



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2022

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met November 2, 2022, at 6 PM in the Church.

President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order at 5:59. Laura Quail offered the devotions.

The secretary reported on the October meeting which was approved with a motion by Kevin Quail, seconded by Julie Peterson. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Bill Powers, seconded by Kevin. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Progress of Directory: Val has them ready for printing.

Past council meeting minutes and the need to paint the siding – listed, but no action.

Call Committee: Council recommends that the committee meet to update information.

Outreach Committee: Women of the Bible study meets Saturday, the 10th at 9 AM. With a session on Abigail. Second session on Gomer will be held Nov 19, 2022, at 9 AM. The sign painting party was well attended and fun. Caroling will occur Dec 11, 2022. Meet at the Hall at 5 PM. For the youth attending school away, a gift box will be sent to each. Congregation will donate items to be mailed. Information in bulletin.

Fellowship hall sound panels: Laura's contact, Robert Schmidt, will evaluate.

Nov 27, 2022, pulpit supply will be filled by Jim Hansen.

NEW BUSINESS

Electricity Usage of building: discussed. Bill suggested a programmable thermostat be installed.

Hamlin Reformed Church donation: Bill moved, Laura seconded to send a \$1000 donation plus amount from a November 13, 2022, special offering. Motion passed.

Christmas tree will be set up November 20, 2022, after church service.

Pastor Teri reported that Confirmation is held twice monthly. Pastor Teri performed a baptism for Drew Byers on Sunday Oct 30.

Next meeting: December 4, 2022, after church service.

Adjournment: Kevin moved, Bill seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Members prayed together the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Charlotte Mickelson

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
OCTOBER 31, 2022	
General Fund	\$ 25,441.44
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 26,931.32
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 164.86
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 92.26
BDRW water	\$ 39.00
Matt Petersen 2x mowing Sept	\$ 360.00
Christmas Cop and Kids	\$ 200.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
	\$ 3,081.12
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
Oct 2, 2022	\$ 920.00
Oct 9, 2022	\$ 350.00
Oct 16, 2022	\$ 1,265.00
Oct 23, 2022	\$ 563.00
Oct 30, 2022	\$ 880.00
	\$ 3,978.00
MISC INCOME	
EARL MICHAELSON ACCT	\$ 790.00
HYVEE SALE RECEIPTS	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 1,790.00

Please join us this fall as we explore a few

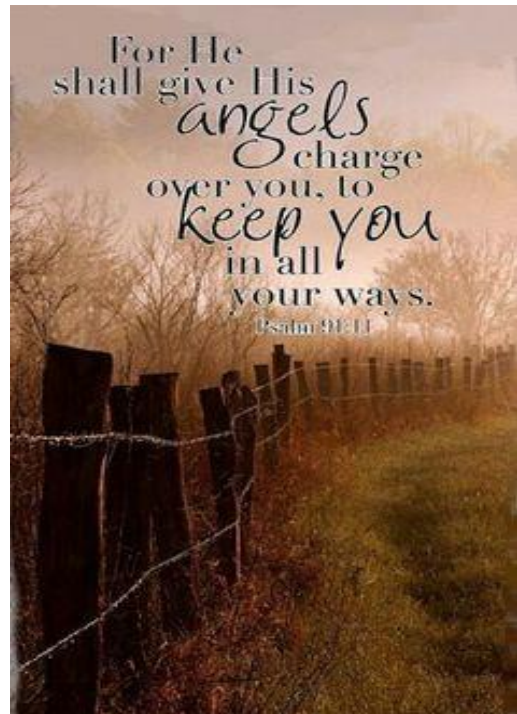


September 10	EVE	Finding Lasting Contentment in the Truth
September 24	REBEKAH	Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes
October 8	LEAH	Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity
October 22	HANNAH	Surrendering in Waiting
November 5	ABIGAIL	Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships
November 19	GOMER	Learning to Accept Unconditional Love
More to come in the New Year 2023		

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LCMC Annual Gathering Oct 2-5, 2022

Hosanna Church

Lakeville, MN

Discipleship: Following Christ in a Complicated World

There was a lot of discussion and exploration as to what a disciple looks like and what constitutes discipleship. Wendy Poch emphasized that discipleship is a joy because it is grounded in the Good News that Jesus loves us and regards us as His friends. As such, discipleship begins with Jesus' love, death, and dying for us, and our subsequent love for Him that then results in our love of our neighbor.

Steve Turnbull said that discipleship is Christ-likeness. There are two problems in discipleship: us and difficulty of discipling others. But this doesn't mean that we do nothing. We are inadequate and discipling another difficult. The Kingdom, however, comes by the Power of the King, not by our hands. Discipleship is following Christ, the way of the Cross for the sake of others.

Steve King emphasized a sacramental discipleship, whereby God gives faith through the means of grace. As followers of Christ, we take up our Cross and follow Him. We are God's means of Grace in and among our neighbors. As such, to empty ourselves, and be his instruments through the Cross. It is never us alone that is involved in discipleship.

It is always Christ. So, we need to stay in the dilemma, in the tension of our inadequacy the difficulty of the discipleship, for there is Christ and His Cross. There is our Cross and following Him.

Wendy Poch led us in Bible study the first thing every morning, covering John 15: 12-15 and Matthew 28: 18-20. Here Jesus declares us His friends and commands us to love each other as He has loved us. This friendship, His Love and work for us, is not only what binds us to Him, but enables the Great Commission of Matthew 28 to be joy.

Steve King explored the Great Commission from a different angle, referring to Luke 24: 45-48, referring here to how the Great Commission was to be carried out, whereas Matthew 28 indicating what the Great Commission is, and that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached."

Ebassa Berhanu reminds us that God does not need our good works, our neighbor does. As such, in our discipling how we appear to the world matters. What the world most dislikes about Christians is their hypocrisy. Graeme Sellers, in the same vein, reminds us to not be so easily offended by what others say about us. His advice, following a humorous Bob Newhart skit, is to simply "Stop it!" It is within our power to not be offended, given the security of our relationship through Jesus Christ. These two remind us that we are ambassadors for Christ, despite the way that the world views us. We are not to be as the world, but although in it, not of it, through the freedom Christ freely grants us. There were also opportunities in the Breakout sessions to discuss and explore the particulars of outreach and discipling. We heard a number of times about church planting, some suggesting that it ought to be a principal focus of all churches. Tilaye Daba of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (House of Jesus) (EECMY) spoke of their evangelical training, starting from the earliest ages into young adulthood, training and encouraging them to speak of their faith to others, even to preach on the streets.

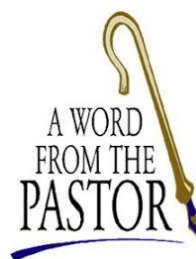
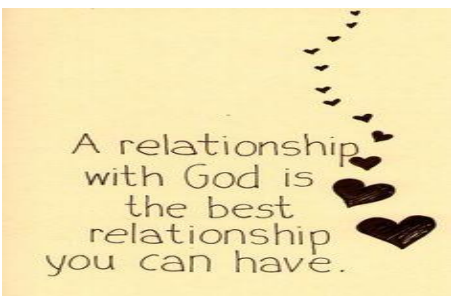
In addition, there are church planting organizations that meet regularly, including the 2:47 Network (referring to Acts 2:47), a Lutheran program. The Awaken Project conducted by Mount Carmel in Minnesota trains young adults (18-25) for evangelism and the Christian life.

HarvestWorkers.net provides a low cost means by which lay ministers can be trained. In addition, there are partnerships between churches, where the only prerequisite is that churches take a look at their resources, no matter what they are, (e.g., building space, finances) and explore ways to share them without trying to control how those resources are being employed. In our own neighborhood, Sioux Falls has a planted church, Table Ministry, that means in Shenanigan's Bar and Grille two times a week. They have a current attendance of about 150. So, what of all of this benefits Pioneer and its individual members. I can tell you that all of the Keynote speaker addresses will be available online sometime soon. I recommend all of them. I particularly enjoyed Tuesday's offerings. These can

be used for your own edification. I have returned with a possible Bible study authored by Steve King titled Disciples of the Cross. Perhaps in the near future we can offer a study group on these two-part workbooks. Additionally, I learned about the LCMC retirement plan for pastors. This is essentially a 403(b) IRA, with churches being able to contribute to the plan as well as the pastor. A 403(b) IRA is similar to a 401(k), save that the former is for non-profits. There is a LCMC Youth gathering every two years, I believe. Apparently a significant number of attendees come from smaller congregations.

I listened and sought contacts that were involved in small churches and their specific problems, different from those in many ways from larger congregations. We have trouble getting pastors. Many smaller congregations are today growing their own pastors from their congregations. ILT is involved in this process. The Harvest Workers is a resource in this regard. I've spoken to Perry Fruhling, the LCMC Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries, about what it takes for someone to pastor an LCMC congregation. Partnership with other congregations ought to be something we could pursue. We already do that in some sense. We could try to expand our connections. Our largest problem may be our size and the few opportunities for growth, especially since we have few younger adults and children. For that reason, it is difficult to imagine growth. LCMC 3.0 is supposed to address some of these issues. I've seen nothing come of it yet, even while I remain in contact with the LCMC. I am planning to be an ambassador for small LCMC congregations. Perhaps together we can come up with some new visions.

The next Annual Gathering will be in St. Charles, MO (near St. Louis) Oct 1 – 4, 2023.



Dear Friends In Christ,

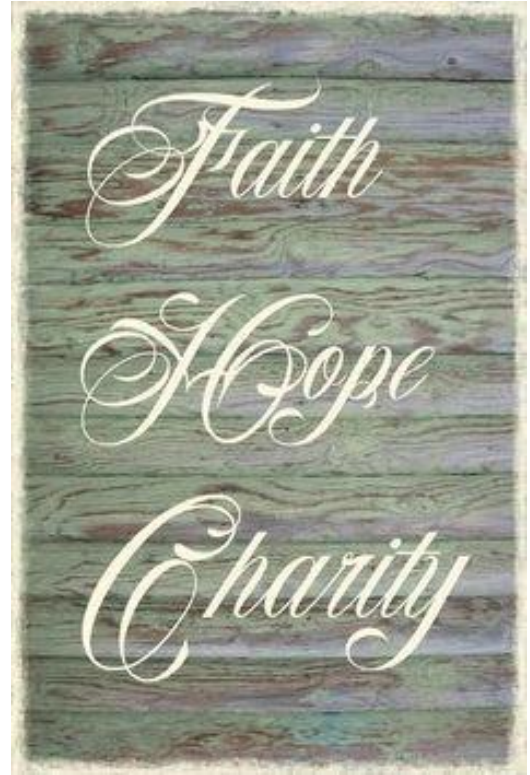
Alfred Lord Tennyson said: “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” Over the past months several of our lectionary readings have centered around prayer and most recently our women’s bible study focused on Hannah who prayed earnestly for a child. What is prayer? Some people know they pray. Others think they don’t because they aren’t down on their knees morning and night. Rather they’re caring for children or grandchildren, visiting an elderly parent, supporting the dreams of those they love with their work, helping a friend navigate grief or celebrate a joy. This, too, is prayer.

In its purest form, prayer is conversation. Communion. Connection. Prayer is actually the authentic conversation with the Divine. We don’t have to hold back but can pray freely and honestly as our biblical ancestors did. We can say whatever needs to be said, exactly the way we want to express it, when we want to express it. We won’t be judged. We won’t risk losing God’s love; instead, by praying we will increase our awareness of it. We won’t have to phrase our words carefully in case there’s a misunderstanding, because we can’t be misunderstood in prayer. Even if we don’t

know what we want or need, the Holy Spirit knows what we're about to ask, scream, or praise before we utter a word.

If God knows everything, then why pray? Because it's not good to be silent. We need to get real life off our chests. We need to unburden and release all that weighs us down. The season of Advent will soon be upon us and I encourage each of you to make prayer a priority...each day whether in the sacred silence of early mornings or in the quietness of each night. Advent waiting is about being open to the miracle of the coming Messiah and what that newness will look like in your life. What do you need to unburden in order to be open to Christ's arrival? Prayer is the perfect place to start.

Teri



Pioneer is planning to send YAMA boxes. We have 4 young adults that will be sending care packages to. We are asking the congregation to donate items for the boxes. Suggested items are: individual snack items like pretzels, nibs, cocoa or coffee packs, or gadgets. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, November 27, so we can get them in the mail. Thanks



Special Offering

Pioneer will be taking a special offering on Sunday, November 13 for the Hamlin Reform Church in Castlewood, SD. The Council decided to donate \$1000 and then whatever we receive from the offering.

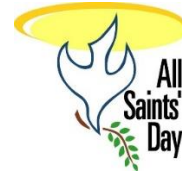


HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov 5 9am Women of the Bible Study





- Nov 6
- Nov 13 Special Offering
- Nov 19 9am Women of the Bible Study



- Nov 27
- Dec 1 newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- Dec 4 Church Council Meeting following service
- December 11 Christmas Caroling 5pm
- December 11 Life in the Spirit meeting following services
- December 24 Christmas Eve services 5pm
- 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



NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4	5 9AM WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STUDY
6 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	7	8	9	10	11 	12
13 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP Life in the spirit	14	15	16	17	18	19 9AM WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STUDY
20 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	5	6	7		READER: NOVEMBER: CHARLOTTE DECEMBER: JIM	CLEANERS: NOVEMBER: DANA DECEMBER: CHARLOTTE

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