



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 9, 2024

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council and Pastor Teri Johnson met after church service on June 9, 2024. President Val Hicks called the meeting to order. Devotions led by Carole Hansen.

Secretary's report was summary of the May meeting and approved with a motion by Carole, second by Bill Powers.

Treasurer's report was presented, then approved with a motion by Carole, second by Todd Murphy.

OLD BUSINESS

Noise control in hall: Carole and Bill will take over to work with the available fabric.

Outreach: 1. July 22, 2024, at the Methodist Church in Brookings – volunteers will serve tacos for the Harvest Table meal. 2. Teri is looking into Bible study possibilities for the Fall.

Feb 15, 2025, wedding for Jossie Kozelka at Pioneer.

Teri announced the St Dysmas pastor will preach/visit Pioneer on December 15, 2024.

June 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM – yard clean up, tree trimming, fence repair.

Thermostat keys – still missing.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Festival: September 15, 2024, looks to be a good date. Ideas for musical entertainment?

Pioneer Days in White – July 20,

2024. Float? Ponies and buggies?

Pastor Report: 8 calls, the sharing of Teri with 2 other churches (Sterling Methodist, White's United Methodist) begins July 21, 2024. She is willing to teach a confirmation class to 5 or 6 kids from the 3 churches. Will decide on where and when after meeting the kids.

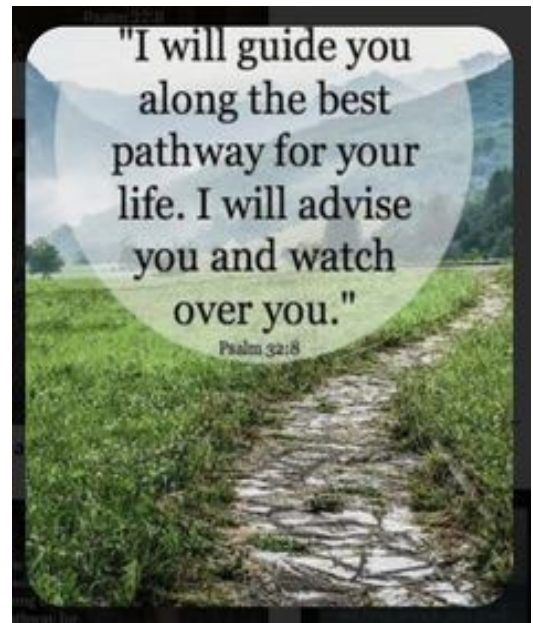
Next meeting: July 7, 2024.

Motion to adjourn by Julie Petersen, second by Carole

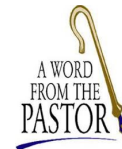
Members prayed together the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Mickelson, secretary



Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
May 31, 2024	
General Fund	\$ 17,674.51
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 19,164.39
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 217.70
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.50
BDRW water	\$ 46.95
St Paul Lutheran Church of Alaska	\$ 200.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
	\$ 2,900.15
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
May 5, 2024	\$ 1,145.00
May 12, 2024	\$ 4,838.00
May 19, 2024	\$ 910.00
May 26, 2024	\$ 795.00
	\$ 7,688.00



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

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since visiting and worshipping at St. Dysmas last month, one scripture in particular has been living in my heart. The writer of Hebrews instructs: "Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love. Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it! Regard prisoners as if you were in prison with them." (Hebrews 13: 1-3, *The Message* translation) The encouragement is part of a more extensive teaching on showing God's love to fellow Christians.

Demonstrating God's love means treating each other as we would treat our own family members. Hebrews 13: 1-2 when referencing entertaining angels without knowing it" alludes to Abraham and Sarah entertaining visitors (Genesis 18: 1-15) who

turn out to be angels (Gen. 19:1), the very bearers of the promise of a son to Abraham and Sarah. There are countless biblical passages reminding us of the many acts of hospitality by Jesus and by those who followed him.

Gracious hospitality are the words I would use to describe my worship experience at St. Dymas. Our group were the guests and we were warmly welcomed by Pastor Jeff and the inmates. We were treated with genuine kindness and a joyful welcome. We were guests in their church. We did not arrive with a message to share or news from the “outside.” We did not arrive with hopes of sharing worldly advice or pep talks about staying positive. It was simple actually; we were guests in their church and if you’ve ever visited a church full of friendly people then you know exactly what I’m talking about. We were Christians experiencing the miracle of Pentecost and frankly I can think of no better scripture than the re-telling of how all believers were in one place when the Holy Spirit came upon them. It wasn’t “us” and “them”....it was **we**...believers united by the Holy Spirit in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Hospitality is a great act of faith yet one of the most underrated. Hospitality is one of the most significant acts of service that human beings can do. When we entertain strangers, we are showing hospitality to Jesus Christ our Lord and demonstrating God’s love. I was the stranger on a Wednesday afternoon upon entering the Penitentiary chapel yet within minutes I was greeted by an usher who smiled, welcomed me and handed me a bulletin. Together we worshipped, prayed, sang and shared in Holy Communion together as believers.

May every interaction we have with a server, an employee, the person standing behind us in the check-out line, be seen as a chance to make someone feel seen. Imagine the witness to God’s

love if Christians had a reputation for hospitality in the course of our everyday lives.

Sharing In Ministry,
Pastor Teri

**CEMETERY/ CHURCH YARD
CLEANUP SATURDAY, JUNE 29 @
10AM**

**BRING Tools, gloves etc. to help make
the Cemetery and church yard look nice.**

**LOOKING FOR ANYONE WANTING TO
PUT A FLOAT TOGETHER FOR THE
PIONEER DAYS PARADE JULY 20
CONTACT A COUNCIL MEMBE**




MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **June 16 Life in Spirit meets after service**
- **June 29 10am Cemetery/church yard clean up**
- **July 1 Newsletter articles to Julie**
jmpete@itctel.com
- **July 7 Church council following service**
- **July 22 Harvest Table sign up sheet on table**

- **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**



JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS: JUNE-LAURA JULY-CAROLE	CLEANERS JUNE-PATTY & MIKE JULY-KAREN					1
2 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CHURCH COUNCIL	10	11	12	13	14 	15
16 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM Praise WORSHIP LITS MEETS	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	24	25	26	27	28	29 CEMETERY/CHURCH YARD CLEANUP 10AM
30 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORKSHIP	1	2	3	4	5	6

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