



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2023

All members but one, Kevin Quail, were present at the Pioneer Church Council meeting after service on Sunday, February 5, 2023. President, Val Hicks called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. Julie Peterson offered devotions.

Secretary's report was summarized and approved with a motion by Laura Quail, seconded by Bill Powers.

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Charlotte Mickelson, seconded by Laura.

OLD BUSINESS

Records – Val continues to print hard copies of past minutes. She reminded Council that the safe needs to be locked in order for it to be fireproof.

Outreach – still planning a Game Night sometime this winter.

New laptop – Laura moved; Bill seconded to direct Steve Hicks to find a newer model for use at church.

Lenten Services – Pastor Teri plans to use Mosaic – When God Uses All Our Pieces. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will also be planned. Bill is offering a Bible study at his home after Ash Wed.

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers – Julie will draw up a chart for people to sign up for food offerings.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Report – Teri continues to contact home bound church members. Confirmation class goes well and takes place 2 times monthly.

Communion – Grape juice will be available for those preferring that for communion.

Finances – Julie explained plan to create a new CD, a 15-month CD with higher earned interest. She suggested taking \$10,000.00 from checking to create a new liquid CD which can be drawn on 4x/year. Laura moved; Bill seconded to approve the plan. Motion passed.

Elections – all agreed to serve in same capacity with a motion by Laura and seconded by Bill which passed.

Church website – Bill will investigate cost.

ADJOURNMENT – Julie moved; Laura seconded to adjourn meeting at 11:46 AM. Motion passed.

Council members prayed together the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

At 10:45 AM on January 22, 2023, Council President, Valerie Hicks, called the Annual Meeting to order after service at Pioneer Lutheran Church.

A quorum present of 25% of membership as deemed in the Constitution was declared. Announcement of meeting had been included in bulletins and newsletters and sent to 47 addresses on postcards by USPS.

Hymn # 460, I AM TRUSTING was sung by attending members.

Secretary’s report of the January 23, 2022, annual meeting was read by Charlotte Mickelson. Jim Hansen moved; Laura Quail seconded to approve those minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s report was reviewed by members, then approved with a motion by Jim Hansen, seconded by Carole Hansen. It was noted that the Audit Committee had reviewed the books previously.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor’s Report – Valerie thanked Pastor Teri for her service to the congregation.

Pastoral Acts of 2022 – Recording Secretary Patty Thompson listed 3 baptisms performed in 2022 and 1 funeral. 184 total members baptized. 52 active members.

President’s Report – Members encouraged to read the report.

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
31-Jan-23	
General Fund	\$ 20,990.47
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 22,480.35
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 337.71
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.60
BDRW water	\$ 39.00
LCMC	\$ 250.00
ILT	\$ 500.00
BKGS HARVEST TABLE	\$ 300.00
SOUTH SUDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH	\$ 300.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$ 150.00
AUGUSTANA DISTRICT	\$ 250.00
UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CENTER	\$ 100.00
BROOKINGS FOOD PANTRY	\$ 350.00
FEEDING BROOKINGS	\$ 350.00
ST DYSMAS	\$ 1,200.00
1st Bank and Trust Box rental	\$ 12.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
Square One Production	\$ 200.00
Jon Petersen snow removal 3x	\$ 120.00
	\$ 6,779.31
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
Jan 1,2023	\$ 1,310.00
Jan 8,2023	\$ 721.00
Jan 15,2023	\$ 647.00
Jan 22,2023	\$ 725.00
Jan 29,2023	\$ 633.00
	\$ 4,036.00

St Dysmas – Several members traveled to the state penitentiary to attend worship service June 16, 2022. Arlene Madsen announced the next visit planned will be April 27, 2023.

LCMC Report – Bill Powers will act as ambassador for the Augustana District.

Youth Group – No change

Sunday School – No change other than a \$100 donation to Friends of Ukraine.

Audit Committee – met in early January to review the treasurer’s books.

Call Committee – remains active till a permanent pastor is hired.

Life in the Spirit Committee – report on role in planning service.

Fall Festival – held September 18, 2022, with a beautiful day, a wonderful meal, and a fun auction.

Thrivent Committee – Sue Holler informed the membership of the new website; Laura Quail mentioned her request for an approved grant to support the study of Women of the Bible.

Outreach Committee – Fifteen events through the year of 2022 had been organized and carried out for all to attend and enjoy

Facilities Committee – Kevin Quail was the one committee member who was called on for many tasks throughout the year. Steve Hicks stepped in often in assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Budget – the 2022 budget report was mistakenly put in the annual report booklet. Julie will have copies of the correct budget the following Sunday for members to review. The discussion included noting the proposed amounts and changes on the 2022 sheet. The report was approved with a motion by Dana Crooks, seconded by Kevin Quail.

Election of Council Members – two members were reelected to serve another term: Julie Peterson, Charlotte Mickelson. Sue Holler moved; Deanna Tolrud seconded the motion which passed.

Nominating Committee – three members volunteered to serve: Kevin Quail, Mike Peterson, Carole Hansen

LCMC delegates – Bill Powers, Val Hicks volunteered to serve.

Audit Committee – MJ Powers, Jim Hansen, Karen Ronne volunteered to serve.

Head Usher – Mike Thompson will continue with help from Tod Wells, Bill Powers.

Recording Secretary – Patty Thompson agreed to continue serving.

Life in the Spirit – Dana Crooks, MJ Powers, Karen Ronne, Pastor Teri Johnson will continue to plan.

Fall Festival – Dana & Nancy Crooks, Mike & Julie Peterson, Patty Thompson, Tod Wells, Keri Skroch will continue to plan.

Thrivent Coordinators – Larry & Sue Holler, Bill & MJ Powers will continue to represent.

Facility Committee – Kevin Quail and Steve Hicks willing to serve.

Outreach Committee – Laura Quail, C Mickelson, Tod Wells willing to plan and execute.

Technical Support – Steve Hicks has the knowledge and ability to serve.

Social Media – Bill Powers mans the website; Valerie and all Council members can post on Facebook.

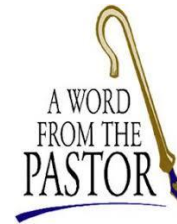
St Dysmas – Arlene Madsen willing to coordinate the visits.

ADJOURNMENT – Arlene Madsen moved; Kevin Quail seconded to adjourn meeting at 11:42 AM. Motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer prayed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Charlotte Mickelson



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy February! Although this month will find us sending and receiving Valentines, it is also the month we observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Lent is the six-week season leading up to Easter, and while Advent is a time of rejoiceful anticipation, Lent is the season of preparation for observing the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Participating in Lent invites us to prepare our minds and hearts for glorifying Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The purpose of Lent is to fully recognize our brokenness as humans and our need for a Savior. The Lenten journey allows us to reflect and open our hearts fully to Jesus.

This year we will be observing Lent with worship on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 pm. The following week we will begin our mid-week soup suppers and worship with soup being served at 6:00 and worship at 7:00. Our worship services will focus around the theme of how God uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful. This journey will take us along the same path Jesus walked in the days before and days along his own journey to Jerusalem. Through worship we will see the similarities to our own stories and the lessons we



should pick up. Each Lenten worship service will include key biblical passages, prayer, questions and guidance for personal reflection. Each week's service will center on a particular theme:

February 22 (Ash Wednesday): When God

Uses Our Rebellion

March 1: When God Uses Our Restlessness

March 8: When God Uses Our Regret

March 15: When God Uses Our Rejection

March 22: When God Uses Our

Responsibilities

March 29: When God Uses Our Resources

In the end, we will not be the same. We shouldn't be. Any journey worth its value moves us to new places to accomplish new possibilities. That is Jesus' point for you and for me—to recast the shards of discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful—a mosaic where God uses all the pieces.

I look forward to our Lenten worship as together we prepare our minds and hearts for remembering the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Teri



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Please join us in 2023 as we continue to explore the “Women of the Bible.”

9:30 am to 11 am at Pioneer Lutheran. All are welcome! Study guides will be provided at no cost. You are welcome to come to one or all of the lessons below:

January 14	Mary, Mother of Jesus	Moving from Comfort to Courage
January 28	Mary Magdalene	Transforming from Outcast to Follower
February 11	Mary of Bethany	Putting Our Faith into Action
February 25	Martha	Finding Our Identity in Jesus
March 11	The Woman at the Well	Turning Our Messes into Messages
March 25	The Syrophenician Woman	Approaching God with Persistency and Boldness

For more information contact Laura Quail (605) 690-9104 or Charlotte Mickelson (870) 416-4208

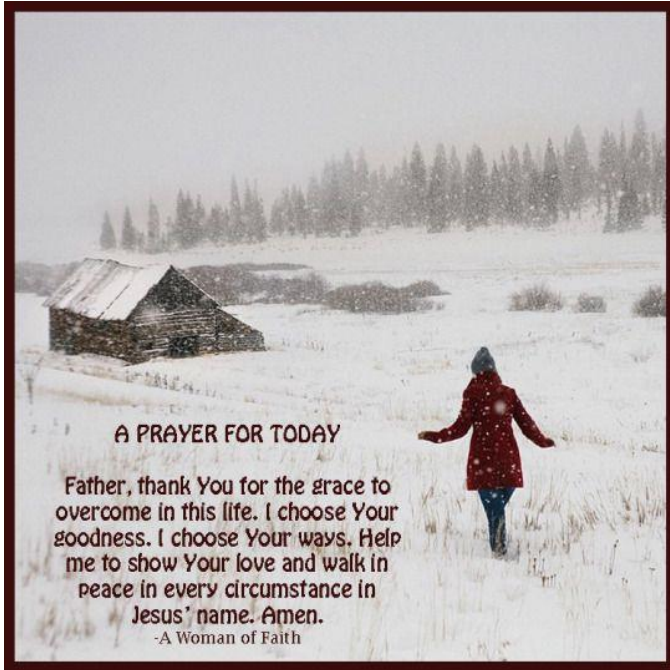
MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in becoming a member of Pioneer Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Teri. February 25, 2023 Pioneer Lutheran will accept in anyone wanting to become a member.

COMMUNION UPDATE

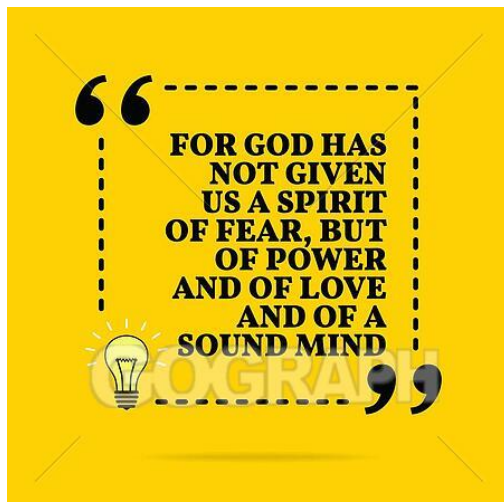
If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine there will be grape colored cups in the center of the tray for you to take, if unsure just ask the person serving.

**SOUP SUPPER LENTEN SERVICES
SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE ON THE
TABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR


- Feb 11 Women of the Bible Study 9:30am-11am
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday 7pm
- Feb 25 Women of the Bible Study 9:30am-11am
- Mar 1 Newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- Mar 1,8,15,22,29 Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Service 7pm
- Mar 5 Church Council following services
- 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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION Church Council	6	7	8	9	10	11 WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM-11AM
12 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP Life in the spirit	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	20	21	22 7 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	23	24	25 WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM-11AM
26 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	27	28	1 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7 PM LENTEN SERVICE	2	3	4
5 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL					READER: FEBRUARY-DANA MARCH-KAREN	CLEANERS: FEBRUARY-VAL MARCH-BILL & MJ POWERS

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