

Baudette Lutheran Parish
February 11, 2025

Present: Ken Hontvedt, Gary Swenson, Calista Wolf, Kay Schell, Sarah Pierson, Sue Smith, Marla Hasbargen, Shelley Pepera, Mark Washburn.

Call to Order: President Kay Schell called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Correction to the agenda to adjust the year to 2025. Motion made by Ken to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Sue. MC

Devotions were led by Calista.

Secretary's Report: The parish agreement was mentioned - this will be tabled for a bit. Motion made by Shelley to approve the minutes, seconded by Sue. MC

Financial Report: All the budgets have been approved. Calista will let Laurie know about the percentages and make sure the numbers are correct and that the "Offering" column is listed as "Congregation's Offerings". Motion made by Ken to accept the financials, seconded by Shelley. MC

SAM Report: Calista has been very busy with class. The two classes she is taking are done this week and two new ones will begin. There has been one funeral and all the annual meetings are done. She has been leading Faith Friday and two conference pastors meetings have occurred. Spa day, care center worship and grief group have taken place.

Individual Congregational Events/Projects: The annual meetings have all taken place. Numbers were down a bit.

Old Business:

- A. March 3 Joint Worship at Wabanica** - Worship is at 9:30 AM. Wabanica has plans for coffee and fellowship. Ask Joyce about possible choir or music.
- B. Lent Schedule** - The Lent Schedule was provided. Calista will rotate through the churches on Wednesdays. Calista is wondering if the churches would be willing to make soup/bread for the Wednesdays (except Ash Wednesday) during lent. This is on the individual council agendas. Worship is at 6 PM, soup/fellowship at 5:15 PM. Holy week schedule was also provided.
- C. Lent Social Media Sabbatical** - Calista will be not using the Parish Facebook Page during lent and has been working on slowly getting off social media. She will start announcing that to people this week so they know to expect that. Google Calendar is updated on the Baudette Lutheran Parish Website. Make sure that people are getting the newsletter and Beacon - tell people to contact the office if needed.

- D. Congregational Active Member Check In** - Calista gave out a list of every active member who hasn't participated in an event or service in the last year to check in on and if they have needs that the Parish could serve.

New Business:

- A. Sabbatical Policy** - It was brought up to have a policy. Calista is not eligible for a few years but it is important to have a policy in place. Calista shared some information about sabbaticals. This policy could be a topic of conversation in the near future.
- B. ELCA and Synod Messages about current events** - There has been a lot of commotion with the ELCA and other denominations in regards to the executive orders that have been coming out. Bishop Eaton sent out a video response to the allegations that Lutheran Social Services was accused of money laundering. Calista wanted us to have the response on hand in case questions come up.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2025

Adjournment: Gary made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelley. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Dates to Note:

3-2-25 Joint Worship at Wabanica

Calista's preaching schedule through Easter was provided.

Submitted by Sarah Pierson