



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

AUG 4, 2024

All Pioneer Lutheran Church Council members and Pastor Teri met after service on August 4, 2024. President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order. Pastor Teri gave the devotions.

Secretary's Report was summarized and approved with a motion by Bill Powers, second by Carole Hansen.

Treasurer's Report was shared and approved with a motion by Carole, second by Todd Murphy.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Carole led discussion on using fabric as sound absorbers in the hall: find studs, use a rod? measure dimensions, possibly line the fabric.
2. Outreach Committee: Harvest Table was a success in serving 80 plus diners.
3. Pastor Teri is looking for a Fall Bible study.
4. Feb 15, 2025, wedding for Jossie Kozelka
5. Dec 15, 2024, service led by St Dysmas pastor
6. Sept 15, 2024, Fall Festival. Looking for music.
7. Pioneer represented in the Pioneer Days parade by Val and Steve Hicks and ponies.
8. Kevin and Todd repaired and installed the sign S of the church on highway 30

9. Church in the Park (White's Park) August 11, 10:30. Bring chair and dish to share.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lights in sanctuary – some need replacing. Maintenance committee will tend to that.

2. Tabled discussion: lowering of serving counter in kitchen

3. Pastor Report: contacted Jen and Dane about possible baby shower – late

September. Confirmation class will be 6-7 students and will be held at White's Methodist Church at noon.

4. Next meeting: September 1, 2024, after church service.

ADJOURNED Carole made motion to adjourn, Todd added the second. Passed. Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer in closing.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Mickelson, Secretary

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GRACE
is enough

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
July 31, 2024	
General Fund	\$ 18,847.02
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,589.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 20,436.90
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 177.43
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 96.36
BDRW water	\$ 43.00
Lewis Drug stamps	\$ 68.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Matt Petersen 4x mowing June	\$ 720.00
	\$ 3,444.79
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
July 7, 2024	\$ 1,292.00
July 14, 2024	\$ 522.00
July 21, 2024	\$ 1,046.00
July 28, 2024	\$ 835.00
	\$ 3,695.00



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

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago our congregation served the Harvest Table and the very next Sunday our Gospel lesson was the feeding of the 5,000. (I don't think this was a coincidence!) In John's account we find Jesus and his disciples watching a crowd that had been following Jesus come toward them. Jesus asks his disciple, Philip, where he thought they could buy bread for the crowd since the crowd had not eaten in a while. Philip stated the impossibility of them providing bread for everyone.

But the disciples found a boy with five loaves of bread and two fish, his meal. The boy gives up his food to the disciples and Jesus. Jesus then takes the meal, blesses it, and begins to break it into pieces. The breaking continued, multiplying until everyone in the crowd was full.

The child in this story has much to teach us, as children often do. As he handed his meal to the disciples and Jesus, he likely wondered what difference such a small amount of food could make among the large crowd. His meal was small, and the need was so great. But then, Jesus took hold of the food and began to break it into pieces. Jesus took that which was insufficient and used it to accomplish His purpose.

But before that could even happen, the boy had to release the food he possessed. At some point, he had to resolve in his heart and mind that the food was not his to hold. Was he hungry in that moment? Possibly. Did he have doubts about whether his food could be helpful? Probably. Did he wonder if he would get any of his food once he released it? It is likely. But he let go of his food.

The child trusted Jesus. He trusted that Jesus would use his meal to care for his needs and the needs of others. In Jesus's hands, the boy's small meal became great. But it took an act of trust to get the meal into Jesus's hands. The boy handed over his meal which was an act of trust and sacrifice. But the boy did not feed the 5,000. The boy and the disciples were simply participants. The people were fed by Jesus.

The same is true for us. God desires us to trust Him with our possessions and work to

advance His Kingdom. We give and work, knowing that it is God who is in control, and it is His work that causes multiplication. We witnessed that as we served the Harvest Table. Our congregation provided the actual food, but God blessed it and used it to further His Kingdom.

May we continue to trust God with our resources, allowing Him to multiply them in ways we could never imagine!

Sharing In Ministry,

Pastor Teri



Pioneer Lutheran served about 87 guests at the Harvest Table Monday, July 22, 2024. The menu included soft shell tacos with a variety of toppings, watermelon, and grapes as well as homemade bars. The Thrivent grant helped provide many of the items, but Pioneer members donated the hamburger, cheese, tomatoes and bars. We had 13 Pioneer volunteers help in three shifts: preparation 3 to 5 pm, serving 5 to 6:30 pm and cleanup from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Many were there the entire time.

Volunteers cooked the hamburger and prepared toppings to serve, set tables, served the meal, and cleaned up which included putting all 18 tables and 144 chairs away. Volunteers came with giving hearts, hospitality, teamwork, and compassion! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped in any way. Many guests came up to personally thank us for the generous meal and all the fresh food. It was truly a blessing to serve in this way. Sincerely, Laura Quail

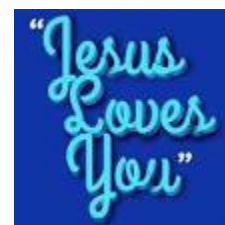


Worship In the Park

Sunday, August 11th at 10:30 am, we will gather with Sterling and White United Methodist congregations for worship in the park. The city administrator in White communicated that the road work will be on 2nd Street, north of the park, but the other three sides will be open.

Following worship there will be a potluck meal. The White congregation will provide coffee, water, and tableware (plates, cups, napkins, and eating and serving utensils). Please bring a dish to share. There are numerous electrical outlets for cookers at the park shelter. Please be sure to bring your own lawn chairs for the service.

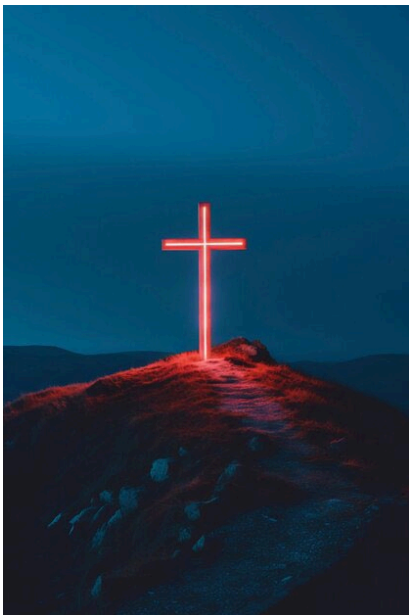
This is one example of the exciting, shared ministries God has in store for us!





St Dysmas visit August 14

Be at prison by 1:15



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 11 Worship in the Park
- Aug 14 St Dysmas
- Sept 1 Newsletter articles to Julie
impete@itctel.com
- Sept 1 Church council following service
- 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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS: AUG-BILL SEPT-	CLEANERS AUG-MJ SEPT-JULIE			1	2	3
4 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 WORSHIP IN THE PARK IN WHITE FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK DINNER	12	13	14 ST DYSMAS VISIT 1:15	15	16	17
18 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6	7

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