



# PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2024

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### PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 3, 2024

Pioneer Church Council met on March 3, 2024.

Absent were Val Hicks and Charlotte Mickelson.

Todd called the meeting to order. Julie led devotions.

Secretary's report: February minutes were approved by Bill seconded by Carole. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Report approved by Bill seconded by Carole. Motion carried. Julie did get purchase a \$12000 CD for 2 years at 4.95% and renewed the other one. We did also get an interest check for the Michaelson CD.

Old Business: No change with the noise control in the fellowship hall

May Fellowship will be a Pioneer Lutheran this year, Carole is willing to help with this.

Bible Study plans were to resume April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Keys have been purchased for the safe.

New Business:

Pastor Teri had 8 phone calls, responded to an email about baptisms, continues with confirmation and is planning Holy Week services. There will be

Maundy Thursday service with communion at 7pm.

Good Friday service at 7pm. Easter Sunrise service at 7am followed by potluck breakfast.

Julie mentioned that there is still some work to be done on some of the tree east and south of the church.

Bill asked about having Pastor Jeff Backer come and talk about St. Dysmas sometime this spring/summer. He will contact him and a figure out a time that works.

We have plans to attend St Dysmas on May 15, 2024, and Aug 14, 2024.

Next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup>.

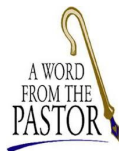
Carole adjourned the meeting. The Lord's prayer was said by members in closing.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Petersen for Charlotte Mickelson

<b>Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY 29, 2024</b>	
General Fund	\$ 10,347.17
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 11,837.05
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 373.98
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.82
BDRW water	\$ 43.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Jon Petersen 1x snow removal	\$ 60.00
Julie Petersen coffee/safe keys	\$ 39.49
Preferred Mechanical	\$ 2,949.76
	\$ 5,902.05
<b>SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b>	
Feb 4, 2024	\$ 1,548.00
Feb 11, 2024	\$ 1,160.00
Feb 18, 2024	\$ 801.00
Feb 25, 2024	\$ 652.00
	\$ 4,161.00

Lenten Offering	
February 21, 2024	\$ 116.00
February 28, 2024	\$ 170.00
	\$ 286.00



Dear Friends in Christ,

March will be a busy month...liturgically speaking! We continue traveling through the Lenten wilderness which will bring us to Holy Week by the end of the month and finally to a glorious Easter celebration on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Given each date's importance, I was stumped about which one to focus on for this article, at one point deciding it would naturally be Easter as that is the most important Christian holiday. However, if I wrote about Easter and neglected Maundy Thursday and Good

Friday, would Easter's significance be less than? Easter is hard work and skipping through the hard parts is necessary, therefore, for this article I will focus on Holy Week and Easter will be next month's news!

During Holy Week we will hear of Peter's denial of Jesus which often prompts the question, why did Peter deny Jesus? Was he merely fulfilling the prediction that Jesus pronounced over him at the last supper? Or, did Peter lack faith? Though Peter was an apostle, we must remember he was human and had human emotions such as fear. Let's also remember that Peter was dealing with the impending death of his friend and mentor, so he was dealing with anger and grief. It might be easy to be dismissive of Peter's denial but let us remember that we might well react in the same way if we are honest with ourselves.

Peter's story does not end at the denial. Peter went on to be forgiven and to be the very foundation of the church. Likewise, our stories do not have to end when we deny Christ through our living.

Friday will bring darkness, signaling Jesus' last breath. However, the death of Jesus is an opening. God reaches out to all humanity with the redeeming grace of the cross. God reassures our ordinary life as a part of eternity.

My prayer is for each of us to experience all the emotions this month holds...self-examination, honesty, regret, surrender, repentance and grief. As we allow ourselves to fully experience Holy Week, our spirits can then soar with joy on Easter Sunday.

Sharing In Ministry,  
Pastor Teri



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



## **ST DYSMAS Visit May 15 Plan to attend watch for further information**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- **March 6 Lenten Service**
  - **March 10 Confirmation**
  - **March 13 Lenten Service**
  - **March 17 Life in the Spirit**
  - **March 20 Lenten Service**
  - **March 28 Maundy Thursday service 7 pm**
  - **March 29 Good Friday Service 7 pm**
  - **March 31 Easter Sunday rise service followed by Potluck breakfast**
- April 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**



# MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>READER:</b> <b>MARCH-KAREN</b> <b>APRIL-CHARLOTTE</b>	<b>CLEANERS:</b> <b>MARCH-JULIE</b> <b>APRIL-CHARLOTTE</b>				1	2
3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	4	5	6 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7PM LENTEN SERVICE	7	8	9
10 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CONFIRMATION	11	12	13 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7PM LENTEN SERVICE	14	15	16
17 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM Praise WORSHIP LITS MEETS	18	19	20 6 PM SOUP SUPPER 7PM LENTEN SERVICE	21	22	23
24 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	25	26`	27	28 7PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	29 7PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	30
31 7AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE POTLUCK BREAKFAST	1 	2	3	4	5	6

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