



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING June 1, 2022

Five members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met June 1, 2022, at the Church. Absent was Bill Powers.

President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Devotions was led by Interim Pastor Teri Johnson

Minutes of the May meeting were read by the secretary, then approved with a motion by Kevin Quail and seconded by Julie Peterson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report by Julie was approved with a motion by Laura Quail and seconded by Kevin. Motion passed. Julie noted that a total of \$700.00 had been collected to send to Orphan Grain Train which will in turn send it for humanitarian relief in Ukraine.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership list/directory: Laura will bring finished list to the July meeting.

Records: Val continues to work on the absent meeting minutes from 2012 to present.

Outreach Ministry: Laura and Charlotte summarized the successful Friendship Luncheon event held on May 21. Next event is the sign painting evening held on June 8th and provided by IN OTHER WORDS. A few snacks and drinks will be provided.

Facilities Committee: Kevin reported that the high light bulb had been changed with the help of scaffolding. Trees on the east side of the church had been removed.

Kitchen sink/counter: Kevin will approach Norfeld Colony with a request for a custom sink to be made.

Former office room: Dana Crooks has agreed to do the painting.

Cemetery clean up: Many volunteers worked to clean up the damage after Hawkeye Tree Service removed trees/branches. Thanks to all for their hard work.

Pioneer Days Parade entry: Valerie and her ponies will parade. Bill will assist. Candy requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Pastor proposal: Teri Johnson accepted the Council's proposal and will lead Sunday services. She requested to be absent July 24th in order to fill in for another pastor. Thank you, Teri!

Pillar damage: The south entrance pillar has a crack banding the top of the pillar. Kevin will apply some concrete.

Outreach Ministry: Planning to offer a Bible study of the WOMEN OF THE BIBLE beginning in September for congregational members and inviting all other interested persons. Details to come.

Next meeting: July 7, Thursday, 6:00 PM

CLOSING

Kevin moved, Julie seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Members prayed the Lord's Prayer in closing. Respectfully submitted Charlotte Mickelson

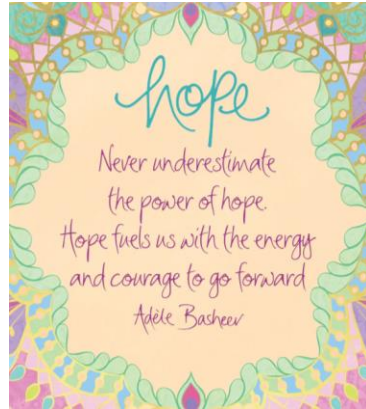


As of June 1, 2022, Pastor Teri Johnson will be serving as our Interim Pastor. Please give her a big welcome.

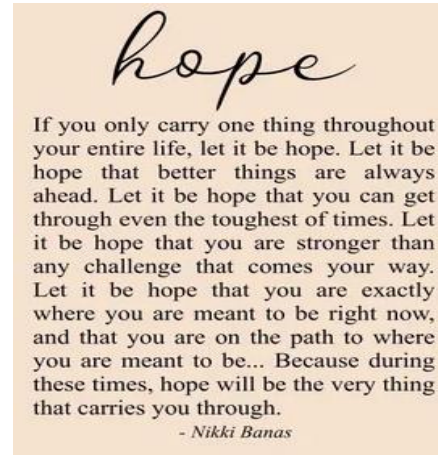
Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
May 31, 2022	
General Fund	\$ 20,152.14
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 21,642.02
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 392.70
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 98.08
BDRW water	\$ 39.00
Square One Production	\$ 200.00
HyVee Mother's Day	\$ 38.68
Laura Quail May Fellowship	\$ 100.88
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Teri Johnson pastor supply	\$ 800.00
Charlotte Mickelson May Fellowship	\$ 29.90
	\$ 1,719.24
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
1-May	\$ 965.00
8-May	\$ 610.00
15-May	\$ 1,050.00
22-May	\$ 925.00
29-May	\$ 565.00
	\$ 4,115.00
MISC INCOME	
May Fellowship	\$ 510.00
UK Sunday donations	\$ 27.00
On a Mission Offering May	\$ 163.00
	\$ 700.00

Annual Friendship Salad Luncheon Report

Good friends are one of God's greatest gifts. Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 11:30 am Pioneer Lutheran and White United Methodist churches hosted the annual friendship luncheon at Pioneer Lutheran. We were blessed with a cooler, beautiful day after a storm which uprooted and destroyed many trees, including Pioneer cemetery, May 12.



It was so nice to gather once again after two years of caution due to the Covid epidemic. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves thanks to the planning committee chair, Charlotte Mickelson, and all those who helped to set up, serve, clean up as well as bring a salad! Laura Quail welcomed a gathering of approximately 65 and all sang a table prayer to the tune of Edelweiss accompanied by MJ Powers. Everyone enjoyed a variety of salads, angel food cake dessert and great fellowship before transitioning to the sanctuary. Rudy Gallegos, recent graduate from Deubrook, blessed us by singing "This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickham.



Teri Johnson inspired us with her message of "HOPE, Reaching Out in Love." God calls us to a lifestyle of service and grace. He designed us for friendship and loves it when we

connect and encourage each other. The program concluded with everyone singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," with MJ Powers accompanying. **A free will offering was taken to benefit Ukraine.**

1 Corinthians 13:7 says, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." May you exhibit the heart of your heavenly Father to your friends by loving them as he has loved you.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Quail

Diaper Derby



Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we invite you to gather donations of diapers and personal care items for the most vulnerable in our community.

Pioneer Cemetery

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, a derecho wind storm came through the Pioneer Cemetery next to Pioneer Lutheran church. We lost trees, most of them old evergreens that were uprooted while others were snapped off at about half of their height. We were fortunate that only a few headstones received minor damage.

The cemetery board hired a tree service company to clear the large trees and the root balls left lying throughout the cemetery. We also had some dedicated volunteers come out to pick up branches and other debris in the cemetery. We had small and large tractors, different sized trailers, chain saws, rakes and shovels and many muscles working. The remains of the trees were all hauled away and work continued as the large holes left by the uprooted trees were filled with several loads of dirt and leveled off.

We have more work that is needed, but for a few days we will let things rest as many of our volunteers had damage at their own homes to clean up and some need to be in the field planting their crops.

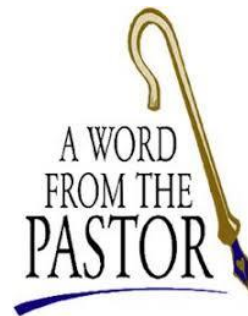
You will find Pioneer Cemetery looks much different now, but it is still a beautiful, peaceful and reverent place to visit. Our hope is that in a year the newly planted grass will cover the scars left by the missing trees. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the tree service we hired, we invite you to send those donations to Pioneer Cemetery, PO Box 6, White, SD.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

AT 6 PM – 9 PM

Summer Wooden Sign Painting Party In Other Words at Pioneer Lutheran Church in White, SD



Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to the season of Pentecost! Acts 2: 1 reads: “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they sitting.” I don’t know about you, but when I hear ‘the rush of a violent wind filled the entire house,’ my anxiety heightens as memory takes me back to recent storms. In full transparency, wind is not something I

particularly enjoy as it has toppled neighborhood trees and strewn rooftop shingles all over my yard. During winter months wind creates something I loathe called “wind chill”. However on a hot summer day, a breeze feels wonderful and without wind, kite flying would be nonexistent not to mention wind turbines. I confess I have a love/hate relationship with wind.

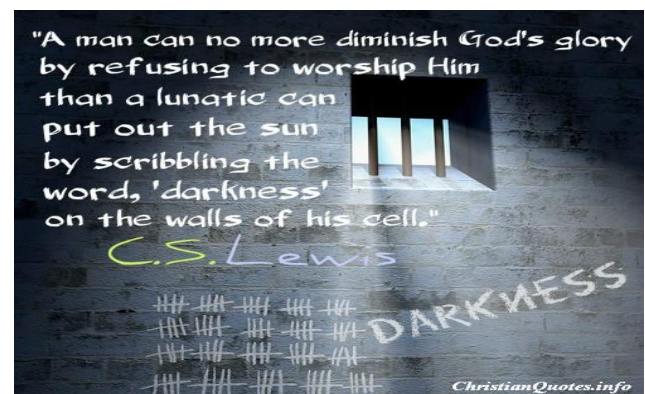
Perhaps that’s why I need Pentecost as a reminder that the Holy Spirit is compared with wind....a mighty wind. What happens when we gather each Sunday to worship God is that the Holy Spirit swoops in and out among us, knitting us together through the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the breaths we breathe. It can happen with two people and it can happen with two thousand people. The wind of the Holy Spirit can comfort, confuse or clarify things for us but never shames us.

Scripture is full of stories of adventure and how the Holy Spirit moves and directs God’s people. The Pentecost story from the book of Acts begs the question whether we still believe in a God who blows through closed doors and sets our heads on fire? Do we still believe in a God with power to transform us, both as individuals and as a congregation, or have we come to a quiet assumption that our God is old and tired, a deity to address our prayer requests but not anyone we really expect to change our lives?

The Pentecost story challenges me to stop and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit blowing through my life rearranging things and opening things up. My devotion for Pentecost read: “Take a breath. Now just keep breathing. This is God’s moment-by-

moment gift to us. We can call it air or we can call it Holy Spirit. It counts on us to warm it up, to lend it our lives. In return, it promises to fill us with new wind, to set our heads on fire, giving us tongues to speak of things we cannot begin to understand. Do we still believe in a God who acts like that? More importantly, do we still experience a God who acts like that?” As we worship together this Pentecost season, may we come with expectant hearts eager to see what happens next!

Pastor Teri



Worship at St. Dysmas is scheduled for June 16.





In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.



That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **June 8th Summer wooden Paint Party 6-9pm**
- **June 16th St Dysmas visit**
- **July 1 newsletter articles to Julie jimpete@itctel.com**
- **July 7th 6pm Church Council**
- **July 10th Life in Spirit after service**
- **July 16th Pioneer Day Parade**
- **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.**



JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS: JUNE-PATTY JULY-CAROL HANSEN	CLEANERS: JUNE-CHARLOTTE JULY-PATTY & MIKE		1 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	2	3	4
5 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION TERI JOHNSON	6	7	8 6 PM WOOD SIGN PAINTING PARTY	9	10	11
12 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP	13	14 	15	16 ST DYSMAS VISIT	17	18
19 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP FATHER'S DAY	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	4 	5	6	7 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	8	9

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