



# PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2024

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### PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 7, 2024

Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met July 7, 2024, with 5 members and Pastor Teri in attendance. Valerie Hicks absent. Vice President Todd Murphy called the meeting to order.

Bill Powers offered devotions.

Secretary's report was summarized, then approved with a motion by Julie Petersen, second by Carole Hansen

Treasurer's report was reviewed, then approved with a motion by Carole, second by Bill.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. No action on fellowship hall noise control
2. Outreach Committee: July 22, 2024, Harvest Table offered by Pioneer Lutheran.

Teri looking into Bible studies.

3. Feb 15, 2025, wedding for Jossie Kozelka

4. Dec 15, 2024, service conducted by St Dysmas pastor.

5. Sept 15, 2024, Fall Festival at Pioneer. Discussed music options.

6. Pioneer Days parade: Val and her ponies will represent Pioneer.

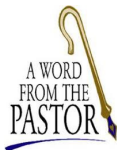
#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Sign S of the church next to highway 30 has blown over. Kevin/Todd will repair it.
2. Pastor's report: several calls made, tentatively planning on confirmation class at the White Methodist Church after service at noon (possible lunch?), suggested a baby shower for Jen and Dane after service some Sunday in August.
3. Need electrician to check on kitchen outlet.
4. Next meeting: Aug 4, 2024, after services

Adjournment: Charlotte moved; Carole seconded motion to adjourn. Passed Council prayed The Lord's Prayer together. Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson



<b>Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report</b>	
<b>June 30,2024</b>	
General Fund	\$ 18,596.81
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,589.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 20,186.69
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 226.13
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.57
BDRW water	\$ 43.00
Square One Production prepaid copy	\$ 200.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Matt Petersen 5x mowing May	\$ 900.00
	\$ 3,804.70
<b>SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>June 2,2024</b>	\$ 920.00
<b>June 9,2024</b>	\$ 1,135.00
<b>June 16,2024</b>	\$ 777.00
<b>June 23,2024</b>	\$ 867.00
<b>June 30,2024</b>	\$ 1,014.00
	\$ 4,713.00
<b>Misc Income</b>	
<b>Memorial for Beau Bielfeldt from</b>	
<b>Lew and Donna Weeks</b>	\$100.00
<b>Thrivent Choice</b>	\$ 14.00
	\$ 114.00



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

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

It was St. Paul who wrote, "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." Some days are easier than others to find contentment. A recent summer day was shaped by joyful simplicities. Morning coffee followed by a gently yoga class followed by an afternoon with my grandchildren in the park. I climbed into bed that night happily thankful.

An Irish proverb tells us "Better one good thing that is, rather than two good things that were, or three good things that might never come to pass." That blissful summer day gave me no reason to glance wistfully to the past or project anxiously into the future because the present was lived and simply abundant. It was one of those days with one good thing after another until it overflowed with pleasure. I thanked God for my blessings.

But not all my days are so idyllic. Not too long after my amazing day, I had a day that began with an email announcing major changes to the day I had planned. Two meetings had been added to my already busy day and my afternoon commitment proved more difficult than expected as we would be short staffed. This is great, I thought, as I mumbled to my dogs, muttering and moaning under my breath. I had three choices before me, but only one real-life solution: scream in frustration at the top of my lungs, go back to bed, or take a deep breath and pray.

Since one of my dogs has a pacemaker and startles easily, screaming at the top of my lungs was not an option. Going back to bed didn't sound restful. So I poured myself another cup of coffee and recalled the prayer, "I know the Lord will help---but help me, Lord, until You help."

The reality was that my day would be as hard as I made it. Or as pleasant. There was nothing I could do about my circumstances but accept them. As St. Paul taught, whatever state I am, I have learned to be content. Despite my day quickly switching to Plan B, it was still redeemable and there were good things I could look forward to. The day stretched before me—not as I had planned or hoped. But not, thank heavens, beyond redemption.

God greets us each new day promising His presence and strength. May we lean into His promise regardless of how our plans may change.

Sharing In Ministry, Pastor Teri



Church Yard Cleanup June 29


**FAITH**  
is like Wi-Fi,  
it's invisible but  
it has the power  
to connect you to  
what you need.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **July 22 Harvest Table**
- **Aug 1 Newsletter articles to Julie**  
[jmpete@itctel.com](mailto:jmpete@itctel.com)
- **Aug 4 Church council following service**
- **Aug 14 St Dysmas forms due to Arlene by July 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **Sept 15 Fall Festival be thinking about auction items**
- **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**



# JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LITS MEETS	15	16	17	18	19	20 PIONEER DAYS
21 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP	22 HARVEST TABLE	23	24	25	26	27
28 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION				READERS: JULY-CAROLE AUG-	CLEANERS JULY-KAREN AUG-	

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