



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council attended the monthly meeting on September 3, 2023, at 11:05 AM after church service. President, Val Hicks, called the meeting to order. Julie Petersen offered devotions.

Secretary's report was read and approved with a motion from Laura Quail, second by Kevin Quail.

Treasurer's report given by Julie was approved with a motion by Charlotte, second by Laura. Much appreciation and joy to learn that the electric bill has reduced greatly due to work done on the geothermal unit by Preferred Mechanical.

OLD BUSINESS

Long term projects: Dana Crooks has finished painting the church siding. Thank you, Dana! Projects with no action include digitizing records, kitchen counter trim, sound panels in fellowship hall.

Outreach Committee reported that the Fall Bible Study about the Minor Prophets will begin September 23rd at 9 AM at the church. All are welcome to join in at no cost to discuss, learn and enjoy fellowship. The Study begins with Hosea.

Fall Festival happens September 24th beginning at 4:00 PM with music by Carter & Friends, meal at 4:30 PM and auction following with Kevin Quail as auctioneer. October 6, 2023, at 5:00 PM a 2nd church yard cleanup will occur with a taco feed afterwards. Taco meat left over from the Harvest Table event in July will be used. The CCLI license was obtained.

The baptism conducted by Pastor Teri for the Collins baby will be entered into the church record.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about pastor/congregation exiting after service was held.

Pastor Teri suggested recognizing the wedding of Jen Tonak & Dane Dornbusch with an after-service cake and card event. Date will be determined later.

Confirmation will be held on October 29, 2023, for Preston Reed.

Next meeting October 1, 2023, after Sunday church service.

Kevin moved to adjourn meeting at 11:35 AM with second by Laura.

Lord's Prayer prayed at close of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson

| Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report | |
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| Aug 30, 2023 | |
| General Fund | \$ 14,322.58 |
| Memorial Fund | \$ 1,489.88 |
| Fund In Checking | \$ 15,812.46 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Sioux Valley Energy electricity | \$ 128.13 |
| ITC - phone and internet | \$ 95.26 |
| BDRW water | \$ 41.00 |
| Teri Johnson Salary | \$ 2,225.00 |
| Matt Petersen 4x mowing July | \$ 720.00 |
| Lewis Drug stamps | \$ 66.00 |
| Preferred Mechanical | \$ 183.27 |
| MJ Powers CCLI | \$ 158.00 |
| | \$ 3,616.66 |
| SUNDAY OFFERINGS | |
| 6-Aug | \$ 1,011.00 |
| 13-Aug | \$ 595.00 |
| 20-Aug | \$ 880.00 |
| 27-Aug | \$ 690.00 |
| | \$ 3,176.00 |



Dear Friends in Christ,

I have noticed over the course of my ministry how American culture has invaded American churches. What I mean is society's desire for newness, their tendency for boredom and their love for entertainment has crept into countless churches which has resulted in the frequent migration of church members from one church to another.

It is common for people to float between churches with some regularity. This concept is foreign to the New Testament. In the first century church believers were just happy to have a local body of believers with which to fellowship. In the midst of a pagan society, they were grateful to be a part of a church, however imperfect or inconvenient it may have been.

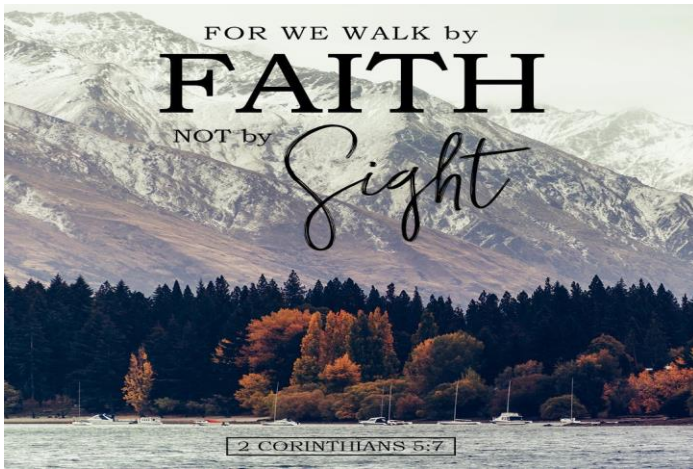
This month we will celebrate the 100th birthday of our oldest living member, Thallis Jensen. Thallis's life and discipleship witness to her love and commitment to Jesus Christ and to Pioneer Lutheran. Thallis's discipleship is a witness to the fact that a church is a family and family sticks together. Thallis's life is a testament to scripture that the church is a body where each member contributes to the whole and together they function properly. We need more of her kind in this day and age. Churches will go through seasons of struggle. They will ebb and flow. But they will move forward in God's power through faithful people like Thallis who kept pressing on.

A favorite author put it like this, "You may change jobs. You can rotate restaurants. You will adjust the places you shop from time to time. But believers are to be rooted in a local church." I am deeply grateful for Thallis and her love for our congregation over the years. I am thankful for her prayers, for her faithful attendance and wholehearted involvement.

I look forward to celebrating Thallis's 100th birthday on Sunday, September 24 immediately following worship as we all thank God for her life and discipleship.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Teri

FAITH OVER FEAR
2023 WOW GATHERING
Saturday, September 16, 2023
8:30am to 3pm



Learn More About the Minor Prophet

Join us at Pioneer Lutheran



**Saturday,
September 23
9am to 10:30am**

(more dates below)

Join us and learn what the minor prophets mean to you today.

The books written by the 12 minor prophets may have been shorter, but their messages had a major impact on the New Testament. Study guides will be provided at no cost.

All are welcome!

Join us for one or all of the lessons below:

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| September 23 | Hosea | God's Everlasting & Steadfast Love |
| October 7 | Joel | The Day of the Lord |
| October 21 | Amos | The Country Prophet |
| November 4 | Obadiah | Unbrotherly Love |
| November 18 | Jonah | The Runaway Prophet |
| December 2 | Micah | Valuable Servant |

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

The signup sheet for those wanting to attend worship at St. Dysmas is in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please call Arlene Madsen 605-695-0559. If you did not attend worship at the prison in April 2023 you will need to fill out the pack of forms that are next to the signup sheet. All forms must be turned in to Arlene by October 1. Join us for a meaningful evening of worship and learn how we can help bring light into the lives of the men incarcerated in Sioux Falls.



PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME JOIN
US FOR GOOD FOOD AND
FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS

4 PM MUSIC "Carter Reed and
Friends" SILENT AUCTION BEGINS/
BUGGY RIDES

4:30-6:00 PM MEAL SERVED

6:00 PM LIVE AUCTION/SILENT
AUCTION ENDS

MENU: PORK SANDWICHES, SALAD,
BEANS, SWEET CORN, CHIPS, PIE
AND DRINK

FREE WILL DONATION

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HELD RAIN OR SHINE

PROCEEDS GO TO PIONEER
LUTHERAN CEMETERY

FUND/PIONEER LUTHERAN MISSION
PROJECTS 50/50

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- September 16 WOW gathering
8:30am-3pm Springfield, MN
- Sept 23 Minor Prophet Bible Study
9am-10:30am
- Sept 24 Birthday Lunch for Thallis
Jensen's 100th birthday following
services
- September 24 Fall Festival 4 pm
Each family bring a pie and auction
item
- Oct 1 Newsletter articles to Julie
jmpete@itctel.com Oct 7 Minor
Prophet Bible Study 9am-10:30am
- Oct 6 Church yard cleaning 5pm
- Oct 21 Minor Prophet Bible Study
9am-10:30am
- October 26 St. Dysmas
- October 29th Confirmation Service
- 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



SEPTEMBER 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| READER: SEPT-DEANNA OCT- | CLEANERS: SEPT-JULIE OCT- | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LIFE IN THE SPIRIT | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 9AM-10:30AM MINOR PROPHET STUDY |
| 24 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 1 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 5 PM CHURCH YARD CLEANUP | 7 9AM-10:30AM MINOR PROPHET STUDY |

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