



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 5, 2023

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met after Sunday service on March 5, 2023. President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and offered the devotions.

The secretary's report was read and approved with a motion by Laura Quail, second by Julie Peterson.

The treasurer's report was read and approved with a motion by Kevin Quail, second by Bill Powers.

OLD BUSINESS

Val continues to digitize the old records of the Council. From that, hard copies will be printed.

The Call Committee meets Saturday, March 11, 2023, to interview 2 candidates.

Outreach Committee hosts an Afternoon of Games at 3 PM on March 5th. The Committee will host a palm cross making event on March 29, 2023, at 4 PM before the Soup Supper at 6 and Lent service at 7.

Steve Hicks purchased a refurbished laptop for use at the church for \$100.

Julie as treasurer did move money into a CD, a 12-month liquid for the church and the other 2 15 months traditional, both will earn higher interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Teri reported that Confirmation continues to meet twice monthly, and that Confirmation will occur in Oct of 2023.

Council decided to give the March On A Mission collection to Cam Madsen who undergoes heart

surgery this year. Cam is grandson of Steve Madsen with Jim Madsen his great uncle.

Council discussed replacing candles with oil candles. Research and a quote are needed before decision.

Laura suggested the church place "Welcome paper pads" at the church for visitors to use.

April 2, 2023, a bridal shower will be held in the fellowship hall for Kathryn, fiancée of Lucas Quail.

Next meeting April 2, 2023, after church service. Valerie challenged and encouraged members to invite visitors to Pioneer's Sunday services.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM with a motion by Kevin, second by Laura.

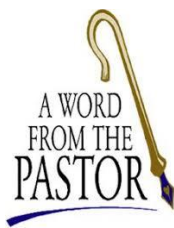
Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer in closing.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
28-Feb-23	
General Fund	\$ 11,849.60
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 13,472.48
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 478.29
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.60
BDRW water	\$ 41.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
Steen Bookkeeping tax prep	\$ 15.98
Jon Petersen snow removal 2X	\$ 120.00
Transferred to a CD	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 12,975.87

SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
Feb 5,2023	\$ 1,255.00
Feb 12,2023	\$ 930.00
Feb 19,2023	\$ 785.00
Feb 26,2023	\$ 865.00
	\$ 3,835.00
MISC INCOME	
THRIENT CHOICE	\$ 133.00
	\$ 133.00



Dear Friends,

Lent is upon us yet started in an unusual way as Mother Nature decided Ash Wednesday wasn't necessary. While Mother Nature might think Ash Wednesday isn't necessary, I beg to differ which won't be the first or last time I disagree with her!

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of our mortality and our need for reconciliation with God. The ash cross placed on our foreheads is meant to represent our mortality and penance for our sins.

One of the scripture readings for this Ash Wednesday was Matthew 6: 21: "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." We are not enough. That my simple and depressing to some but it's a fact. But what does understanding our limits tell us about our potential?

The Bible is clear. We discover the most valuable places and parts of our lives when we stop and evaluate our "treasures"—not the monetary, earthly ones, but those areas of our lives that truly, deeply matter to us (or at least they should). For some people, it might be their marriage; for others their children; and still others, their ambitions and possessions. Yet even when we identify these places in our lives, something is still missing. Jesus

was clear that we are not enough, and that he fills a place in us that the world, although it might try, can never fill.

The odd, awkward truth about our rebellion from God is that what causes it is also what heals it. The need, the void where only God fits, that we yearn and struggle to fill with a variety of pleasures, people, places, and pursuits, ultimately has only one true answer---Jesus, our Savior, our Friend, our Example.....our Treasure.

As we begin the journey of Lent, the real question emerges: Are the desires of our hearts born from treasures worth the effort? Or do we seek more, crave more? Are we tired of running, working, reaching, begging for more, and yet never quite getting there?

God wants more for us. God has provided more for us. God, through Jesus, gave more for us. And that is enough.

If Lent is indeed to remind us of our mortality, that from dust we came to dust we shall return, just imagine what God might do when the "dust settles," when we find our place and hand him all of the pieces of the days before.

Sharing in the Good News,
Pastor Teri

Ash Wednesday Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for your grace and for your forgiveness when we run everywhere and in every direction but to you. Heal our hearts, redirect our paths, and engage our souls to want better, desire more, and seek for the treasure of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



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:

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



THE “ON A MISSION OFFERING” FOR MARCH WILL GO TO THE CAM MADSEN FAMILY TO HELP IN ALL OF THE COSTS OF SURGERIES HE HAS HAD AND WILL HAVE



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



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**OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023, FROM
12:30PM TO 3PM FOR KATHERINE
GRANDSTRAND BRIDE TO BE OF
LUCAS QUAIL AT PIONEER
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**REMINDER
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 2 AM**



Plan to attend worship at St. Dymas.

Members of Pioneer Lutheran Church will be attending worship services with the inmates of the South Dakota State Prison in Sioux Falls on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

A sign-up sheet for those interested in joining the group is in the fellowship hall at church. If you have questions, please contact Arlene Madsen. Packets containing the forms needed to attend are on the table with the sign-up sheet. These packets include a background check form. Forms must be turned into Arlene by Sunday, April 2, 2023.



Eight people gathered on Sunday March 5 at 3pm to play games. We also had a variety of snacks to eat. Much laughter and fun was had by all.

EASTER WEEK



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

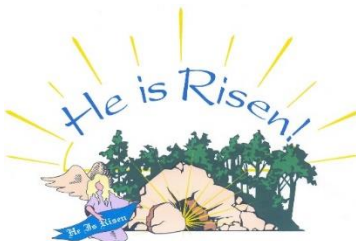
APRIL 5 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

APRIL 6 7PM



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES 7AM
POTLUCK BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 8,15.22.29 Soup Supper 6pm
Lenten Service 7pm
- Mar 11 Women of the Bible Study
9:30am-11am
- Mar 25 Women of the Bible Study
9:30am-11am
- Apr 1 Newsletter articles to Julie
jmpete@itctel.com
- April 2 Church Council following
services
- April Maundy Services 7 pm
- April Good Friday Services 7pm
- 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



MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER: MARCH-KAREN APRIL-CAROLE	CLEANERS: MARCH-BILL & MJ POWERS APRIL- JULIE P		1	2	3	4
5 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION Church Council	6	7	8 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7 PM LENTEN SERVICE	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 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7 PM LENTEN SERVICE	16	17	18
19 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	20	21	22 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7 PM LENTEN SERVICE	23	24	25 WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM-11AM
26 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	27	28	29 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7 PM LENTEN SERVICE	30	31	1 SUNDAY APRIL 2 12:30 SHOWER FOR KATHERINE BRIDE TO BE OF LUCAS
2 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4	5	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7PM	7 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES 7PM	8

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