



# Pioneer Lutheran Church

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## Pioneer Lutheran Council minutes for May, 5 2011

The May council meeting was called to order by President Larry Holler. Present were Kevin Quail, Bill Powers, Mike Thompson, Larry Holler, Arlene Madsen, Deanna Tolrud, David Patterson, and Keri Skroch.

Secretary's Report: Keri Skroch presented the minutes from the April meeting. Bill Powers moved to accept the minutes with the addition that Mike Thompson was present. Mike Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Arlene Madsen presented the treasurer's report. Bill Powers moved to accept the report as presented. Deanna Tolrud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business: There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for the surplus chairs. They will be sold for \$2.00 each.

there are still a couple of things that he is following up on.

Internet access was discussed. It was decided to wait until September to subscribe to it. David is going to talk to Frank James about the possibility of working on the website. It was also suggested that some of the younger congregation may want to take a part in it.

The stained glass committee will meet again in a few weeks and Bill will report more then.

The picture of the old church is hanging in the entry way.

New Business: Pioneer received two pictures from the Alvin and Arloene Jensen family. Larry is going to talk to Ekerns to see about moving the thermostat so that one of the pictures can be hung in the fellowship hall.

David, Lew, and Donna Weeks attended the Augustana convention. They will give a temple talk and discuss this May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The phone tree was brought up and it was decided that it might be easiest if we had the congregation photo register done first. Larry will get in contact with the photographer and see about some possible dates.

Lucas Quail presented a bid of \$130/mowing for mowing the lawn for both the church and the cemetery this summer. It was decided that it should be offered in the church to see if anyone else was interested.

Cemetery cleaning date was set for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Bill discussed the defibrillator. He thought the upkeep would be too expensive and the council agreed with him.

Mike reported that the carpet runs had been taken care of.

The Eternal Light is in. It is electric so there will need to be some electrical work done to hang it up.

The website for Pioneer has not been updated since Tyler left. Larry will talk to Tyler and see about getting the domain.

Call committee will meet next May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Quail moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Powers seconded the motion. The Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Skroch, secretary

## PIONEER LUTHERAN FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 13, 2011

General Account	\$ 6,299.72
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,812.85
<b>Funds in Checking</b>	<b>\$ 9,112.57</b>

Sioux Valley Energy - electricity	\$ 205.29
ITC - phone	\$ 30.12
White Fire Dept - donation	\$ 50.00
Hy-Vee - palms	\$ 15.90
Arvid Thoreson - check organ and piano	\$ 192.40
Lefty's - wine	\$ 12.00
David Patterson - April salary	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,005.71</b>

### Sunday Offering

April 3, 2011	\$ 639.00
April 10, 2011	\$ 631.00
April 17, 2011	\$ 686.00
4/24/2011 Easter	\$ 675.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,631.00</b>

### Misc Income

Lent April 6	\$ 59.00
Lent April 13	\$ 59.00
Maundy Thursday April 21	\$ 58.00
Good Friday, April 22	\$ 60.00
	\$ 236.00

### Memorial Fund

In Memory of Alvin Jensen	\$ 260.00
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### Building Fund - Savings

Balance 3/31/2011	\$ 20,201.26
In Memory of Alvin Jensen	\$ 10.00
April interest	\$ 4.84
<b>Balance 4/30/2011</b>	<b>\$ 20,216.10</b>

### Fire Insurance Fund - Checking

Balance 3/31/2011	\$ 942.45
Willmott Gravel - 2 loads of gravel	\$ 200.00
Harold's Photo - 24 x 36" canvas print of original church	\$ 270.29
Lowe's - 4' table for youth room	\$ 46.61
<b>Balance 4/30/2011</b>	<b>\$ 425.55</b>

## DIAPER DERBY

From Mother's Day to Father's Day baby items will be accepted for the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls. Please deposit in baby cradle in the narthex. Thank you

\*Hi Lord, it's me. We are getting older and things are getting bad here. Gas prices are too high, no jobs, food and heating costs too high. I know some have taken you out of our schools, government & even Christmas, but Lord I'm asking you to come back and re-bless America . We really need you! There are more of us who want you than those who don't! Thank You Lord, I Love you.

## AUSTANA DISTRICT NEWS

We are called by God to be proclaimers of the Word. Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> Lew & Donna Weeks, delegates from Pioneer attended the Augustana District meeting at Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN. It was a full day of learning what Augustana district was about plus a lot of fellowship, presenters, business, breakout sessions, singing and worship. 141 attended and 40 congregations represented.

“How Firm a Foundation” was the theme under Isaiah 34:1-3: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass thru the waters, I will be with you and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Borrowing a few key phrases from Pastor Randy Truend, chair, “Because “Lutheran” is a faithful and helpful way of thinking, what it means to be a Christian. We have much to offer.” “No congregation is an island”, “Augustana District commits itself to support missions and outreach organizations & institutions (ILT in Brookings).”

We say “Thank you” to this congregation for sending us and being Pioneer delegates. Lew & Donna Weeks

## THANKS:

- The Lenten and Easter banners are a great asset to our worship. Thanks Deanna!
- Pioneer members and visitors welcome the two new pictures from the Jensen family in honor and memory of Alvin.
- Faithful leadership is a strong point at Pioneer. We are so thankful for our pastors, teachers, musicians, ushers, acolytes, council members and custodians. We are so blessed to be in a new house of worship.
- To the cementary “cleaner uppers”
- To all who turn in HyVee receipts. We are getting closer!
- To Kim James as she planted the west flower basket in White, main street. It is sponsored by Pioneer, as our way of reaching out.
- To the builders of the bell tower. It links us to memories of our old church.

## COMPASSION NEWS

More sponsors are needed. A letter received recently indicated 1,900 older children (10 years and over) are waiting for someone to make a difference. Each one has a dream to overcome the odds. Older children live in extreme poverty as do younger ones. Come along side them to love, to pray and invest in him or her. Please check online to [compassion.com/olderchild](http://compassion.com/olderchild) or call toll free 1-800-336-7676 and may God continue to bless you.

**DOES ANYONE APPRECIATE A  
LITTLE FELLOWSHIP  
FOLLOWING SUNDAY  
WORSHIP????  
PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE  
KITCHEN ON THE TABLET FOR A  
CONVENIENT TIME. THANKS A  
BUNCH!!**

David R. Patterson  
Pioneer Lutheran Church Newsletter  
Pentecost 2011

## COME HOLY SPIRIT!

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:37-38)

Jesus speaks these words on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles). During the seven days of Sukkot a sacrificial pouring out of water (called a "water libation") was performed at the Temple. The water was drawn by the High Priest from the pool of Siloam and carried back to in the courtyard of the outer Temple in a golden pitcher where the High priest would pour out the water. As the High Priest walked back from Siloam a procession followed him back to the Temple all the way singing, waving their palm branches, and dancing in the streets. The water libation was the highlight of the Festival. The water symbolized the rain. Now was the time to thank God for rain and a good harvest, and to pray for the "latter rain" for the next Spring harvest. Sukkot was a celebration of the harvest and a remembrance of the hardships endured by Israel in the wilderness. The water libation – as part of this festival – was a thanksgiving to God for giving the water they needed to live and a prayer for the water they needed to continue to live. For the people of Israel – as for us all – water is life. So, when Jesus speaks of water to the people in the temple during Sukkot, one must understand His word in the context of the water libation.

Right after Jesus' said these words, John's gospel says "By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive" (John 7:39). Jesus was speaking of us. What is really interesting about Jesus words is that He says that where our text says 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water' the word heart literally means the innermost part of a person as the seat of thought, feeling, and choice. And these rivers of living water flow out of the person's thought, feeling, and choice. Not pools of water like the pool of Siloam that the High Priest must go to and draw water, but rivers that flow freely out of a person's thoughts, feelings, and choice. The water doesn't stay there for the sole benefit of the person, but flows out of that person to others.

As believers in Jesus Christ who have received the Holy Spirit, we do not have little self-contained pools of living water that give us eternal life, we have rivers of living water intended to rush forth so that all may drink and receive eternal life. To often in our own complacency, in our own sinful desire to be acceptable in this world, we dam up those waters and keep them from flowing out from us. This year during Pentecost, let us seek together to tear down those dams that block these living waters, so that out of our thoughts, feelings, and choices, we might speak and act. So that through us the living waters of the Holy Spirit might flow out to a dry and thirsty land.

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

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