



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OCT 6, 2024

All six members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met after service on October 6, 2024. President Valerie Hicks called the meeting to order and offered devotions. Secretary's report was approved with a motion by Julie Petersen, second by Carole Hansen. Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Carole, second by Todd Murphy
OLD BUSINESS

Noise control in fellowship hall: Carole thanked for her work on ceiling baffles, more options discussed for future consideration.

Kitchen counter height again tabled.

Outreach: Bible study going well with good attendance. Caroling discussed for December outreach. Early Sunday evening with potluck to follow.

Events: Feb 15, 2025, wedding for Jossie Kozelka; May 31, 2025, wedding for Paul Holler and Karrolyn. St Dysmas pastor will preach Dec 15, 2024. Shower for Jen and Dane's newborn son on hold. Julie reported on success of Fall Festival.

Sanctuary lights need replacing. A lift will need to be rented to replace all the high lights.

Thank you to Jim Hansen for removing the pile of branches in the SE corner.

A new membership directory discussion tabled.

Confirmation books have been ordered by Val.

NEW BUSINESS

On a Mission Offering on Oct 27th will be designated for the Petersen family. The Earl Michaelson fund will be given to St Dysmas backpack (MJ Powers in charge of that mission) \$550.00. Motion by Carole, second by Todd. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report relayed by Valerie: confirmation class going well, the Methodist Church in White has asked to join Pioneer for Christmas Eve services on December 24th at 4 PM

Next meeting will be November 3, 2024, after church services.

ADJOURNMENT – Carole moved, Bill Powers seconded, motion passed.

Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer in closing.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson





Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
September 30, 2024	
General Fund	\$ 19,903.52
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,589.88
	\$ 21,493.40
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 175.79
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 96.36
BDRW water	\$ 46.95
Julie Petersen wine/grape juice	\$ 25.44
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Matt Petersen 5 x mowing Aug	\$ 900.00
	\$ 3,584.54
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
Sept 1, 2024	\$ 1,200.00
Sept 8, 2024	\$ 730.00
Sept 15, 2024	\$ 1,044.00
Sept 22, 2024	\$ 675.00
Sept 29, 2024	\$ 940.00
	\$ 4,589.00
MISC INCOME	
THRIVENT GRANT	\$ 25.00
FALL FEST	
MEAL INCOME	\$ 840.00
AUCTION INCOME	\$ 884.00
DONATION	\$ 200.00
	\$ 1,924.00
THRIVENT CREDIT CARD ALL EXPENSES	\$ 250.00
PIONEER LUTHERAN CEMETERY 1/2	\$ 962.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 962.00

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

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

Dear Friends,

Fall is upon us! The colors are changing, the weather is changing, even the smell is changing. Fall is about change and to change means something must go. On our windy days we witness leaves falling everywhere. Trees that were once rich green, are now trees with vibrant shades of red and orange and will soon become trees that are empty. Nothing left but the branches. We love the colors and often wish the glorious color would last longer. However, the bareness is a sign of what's to come.

For every beginning there is an end and for every ending there is a new beginning. Despite having lost all their leaves, trees still stand. Their branches still reach out and upward. There is beauty in the strength of the branches.

This is a picture of what Jesus does in our lives. We go through seasons. Some are seasons of loneliness, seasons of hard times, seasons of loss or other things such as financial hardships. And each season changes us. We have seasons that are beautiful and rich in life. Then we have seasons that God brings things into our lives so we don't remain the same. But through all the seasons God reminds us to let go and trust. Let go and let

ON A MISSION OFFERING ON OCTOBER 27, 2024 WILL BE FOR MIKE AND JULIE PETERSE

God show us what He can do. Let go and let God show us what He can teach us.

We cannot continue our walk with Jesus and never let go. As we go through the seasons of our lives, we must constantly learn to surrender our control, to trust more and to fall more in love with him. Letting go is much like the leaves that are falling outside...all a sign of what is to come. Surrender means to give up oneself into the power of another.

Whatever season of life you're in, may you fully surrender to Christ, allowing Him to bring newness of life.

Pastor Teri



Rise, O bones, from this forgotten grave, naked, flesh long since shred by time and loss. Arise.

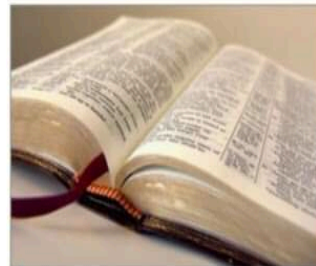
That can for me be no more than a prayer, a wisp in the wind, cast about and lost in the dust. It is nothing. And yet this is what you Promise: to believe when nothing remains of me, worms and time have had their inexorable way, that You will still remember me and return to me life and breath.

I can imagine how it goes. I can see my deplorable state. I've seen corpses, life drained from them, once gone never to return. I know what happens. The world has at it. The flesh hardens and then begins its decay, organs wither and dissolve. All that remains is their noxious smell, until even that is gone. Silent forgetting that ever a life was here, no more than a stone buried in the soil. No matter that we mark the spot where once bones were fleshed and living. It is all forever still, shreds of clothes a passing hint of time forgotten.

This we know and see. How can it be that I could live again? But, oh, to imagine it, to know, behind our eyes and sight, that it will be. What joy! That all this passing time, this, oh so brief, squabbling and fighting, like alley cats, over a small scrap of meat will come to naught and make way for a new beginning, one beyond the sight of time and struggle. Now, is all we know, this cauldron boiling time and agonal grasping, laid in a great eternal sea, quieted and hushed, it's roar of death and dying stilled. Be still, my child, all is well and at rest, heed not the rush of wind and storm about your door. It too will pass before the Great Dawn, The New Day. Be still. Amen.

Strengthening Your Relationship with God

Join us at Pioneer Lutheran



Beginning
Saturday, September 21
at 10:00 am
(more dates below)

All are welcome!
Study books provided at
NO COST

Have you ever felt you struggled to find your faith footing? Do you find yourself trying to help friends and loved ones who are deconstructing and struggling in their faith? Pastor Teri Johnson will be leading a six-week Bible study beginning **Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 10 am** at Pioneer Lutheran to explore the questions Jesus asked as a way to discover practical tools for finding a renewed hope, faith, and strength.

We hope to see you at one or all of the sessions below:

September 21	Can I Trust God?	Psalm 28:7
September 28	How Can I Grow in My Faith?	Mathew 17:20
October 5	How Should I Pray?	1 John 5:14
October 19	What Must I Do To Be Healed?	Psalm 103:2-4
October 26	What is God's Plan for Us?	Psalm 25:4-5
November 2	What Does It Mean to Follow God?	Micah 6:8

For more information contact Laura Quail (605) 690-9104 or Charlotte Mickelson (870) 416-4208

Backpacks for St. Dymas program

The ReEntry Program Coordinator, Mitch Wilson, states that the backpacks from <https://www.citypak.org> are durable and roomy with bedroll ties. Usually the other backpacks are smaller and more challenging to use. Those who are released from the Minnehaha County Jail are also in the program, so he distributes on the average 10-12 backpacks per month.

Mj has committed to ordering six backpacks per month for the program. The total cost for 6 backpacks is \$177 (\$162 + \$15 shipping) which is \$29.50/each - actually a reasonable charge if you've shopped for these lately! If any others are interested in donating funds towards this efforts, please let Mj know.

A CITYPAK backpack is viewed as a quality product that meets a timely and relevant need. Custom-designed by High Sierra, PAK's speak to the specific needs of our partner's communities, and recipients feel respected, supported, and seen when gifted a PAK



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Oct 19 10 am Bible Study**
- **Oct 20 12 pm Confirmation**
- **Oct 26 10 am Bible Study**
- **Oct 27 12 pm Confirmation**
- **Nov 1 Newsletter articles to Julie**
- jmpete@itctel.com
- **Nov 3 Church Council following service**
- **Nov 3 Daylight Savings**
- **Nov 5 Election Day**
- **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**



[CITYPAK - Home](#)

CITYPAK provides custom-designed backpacks to persons experiencing homelessness or in housing transition. Visit our website today to learn how you can get involved. www.citypak.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER: OCT-KAREN NOV-DANA	CLEANERS: OCT-CHARLOTTE NOV	1	2	3	4	5 10AM BIBLE STUDY
6 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	7	8	9	10	11	12 HOBO DAY
13 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	14	15	16	17	18	19 10AM BIBLE STUDY
20 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP Confirmation	21	22	23	24	25	26 10AM BIBLE STUDY
27 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE Confirmation	28	29	30	31	1	2 10AM BIBLE STUDY Daylight Savings
3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7	8	9

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