

PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING March 2, 2025

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met after service on March 2, 2025, with President Carole Hansen presiding. Pastor Teri offered devotions.

Secretary's Report was approved with a motion by Bill Powers, second by Dana Crooks.

Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Charlotte, second by Todd Murphy.

OLD BUSINESS

Fellowship hall noise: no new action

Outreach: Spring Bible study will begin after Easter. Several church members attended service at the Methodist Church in White, 2/23/2025. Valentines made 2/9/2025 and then distributed/mailed. May Friendship Luncheon will be held at Methodist Church in White. Assistance and food prep needed. Events: Blessing of Animals 10/5/2025, Danish meal in July, 2025, Paul & Karolyn wedding 5/31/2025 with bridal shower 4/12/2025. Jossie Kozelka wedding on 2/15/2025 was held. A donation given to the church for use of the facility.

Member Directory: Carole offered to update the list.

Facilities Committee: the outside lights need cleaning in order to work properly

NEW BUSINESS

LENTEN SERVICES - Ash Wednesday 3/5/2025 at 6:30 PM. Soup suppers at Pioneer 3/12, 3/25, 4/9 at 5:30 PM. Council chose Feeding SD as the recipient of Lent offerings. Soup suppers will be held at Methodist Church in White on 3/19, 4/2.

Maundy Thursday service and communion will be at 7 PM at the Church 4/17/25 with Good Friday service at 7 PM on 4/18/2025

Patty Thompson suggested inviting the director of the Brookings Food Pantry to do a question & answer session during coffee time some Sunday morning. Patty will make the invitation. Members discussed door key/possible keypad option but no action taken.

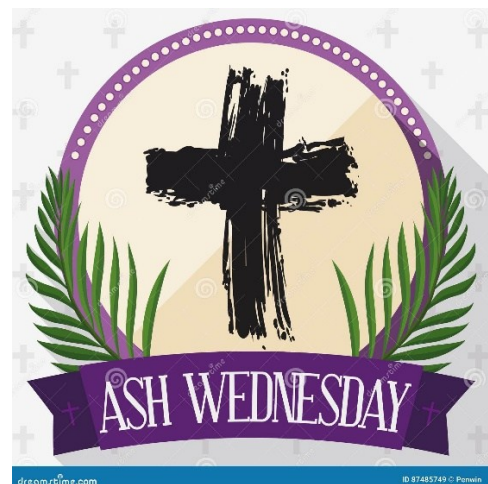
Pastor Teri reported making hospital visits, conducting confirmation class, conducting the wedding and beginning a session of premarital counseling.

Treasurer Julie Petersen reminded members of upcoming Sioux Valley Electric annual meeting.

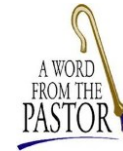
Next meeting: April 6, 2025, after service.

A motion to adjourn made by Bill, 2nd by Todd. Motion passed. Members prayed the Lord's Prayer in closing.

Respectfully submitted, Charlotte Mickelson,
Secretary



Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
February 28,2025	
General Fund	\$ 20,233.56
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,589.88
	\$ 21,823.44
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 466.32
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 96.49
BDRW water	\$ 46.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,450.00
Mark Winklepleck counter move	\$ 100.00
DASH Donation	\$ 200.00
Paul Holler snow removal	\$ 60.00
	3418.81
FEB 2,2025	\$ 1,685.00
FEB 9,2025	\$ 865.00
FEB 16,2025	\$ 1,014.00
FEB 23,2025	\$ 997.00
	\$ 4,561.00
MISC INCOME	
Donation from wedding	\$ 200.00
Thrivent Grant	\$ 134.00
Total	\$ 334.00



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

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we observe Ash Wednesday and begin our Lenten journey. For many years of my life I gave up something for Lent as a spiritual discipline. On Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, I would make a commitment to give up something that I enjoyed as my exercise in self-denial. It was usually something I liked such as popcorn or diet coke. One year I cheated and treated myself to diet cokes on Sunday as someone told me Sundays didn’t count for fasting and abstinence during Lent.

But a few years ago this all changed after reading a devotional book. I now go about this in a totally different way. As I read my Lenten devotional and prayed about what I would give up for Lent, a new inspiration came to me.

If I was going to give up something for Lent, why not choose something bad? If I was going to sacrificially give up something for Lent as a spiritual discipline and as an exercise in self-denial, why not pick out something that I really needed to get out of my life permanently? Instead of giving up desserts, popcorn or diet coke, why not choose something that spiritually I would be much better without? Why not choose certain acts or certain habits or certain sins that have the power to contaminate, infect, or poison my soul? Why not give up one of those for Lent?



Why not intentionally decide, with the help of God, to put our energy and efforts into ridding ourselves of something that is spiritually destructive in our lives, something like envy or self-pity or apathy or gossip or resentment of negative thinking? Why not give up something bad for Lent in the hope and with the prayer that if we can give up that particular sin for the forty days of Lent then, maybe, God can give us the strength to give it up forever?

Our mid-week Lenten services begin Wednesday, March 12, and the focus each week will be on giving up something bad for Lent. It is my hope and prayer that as we travel the Lenten road together through scripture, prayer and worship, we will be inspired and encouraged this year as never before to give up something that is spiritually bad for us so we may be better prepared to receive the good news of Easter.

Please note the schedule for our soup suppers/ worship services as we will be sharing worship with the White UMC. Soup will be served from 5:30-6:30 with worship at 6:30.

Sharing in Ministry,

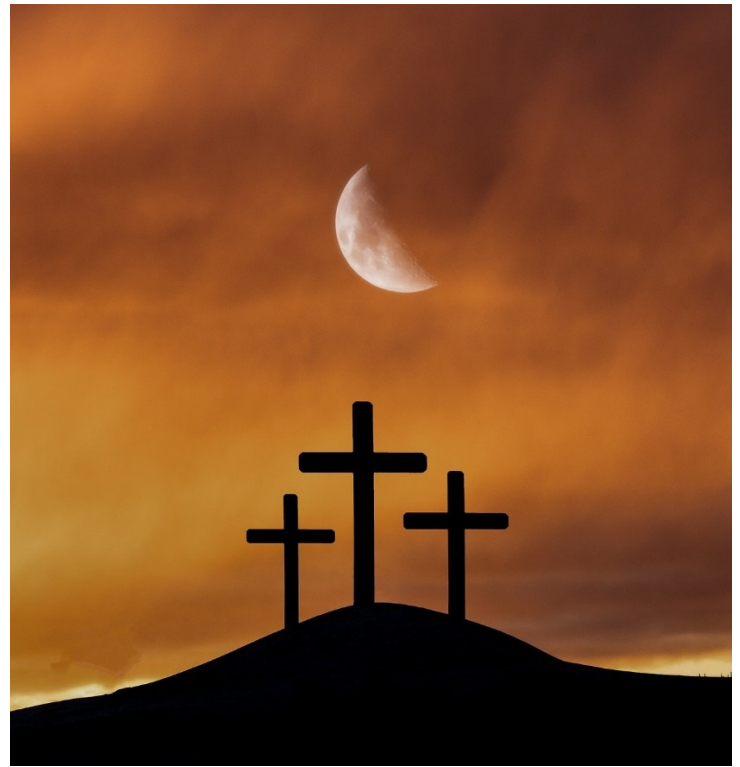
Pastor Teri



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Mar 5 Ash Wed Service @6:30
- Mar 9 LITS meets after service
- Mar 9 Confirmation 12 pm
- Mar 12 Soup Supper/Lent en Service 5:30/6:30 Pioneer
- Mar 16 Confirmation 12 pm
- Mar 19 Soup Supper/Lenten Service 5:30/6:30 WUMC
- Mar 26 Soup Supper/Lenten Service 5:30/6:30 Pioneer
- April 1 Newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- April 2 Soup Supper/Lenten Service 5:30/6:30 WUMC
- April 9 Soup Supper/Lenten Service 5:30/6:30 Pioneer
- April 12 Bridal Shower for Karolynn Marsan bride to be of Paul Holler 11 am Pioneer Church
- April 17 Maudy Thursday service 7pm
- April 18 Good Friday service 7 pm
- April 20 Easter Sunrise service 7 am followed by potluck breakfast



- 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



MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS: MARCH-LAURA APRIL- KAREN	CLEANERS: MARCH- POWERS APRIL-JULIE					1
2 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30PM AT PIONEER	6	7	8
9 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Lits meets Confirmation	10	11	12 SOUP SUPPER 5:30 LENT SERVICE 6:30 AT PIONEER	13	14	15
16 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP Confirmation	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 SOUP SUPPER 5:30 LENT SERVICE 6:30 AT WUMC	20	21	22
23 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	24	25	26 SOUP SUPPER 5:30 LENT SERVICE 6:30 AT PIONEER	27	28	29
30 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	31	1	2 SOUP SUPPER 5:30 LENT SERVICE 6:30 AT WUMC	3	4	5

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