



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 5, 2022

Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met April 5, 2022, with 6 council members in attendance.

President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Laura Quail offered devotions.

The secretary read last month's minutes. Kevin Quail moved with a second by Bill Powers to approve as read. Motion passed.

Treasurer Julie Peterson submitted the financial reports for the month of March and quarterly report. Bill moved, Laura seconded to approve the report. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Membership list: Laura shared list of names. Discussion about members/non-members/inactive members. Separate lists?
2. Records: Valerie continues to scan past council minutes and will produce hard copies to be kept in the church safe.
3. Outreach Ministry: April 7, 2022, an event open to all will be held from 4-5 PM at the

church. Folding palm leaf into a cross is the activity. Upcoming event will be the annual May Friendship Luncheon on May 21, 2022, at 11:30 AM. Salad luncheon, speaker (Teri Johnson), music, fellowship, and free will donation which will go to the needs in Ukraine. United Methodist Church in White will help with food prep and serving.

4. Hot water and water pressure update: resolved.

5. Pastoral Call Committee: meets Saturday, April 9th at 5 PM at the church.

6. Facilities Committee: Council has requested the committee to remove the dead tree and debris on the E side of the church. In addition, some light bulbs need to be replaced in the church. Committee members: Kevin, Kari Skroch, Brad Nupen, Tod Wells

7. Swing set: Discussion of providing children a set on which to play. Julie provided some possible costs. Decision tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sharing of Peace: individual's choice of handshake or wave/smile
2. Kitchen faucets: Facility committee will take care of replacing the existing faucets

which are not functioning as they should. Kevin and Laura will shop for choices.

3. Kitchen counter: The counter on the E side surrounding the sink needs replacing. Kevin and Laura will explore options.

4. Donation to Ukraine: Donations from monthly On A Mission for April and May will be included along with the free will donation from the May Friendship Luncheon and free will donation during the month of May after/before service.

5. Mother's Day service: tabled discussion on flowers or treats to honor all mothers.

6. Fill pastor needs: Bill reported that all Sundays through May were filled with Pastor Teri Johnson.

7. Church cancellations due to weather: Kevin agrees to scout the conditions the night before and inform President Valerie.

8. Next meeting: May 4, 2022, at 6 PM.

Adjourned at 7:30 PM with a motion by Kevin and seconded by Laura. Motion passed.

Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Charlotte Mickelson

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
MARCH 31, 2022	
General Fund	\$ 15,874.86
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 17,364.74
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 546.01
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 98.17
BDRW water	\$ 42.60
Julie Petersen paper towels	\$ 65.91
Teri Johnson pastor supply	\$ 875.00
Jon Petersen snow removal	\$ 120.00
	\$ 1,747.69
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
6-Mar	\$ 900.00
13-Mar	\$ 930.00
20-Mar	\$ 872.00
27-Mar	\$ 625.00
	\$ 3,327.00
MISC INCOME	
ASH WEDNESDAY	\$ 198.00
LENT 3-9	\$ 208.00
LENT 3-16	\$ 163.00
LENT 3-23	\$ 245.00
LENT 3-30	\$ 141.00
	\$ 955.00



Colt Michael Thompson/Jurgens, son of Travis Thompson and Shelley Jurgens will be baptised Sunday April 10. Join the family for lunch and cake following the service celebrate this special occasion.

A Baby's Hug

We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a highchair and noticed everyone was quietly seated and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, "Hi there." He pounded his fat baby hands on the highchair tray. His eyes were crinkled in laughter and his mouth was borne in a toothless grin as he wriggled and giggled with merriment.

I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man whose pants were baggy and whose toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty, and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard, and his nose was so varicose that it looked like a road map. We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled. His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists. "Hi there, baby; Hi there, big boy; I see ya, buster," the man waved to Erik. My husband and I exchanged looks, "What do we do?" Erik continued to laugh and answer, "Hi, hi there." Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby.

Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, "Do ya patty cake? Do you know peek-a-book? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo." Nobody thought the old man was cute. He was obviously drunk. My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence but not Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments.

We finally got through the meal and headed for the door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between me and the door. "Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik," I prayed. As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back, trying to sidestep him and avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's "pick-me-up" position. Before I could stop him, Erik had

propelled himself from my arms to the man's. Suddenly a very smelly old man and a baby expressed their love and kinship. Erik, in an act of total trust, love, and submission, laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labor, cradled my baby. No two beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time. I stood, awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms and his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, "You take care of this baby." Somehow, I managed, "I will," from a throat that contained a stone. He pried Erik from his chest lovingly, as though he were in pain.

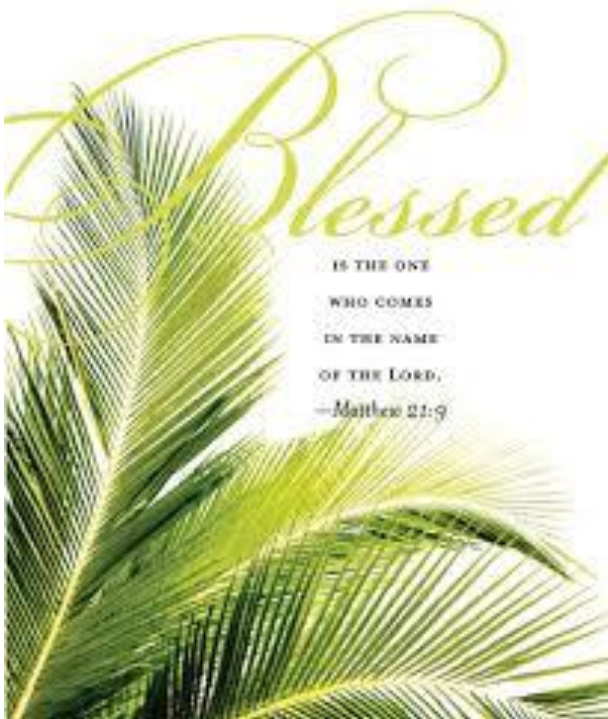
I received my baby, and the man said, "God bless you, ma'am; you've given me my Christmas gift." I said nothing more than a muttered thanks. With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly and why I was saying, "My God, my God, forgive me." I had just witnessed Christ's love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment. The child saw a soul, and his mother saw a suit of clothes. I was a Christian who was blind holding a child who was not. I felt it was God asking, "Are you willing to share your son for a moment?" when He shared His for all eternity. The ragged old man, unwittingly, had reminded me, "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

Submitted by Laura Quail

SHARING OF THE PEACE



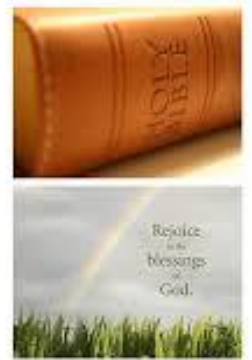
Handshakes are being resumed. If you don't feel comfortable with this just continue with a wave/smile.



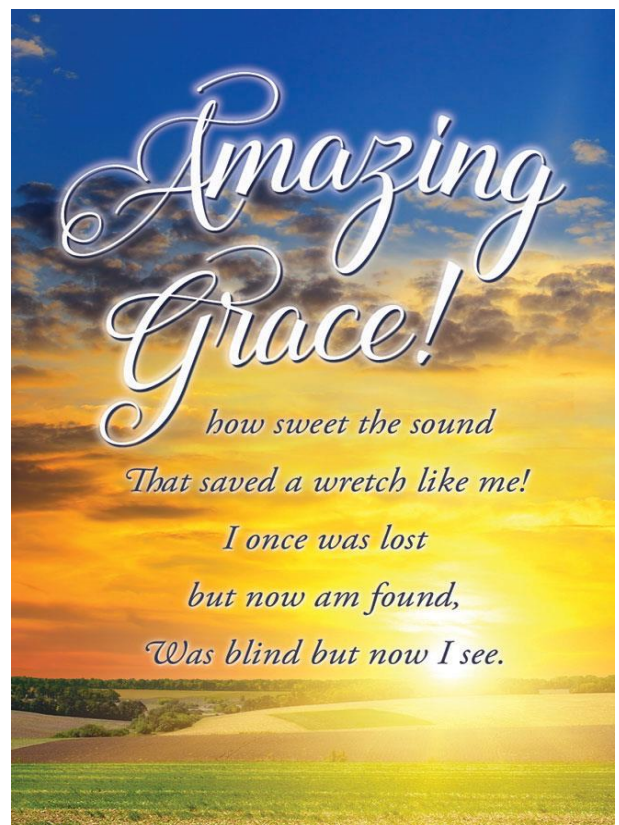
CALL
COMMITTEE
UPDATE

The call committee will be meeting on
Saturday, April 9th @ 5pm,

*"I am the
resurrection
and the
life."*
JOHN 11:25



The term "Good Friday" first occurred in the fourth century. Some think it was originally called "God's Friday." Today we can call it "good" if we appreciate the fact that Jesus' trial, punishment, and death brought our salvation. These truths are seen through the spiritual spectacles of faith. So in that sense it truly is "Good Friday"!



Annual Friendship Salad Luncheon


HOPE

Reaching Out in Love

Saturday, May 21st, 2022
11:30 am
at Pioneer Lutheran Church
20108 474th Ave - White, SD


Hearts of Hope

with Guest Speaker
Teri Johnson



food, fellowship & an inspiring message

All are Welcome!
Free will offering will be taken to benefit Ukraine

Sponsored by:
Pioneer Lutheran Church & White United Methodist Church
Call Laura with any questions 605-690-9104
or contact us via  @pioneerlc

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 10 Palm Sunday
- April 15 7pm Good Friday Services
- April 16 7am Easter Sunrise Services



followed by potluck breakfast



- May 1 Newsletter articles due to Julie Petersen (email to jmpete@itctel.com)
- May 4 Church council 6pm
- May 21st Friendship Fellowship 11:30am
- 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.

Save the Date!!

Thursday, June 16, 2022. Please put the date on your calendar and consider joining the group from Pioneer that will worship with the men at St. Dymas inside the walls of the South Dakota State Prison. We need to be there by 6:00 PM.

If you attended worship, there in December 2021 you do not need to fill out the form for a background check again.



APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS: APRIL-CHARLOTTE MAY-	CLEANERS: APRIL-JULIE MAY- ARLENE				1	2
3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION JEREMY HAUGEN	4	5 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	6 6 PM Soup Supper 7PM Lenten Service	7	8 4-5 PALM CROSS MAKING	9 5 PM CALL COMMITTEE MEETING
10 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP DENNIS BEIFELDT	11	12	13	14	15  GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7 PM	16
17 7AM SUNRISE SERVICE POTLUCK BREAKFAST TERI JOHNSON	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TERI JOHNSON	25	25	27	28	29	30
1 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION TERI JOHNSON	2	3	4 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	5	6	7

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