



SEPTEMBER 2021

PIONEER LUTHERAN

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PIONEER LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Pastor Pam and all 6 members of Pioneer Church Council met at the church September 1, 2021.

President, Valerie Hicks, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Pastor Pam led devotions.

Secretary's Report: Laura Quail read the minutes of the August meeting in Keri Skroch's absence. One correction was made: change MA to MN for state abbreviation. Kevin Quail moved to accept the report, Milan Kruse seconded the motion which passed.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Peterson shared the handout of the August financial report. Kevin moved to accept the report, Milan seconded the motion which passed.

Old Business

1. Membership list: Laura announced that she would have the list finalized by the October meeting.
2. Safe update: still on special order from Lowe's
3. No discussion on the constitution
4. A review of the Fall Festival plans on September 12 was discussed.

5. A short review was discussed about the August 8th event of Pioneer Family Reunion
6. A follow up of possible Sunday School classes was discussed. No one indicated interest on the signup sheet.
7. The couch in the Cry Room is still there but Council members reaffirmed that it needed to be removed. Kevin again volunteered to take it away.
8. A long discussion of the hot water issue in the kitchen was had. Laura moved to call Ekern Plumbing (the company that installed the system) to look at the problem. Charlotte Mickelson seconded the motion which passed.

New Business:

1. A discussion was had on the need to clean up the Youth Room. Julie is in the process of organizing the collection of table/window sill decorations in the kitchen cabinet. After the Fall Festival, Laura, Julie and Val will tackle the

Youth Room to reorganize and clean up the cabinet.

2. Bob Olsen emailed Julie to request a church/cemetery visit on Friday afternoon, Sept 3, as he and his granddaughters are visiting Augustana in Sioux Falls. He would like to show the new church and cemetery to the girls before heading home to Minnesota. Pastor Pam offered to open the church for them.
3. Charlotte proposed a design for Terrell Spence's stained-glass remembrance. All members agreed it was appropriate and that work could begin.
4. A suggestion on how to promote the Church name and information was discussed. Laura and Charlotte agreed to meet October 6, 2021, to create ways to promote the Church in the area. A monthly meeting, first Wednesday of each month, was agreed upon. Suggestions from any church member would be appreciated.
5. Pastor's Report
 - a. Signup sheet for adult Bible study will be available
 - b. Book club will meet after Sunday's service
 - c. A few lessons have been prepared and available for Sunday School possibility
 - d. Women of the Word gathering will not be attended
 - e. Four pastoral contacts made

Executive Session: At 8:15, Julie moved, Milan seconded to move into executive session. Motion passed. At 8:30, Laura moved, Julie seconded to move out of executive session. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Kevin moved; Milan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion passed.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed at close of the meeting.

For Keri Skroch by Charlotte Mickelson

Special Meeting

Sunday, September 5, 2021 The council held a special meeting to discuss a pastoral call. Val, Julie, Charlotte, Kevin and Laura were present. It was unanimously decided to form a call committee and ask the congregation for volunteers, Val will chair the committed and Julie volunteered to be on the committee. Council is asking for four more additional members.

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
31-Aug-21	
General Fund	\$ 10,809.56
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,026.48
Funds in Checking	\$ 12,836.04
Expenses	
Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 122.51
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 98.62
Pam Wells pastor Housing	\$ 1,000.00
Pam Wells salary	\$ 1,225.00
Square One Productions	\$ 100.00
Milan Kruse lift rental/cleaner	\$ 198.00
HyVee chicken/storage bags	\$ 165.91
Matt Petersen 4X mowing	\$ 720.00
Brookings Deuel Rural Water	\$ 66.50
	\$ 3,696.54
Sunday Offering	
AUG 1	\$ 715.00
AUG 8	\$ 1,180.00
AUG 15	\$ 455.00
AUG 22	\$ 545.00
AUG 29	\$ 790.00
Total	\$ 3,685.00

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past Wednesday I requested that the Church Council meet with me in Executive Session to discuss my “Intent to Retire”. I now take this opportunity to speak to the members of Pioneer on this topic.

Being your pastor and doing all the things that that entails, has been and is now, a very beautiful thing to me. However, the Lord has been showing me very clearly that it is time for me to step down as your pastor. God is “doing unto” me, and to Pioneer. Although I do not fully understand it and cannot know what His plan is for all of us, I trust Him and know with all of my heart that it is good. This is what faith speaks to us in the Word.

The timing of this will be largely dependent upon when the new pastor will be found. I trust that God is ordering things. I will remain at least until Lent 2022 begins but will step aside sooner if that is the way things unfold. If it goes beyond that time, we will figure it out then.

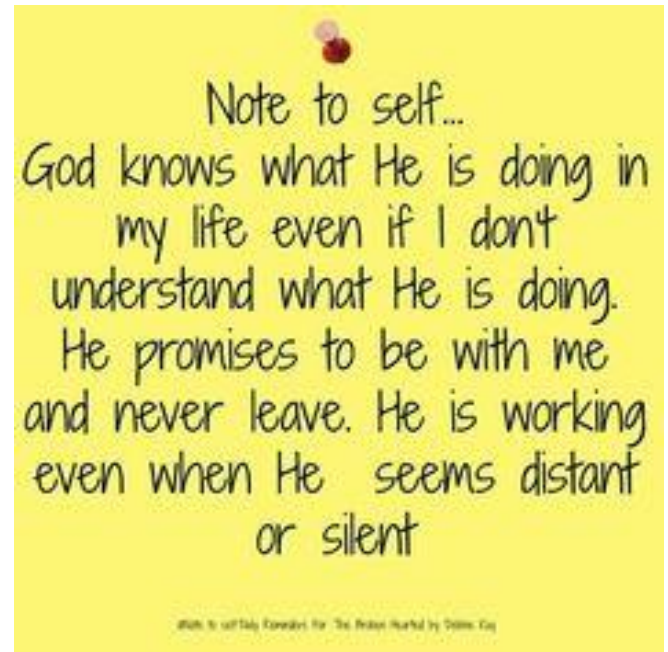
I remain fully committed to you, my church family. I am completely invested in you. I pray that Tod and I may remain here after the transition as loyal, involved, contributing church members like all of you! You are home to us.

You will be hearing more from your Council regarding procedures and plans that the church will need to be involved in. You have a good group of faithful members in position to lead you through this. God has brought us a long way together, Pioneer has stood the test of time, and now God is moving in ways that are according to His good and gracious will.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you wish to visit with me. I am, and

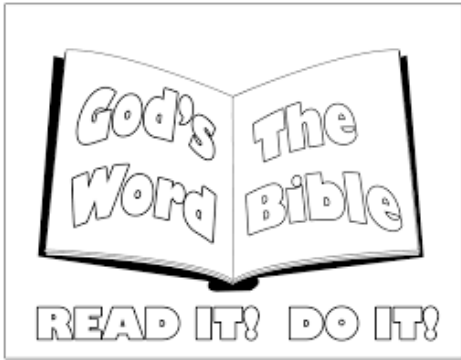
will continue to be, totally open and honest about all things. Let us move forward together, walking with the Lord, and praying in the Almighty name of Jesus.

Your sister in Christ, Pastor Pam Wells



The council is looking for 4 volunteers to serve on the Call Committee. Please contact a council member by Sunday September 26th if interested.





St. Dysmas Worship Scheduled for December 9, 2021

Members of Pioneer Lutheran will attend worship at St. Dysmas at the South Dakota State Prison in Sioux Falls on Thursday, December 9th. Because of Covid we were unable to worship with the men at St. Dysmas last year so it is important that they are allowing visitors again this year. Information about the trip and necessary forms are available at the church. If you are interested in going to St. Dysmas, please let Arlene Madsen know. Your signed forms must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 14

FALL FESTIVAL

PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

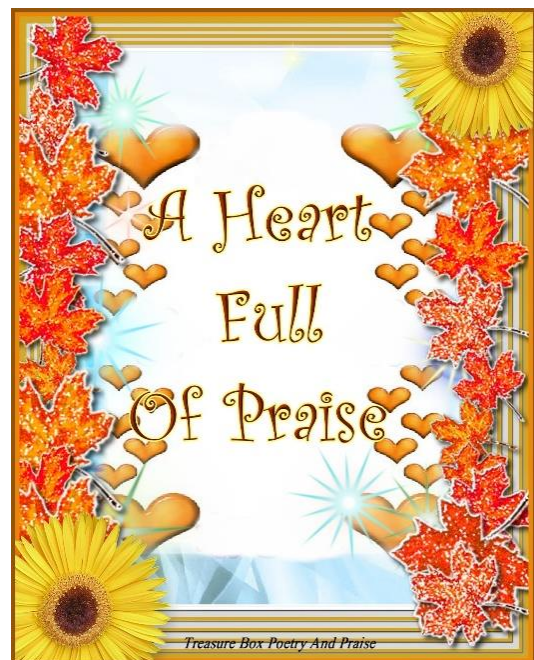
All are welcome to come and join us in good food and fellowship with friends and neighbors

Music: 4:00 "The Rustics"
Pony Rides
Meal: 4:30-6:00
Auction: 6:00

Menu: Pork Sandwich, Chips, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Pies and Drink
\$8.00 a plate, \$5.00 kids plate
4 miles west of White,
2 1/2 miles north on 474th Av
Held RAIN OR SHINE

Proceeds go to Pioneer Cemetery Fund/Pioneer Mission Projects 50/50

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sunday School sign up
- September 12 Fall Festival

Each family please provide 1 pie and bring Auction items. You can bring auction items to church

- “Share the Warmth” Event
Donate new/gently used coats, snow pants and boots. Bring to the church by Wed Sept. 15th
- September 29 Adult Bible Study 6pm
- Oct 1 – Newsletter articles due to Julie Petersen (email to jmpete@itctel.com)
- Oct 6 Life in Spirit 6 pm
Church Council 7pm
Sign up for Yearly Cleaning Job-clean at your convenience
- We need Monthly Cleaners and Readers
- 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



Bible Study for your Mood
2 times a day, 10 mins a time

Anger: John 3:16	Anxiety: Jeremiah 29:11
Depression: 1 Peter 4:10	Faith: Psalms 23:4
Tired: Romans 8:28	Confidence: Psalms 23:1
Hopeful: Psalms 23:6	Courageous: Psalms 23:5
Helpless: Psalms 23:3	Forgiven: Psalms 4:6
Strong: Philippians 4:6	Afraid: Proverbs 3:5
Love: Romans 12:2	Worry: Proverbs 3:6
Power: Philippians 4:7	Excitement: Romans 6:23
Nervous: Philippians 4:16	Indifference: Psalms 3:3



Wednesday, September 29th
@ 6pm

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS SEPTEMBER: DANA CROOKS OCTOBER: CHARLOTTE	CLEANERS SEPTEMBER: JULIE PETERSEN OCTOBER: CHARLOTTE		1 6 PM LIFE IN SPIRIT 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	2	3	4
5 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP 4 PM FALL FEST	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	27	28	29 Bible Study 6 pm	30	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

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