



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 5, 2024

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council and Pastor Teri met May 5, 2024, after church service. Val Hicks, President, opened the meeting. Bill Powers offered devotions. Secretary's Report: summarized, then approved with a motion by Bill, second by Carole Hansen.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Petersen shared the report that was approved with a motion by Todd Murphy, second by Bill.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Noise control in hall: Val reported more fabric had been donated.
2. Outreach: May Friendship Luncheon held on May 4, with 40 people in attendance. Bible study of Minor Prophets concluded on April 20. Suggestions for topics to use in the Fall. Pioneer will host Meal at United Methodist Center July 22, 2024.
3. Wedding for Jossie Kozelka at Pioneer Feb 15, 2025.
4. Bill will extend invitation to St Dysmas pastor to worship.
5. May 24, 2024, at 5:30 PM will be clean up in church yard and cemetery.

6. BHS graduation of Carter Reed will be recognized on May 19, 2024, after service.
7. YAMA package sent to Skyla Petersen.
8. MJ Powers will take off service for May 26th. Congregation will sing familiar hymns acapella.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council agreed to reinvest 2 CDs for 18 months at 4.35%

2. Requests for donations received from Sheriff's Association and St Paul's Lutheran Church in Kodiak, AK. Carole moved to send \$200.00 to the church with a second by Bill. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Teri reported 5 calls made, 3 baptisms performed. Last confirmation class with Sunni will be next Sunday.

Next meeting: June 9, 2024, after church service.

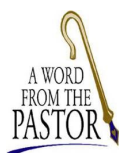
Meeting adjourned with a motion by Carole, second by Bill. Motion passed.

Council prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
April 30,2024	
General Fund	\$ 12886.66
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 14,376.54
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 227.85
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.50
BDRW water	\$ 43.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Postmaster YAMA	\$ 10.00
	\$ 2,716.35
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
April 7,2024	\$ 1,382.00
April 14,2024	\$ 795.00
April 21,2024	\$ 685.00
April 28,2024	\$ 1,185.00
	\$ 4,047.00



Pastor Teri's weekly sermons can be found on the church website.

<https://www.pioneerlutheran.org/sermons/>

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write this a day after the weekend of celebrating the baptisms of Emeric John, Bristol Mary and Brexlee Louise into our church family!

What a joy and privilege to witness the gift of salvation for each of these precious children.

One of the lectionary readings from that weekend was from Acts 8 in which the Ethiopian eunuch was baptized. The eunuch hears the good news of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection and decides to become a follower of Christ and asks Philip an amazing question, "what is to prevent me from being baptized?" I wondered upon hearing those words what was to prevent little Emeric, Bristol or Brexlee from belonging to the family of God? What was there to prevent them from being welcomed as Christ's own? What was there to prevent them from full participation in the risen life and community of Jesus? What was to prevent them from becoming, not merely a hearer of the Good News, but an integral part of the Good News of resurrection?

In the story from Acts nobody answers the eunuch's question as it is met with silence. And the answer is still silence for nothing is preventing Brexlee Louise, Bristol Mary or Emeric John or anyone from being welcomed into the family of God through Christ. Nothing prevents a person from entering into the fullness of Christ's salvation.

In his beautiful commentary on the book of Acts, theologian Willie James Jennings describes the story of the eunuch this way: "Faith found the water. Faith will always find the water." The eunuch wanted God as much as God wanted him.

As we move out of the Easter season it is important to continue to ask ourselves what difference the resurrection makes in the way we live and practice our faith. Is Easter but a mountaintop experience we briefly enjoy but then leave behind to return to "real" life? Is our Easter experience spreading the good news and welcoming others into the body of Christ? May we embrace the wideness of God's embrace and His capacity to lead his beloved ones to baptism and new life in Christ. The Spirit will do what the Spirit will do! Let us venture into this new month awake and alert to all Christ is doing in our midst.

Sharing in Ministry,

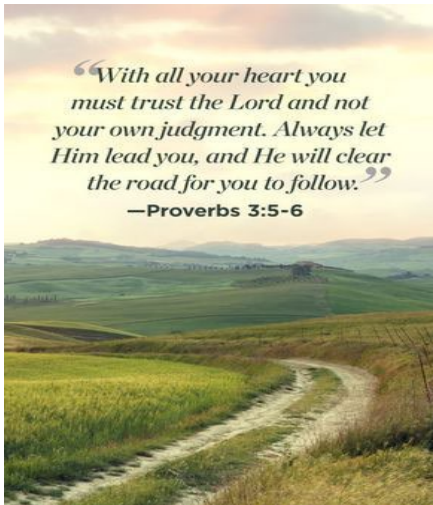
Teri

CEMETERY/ CHURCH YARD CLEANUP
FRIDAY, MAY 24 5:30pm
BRING Tools, gloves etc. to help make the
Cemetery and church yard look nice.



MAY FELLOWSHIP

May Fellowship was held on Saturday, May 4th.at Pioneer Lutheran Church. There were around 40 in attendance. Laura Quail welcomed the guest and gave some background information on World Day of Prayer and Friendship Day. A song was sung with MJ accompanying it. Julie Ross then gave a presentation on Friendship. Pastor Teri then led us in the Table prayer. We then enjoyed many different salads provided by the Methodist and Pioneer Lutheran ladies. It was a very enjoyable event.



We are preparing for our visit to St. Dysmas in the South Dakota State Prison in Sioux Falls on May 15. I keep in contact with the St. Dysmas staff, and they let us know of their needs for the prison and the reentry program. I received the following email from the staff:

St. Dysmas has been asked by our inside council members to provide some games for the visit room at the prison. Families and children visiting inmates would love to have games to play during visits. Some suggested games are:

- Candyland*
- Sorry*
- Connect Four*
- Monopoly*
- Cards*
- Farkle dice game*
- Dominoes*
- Phase 10*

All games must be new and sealed in the box. More than one of a certain game can be donated.

They are also in need of rain ponchos for the reentry program.

Thanks for your help in providing these items.

Arlene Madsen





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **May 24 5:30pm**
Cemetery/church yard clean up
- **June 1 Newsletter articles to Julie**
impete@itctel.com
- **June 9 Church council following service**




Join us in celebrating Carter on his Graduation Day
May 26, 2024
Ceremony at 2 pm Dacotah Bank Center Brookings, SD
Celebration at our house from 4 pm to 8 pm
306 LoveJoy Lane Aurora, SD

The complex block contains two photographs of a young man, Carter, and a block of text. The first photo shows Carter sitting on a wooden staircase, smiling. The second photo shows Carter standing in a modern building with large glass windows, wearing a dark suit and a red tie. The text below the photos provides details for his graduation ceremony and celebration.

- **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**



MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 MAY FELLOWSHIP 11AM
5 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CONFIRMATION MEETS	13	14	15 St Dysmas visit be there 1:15pm	16	17	18
19 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM Praise WORSHIP LITS MEETS	20	21	22	23	24 Cemetery /church yard clean up 5:30pm	25
26 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	27 	28	29	30	31	1
2 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION				READERS: MAY-JIM JUNE-	CLEANERS: MAY-ARLENE JUNE-PATTY & MIKE	

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