



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING August 3, 2022

President Valerie Hicks opened the meeting of Pioneer's Church Council at 6 pm on August 3, 2022. Charlotte Mickelson was present via cell phone and Bill Powers was absent. Pastor Teri Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The secretary's report of the July 7, 2022, meeting was read by Julie Petersen in Charlotte's absence. Kevin Quail made a motion to approve, and Laura Quail seconded, the motion passed. The treasurer's report was presented by Julie and reviewed. It was noted that the lawn was mowed four times in June not twice. Laura made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Kevin seconded, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership List: Patty Thompson and Laura Quail met to finalize the membership list and church record book. The membership document was sent to Val Hicks to finalize for the church directory. It was discussed to send a letter to all Pioneer members indicating we are updating our records and need verification of correct contact information.

Records: Val will hold off until winter to continue to digitize the church records.

Outreach Committee

We will offer a Bible study of the Women of the Bible beginning Saturday, September 10, from 9 to 10:30 am at the church every other Saturday for 12 Saturdays. Charlotte Mickelson, Karen Ronne and Laura Quail met to begin planning. Laura Quail

applied for a Thrivent Action grant and was approved to purchase the Study Guides that will be used as well as food for refreshments. Laura will order the Study Guide when the grant money is received. Charlotte, Karen, Laura and MJ Powers will meet again to plan the first lesson.

Pioneer Days Float: Thallis Jensen had a wonderful time with Val Hicks, MJ Powers and Patty Thompson riding in the horse drawn cart through the parade. Thank you, Val, for providing your horses and equipment for this fun entry.

The annual Fall Festival will be held Sunday, September 18, beginning at 4 pm. There will be a suggested donation for the

meal. Val Hicks will have her ponies and cart available for rides. Dana Crooks will organize the silent auction and Kevin Quail will auction for the live auction. ALL CHURCH MEMBERS are asked to provide a pie for the meal.

Facilities Committee

Kitchen Sink: Kevin Quail has not heard from Darryl Stahl but will reach out to him before the next meeting to see when he is available to repair the sink. Val will ask Steve Hicks to help with the counter to remove the tile and sink when Darryl is ready.

Classroom: Dana Crooks painted the south wall of the former office and will touch up where needed. Storage Shed Rodent

Sighting: Charlotte will reach out to Jim Madsen to take care of setting a trap for the woodchuck which has been seen under the storage shed.

Worship Committee:

Bulletin Preparation: The worship committee and MJ Powers will continue to prepare the bulletins each week with the understanding that there are others willing to help.

NEW BUSINESS

A Gideon representative spoke on Sunday, July 24. The “On a Mission” offering was collected and given to them. Charlotte suggested we give some additional money as there were not many in church that Sunday. Laura Quail made a motion to send \$100 to the Gideons, Julie Petersen seconded, the motion passed. The money will be taken

from what was budgeted for “meeting the need.” It was also discussed to have the Gideons come annually.

Facilities

Dana Crooks mentioned that the condition of the church siding was needing to be painted. Dana agreed to complete the work next spring. We will need to budget for the cost of the paint.

A new painted arrow has been replaced on the north sign on the Holler corner. Thanks Charlotte and Kevin!

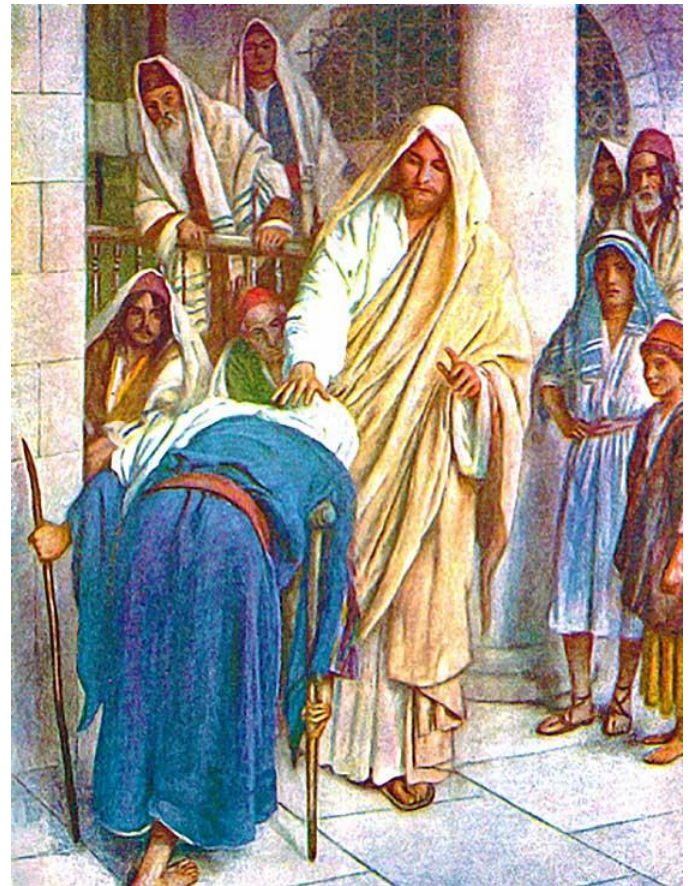
Pastor Teri Johnson reported that she continues to familiarize herself with the liturgy. She has conducted six funerals in July and three the first week of August. Pastor will prepare for confirmation with Preston Reed from our congregation and Georgia Parker from Georgia (through Zoom). An announcement will be put out by LCMC to see if there may be others in small congregations who would like to participate live or via Zoom.

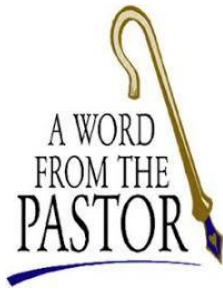
NEXT MEETING will be Wednesday, September 7, at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned by 6:45 pm with a motion by Kevin, seconded by Laura. Motion passed. The Lord’s Prayer was prayed in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Quail

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
July 31,2022	
General Fund	\$ 21,039.41
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 22,529.29
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 153.28
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 98.71
BDRW water	\$ 42.60
Charlotte Mickelson plant for Zion	\$ 29.82
Matt Petersen 4x mowing June	\$ 720.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
MJ Powers liturgical calendar	\$ 21.15
	\$ 3,290.56
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
July 3,2022	\$ 881.00
July 10,2022	\$ 825.00
July 17,2022	\$ 670.00
July 24,2022	\$ 770.00
July 31,2022	\$ 975.00
	\$ 4,121.00





Dear Friends in Christ,

I recently officiated a funeral for a beautiful lady who told her children days before she died: “What a wonderful life I’ve had! I only wish I’d realized it sooner.”

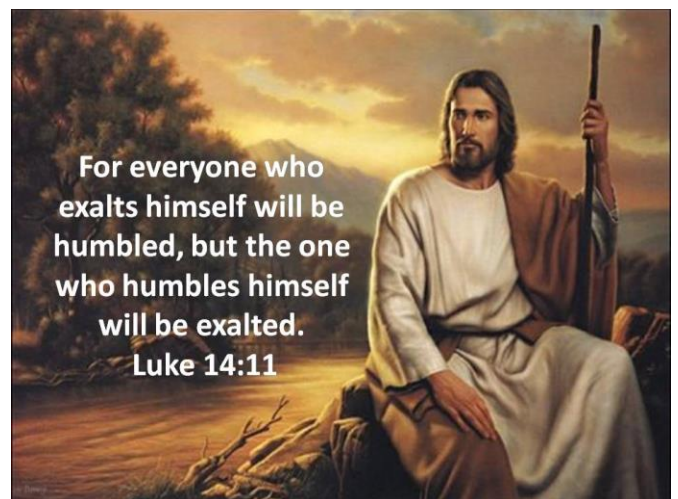
All of us know about learning life’s lessons through pain, struggle, and loss. But few of us realize that it is often the gentlest lessons that teach us most. There is a story about a family vacationing at a beach resort. One afternoon there was a surprise activity for the children: a ride on an elephant around the resort parking lot. The family’s youngest daughter was delirious with excitement. That night, as her parents tucked her into bed, her mother said, “Life is always full of wonderful surprises if we’re open to them.” To which the little girl replied, “Yes, like some mornings waking up not knowing what will happen during the day and then getting to ride an elephant.”

Life is open to wonderful surprises.... God surprises...if we’re open to them. Unfortunately, that is never my first thought as I open my eyes each morning and make my way to my coffee maker. Instead, my mind immediately goes to the day’s schedule...all the tasks that need to be done.

Usually, my calendar is full which unfortunately means I have no time to be surprised much less open to God.

If we are willing to learn our lessons gently, they patiently await us in countless ways. In these closing days of summer may we try listening to the wisdom of children; accepting the loving kindness of a friend; reaching out to those in need; asking a colleague for advice; acting on our intuition; observing how our pets live so contentedly in the present moment; rediscovering the surprising healing power of spontaneity; focusing on the good in any situation we are experiencing; expecting the best of every day; and realizing what a wonderful life we’re living, sooner rather than later.

Of course, the unexpected often catches us by surprise. But if we are open to and grateful to God for the gentle lessons, we will surely find and know God in the unexpected moments. May we be open to God’s daily visits and lessons.



I Met God

Poet: Ralph S. Cushman

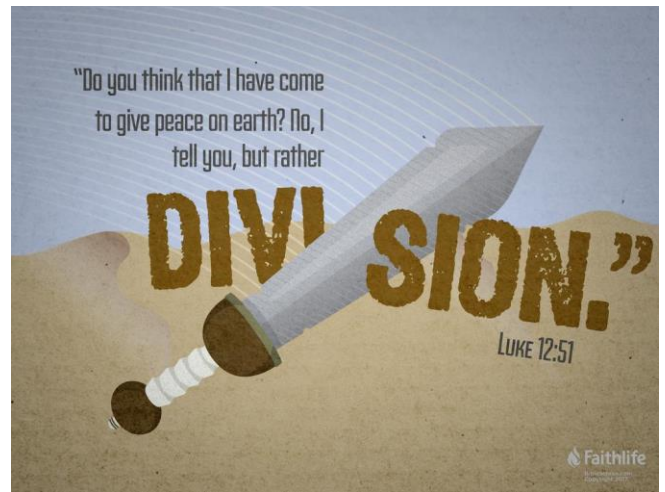
I met God in the storm
Where He found me all forlorn;
And He put His arm around me,
And I thank Him for the storm.

I met God in the dark,
Where I wandered stiff and stark;
And He caught my hand to guide me.
And I thank Him for the dark.

I met God in defeat,
Where He followed my retreat,
With a vision of new conquest;
Now I'm glad of the defeat.

I met God by the grave,
Where I braced me to be brave,
But I failed, and then He caught me;
Yes, I thank Him for that grave.

I shall meet God when the night
overwhelms my flickering light;
Then He'll lead me to the morning,
Far away from cloud and storming,
Where, I'll praise Him for the night.



Women of the Bible Study

Aren't you drawn to women who are transparent and real? There is something fresh and wonderful about women who have nothing to hide and who are not ashamed about who they are . . . even the tough parts. Real faith calls a woman to be honest about who she is.

YOU ARE INVITED to join us **Saturday, September 10 at 9 am at Pioneer** for the beginning of a 12-session journey where you will have the opportunity to meet a group of amazing women who are absolutely real. Their stories are not fairytales, their road was not easy, and their examples are not perfect. They lived in times and places quite different than ours. Yet they teach us lessons that are deeply practical, holding up a mirror to our lives and souls that can help us better understand our own story.



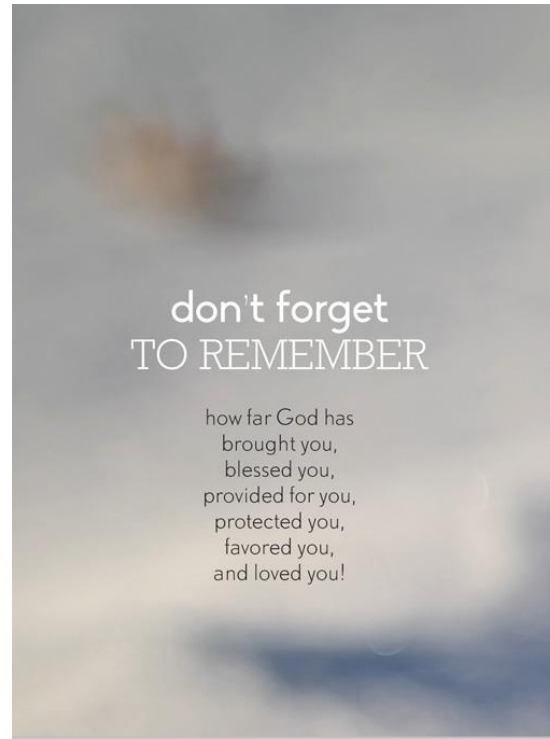
PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH
PIONEER DAYS PARADE FLOAT



VAL HICKS, THALLIS JENSEN, PATTY THOMPSON AND MJ POWERS



Pioneer Lutheran Church is saddened by the loss of members Milan and JoAnne Kruse. Milan passed away in May and JoAnne passed away in June. We extended our sincere sympathy to the family.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- August 14 Life in the Spirit at worship
- September 1 newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- Sept 10 9am Bible Study begins
- September 7 Church Council
- September 18 Fall Festival **Every family is asked to bring 1 pie.**
- 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.



AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	4	5	6
7 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP LIFE IN THE SPIRIT	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	5 Labor Day	5	7 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL		READER: AUG-KAREN RONNE SEPT-	CLEANERS: AUG-KAREN RONNE SEPT-JULIE PETERSEN

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