



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2024

All Pioneer Lutheran Church Council members and Pastor Teri met after church services on February 4, 2024. President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order. Devotions offered by Charlotte Mickelson. Secretary's Report: January meeting minutes approved with a motion by Bill Powers, second by Todd Murphy. Treasurer's Report: Report approved with a motion by Carole Hansen, second by Tod Murphy.

OLD BUSINESS

Noise Control in Fellowship Hall: more fabric
Outreach: Bible Study continues on Saturday mornings. May Fellowship Luncheon will be hosted in May. Making Valentines event is February 10, 2024, at 2:30 PM. Supplies, space, and time made available for anyone wanting to create unique and special cards to be given.

Wedding: Kozelka/Eidesness wedding will be held at Pioneer Lutheran Church February 15, 2025.

Follow up to Annual Meeting: Julie will post committees and members on bulletin board in entry.

Keys: Lost keys have not yet been located.

NEW BUSINESS

CD investments: Treasurer Julie Petersen suggested putting \$12,000.00 in a 2-year CD at 4.95% The investment comes from the building fund and its remaining balance is \$824.31. The liquid CD of \$10,000.00 will roll over at 4.5% in February of 2024. Bill made the motion; Carole added a second. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Teri made 3 calls, discussed Wed. Services for Lent, Confirmation resumes next Sunday.

Election of officers for 2024: Julie nominated Valerie Hicks for President. Carole added a second. Motion passed.
Charlotte nominated Todd Murphy for Vice President. Carole added a second. Motion passed.
Carole nominated Charlotte for Secretary. Bill added a second. Motion passed.
Carole nominated Julie for Treasurer. Todd added a second. Motion passed.
Next meeting: March 3, 2024, after Church Services.
ADJOURNMENT: Todd moved; Carole seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Lord's Prayer prayed by Council members in closing.
Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte Mickelson, Secretary

2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

After Sunday services on January 21, 2024, Council President Valerie Hicks called to order the Annual Meeting of Pioneer Lutheran Church.

A quorum present of 25% of active membership as deemed in the Constitution was declared.

Valerie offered an opening prayer.

Notices of the Annual Meeting through bulletins, newsletters, and post cards were verified.

Hymn # 721 was sung by the congregation.

Secretary's Report: Valerie allowed time for congregation to read the 2023 minutes. Report approved with a motion by Carole Hansen, second by Mike Petersen.

Treasurer's Report: Audit Committee had approved the books earlier. Report approved with a motion by Laura Quail, second by Dana Crooks.

OLD BUSINESS: Mission & Ministry Reports

Pastor's Report: Val allowed time for members to read report, then thanked Pastor Teri for her service.

Pastoral Acts: prepared by Patty Thompson, recording secretary. Active members = 52.
Baptized members = 185 for 2023. Some confusion cleared up by Pastor Teri and Mike Thompson on definition of an Active Member – Confirmation. One member transferred in, one member transferred out, 2 baptisms, 2 funerals, 1 confirmation during 2023.
President’s Report: Valerie encouraged all to read her report on p 11.
St Dymas: Arlene Madsen as organizer, encouraged all to travel to the penitentiary for worship service. Services will be conducted on Wednesday afternoons.
LCMC: Bill Powers continues to be ambassador for the church.
Youth Group and Sunday School: no action
OLD BUSINESS: Business & Committee Reports
Auditing Committee: met and approved the treasurer’s books. MJ Powers, Jim Hansen, Karen Ronne
Call Committee: in April of 2023, the Council put the Call Committee on furlough. Valerie Hicks, Jim Hansen, Larry Holler, Julie Petersen, Arlene Madsen, Bill Powers
Life in the Spirit: Pastor Teri, Dana Crooks, Karen Ronne, MJ Powers. MJ thanked the Council for license to use music and mentioned she had found a hymn for St Dymas.
Fall Festival: as a fund raiser the event brings people to share the meal and participate in the auction. Keri Skroch, Dana & Nancy Crooks, Mike & Julie Petersen, Patty Thompson
Thrivent: Bill & MJ Powers, Sue & Larry Holler
Outreach: Laura Quail shared photos of activities/events held in 2023. Bill Powers suggested resuming the Book Club once organized. Laura and Charlotte Mickelson
Facility Committee: maintenance, repairs, contacting service people. Kevin Quail, Steve Hicks

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Budget: Members compared dollar amounts from 2023 to proposed amounts for 2024. Budget

approved with a motion by Jim Hansen, second by Karen Ronne.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES FOR 2024

Council: Two members terms ended. New members Todd Murphy and Carole Hansen will serve 3 years each. Motion by Kevin Quail, second by Nancy Crooks.

Nominating Committee: Three new volunteers: Jim Hansen, Bill Powers, Mike Thompson

LCMC delegates: Bill Powers, Val Hicks

Auditing Committee: MJ Powers, Jim Hansen, Karen Ronne

Head Ushers: Mike Thompson, Bill Powers

Treasurer Assistants: Bill Powers, Larry Holler, Kevin Quail, Carole Hansen

Recording Secretary: Patty Thompson

Life & Spirit Committee: Dana Crooks, MJ Powers, Karen Ronne, Pastor Teri

Fall Festival: Julie & Mike Petersen, Keri Skroch, Dana & Nancy Crooks, Patty Thompson

Thrivent Coordinators: Larry & Sue Holler, MJ & Bill Powers

Facility Committee: Kevin Quail, Steve Hicks, Tod Murphy

Outreach: Laura Quail, Charlotte Mickelson

Technical Support: Steve Hicks

Social media: Val Hicks, Bill Powers, any Council member

St Dymas Coordinator: Arlene Madsen

CLOSING

Motion by Karen Ronne, second by Jim Hansen to adjourn. Motion passed.

Lord’s Prayer prayed by all members.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Mickelson, Secretary

2023 PIONEER LUTHERAN ANNUAL CEMETERY MINUTES

Pioneer Lutheran Cemetery offered an annual report from 2023 on January 21, 2024, after the Pioneer Lutheran Church Annual Meeting was held. President Arlene Madsen called the meeting to order. Secretary/Treasurer Jim Hansen summarized the minutes of the last meeting, then explained the treasurer’s report of the checking and savings account. Mike Thompson questioned the decision to change shared mowing charges with the church from 50/50 to

75/25. Size of cemetery was compared with amount of grass around the church to explain the decision.

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Dana Crooks, second by Carole Hansen. Motion passed.

Constitution/By Laws: Arlene explained the work of the Board in changes to both documents: Cost of grave increase from \$50 to \$100, term of board member decrease from 5 to 3 years.

Constitution was approved with a motion by Valerie Hicks, second by Carole Hansen.

By Laws approved with a motion by Nancy Crooks, second by Carole Hansen.

Board member vacancy: Carole Hansen nominated Charlotte Mickelson to serve a 3-year term, Val Hicks seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Mike Petersen, second by Kevin Quail. Motion passed.



Dear Friends in Christ,

We live in a culture where press and news media, music, digital platforms, film and television, books, sports, art, celebrities, business and their products--- all claim to know what's best and most important for us. But when the screens go blank, when the sounds are muted, when we yank our hand away from the world's tight grasp and place it on our hearts, whose voice do we hear? What do we declare as most important? It's a question we as followers of Christ must ask and answer not once, but every day. When we relinquish that power, the world is all too eager to assume it, to take it from us. We must decide each day that our thoughts, words, and actions will reflect the presence of Christ in our lives.

It's rarely an easy choice. That's why Jesus told would-be followers to count the cost. If we want easy, Jesus said, the world has plenty to offer. But none of it compares to the life we find in Jesus. Our commitment to Christ must be more important than anything else. It must be our highest priority. When it is, we begin to develop the proper perspective on ourselves, others, and things. We learn to let go of the past, of our guilt, of things that weigh us down. And we learn to cling tightly to Christ, whose presence and power enable us to declare, "No. This is what's important." And with that declaration, with that power and presence in our lives, we can move courageously onto a path we may not understand and into a future we cannot predict.

Lent begins February 14 with Ash Wednesday as we worship together at 7:00 pm. The following

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
JAN 31, 2024	
General Fund	\$ 11,802.22
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 13,292.10
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 148.18
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.69
BDRW water	\$ 41.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
FIRST BANK AND TRUST safety box	\$ 12.00
Postmaster stamps	\$ 68.00
Square One Productions	\$ 200.00
Jon Petersen 1x snow removal	\$ 60.00
LCMC	\$ 250.00
ILT	\$ 500.00
BROOKINGS HARVEST TABLE	\$ 300.00
SOUTH SUDAN LUTHERAN	\$ 300.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$ 150.00
ST. DYSMAS	\$ 1,200.00
AUGSTANAN DISTRICT	\$ 250.00
UNVIERSITY LUTHERAN CENTER	\$ 250.00
BROOKINGS FOOD PANTRY	\$ 350.00
FEEDING BROOKINGS	\$ 350.00
	\$ 6,864.87
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
Jan 7-2024	\$ 1,020.00
Jan 21-2024	\$ 1,613.00
Jan 28-2024	\$ 765.00
	\$ 3,398.00

week, February 21, we will have our first soup supper at 6:00 followed by a brief worship service. Our mid-week Lenten worship services will challenge you to answer questions that lie at the heart of discipleship: Is following Jesus the most important thing to you? Is it your priority? When you follow Jesus, how does it change the way you think, speak, and act? Each week we will look at the heart of a committed disciple:

February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship

February 21: A Humble Heart

February 28: A Committed Heart

March 6: A Gracious Heart

March 13: A Purposeful Heart

March 20: A Heart of Extravagant Love

March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship

March 29: Good Friday Worship;

March 31: Easter Sunday Sunrise and Brunch

I look forward to our Lenten journey as together we re-commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ.

Pastor Teri

want to help these men be successful going forward with their lives.

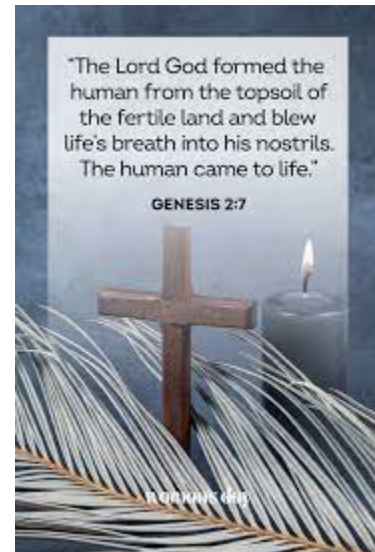
The following items were donated because of your generosity:

Backpack	1
Fleece hoodie	1
Hooded sweatshirt	1
Insulated underwear set	2
Socks	34 pair
Stocking caps	9
Tee shirts	3
Toothbrush	12
Towels	7
Underwear	3 pair
Wash cloths	10
Yarn skeins	8 large, 19 regular

Please continue to bring donations to the church for this ministry.



Two deliveries to St Dysmas for the re-entry program have been made. One on December 7 and another on January 23. The items are shared with men you are released from prison and set to re-enter society. The staff at St. Dysmas are very grateful for these donations as about 100 men are released from prison each year and they





MINOR PROPHETS



Learn More About the Minor Prophets

Bible study on the minor prophets will be Saturday, February 17, at 9:30 am at Pioneer Lutheran. Please plan to join us in the new year 2024

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



Sign up for Soup Suppers during lent. See sheet in fellowship hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 14 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb 17 Bible Study 9:30am
- Feb 21 Lenten Service
- Feb 28 Lenten Service
- March 1 Newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- March 2 Bible Study 9:30am
- March 6 Lenten Service
- March 13 Lenten 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



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER: FEB-CAROLE MARCH-KAREN	CLEANERS: FEB-POWERS MARCH-JULIE			1	2	3 9:30-11 MINOR PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY
4 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	5	6	7	8	9	10 2:30pm Make Valentine's
11 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CONFIRMATION MEETS	12	13	14 7 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	15	16	17 9:30-11 MINOR PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY
18 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM Praise WORSHIP	19	20	21 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7PM LENTEN SERVICE	22	23	24
25 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	26	27	28 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7PM LENTEN SERVICE	29	1	2 9:30-11 MINOR PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY
3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	4	5	6 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7PM LENTEN SERVICE			

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