

# Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Meeting

April 9, 2024

**Members present:** Calista Wolf, Gary Hasbargen, Marla Hasbargen, Roger Erickson, Ken Horntvedt, Brian Peterson, Shelley Pepera, Bertel Anundson, Linda Bauers, Judy Humeniuk, Sue Smith, Mark Washburn and Don Tauer.

**Call to Order:** Parish President Roger Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ken Horntvedt to accept today's meeting agenda, Second by Brian Peterson, Motion carried.

**Devotion:** Calista read "A Blessing for the Easter Season" from *Speak It Plain* by Meta Herrick Carlson.

**Synod Authorized Minister Report:** Calista gave a report highlighting recent parish activities, committee participation and education updates. Reports of a busy week during Holy Week, care center visits which average two times per month, confirmation classes and a bowling event, funerals and baptisms, local ministerium attendance and plans for Baccalaureate were shared. Thank you, Calista.

**Secretary Report:** Motion by Sue Smith to accept March 12, 2024 Parish Council Meeting Minutes, Second by Gary Hasbargen, Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** March 2024 financial reports were reviewed by the committee with one suggestion to reduce the quantity of "Christ In Our Home" pamphlets as a cost savings. The order will be changed from 76 to 60. Motion by Ken Horntvedt to approve the March 2024 financial reports, Second by Linda Bauers, Motion carried.

**Individual Congregation Updates:** Representatives from each church report work is in progress with the tradition of gifting a quilt to the graduates. Grad Sunday at First Lutheran and Clementson will be May 12<sup>th</sup> and Wabanica will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. Wabanica's first Pizza Night is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Bible study at Clementson is going well and scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business

**Growing Young/Chapter 2:** "Unlocking Key Chain Leadership" was the theme of this discussion. We shared insights on leadership styles that work in our parish and continued to brainstorm ideas to help increase Sunday worship participation for our youth. Calista's comments about confirmation participation are very encouraging. Chapter 3 will be discussed at the May council meeting.

**Part Time CYF Leader:** Calista will inquire if there is any interest from a parish member to help with these duties. Calista may consider enrolling in "Formation Co\*op Initiative" designed to explore new frameworks for youth ministry that could steer this position.

**Faith Fridays:** Still being considered with a tentative start date Fall of 2024 if help can be recruited. Reaching out to grandparents of the children might be an option. Only on Friday's and designed as a faith program for preschoolers, not a daycare.

**Parish Agreement:** Calista and Deb Perala met to start this project. Additional meetings are planned and will include Roseann Swenson. Continue to keep this topic on future agendas.

**Pastor Birgitte/Pulpit Supply:** Presentation for the People's Church and pulpit supply planned for the Fall of 2024.

## New Business

**Workman's Comp Discussion:** Calista reports there has been some confusion with emails sent to various council members from insurance reps with questions about our workman's comp policy. Dale from Church Mutual is our rep and Calista will contact him for clarification. No funds have been paid, only questions. The parish policy pays for pastor and parish employees, First Lutheran and Wabanica policies pay for custodial personnel.

**Joint Worship Plan:** All were in favor to schedule a joint worship schedule of once every four months on a rotation basis.

**Vacation Bible School:** This year's theme "Created to Be...." is scheduled for June 24-27. Refer to the Beacon for registration procedure and schedule. Volunteers are needed, please contact Calista if you can help.

**Synod Assembly:** In-person conference is scheduled for May 17 -18 at Concordia College in Moorhead. This year's theme is 'Good Soil' celebrating our corner of God's good creation and the wonderful diversity of places where our lives and our faith are nurtured. Please contact Calista if you can answer the call to attend.

## Next Meeting Scheduled for May 14, 2024

Motion by Linda Bauers to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, Second by Brian Peterson, Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Pepera, Wabanica Council Secretary