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# ***Baxter & Saron Church News*** ***April 2024***



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Dick/Jeremy) to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.
- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.
- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
| Joseph Croymans   | 4/7  |
| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
| LeRoy Moseng      | 4/11 |
| Noah Olson        | 4/14 |
| Keith Erickson    | 4/14 |
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| Troy Berends      | 4/20 |
| Boden Strand      | 4/22 |
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| Austin Sachariason    | 4/3  |
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| Mindy Rodeberg        | 4/15 |
| Jaden Schwendemann    | 4/16 |
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## **April 2024**



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### **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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**Communion & Noisy Offering**  
**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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Luther Haven's annual meeting will be held on Mon. April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Minnesota Room at Luther Haven. Registration/ Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm with the Annual Meeting starting at 6:00 pm. We thank our delegates: Pastor Matt, Keith & Ramona Erickson and Stan & Carolyn Knudson.

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Saron Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Baxter  
February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Church Office in Montevideo

Members present: Diane Sachariason, David Lipps, Dustin Johnson, Michelle May. Also present: Matt Danielson

Pastor Matt updated the new members on the purpose of the committee which is to assist in making worship meaningful and engaging for all and that past conversations have been around music, standing versus sitting, and different things related to service. He explained the group is still finding their way and the group can evolve as members change and new ideas come forward.

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.
- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.
- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
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Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
| LeRoy Moseng      | 4/11 |
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| Troy Berends      | 4/20 |
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### **Friends in Christ,**

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**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- Military Service Personnel & their families  
 \*Sean Death
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 \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson  
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These students have been preparing for two years for this step in their faith journey. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to affirm their baptism.

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Saron Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Baxter  
February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Church Office in Montevideo

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Pastor Matt updated the new members on the purpose of the committee which is to assist in making worship meaningful and engaging for all and that past conversations have been around music, standing versus sitting, and different things related to service. He explained the group is still finding their way and the group can evolve as members change and new ideas come forward.

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary



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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Dick/Jeremy) to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
| Joseph Croymans   | 4/7  |
| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
| LeRoy Moseng      | 4/11 |
| Noah Olson        | 4/14 |
| Keith Erickson    | 4/14 |
| Alan Enevoldsen   | 4/18 |
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| Troy Berends      | 4/20 |
| Boden Strand      | 4/22 |
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| Austin Sachariason    | 4/3  |
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| Mindy Rodeberg        | 4/15 |
| Jaden Schwendemann    | 4/16 |
| Stacy Haugen          | 4/23 |
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## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
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- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Church Office in Montevideo

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Dick/Jeremy) to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
| Joseph Croymans   | 4/7  |
| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
| LeRoy Moseng      | 4/11 |
| Noah Olson        | 4/14 |
| Keith Erickson    | 4/14 |
| Alan Enevoldsen   | 4/18 |
| Millie Yackley    | 4/20 |
| Troy Berends      | 4/20 |
| Boden Strand      | 4/22 |
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| Austin Sachariason    | 4/3  |
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| Mindy Rodeberg        | 4/15 |
| Jaden Schwendemann    | 4/16 |
| Stacy Haugen          | 4/23 |
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### **Friends in Christ,**

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**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- Military Service Personnel & their families  
 \*Sean Death
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 \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson  
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These students have been preparing for two years for this step in their faith journey. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to affirm their baptism.

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Saron Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Baxter  
February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Church Office in Montevideo

Members present: Diane Sachariason, David Lipps, Dustin Johnson, Michelle May. Also present: Matt Danielson

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Dick/Jeremy) to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
| Joseph Croymans   | 4/7  |
| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
| LeRoy Moseng      | 4/11 |
| Noah Olson        | 4/14 |
| Keith Erickson    | 4/14 |
| Alan Enevoldsen   | 4/18 |
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| Troy Berends      | 4/20 |
| Boden Strand      | 4/22 |
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| Austin Sachariason    | 4/3  |
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| Mindy Rodeberg        | 4/15 |
| Jaden Schwendemann    | 4/16 |
| Stacy Haugen          | 4/23 |
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## **April 2024**



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### **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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These students have been preparing for two years for this step in their faith journey. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to affirm their baptism.

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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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Brookside Senior Living will hold their Annual Meeting on Mon. April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the facility. We thank our delegates: Pastor Matt, Gene & Bernice Moseng and Dave & Diane Dieter.

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Saron Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Baxter  
February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Church Office in Montevideo

Members present: Diane Sachariason, David Lipps, Dustin Johnson, Michelle May. Also present: Matt Danielson

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.
- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.
- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
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Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
| Joseph Croymans   | 4/7  |
| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
| LeRoy Moseng      | 4/11 |
| Noah Olson        | 4/14 |
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## **April 2024**



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### **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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**Communion & Noisy Offering**  
**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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These students have been preparing for two years for this step in their faith journey. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to affirm their baptism.

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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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Brookside Senior Living will hold their Annual Meeting on Mon. April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the facility. We thank our delegates: Pastor Matt, Gene & Bernice Moseng and Dave & Diane Dieter.

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## Luther Haven Annual Meeting

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Saron Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Baxter  
February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Church Office in Montevideo

Members present: Diane Sachariason, David Lipps, Dustin Johnson, Michelle May. Also present: Matt Danielson

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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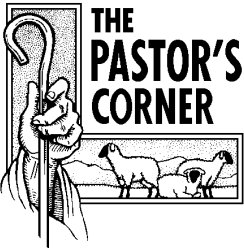
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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary



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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Call to Order by Vice President Mike Knudson

Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
| Joseph Croymans   | 4/7  |
| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
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| Troy Berends      | 4/20 |
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## **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



### Virgil Enevoldsen

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*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families  
 \*Sean Death
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

The families of Ben Baldwin & Jed Walsh invite you to join them in the basement following worship on **Sun. April 21<sup>st</sup>** for fellowship and to celebrate their confirmation. All are welcome!

## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Alyssa Formo on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm at the Maynard Event Center. Please RSVP to Pam Walter @ 320-582-0171 by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

### **SARON and BAXTER are collecting items!**

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## Brookside Senior Living Annual Meeting

Brookside Senior Living will hold their Annual Meeting on Mon. April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the facility. We thank our delegates: Pastor Matt, Gene & Bernice Moseng and Dave & Diane Dieter.

## Lac qui Parle Conference Spring Gathering

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## Luther Haven Annual Meeting

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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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# **Baxter & Saron Church News**

## **April 2024**



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### **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families  
 \*Sean Death
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Church Office in Montevideo

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.
- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.
- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

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Call to Order by Vice President Mike Knudson

Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
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# **Baxter & Saron Church News**

## **April 2024**



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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

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## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 7** **EASTER 2**  
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**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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# **Baxter & Saron Church News**

## **April 2024**



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The Saron Council is accepting bids on the church grounds lawn mowing for the 2024 season. Please submit bids to Steve Jacobson. **Please note that the bidder must have a certificate of insurance and the bids should be for each time of mowing, not for the season. The deadline for bids is Tue. April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
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### **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary



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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.
- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.
- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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## **April 2024**



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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



### Virgil Enevoldsen

A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 28** **EASTER 5**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Call to Order by Vice President Mike Knudson

Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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# **Baxter & Saron Church News**

## **April 2024**



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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

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## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 28** **EASTER 5**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families  
 \*Sean Death
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- For Continued Healing  
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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## Lac qui Parle Conference Spring Gathering

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## Luther Haven Annual Meeting

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
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## **April 2024**



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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

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## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

### April Worship

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**Communion & Noisy Offering**  
**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Call to Order by Vice President Mike Knudson

Secretary’s Report- was approved

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
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Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families  
 \*Sean Death
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary



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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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## **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

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## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families  
 \*Sean Death
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- For Continued Healing  
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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## Luther Haven Annual Meeting

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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# **Baxter & Saron Church News**

## **April 2024**



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.
- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.
- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
| Joseph Croymans   | 4/7  |
| Krystal Paige     | 4/8  |
| Taryn Dyshaw      | 4/9  |
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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

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## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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| 3/15                      | 30 Lent              | 3/17 | 36                  |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Pastor's Report was approved as printed.

**M/S/C** (Steve/Dick) to approve the Secretary's Report for the Joint Council meeting on November 15, 2023.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Jean) to accept the Office Account Report as printed.

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **M/S/C** (Dick/Steve) to enter into a 3-year lease for the copy machine with Marco.

- The Summer Holiday Weekend schedule was shared: Wednesday, May 22 will take the place of Sunday, May 26 Memorial weekend. Baxter will host.

- Wednesday, August 28 will take the place of Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend. Saron will host.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday, we will have worship on the Sunday before and the Sunday after.

- Summer schedule:

Worship times from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be 9:00 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Services will alternate between churches. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.

- For the Summer Wednesday Services – If the hosting church would like to have the service at a different location than the church, someone would need to volunteer to be in charge of that.

- A possible golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- Missionary donations for Grace Christian Outreach Ministries can be delivered to Canby.

The next joint council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Saron.

**M/S/C** (Mike/Deb) to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Croymans, Baxter Secretary

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The February 18, 2024, Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Church Updates:
- \*Basement bathroom: The project has been completed by Freeman Plumbing.
- \*Entry-way windows: The windows are being purchased from Builders First Source and will be installed by Bryce Abel.
- \*Roof Vents: Gary Strand will install a snow catch device so the vents will not get snow in them.
- \*Furnace: Jeremy is getting an additional bid on a heat pump system to compare that to the bid on a traditional furnace.
- \*Sidewalks: **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Inez) to accept the bid from Larson Brothers (\$12,475) to replace the sidewalk from the front door to the west and below the steps.
- \*Landscaping: Jeff will check with Cody on the MACC bid from a few years ago to build up the grade at the back of the church to prevent water from seeping into the basement.

- Bequest from Pastor Esse's Estate – **M/S/C** (Larry/Deb) to deposit the \$1000 check received from Pastor Esse's estate into the tech-upkeep account.

- Bible Camp Request – **M/S/C** (Loren/Dick) to reimburse 75% of Bible Camp cost for Sara Croymans, Kristen Eslick-Coats, and Luke, Maverick, and Nellie.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be a non-member wedding (Cobb/Rojas) at Baxter on August 31.
- Discussion on a golf fundraiser at the Sunset Masonic Lodge was tabled until the next meeting.
- Pastor will contact Cody Dyshaw to possibly deliver the donations for the Grace Christian Outreach Ministries to Canby.
- Jeff will check with French Glass to get the parts to fix the weatherstripping on the front door.

- **M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) for Pastor Matt to spend up to \$500 to replace the wireless microphone.

**M/S/C** (Jeremy/Deb) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.  
Secretary, David Croymans

## **Baxter General Fund Balance**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February 1, 2024  | \$11,017.74 |
| February 29, 2024 | \$15,658.31 |

## Saron Council Minutes

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Members present- Steve Jacobson, Steve Norman, Jean Olson, Shaun Rodeberg, Diane Sachariason, Mike Knudson, and Pastor Matt

Call to Order by President Steve Jacobson

Opening Prayer by Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Report - was approved

Secretary's Report - was approved

Treasurer's Report - was approved

Office Account Report - approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rodent problem- Eco Lab has been out and they are taking care of the problem it was suggested that we talk to them about bait stations outside - Mike K. will contact them.
- Cleaning- we will have the women make a list of the kitchen items they want to keep and the men will get everything moved out on tables. This will be done after Easter when the men have their clean-up day.
- Other- Electrician will be coming to do some electrical work. Steve N. has done a lot of checking on the heating this winter to see what is most efficient so we will post info by thermostats and REC will be coming to check the heat pumps the end of Feb.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's Authorization to borrow money for 2024 has been signed.
- Sponsorship for Bible Camp students will continue as in the past- Council agreed to pay ½ the registration fee for Bible Camp.
- Lawn Mowing bids for 2024- bids need to be in by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cory Olson is interested-Diane needs his Ins. Info. If there is someone interested from Saron they would have first chance.
- Non-member Baptism Sat. Feb 24th 10:00 am. Steve will make sure the heat is set.

- Grace Christian Outreach Ministries- we will collect the same items as Baxter – Mar & Apr-Hygiene items.
- Memorial money (\$1000.) from Pastor Esse’s Estate has been received-Diane will give to Pat S. to put in the Memorial Fund.
- Summer Worship- Baxter and Saron will alternate every other Sunday @ 9:00 and we will have a service every Wed evening at 7:00. The 1st Wednesday and 1st Sunday at the same church.
- Trinity/Boyd- Pastor Bob Knutson serves there but he is limited by his health. Pastor Matt is on call to help with funerals, Pastor Lori does Confirmation, we will talk about this @ the joint Council meeting with Baxter about what the future might look like.
- Other- The old sign for Saron Church was taken down- the new sign when it is put up should face the highway so it is easier to see- we can use Memorial Funds for this. Diane S. won’t be at our next Council meeting so no Treasurer’s Report next month.

Next meeting -Joint Council -Wed March 13th following the 6:00 Joint Lenten Supper Church @ Baxter - individual meetings will follow.

Meeting adjourned/ Closed with Pastor Matt leading us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Jean Olson, Secretary

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Secretary’s Report- was approved

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- Other- Electrical work-Randy will put new thermostats in the front 2 bathrooms and he will replace some outlets that aren’t working and some lights that need to be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Instructions for Janitors- new lists will be sent out with the monthly reminder.
- Church Spring Outside clean-up – Mike K. and Steve N. will set the date the first week in April.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the church  
Meeting adjourned

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| Eloise Bossert    | 4/6  |
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## **April 2024**



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### **Friends in Christ,**

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These services also offer the opportunity to use more contemporary worship music, as the sound systems at both churches can be easily connected to a phone or laptop. I am undecided as to whether the services will be based on the Old Testament readings from the lectionary, if we will have a theme, or if we will go through an entire book of the Bible. Suggestions are welcome. I see this summer as a time to try some things that might revitalize our worship time. I hope that you take advantage of the Wednesday evening services. Finally -- don't worry about confusion. As always, the calendar will be mailed to you with your newsletter and posted on the website.

**In Christ, Pastor Matt**



## OFFICIAL ACTS – MARCH



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A funeral service was held for Virgil Enevoldsen on March 5, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter with Pastor Matt Danielson officiating.

*We extend sympathy to the family at this time of loss.*

## PARISH NEWS

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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 7** **EASTER 2**  
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**Baxter - Dawson Food Shelf**  
**Saron - Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections**
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21** **EASTER 4**  
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- **SUNDAY, APRIL 28** **EASTER 5**  
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- Military Service Personnel & their families
- \*Sean Death
- Our Companion Synod in South Africa
- For Continued Healing
- \*Curtis Nordaune      \*Cindy Jurgenson
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| 3/12                      | 35                   | 3/13 | 35 Lent             |
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### Confirmation Open House

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## Bridal Shower for Alyssa Formo



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Grace Christian Outreach Ministries needs our help!

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## \* BAXTER NEWS \*



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