



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 7, 2023

President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order of the Pioneer Lutheran Church Council at 11:04 AM after church services on May 7, 2023, with all members present.

Bill Powers offered devotions.

Secretary summarized the minutes of the last meeting and was approved by motion from Laura Quail and second from Kevin Quail.

Treasurer's report from Julie Petersen was approved by motion from Kevin, second by Charlotte.

OLD BUSINESS

Painting of the church labor donated by Dana Crooks was approved with a motion by Charlotte, second by Julie to occur this summer at Dana's convenience.

Pastor Teri reported that she had found appropriate gifts for high school grads Skyla Peterson, Raelin Nupen.

Outreach Committee shared a report on the Spring Salad Luncheon at the Methodist church in White. Well attended. Pioneer will offer a May Fellowship luncheon May of 2024. Members discussed possibility of hosting the Harvest Table in Brookings some Monday evening in July or August. A crew of 8 would be sufficient to prepare and serve the meal beginning at 5:30 PM.

Kevin reported an update on the geothermal system which required service from Preferred

Mechanical to adjust operation on April 27, 2023. Running smoothly now.

Bill Powers reported that the Bunn coffee maker was a gift to the church from the Patterson's. Possible donation to a business in White or McKnight Hall.

A discussion on a missionary Sunday was proposed by Bill. Members discussed dates and possible missionaries: Teen Challenge, St Dismas, Church on the Street, Dakota Sonshine. Laura suggested using a map to plot locations.

Upcoming Fall Festival: Charlotte moved; Laura seconded that half of proceeds would go to the Cemetery fund. Motion passed.

Kevin reported that a tree near the fence line on the NE corner of the church needs to come down.

Teri reported that confirmation class was completed with Confirmation in October of 2023. Next meeting: June 7, 2023, at 6 PM at the church.

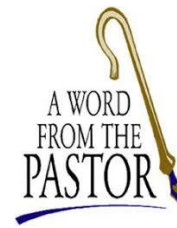
Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM by motion from Kevin, second by Bill. Passed

Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer at conclusion of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Mickelson, Secretary



Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
APRIL 30, 2023	
General Fund	\$ 11,734.22
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 13,224.10
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 376.91
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.36
BDRW water	\$ 41.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
Steve Hicks transmitter/hearing device	\$ 110.71
	\$ 2,848.98
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
2-Apr	\$ 1,185.00
9-Apr	\$ 868.00
16-Apr	\$ 1,157.00
23-Apr	\$ 855.00
30-Apr	\$ 870.00
	\$ 4,935.00
MISC INCOME	
THRIVENT	\$ 86.00
Maundy Thursday offering	\$ 272.00
	\$ 358.00
MISC EXPENSE	
Feeding South Dakota	\$ 775.00
	\$ 775.00



Dear Friends in Christ,

There is no doubt the day of Pentecost is one of the most significant and powerful days in human history. Pentecost has resulted in life-changing, world-changing, and even eternity-changing events from that very first day until the present.

As soon as the followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to move with power. They spoke in languages of which they had no knowledge before that moment because “the Spirit gave them utterance.” The result of Pentecost is that followers of Jesus have the power of the Holy Spirit available to them just as the first believers did that day.

In one sense, all the results of Pentecost impact the lives of individuals. The results of Pentecost are always personal, but also have a communal dimension that cannot and should not be overlooked: the Church was born at Pentecost. It was not just individuals, now clothed with power from on high,” but it was now those individuals moving, working, and serving together as a single Body. Different people with different personalities, having different natural abilities and different spiritual gifts were joined together by one single factor: their allegiance to the One true, eternal God. Jesus was their Lord, their priority, their head, and



the One to whom they were all attached, making them, therefore, a part of the one, single, Body of Christ. The Church was the result of Pentecost, and the Church began to change the world.

The book of Acts tells us the early Church, “turned the world upside-down.” As spirit-filled believers were united and devoted together “to the apostles teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer,” they became a mobilized force of evangelism and discipleship. As the world heard their message and observed how well they loved and took care of one another, the message of the Gospel began to spread. We, too, are the result of Pentecost, as the power of the presence of Jesus continues to fill, empower, embolden and move us with joyful testimonies and witness to the power of Jesus.

This month let us pray about being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and the courage to witness to its presence in our lives.

Pastor Teri



DIAPER DERBY

A Collection of baby items will be taken from Mother's Day to Father's Day

St. Dysmas Visit

Eleven members and friends of Pioneer attended worship at St. Dysmas at the South Dakota State Prison in Sioux Falls on April 27. We arrived at the prison shortly before 6:00 PM and following screening we joined the inmates gathered in their worship sanctuary where they provided music from a men's choir and congregational singing. Pastor Jeff led the service assisted by several of the men who read the lessons and helped distribute communion.

Our visit was different this time because late the afternoon of our visit two wings of the prison were placed in lockdown because of fights in those wings. Because of the lockdown only about a third of the men who normally attend church were allowed to attend worship.

Following worship, we joined Pastor Jeff and two other St. Dysmas staff for dinner. We had a very interesting and enlightening discussion on life inside the walls of the prison and the needs of St. Dysmas to help the men as they re-enter society and go on with their lives. We asked if there were opportunities for Pioneer to assist in providing some of these needs and we learned that they would welcome our help in several ways. Hopefully, we can discuss what we can do to help when we are all gathered together for input from all members of Pioneer.

It was a very meaningful evening, and we thank God we are able to reach out to those who are incarcerated. Please consider joining us on future visits to St. Dysmas.

Arlene Madsen





HEARING DEVICES

Pioneer have purchased 2 hearing devices to be used during services. If you would like to try them out contact Mike Thompson or Steve Hicks and they will set, you up with them.



HARVEST TABLE

The council has discussed serving at the Harvest Table. We have some date to pick from. They are July 17 & 24 and Aug 7,21, &28. There is a sheet on the table at church to sign up which dates you might be available to help. Once we see which date works best for everyone we will proceed with plans. Please check it out and sign up in the next few weeks so we can confirm a date. Thank you.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY




MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **May 10 5:30pm Cemetery Cleanup**
- **May 13 1 pm Backup date for Cemetery Cleanup**
- **June 1 Newsletter articles to Julie 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**



MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MAY DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION Church Council	8	9	10 530PM CEMETERY CLEANING	11	12	13 1 pm Backup date for Cemetery Cleaning
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	6	7 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	READER: MAY-DEANNA JUNE-PATTY	CLEANERS: MAY-ARLENE JUNE-KAREN	

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