



# PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2023

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### **PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2023**

President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order of the Pioneer Lutheran Church Council at 11 AM after church services on April 2, 2023, with 5 members present. Absent was Laura Quail.

Devotions was led by Pastor Teri Johnson. Secretary's reading of the minutes of the March meeting was approved with a motion by Kevin Quail, second by Bill Powers.

Treasurer's report was given by Julie Petersen and approved with a motion by Kevin, second by Charlotte.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Items listed with no action: past records, church siding, kitchen counter laminate trim.

Outreach: reported on the completed Bible study, Game Day, and Palm Crosses. Notified members of upcoming May Fellowship hosted by the Methodist Church in White.

Sound Panels in fellowship hall: Val and Steve have an idea that could improve noise level.

Two oil candles for the altar have been ordered by Deanna and Ron Tolrud.

Bill volunteered to contact the Patterson's about the Bunn coffee maker.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Pastor Teri reported on new members, new visitors, pew pads for visitors to fill out.

Discussed recognizing high school graduates: Skyla Peterson, Raelin Nupen. Teri volunteered to find a suitable gift.

A requested transfer to another church received by Lucas Quail

Two units of hearing assistance for congregational members was purchased for \$100 by Steve Hicks. Charlotte moved, Kevin seconded, motion passed to reimburse Steve.

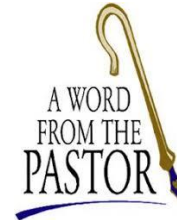
Next meeting May 7, 2023, after church service.

A request to move into executive session was made by motion of Charlotte, with a second by Bill.

A motion to move out of executive session was made by Julie, with a second by Kevin. Then Julie made a motion to furlough the Call Committee. Kevin seconded. Motion passed

Bill made a motion to remove the call for a pastor from LCMC list. Julie seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM. In closing, Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson

MISC EXPENSE	
Cam Madsen donation	\$ 270.00
	\$ 270.00



Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
<b>MARCH 31, 2023</b>	
General Fund	\$ 10,065.20
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 11,555.08
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 483.83
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.60
BDRW water	\$ 41.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
Steve Hicks laptop	\$ 100.00
Jon Petersen snow removal 2X	\$ 120.00
Paul Holler snow removal 1x	\$ 60.00
Preferred Mechanical Geo repairs	\$ 2,690.05
	\$ 5,815.48
<b>SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b>	
5-Mar	\$ 985.00
12-Mar	\$ 615.00
19-Mar	\$ 878.00
26-Mar	\$ 845.00
	\$ 3,323.00
<b>MISC INCOME</b>	
THRIVENT	\$ 25.00
Cam Madsen Offering	\$ 270.00
Lent March 8	\$ 150.00
Lent March 15	\$ 90.00
Lent March 22	\$ 137.00
Lent March 29	\$ 126.00
returned check	\$ 67.08
	\$ 865.08

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have arrived at Holy Week as we walk the last days of Jesus' earthly life with him. We will share communion remembering how Jesus gave himself in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup. We will stand at the foot of the cross confessing our sins, the sins that Jesus died for. We will gather Easter morning celebrating the good news of resurrection. And then what?

For many Easter is a one day event celebrating for an hour the good news that death has been defeated and Christ is alive! For many life goes back to "normal", even life in the church where we talk about the teachings of Jesus, the miracle of new life here and now, and how Jesus lives on in our hearts and minds. But the New Testament--- if you are honest with it---centers around one singular fact: not new life out of the old, not moral values or principles, not Jesus as the great example for living, but, rather, that Jesus died and rose again from the dead. Apart from that miraculous fact, there would be no New Testament, no church, no Christian faith, and possibly only the slightest remembrance of Jesus of Nazareth

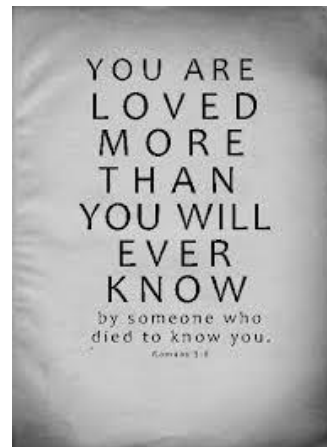
caught up in a few pages of some musty history of ancient Jewish religion.

And without that central fact in the New Testament, I'd really have nothing to say to you. But because Jesus died and rose again, I do have something to say! I can say to those who are growing old, those who are dying, those who are lost, that God has been there, in the darkness, in the despair, in the loneliness, in the death—and all is well! Darkness and death do not have the last word. The end is not death but life.

One big danger, however, in talking about death and resurrection is to leave it as an abstraction---true for everybody and therefore true for nobody. We must make the resurrection of Jesus personal and in doing so, professing Christ risen and alive in our hearts.

So here we are in April with winter storm watches on our radars and nothing in nature to speak to us of new life and the flowering of hope. But as Christians, as believers, we can still sing out our hallelujahs because God reigns with power and conviction! Therefore, "We should not grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died...and rose again; and so it will be for those who died as Christians; God will bring them to life with Jesus." Praise God!

Sharing in Ministry,  
Pastor Teri



### St. Dysmas

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.

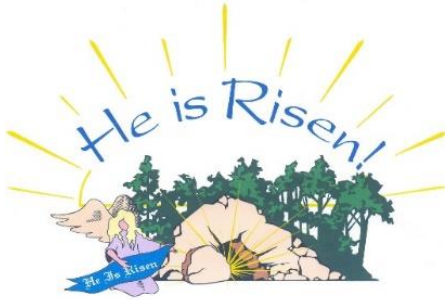
### EASTER WEEK



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES  
APRIL 6 7PM  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES  
APRIL 7 7PM



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES 7AM  
POTLUCK BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW



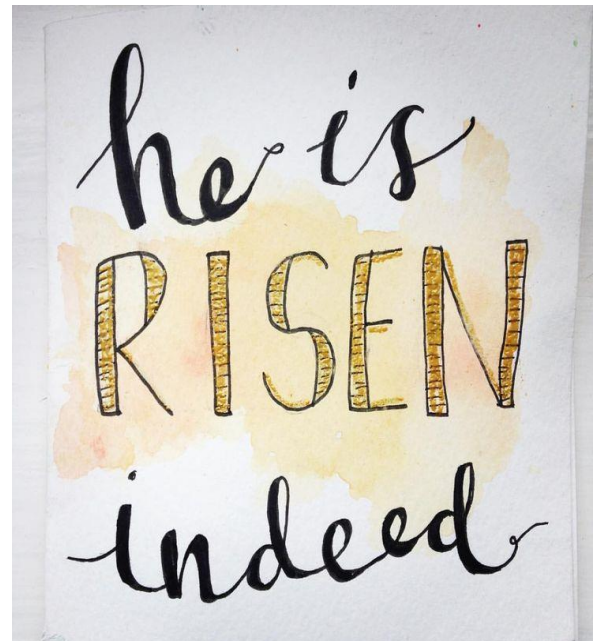
## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 6 Maundy Services 7 pm
- April 7 Good Friday Services 7pm
- May 1 Newsletter articles to Julie [jmpete@itctel.com](mailto:jmpete@itctel.com)
- 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



Do not neglect to **do good** and to **share** what you have, for such **sacrifices** are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV



# APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>READER:</b> <b>APRIL-CAROLE</b> <b>MAY-DEANNA</b>	<b>CLEANERS:</b> <b>APRIL- JULIE</b> <b>P</b> <b>MAY-ARLENE</b>		1	2	3	1
1 <b>9 AM ADULT FORUM</b> <b>10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION</b> Church Council	3	4	5	6 7 PM LENTEN SERVICES	7 7 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES	8
9 <b>7AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE</b> <b>POTLUCK BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <b>9AM ADULT FORUM</b> <b>10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b> LIFE IN THE SPIRIT	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <b>9AM ADULT FORUM</b> <b>10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>	24	25	26	27 ST DYSMAS VISIT	28	29
30 <b>9AM ADULT FORUM</b> <b>10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6

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