



# PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2024

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### PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 7, 2024

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council and Pastor Teri Johnson met after church service on January 7, 2024. President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order. Pastor Teri offered devotions.

Secretary's summary of the minutes of the meeting on Dec 3, 2023, was approved with a motion by Laura Quail, second by Kevin Quail.

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Kevin, second by Bill Powers.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance Report: Kevin glued the counter trim in the kitchen, Steve Hicks upgraded all 5 toilet flushing mechanisms, Steve also did maintenance on the keys of the organ.

Outreach Committee: Christmas caroling occurred on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, Bible study resumed with the study of the prophet Joel on Jan 6, 2024, Valentine event will happen in early February, May fellowship will occur in May of 2024.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Valerie received an e mail from Jossie Kozelka to use the church for a wedding Feb 15, 2025. More information needed so Valerie will contact her.

Pastor Teri reported making 5 calls, planning Lent services, continuing first year confirmation lessons with Sunni Jensen.

Members reviewed budget items to present to the congregation on Jan 21, 2024, at the Annual Meeting. Some adjustments were suggested.

Bill suggested offering a Christmas meal at the church in December of 2024 to all and anyone. Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Kevin, second by Bill.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed by Council members in closing.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Charlotte Mickelson, Secretary

<b>Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report</b>	
<b>DEC 31, 2023</b>	
General Fund	\$ 15,269.09
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 16,758.97
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 208.66
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.61
BDRW water	\$ 41.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
FIRST BANK AND TRUST deposit slips	\$ 88.75
Charlotte Lykin Fund Meeting the Need	\$ 300.00
Teri Johnson Confirmation gift	\$ 46.70
Post Office box rental	\$ 62.00
Julie Petersen xmas gifts/YAMA	\$ 413.72
	\$ 3,481.44

<b>SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>3-Dec</b>	\$ 1,035.00
<b>10-Dec</b>	\$ 619.00
<b>17-Dec</b>	\$ 830.00
<b>31-Dec</b>	\$ 1,106.00
	\$ <b>3,590.00</b>
<b>MISC INCOME</b>	
<b>ITC REFUND</b>	\$ 195.92
James Harris donation for Cemetery	\$ 500.00
	\$ <b>695.92</b>
<b>MISC EXPENSE</b>	
Pioneer Lutheran Cemetery	\$ 500.00
	\$ <b>500.00</b>



Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was ordained thirty-two years ago I prayed the following prayer aloud: “I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

As I begin a new year, I often think of this prayer as it describes the life of a follower of Christ. It is a practical description of what Jesus was talking about when he said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

We say goodbye to 2023, and hello to 2024. In these first days of the new year we might find ourselves remembering some of the triumphs and trials of the past year. Even if we have had some wonderful successes in the past year, we can probably remember some low points as well.

As we enter a new year, I hope we remember that God’s plans have always been to prosper his people. He can transform ordinary events and difficult trials into key moments that help his plans to prosper. He is not out to harm us, but the dark moments we experience can be part of the most important lessons to help us grow closer to him.

God has a way of saving his world that we may find to understand. He introduced his Son into the world and brought about our salvation in a way that could easily be overlooked—and yet he has changed the world, and his kingdom keeps growing. That same God comes into our lives and draws us into his plans for a hope-filled future!

May our prayer for the new year be: Lord, my life is in your hands. I praise you for the joys you have brought in the past year, and for the ways you refine me through the trials in my life. Prepare me to be part of your work and mission in the year ahead. In Jesus, Amen.

Sharing In Ministry,  
Teri

*Thank You!*

*Thank you to the church council and congregation for the Christmas greeting and gift. My life is blessed by your friendships as we journey with Christ together.*



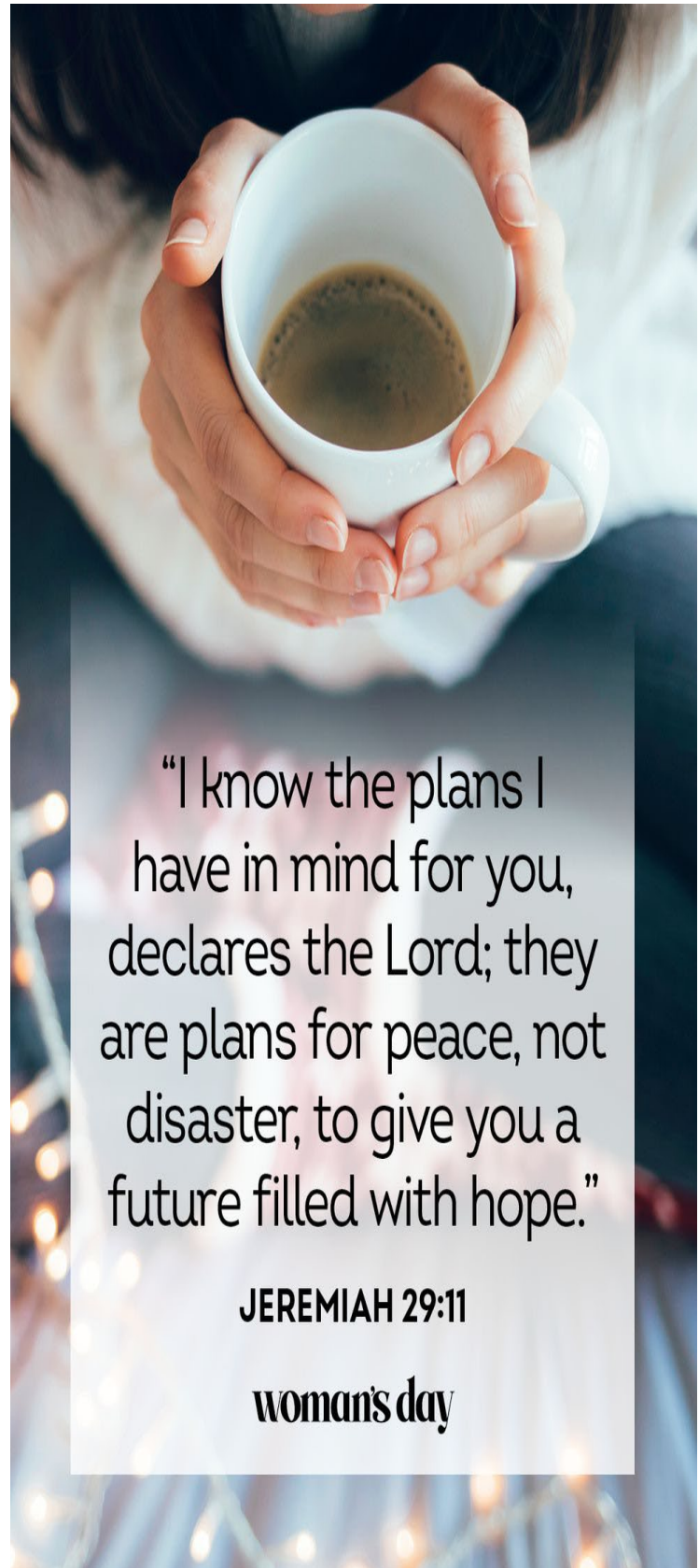
Pioneer showing their appreciation to our organist MJ Powers. Thank you for providing us beautiful music.



**Sunday January 21, 2024 following service  
Potluck meal to follow meeting**

The Pioneer Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024. This meeting will take place at Pioneer Lutheran Church, 20180 474<sup>th</sup> Ave., White, SD. The meeting will follow the church annual meeting that begins at 11:00 AM, following church services. There will be a potluck dinner following the meetings. We will be voting on proposed changes to our constitution and bylaws. Copies of the current constitution and bylaws and the proposed new changes will be available at the church or by contacting a member of the Executive Board.

Arlene Madsen  
Pioneer Cemetery Association  
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“I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.”

**JEREMIAH 29:11**

**woman's day**

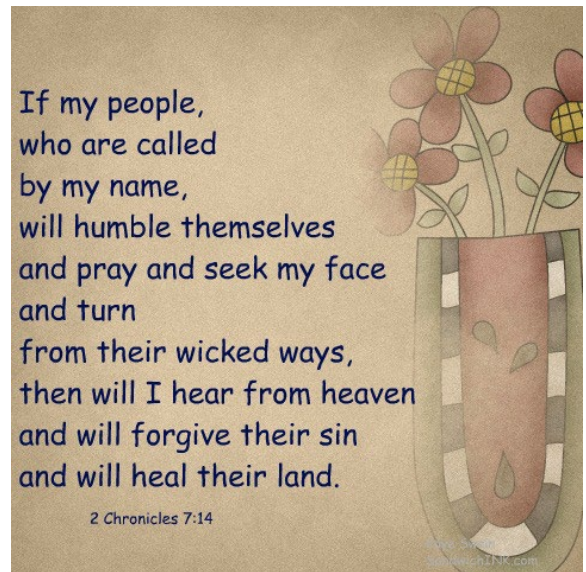


# Learn More About the Minor Prophet

Bible study on the minor prophets will be Saturday, January 20, at 9:30 am at Pioneer Lutheran. Please plan to join us in the new year 2024

20-Jan	Amos	The Country Prophet
3-Feb	Obadiah	Unbrotherly Love
17-Feb	Jonah	The Runaway Prophet
2-Mar	Micah	Valuable Servant

For more information contact Laura Quail (605) 690-9104 or Charlotte Mickelson (870) 416-420



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Jan 20 Bible Study 9:30am**
- **Jan 21 Annual meeting potluck to follow**
- **Jan 27 backup date for Annual meeting**
- **Feb 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**





# JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	2	3	4	5	6 9:30-11 MINOR PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY
7 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CONFIRMATION MEETS	15	16	17	18	19	20 9:30-11 MINOR PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY
21 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM Praise WORSHIP Annual Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT	<b>29</b>	30	31	1	2	3 9:30-11 MINOR PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY
4 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL				<b>READER: JAN-DANA FEB- CAROLE</b>	<b>CLEANERS: JAN- LAURA FEB-?</b>	

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