

# Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Meeting

May 14, 2024

**Members present:** Calista Wolf, Marla Hasbargen, Ken Horntvedt, Shelley Pepera, Bertel Anundson, Linda Bauers, Judy Humeniuk, Sue Smith, and Mark Washburn.

**Call to Order:** Linda Bauers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Request to add Calista's proposed worship schedule to the agenda. Motion by Ken Horntvedt to accept May 14, 2024, meeting agenda, Second by Sue Smith. Motion carried.

**Devotion:** Calista read "The Pentecost Blessing".

**Synod Authorized Minister Report:** Calista gave a report highlighting recent parish activities, committee participation and education updates. Two funerals, planning for Baccalaureate scheduled for May 22, conference meetings in Roseau and Greenbush, graduate class progress, a Salvation Army meeting, care center visits and activities to promote Mental Health Awareness Month were included in her report. Calista will attend NWMN Synod Assembly at Concordia College May 17 – 18, 2024 with Leah Larson and Shelley Pepera. Calista is scheduled to be commissioned as a SAM by Bishop Bill during Saturday morning worship at the Assembly.

**Secretary Report:** Motion by Judy Humeniuk to accept April 9, 2024, Parish Council Meeting Minutes, Second by Sue Smith. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Motion by Ken Horntvedt to approve the YTD budget reports and April Profit and Loss financial reports, Second by Shelley Pepera. Motion carried.

**Individual Congregation Updates:** Clementson reports a successful Graduation Sunday and Bible Study held earlier this month; First Lutheran recognized seven graduates during their May 12<sup>th</sup> worship service, a June picnic is being planned, a church grounds cleanup was completed, and a door replacement project is in process. Wabanica's first Pizza Night was a success serving more than 40 pizzas. Three graduates will be recognized on May 19<sup>th</sup> and the men of the congregation served cake on Mother's Day Sunday.

## Old Business

**Growing Young/Chapter 3:** "Empathize with Today's Young People" was the theme of this discussion. Communication challenges related to all ages, understanding young people's search for their identity, ways we can make them feel welcome and part of their church family, what we are doing right and what we need to improve. Chapter 4 will be discussed at the June council meeting.

**Parish Agreement:** No update

**Pastor Birgitte/Pulpit Supply:** Presentation for the People's Church and pulpit supply planned for September 8, 2024.

**Joint Worship Schedule:** Three times per year; February, June, and October.

## New Business

**Council Agenda:** Going forward Calista will prepare the Council Meeting Agenda each month.

**ELCA Youth Gathering:** Scheduled for July 13-16, 2024, in New Orleans and the council is pleased to learn one student from First Lutheran will attend.

**Part Time CYF (Children, Youth and Families Position):** Calista reports she has a person in mind who may be interested. Calista will find out more details from this person and if interested, present a proposal at an upcoming meeting based on hours, job duties and anticipated expenses.

**Calista's Worship Schedule:** Calista presented a proposed schedule of assigned worship locations between First Lutheran, Clementson and Wabanica for the remainder of 2024. Discussion points brought up by the council were all in support of her recommendation. She will focus on two of the three parishes each week on a rotational schedule allowing her to spend more time at each location each Sunday. Motion by Judy Humeniuk to accept Calista's proposed schedule for worship locations for the remainder of 2024, Second by Ken Horntvedt. Motion carried.

## Next Meeting Scheduled for June 11, 2024

Motion by Sue Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, Second by Judy Humeniuk, Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Pepera, Wabanica Council Secretary