



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 6, 2025

All members of Pioneer Lutheran Church Council met after service on April 6, 2025, with President Carole Hansen presiding. She offered devotions.

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

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

Old Business

Fellowship noise issue: more acoustical panels obtained from Jeff Hanson. Dana will install.

New Business

1. A Bible study will begin May 10, 2025, at 10 AM at UMC in White. LIVING RESURRECTION
2. July 19, 2025, is tentative date for Danish meal after church service.
3. Bill suggested purchasing a used defibrillator for the church. Tabled.
4. Last Soup Supper/Service is April 9, 2025, at Pioneer at 5:30

PM. Palms will be available to bend into crosses for use on Palm Sunday which is April 13, at 10 AM.

5. Easter Sunday is April 20 at Pioneer Lutheran at 7 AM with a potluck breakfast following.

6. Discussion on needing Council agreement to cancel Sunday service, then alert members.

7. Lift pump for the septic tank needed to be replaced. Installed and functioning correctly.

8. Next meeting: May 4, 2025.

9. Motion to adjourn made by Dana, second by Todd.

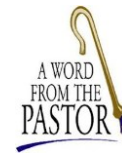
Pastor's Report: Confirmation going well with the 7 students, calls and conducting funerals continue, a request for membership from Donna Kirschenmann was discussed and approved.

In closing, members prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
March 31,2025	
General Fund	\$ 21,884.29
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,589.88
	\$ 23,474.17
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 515.51
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 96.49
BDRW water	\$ 50.10
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,450.00
Julie Petersen communion wafers	\$ 20.17
	3132.27
MARCH 2,2025	\$ 1,380.00
MARCH 9,2025	\$ 880.00
MARCH 16,2025	\$ 720.00
MARCH 23,2025	\$ 1,055.00
March 30,2025	\$ -
	\$ 4,035.00
MISC INCOME	
Augustana District Scholarship Fund	\$ 660.00
Thrivent Grant	\$ 6.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 193.00
Lent Offering 3-12	\$ 220.00
Lent Offering 3-26	\$ 329.00
Total	\$ 1,408.00
MISC EXPENSE	
Augustana District Scholarship Fund	\$ 660.00



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

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we will celebrate Easter, the highpoint of our Christian faith. With Easter lilies, "Alleluias" and beautiful music we proclaim the great triumph of Christ's resurrection. The wilderness of Lent behind us. The tomb is empty and a bright new day has dawned. "He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!"

The biblical fact is the resurrection happened in total darkness. Sometime in the predawn hours of that morning, a great mystery transpired in secret. No sunlight illuminated self meant it was a morning when it was hard to be sure what you were seeing. In John's Gospel, the disciple stumbled around in the half-light on the third day after Jesus's crucifixion, running here and there in their confusion. Was it an angel, sitting in that unlit tomb? Were those shadows grave clothes? The stranger lingering outside—was he the gardener? "Early in the morning, while it was still dark...." That's where Easter begins. It begins in the dark. Our Easter sunrise service begins in darkness as it should.

In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene sees Jesus first because she chooses to remain in the darkness. Peter and John leave when they see the empty tomb, but Mary stays, bewildered and mournful. Mary remains present to what is actually happening. Jesus comes to her in the darkness and even though it takes time to

recognize him, she eventually does. He doesn't look the way she expected him to look. He doesn't let her cling to him. He disappears again as soon as she tries to hold onto him. But in Jesus calling her name, she recognized him.

The questions of Easter are "Do we believe in the doctrine of the resurrection?" AND "Have we encountered the risen Christ?" This Easter, may the Christ who rose in the darkness lead us into new life, new light, and new hope as we celebrate His glorious resurrection and the promise that holds for all believers. May we know the risen Christ in half-lit places, the shadowy places, the hard places. May we linger in those moments until He calls our names. And may we always share with hope the news of God's greatest gift, the resurrection of Jesus. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Pastor Teri



Spring Adult Bible Study

Together with the White UMC, there will be a spring adult Bible study beginning Saturday, May 10th at 10:00 am. The study will discuss the book, "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection." Author Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Through the study we will join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. The study traces events around these characters along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

The Bible Study will take place at the White United Methodist Church.

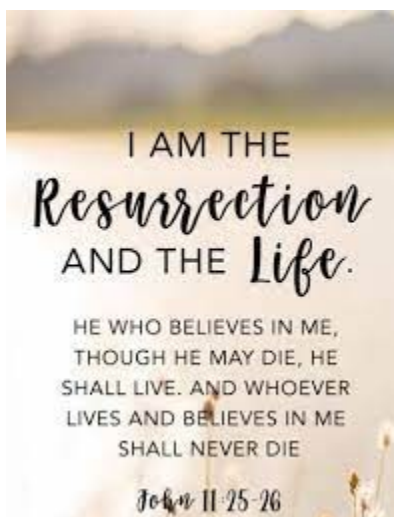


Ladies from the Food Pantry visited with Pioneer during Fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- 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 13 Palm Sunday
- April 13 Confirmation 12pm
- April 17 Maudy Thursday service 7pm
- April 18 Good Friday service 7 pm
- April 20 Easter Sunrise service 7 am followed by potluck breakfast
- May 1 Newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- May 4 Church council following service
- May 10 Bible Study White UMC 10 am



- 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



APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS: APRIL- KAREN	CLEANERS: APRIL-JULIE	1	2	3	4	5
6 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	7	8	9 SOUP SUPPER 5:30 LENT SERVICE 6:30 AT PIONEER	10	11	12 11AM Bridal Shower for Karolyn
13 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Lits meets Confirmation	14	15	16	17 Maudy Thursday Service 7 pm	18 Good Friday Service 7pm	19
20 7AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE POTLUCK BRUNCH FOLLOWING	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	28	29	30	1	2	3

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