

PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOV 3, 2024

After church service, President Val Hicks called the meeting to order of the Pioneer Lutheran Church Council with all members present except Julie Petersen on November 3, 2024. Todd Murphy offered devotions. Secretary's report approved with a motion by Carole Hansen, second by Todd. Treasurer's report approved with a motion by Todd, second by Carole.

OLD BUSINESS

Long term projects of hall noise control and kitchen counter height discussed briefly. Carole suggested 2 more baffles be made, one for each of the east rooms. Outreach reported on the Fall Bible study then chose December 8, 2024 at 5 PM to go caroling with other church carolers. Meet at Methodist Church in White at 5 and bring a potluck offering for after caroling. Events: Pastor from St Dysmas will join us on December 15, 2024. Kozelka wedding will be Feb 15, 2025. May 31, 2025, wedding for Paul Holler and Karolynn. Sanctuary lights need more work: too dim. Maintenance will attend to it.

NEW BUSINESS

A Danish meal was suggested to celebrate the founding of Pioneer Lutheran. Date will be finalized but sometime after the 4th of July, 2025.

Bill Powers suggested offering a meal/carol sing on Christmas Day afternoon. Invitation to area people. May provide transportation to the church.

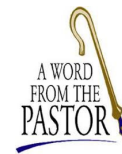
Pastor Teri report: several calls, asked Pioneer to provide lunch for Confirmation class on Nov 24, 2024. Carole suggested Dominoes pizza. Pastor is looking for a Lent study during Lent season of 2025. Pastor reported the Methodist Church has changed start time to 11:15 AM to give her more time to arrive. She will be absent for February 16, 2025, service as she will be traveling with SDSU first year students.

Next meeting December 1, 2024, after service. Motion to adjourn by Todd, second by Bill, passed.

In closing, council prayed the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted,
Sec. Charlotte Mickelson



Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
October 31,2024	
General Fund	\$ 20,050.22
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,589.88
	\$ 21,640.10
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 179.30
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 96.46
BDRW water	\$ 43.00
Hendricks Lumber Co. Lightbulbs	\$ 64.06
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Matt Petersen 3x mowing Sept	\$ 540.00
Christmas Kids & Cops	\$ 200.00
Bill Powers Pastor appreciation gift	\$ 40.00
Mj Powers church calendars	\$ 2.48
	\$ 3,505.30
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
Oct 6 2024	\$ 1,060.00
Oct 13,2024	\$ 935.00
Oct 20,2024	\$ 661.00
Ocat 27,2024	\$ 996.00
	\$ 3,652.00



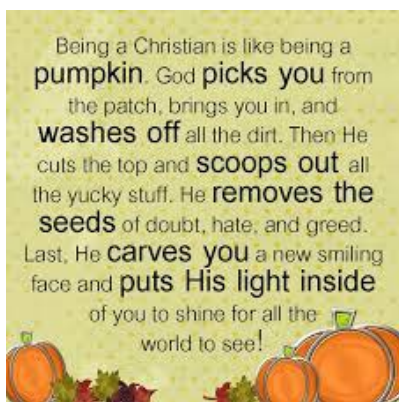
Pastor Teri’s weekly sermons can be found on the church website.

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this letter my thoughts are of my childhood friend, Kim, who celebrates a BIG birthday today. Kim and I have been friends 59 years as our mothers introduced us at the tender age of 12 months and although I have no memories of our first years as friends, I deeply treasure the gift of Kim’s life. Our days and years were spent playing a variety of things, our imaginations as wild and free as the wind that blew across our Rapid City neighborhood. We played with our dolls, our paper dolls, Fisher Price little people and colored too many pictures to count. We imagined we were Laura Ingalls Wilder living on the open prairie or Hansel and Gretel being chased by the witch; who was always Kim’s older sister.

Yet the bulk of my memories and thankfulness gravitates toward the times spent with Kim at her church. I can still feel the excitement pulsing through my heart as we sat on little red chairs in the church basement singing “Deep and Wide.” “Deep and wide; deep and wide; there’s a found flowing deep and wide.” Although I could not articulate the theological meaning behind the song, my young heart was introduced to the good news that the love of Jesus is far deeper and wider than I could ever imagine. The fun continued as we would go right into our next song, “I’ve



Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart!" Needless to say, we were all out of breath after singing these songs and we would laugh and laugh.

Unbeknownst to her, Kim's invitation to church, Sunday school, vacation bible school and church camp introduced me to Jesus Christ. The Jesus who loved me. The Jesus who died for my sins and the Jesus who rose from the dead promising me eternal life. The astounding part is Kim never spoke those exact words to me, but her invitation set me on a journey I still travel today. A journey that has defined my life.

At the end of the month we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday. It is the last day of the church year as the church does not follow the normal lunar calendar. We end every church year with this Sunday. It's our last chance to try to figure out who this Jesus is, and was, before we begin looking for him to come again to us as a child in a manger. Next month we will sing the hymn "What Child is This?" and proclaim in the refrain three times, "This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing." But what kind of King is Jesus?

Christ our King lived not by brute force like the earthly rulers of his time, but by caring for others who needed him. Christ's power is not one of might, but one of love. Who introduced you to this Jesus? This King of Glory? Who needs you to introduce Jesus to them? Witnessing happens in a variety of ways, at any age, during any season of life. Thanks be to God! Happy Birthday Kim.

Pastor Teri

Thank You

My heart overflows with gratitude for each of you as we grow together in our love for Jesus Christ and His kingdom. Thank you for the Pastor Appreciation note and gift. Our journey together is a blessing in my life which continually feeds my soul. Pastor Teri



November 2, 2024 Sawyer Donald Dornbusch was baptised at Pioneer Lutheran Church. He is the son of Dane and Jen Dornbusch. Welcome Sawyer.

Christmas Eve Worship

Looking ahead, our Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00 pm on December 24th.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 17 & 24 Confirmation
- Dec 1 Church Council following worship
- Dec 1 Newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- Dec 8 5 pm Christmas Caroling
- Dec 15 St Dysmas Pastor Jeff will be here
- Dec 24 4pm Christmas Eve Worship

All Church Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to an evening of Christmas caroling and fellowship. Pioneer Lutheran and White United Methodist will meet Sunday evening, December 8th, at 5:00 pm at the White United Methodist church. We will carol and then gather back at the church for a potluck meal and fellowship. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.


Christmas Day Meal

There will be a Christmas meal Christmas day, December 25 at noon at the church and everyone is invited. If you find yourself alone on Christmas day and want to gather with your church family please come for a warm meal and fellowship,

- 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



NOVEMBER 2024

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

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