutheran
2. Connect with us on our Facebook page
3. Encourage others, offering Pioneer as a spiritual home
4. Worship with us during our Sunday morning service
5. Volunteer or reach out to help someone
6. Participate in one of the opportunities at Pioneer through fellowship or service

It will take all of us to move forward in faith as we embrace these changes. Pray about your "place" at Pioneer. God already knows how we are going to move forward. There is a place for me and a place for you at Pioneer!

Trusting God for the Outcome

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, He shall direct your path."

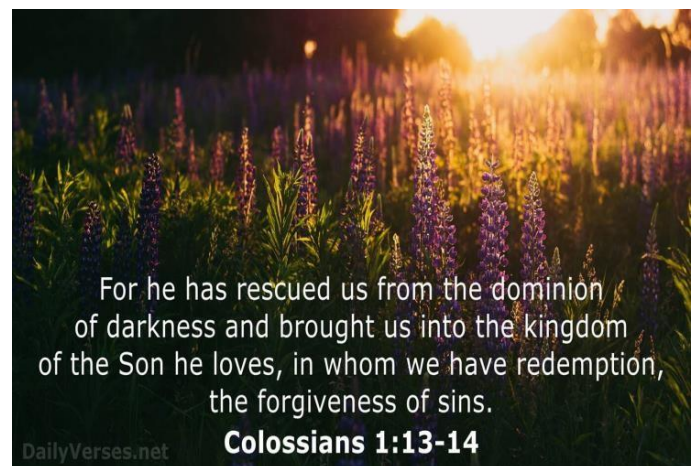
In Christ,
Charlotte and Laura



PIONEER CHURCH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO FILL IN ON THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Audit Committee meets one time a year in January to audit the financials before the Annual meeting.

PLEASE LET A COUNCIL MEMBER KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED






MARK YOU CALENDAR

- **October 20 and 27th Bible Study 6 pm**
- **Nov 1 – Newsletter articles due to Julie Petersen (email to jmpete@itctel.com)**
- **Nov 2 Church Council 6 pm**
- **Nov 3 Life in Spirit 6 pm**
- **Nov 6 9 am Book Club Discussion “The Art of Racing in the Rain”**
- **Nov 14 Deadline to return St Dysmas forms to Arlene**
- **We need Monthly Cleaners, Readers, and coffee servers**
- **We continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts, so remember to bring yours.**
- **Please remember to bring your donations for the Brookings Food Pantry. Your contributions are a blessing to others**
- **December 9th St Dysmas visit**



OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS OCTOBER: CHARLOTTE NOVEMBER:	CLEANERS: OCTOBER: CHARLOTTE NOVEMBER: BILL & MJ				1	2
3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	4	5	6 6 PM LIFE IN SPIRIT 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	7	8	9
10 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	18	19	20 6 PM BIBLE STUDY	21	22	23
24 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	25	26	27 6 PM BIBLE STUDY	28	29	30
31  9 AM ADULT FORUM 10AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	1	2 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	3 6 PM LIFE IN SPIRIT	4	5	6 9 AM BOOK CLUB

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