



# PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2024

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### PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

#### APRIL 7, 2024

Four members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council and Pastor Teri met after church service on April 7, 2024. Two members absent: Carole Hansen, Bill Powers. Devotions offered by Val Hicks, who then called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: summarized by Julie Petersen. Approved with a motion by Charlotte Mickelson, second by Todd Murphy.

Treasurer's Report: details given by Julie. Report approved with a motion by Charlotte, second by Todd.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Projects: no new action on noise control in fellowship hall.

Outreach Committee: May Fellowship Salad Luncheon scheduled for May 4, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Salads requested of congregation members. Kitchen help needed. Bible study resumed Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 AM. The study of Minor Prophets will continue the next 2 Saturdays with final study on April 20, 2024.

Wedding: Feb 15, 2025, for Jossie Kozelka  
St Dysmas Pastor visit - no action

Easter: short discussion on serving communion for Easter service.

Clean up around church building: trimming trees, volunteer trees, fencing need attention.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Graduation: Carter Reed graduates from BHS May 26, 2024.

YAMA: Skyla Petersen will be gifted a package at finals time. Snack donations from congregation appreciated.

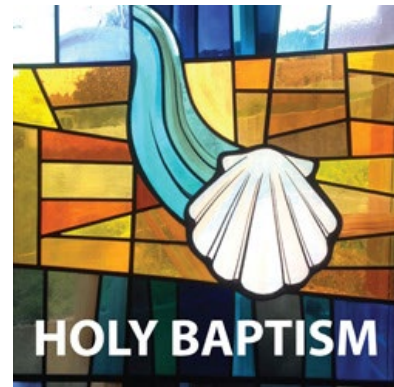
Pastor's Report: Made many calls, prepared for Holy Week and Lent services, Confirmation class continues, Graduation of Carter, MJ needs a break from providing music, Baptisms scheduled for April 27 and 28, 2024.

Next meeting: May 5, 2024, after church service.

Meeting adjourned

Members together prayed the Lord's Prayer in closing.

Respectfully submitted Secretary, C Mickelson



**PIONEER IS LOOKING FOR  
DONATIONS OF SNACK ITEMS FOR  
1 YAMA PACKAGE TO BE SENT OUT  
THE END OF APRIL PLEASE BRING  
TO THE CHURCH BY APRIL 28**



Dear Friends,

I greet you in the name of our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ! We have experienced a glorious Easter Sunday and are still basking in the glow of the good news. In Matthew's Resurrection account, the women went off with great fear and excitement to tell the disciples after seeing that the tomb was empty. In John's Resurrection account, Mary Magdalene tells the disciples about Jesus' missing body. These women were the first human evangelists after the Resurrection. The good news of the Resurrection must be told. It is not a secret. It's not just a major news flash. Jesus has been raised! Go and tell!

It's astounding how many modern people are skeptical of the message of Resurrection. It is hard to believe that there was a time when you had to pay people to *disbelieve* in the resurrection. Nowadays, disbelief in resurrection seems to be the official position of many. Never underestimate the human predisposition for doubt and skepticism. There will always be an attempt to explain the unexplainable, to put the Resurrection in relatable terms. But instead of arguing and trying to prove the Resurrection, we Christians are better off believing by faith and then living as those for whom the Resurrection has changed everything.

I remember as a child making up games with my younger brother. As the oldest child, I was the

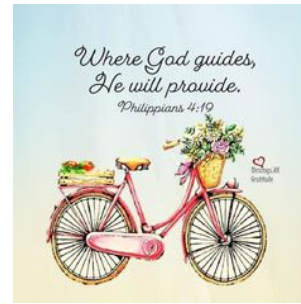
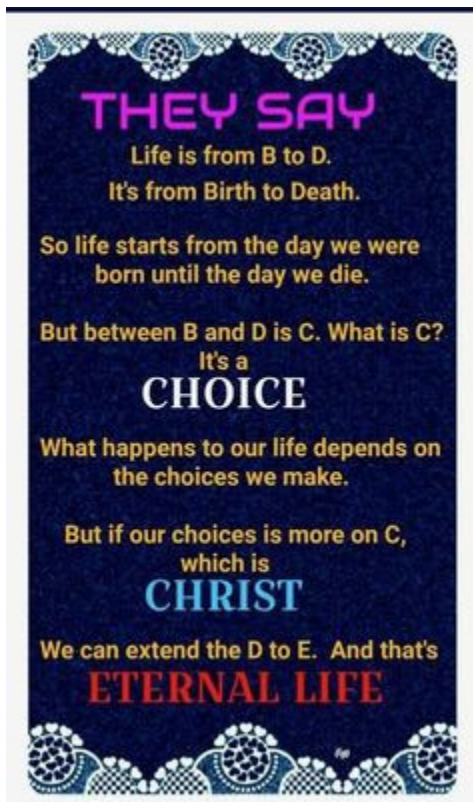
<b>Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report</b>	
<b>31-Mar-24</b>	
General Fund	\$ 11,556.01
Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 1,489.88</u>
Fund In Checking	<b>\$ 13,045.89</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 253.34
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.62
BDRW water	\$ 36.95
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Jon Petersen 1x snow removal	\$ 60.00
Julie Petersen communion cups	\$ 21.35
MJ Powers palms	\$ 23.90
	<b>\$ 2,831.16</b>
<b>SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>Mar 3,2024</b>	\$ 885.00
<b>Mar 10,2024</b>	\$ 1,120.00
<b>Mar 17,2024</b>	\$ 1,117.00
<b>Mar 31,2024</b>	\$ 1,085.00
	<b>\$ 4,207.00</b>
<b>Lenten Offering</b>	
<b>February</b>	\$ 286.00
<b>6-Mar</b>	\$ 152.00
<b>13-Mar</b>	\$ 87.00
<b>20-Mar</b>	\$ 135.00
<b>28-Mar</b>	\$ 320.00
<b>31-Mar</b>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>MISC EXPENSE</b>	
Feeding South Dakota	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>MISC INCOME</b>	
Donation	\$ 30.00
Thrivent Grant	\$ 89.00
	<b>\$ 119.00</b>

author of the rules, what could and couldn't be done. That also gave me a certain power to change the rules along the way. "It's my game, I made the rules. I can change them if I want."

The Resurrection is a striking reminder that God made the rules and God reserves the right to decide what can and can't happen. Thankfully, God has decided to set loose the Resurrection power all over creation! So the rules have changed. Death doesn't have the last word. Easter isn't just about a dead body that comes back to life. Easter is about resurrection, and resurrection changes everything. The resurrected Christ takes away all our fears. He overcomes everything we have to fear, including death. And he meets us where we need him on this road of life. Thanks be to God!

Don't be afraid. He is risen! Go and tell!

Sharing in Ministry,  
Pastor Teri



**Pioneer to attend worship at St. Dysmas**  
Members and friends of Pioneer Lutheran will attend worship at St. Dysmas within the walls of the South Dakota State Prison in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, May 15. All visitors are to be at the prison by 1:15 PM.

A sign-up sheet and the required entrance documents are on the table in the fellowship hall at Pioneer. The forms must be filled out and returned to the church by April 21.

If you have questions, contact Arlene Madsen at 605-695-0559.

**Thank you for being so generous!!**

In April I will deliver more items to the St. Dysmas Re-Entry Program.

The items below have been recently donated:

- 4 winter coats
- 13 pair socks
- 3 winter caps
- 5 tooth brushes
- 7 Tee shirts
- 9 pair underwear
- 4 Microtech Heat shirts
- 2 Performance Base Layer tops
- 2 skeins yarn
- 1 hooded sweatshirt
- 2 pair leather gloves
- 8 bars hand soap
- 1 set of towels

Thank you so much for your continued help in providing these items for the men being released from prison and re-entering the workforce. The yarn is used by inmates making caps and gloves for the homeless shelters in Sioux Falls. Your generosity is appreciated very much.

Arlene Madsen



## MAYFELLOWSHIP

May 4, 2024, Pioneer Lutheran will be hosting May Fellowship at 11AM. Julie Ross from Good Roots and Gardens will be the speaker. Pioneer is asked to sign up for salads. All are welcome to attend.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 13 Bible Study 9:30-11am  
“Haggai and Malachi”
- April 20 Bible Study 9:30-11am  
“Zechariah”
- April 21 Life in Spirit following service
- April 28 Confirmation following service
- April 28 YAMA Donation to church
- May 1 Newsletter articles to Julie [jmpete@itctel.com](mailto:jmpete@itctel.com)
- May 4 May Fellowship 11 am
- Julie Ross speaker Please sign up to bring a salad
- May 5 Church Council following 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



# APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	8	9	10	11	12	13 Bible Study 9:30-11am "Haggai and Malachi"
14 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	15	16	17	18	19	20 Bible Study 9:30-11am "Zechariah"
21 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM Praise WORSHIP LITS MEETS	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE Confirmation meets	<b>29</b>	30	1	2	3	4  <b>11AM MAY FELLOWSHIP</b>
5 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL				<b>READERS:</b> APRIL-LAURA MAY-	<b>CLEANERS:</b> APRIL-BILL MAY-ARLENE	

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