

Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Minutes

June 10, 2025

Present: Ken Horntvedt, Shelley Pepera, Calista Wolf, Kay Schell, Sarah Pierson, Gary Swenson, Gary Hasbargen, Mark Washburn, Judy Humeniuk, Sue Smith, Eileen Cordray

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Ken to approve the agenda, seconded by Judy. MC

Devotions were led by Calista.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from May were presented. Motion made by Shelley to approve the minutes, seconded by Eileen. MC

Financial Report: The financial reports were presented. Both May and June were paid for the Marco Bill (copier) this cycle. Motion made by Ken to accept the financials, seconded by Roger. MC

SAM Report: It has been a busy month. Calista met with Pathways, had a few graveside services and funerals, had Baccalaureate, and attended CPE in Duluth and then went to Synod Assembly. Calista is meeting twice a week for school. Calista also ordered some children's books on grief.

Individual Congregational Events/Projects:

Clementson - The Father's Day picnic is on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend!

First - The joint worship service will be held here, at First.

Wabanica - The May pizza night was two weeks ago and was well attended. The community band will be playing in June.

Old Business:

A. Joint Worship - 9:30am at First Lutheran on July 13. Plan for about 70 to 80 people. VBS set up will happen afterwards.

B. KQ92 Advertising Opportunity - They didn't get back to us. Take this off the list.

C. Pathways - Paige came up to meet with Calista. New programs were shared at synod assembly. Joint Worship at Wabanica in February will be "Camp Sunday". She will share about camp and get kids excited. Talked about doing a VBS daycamp in 2026 as an option. Congregations at Camp is on our radar. Pathways is also coming out with a confirmation program in 2026 that Calista will look at. Pathways and Luthercrest are working together right now while Pathways works on a new director.

D. VBS - This will take place on July 14-17. Registration is down right now so Calista is hoping more will come in or people will just show up. The theme is God's Work Comes Near.

E. Summer Adult Education - Not happening due to the distillery closing.

New Business:

A. Community Dinner Update - Church of the Living Water is supposed to be serving Christmas Dinner. Baudette Lutheran Parish is next on the list. The other Pastors are checking with their councils. There will be a shift at some point to make this keep happening. It is possible Baudette Lutheran Parish will host Christmas Dinner.

B. CPE Update - Calista went for her 3 days of orientation. Her small group meets twice a week online. There are different assignments that they report on for the sessions. On Wednesday she meets with the instructor to check in and with her mentor. This will go through the summer and will be completed in August.

C. SAM Mentor Update - Calista sent an addendum to the first contract with the pay increase for this year to Kay. Calista got a new SAM mentor in the western conference. Calista has her first meeting with her soon on Zoom. She will meet with her quarterly. The mentor gets \$75 per meeting time - this will come out of the continuing education budget.

D. Mutual Ministry Team - CPE provided a list of indicators and outcomes. Calista had to pick goals that follow the different outcomes and pick a focus for the summer. Calista's goals are self care and related to boundaries. They discussed creating a mutual ministry team at church to help support Calista. Judy made a motion recommending that Calista create a list and ask the people to join the mutual ministry team and bring the final list to the council, seconded by Shelley. MC

Parking Lot: Sabbatical Policy, Parish Agreement

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025

Beacon Deadline: June 20, 2025

Adjournment: Gary made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Dates to Note:

June 15 - Father's Day Picnic at Clementson

July 13 - Joint Worship at First

July 14-17 - VBS

Calista's preaching schedule through July was provided.

Submitted by Sarah Pierson