



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2, 2023

President Valerie Hicks called the meeting of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council to order at 11:04 AM on July 2, 2023, after church service with all members present.

Laura Quail offered opening devotions. Secretary's report given, then approved with a motion by Laura, second by Kevin Quail.

Treasurer's report given by Julie Peterson, approved with a motion by Kevin, second by Laura.

OLD BUSINESS

Items with no action: church records, kitchen counter trim, sound panels, painting of siding.

Outreach: Laura applied for a Thrivent grant of \$250 to buy supplies for Harvest Table on July 24, 2023

Fall Festival: September 24, 2023. Live music from Carter and Friends. Possible yard cleanup day before.

Cemetery mowing contribution: 75% paid by cemetery executive board, 25% paid by church.

Pioneer Days Parade: July 15, 2023. Glenn Thompson / classic car entered, candy

donations called for, use Charlotte's garage to decorate, then line up for parade at corner of 5th St/Railroad Ave.

Geothermal system update: Kevin reported that Jesse from Preferred Mechanical suggested a yearly maintenance check up on the system. Council agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

ILT: request for donation was received.

Pastor Report: Teri reported that the Longfellow family appreciated the welcome and lunch provided by Pioneer. Reported that a new visiting couple from Brookings had been contacted.

Next meeting: August 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Church.

ADJOURNMENT

Valerie adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM. Council prayed the Lord's Prayer in closing

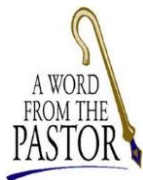
Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Mickelson, Secretary

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
June 30, 2023	
General Fund	\$ 13,060.55
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 14,550.43

EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 246.56
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.36
BDRW water	\$ 41.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
Matt Petersen 3x mowing May	\$ 540.00
	\$ 3,147.92
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
4-Jun	\$ 905.00
11-Jun	\$ 790.00
18-Jun	\$ 1,020.00
25-Jun	\$ 1,040.00
	\$ 3,755.00

Pastor Teri's sermons are now on the website.

<https://www.pioneerlutheran.org/sermons/>



Friends in Christ,

A few months ago while leaving a large store in Sioux Falls, Marty and I ran into a colleague of mine whom I hadn't seen in years. I was delighted to see my 94-year-old friend in such good health and spirits and as we talked, I learned that his wife had died within the last year and the next day would be her birthday as well as Mother's Day. Spending those moments with my friend was the highlight of my day.

The next week I received a note which read: "My anxiety was already starting to

build with Mother's Day and Evelyn's birthday on the same day. For me to share a bit with you and Marty gave me a sense of peace. For me, it was providential that our paths crossed that day at a busy department store."

The definition of the word 'providential' is: "involving divine foresight or intervention." How often does God's providence burst into our busy lives and we don't even notice? We use words like "coincidence" or "unbelievable" or say things like "what are the chances?" God, our heavenly Father, is always watching over us and intervening in ways we don't notice or thank Him for.

In 1905 Civilla Durfee Martin wrote the hymn "His Eye is on the Sparrow" which has been one of the most influential and often-recorded gospel hymns. The song was inspired by Matthew 6: 26: "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Later in Matthew 10: 29-31, the Gospel writer continues: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered."

Civilla Martin describes the context out of which the hymn was born: "Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were traveling in Elmira, New York. We developed a deep friendship for a couple by

the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle—true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for almost twenty years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheelchair. Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while we were visiting with the Doolittle's, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle's response was simple: 'His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.' The beauty of this expression of boundless faith gripped my heart and fired my imagination. The hymn 'His Eye is on the Sparrow' was the outcome of that experience.

The next day Mrs. Martin mailed her poem to Charles Gabriel, a famous composer of gospel songs, who wrote a tune for it.

“Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.”

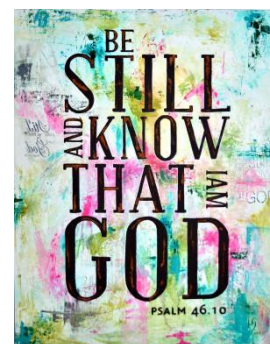
May God's providence be realized in our individual lives and in the life of our congregation as we glorify Christ and thank Him for his love and care.

Living and Serving in Bright Hopefulness,
Pastor Teri



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **July 15 Pioneer Day Parade 11am**
- **Aug1 Newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com**
- **Monday, August 24 Pioneer is serving the Harvest Table Preparation begins at 3**
- **Sunday, September 24 Fall Festival**
- **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
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2 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	3	4 	5	6	7	8
9 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP LIFE IN THE SPIRIT	10	11	12	13	14	15 Pioneer Day Parade 11am
16 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	24  HARVEST TABLE	25	26	27	28	29
30 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	31			READER: JULY-JIM AUG-CHARLOTTE	CLEANERS: JULY-PATTY AUG-CHARLOTTE	

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