

**St John Lutheran Church, Maxfield  
Church Council Minutes  
August 4, 2021**

The St John Lutheran Church, Maxfield Church Council held their monthly church council meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Kaiser at 6:02 pm, with Pastor Katie opening with prayer. Members of the council present were: Christopher Corday, Anita Dorn, Annette Ebaugh, Chuck Kaiser, Kasey Krueger, Diane Moller, Dennis Peters, Wanda Burkholder, DuWayne Piphon and Rick Wilson. Pastor Katie was also present.

Minutes of the July meeting were presented. A motion was made by Kasey Krueger to approve the minutes, as presented, Annette Ebaugh seconded. Motion carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was presented. A motion was made by Anita Dorn to approve the report as presented. Second by Rick Wilson. Motion carried.

DuWayne Piphon presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Kasey Krueger to accept the treasurer's report as presented, and second by Christopher Corday. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:**

During the month of June, I did the following:

**Meetings:**

- Synod Assembly
- Maxfield Council
- Crane Creek Council
- Women's Clergy Zoom
- First Call Theological Education Colleague Group
- Text study
- Sporting events for Crane Creek Youth
- Crane Creek Youth camping trip (June 5)

**Continuing Education:**

- Continuing to read books that interest me and help me grow – coming up in August, I start something called The Moses Project – based out of Des Moines, need to be gone for three days in August, January and May – no cost to the congregation, no cost to me. Specifically aimed toward pastors in rural contexts

**Communion/Pastoral Care/Christian Education:**

- Presided at funeral at Crane Creek
- Took communion to 2 individuals
- Arranged visits for next month

- Twice weekly phone calls to one individual and continued weekly phone conversations with another individual, spending time in prayer with them
- Text messages, phone calls, etc. for various members related to pastoral care
- Children's sermons at Crane Creek
- Planned and executed VBS at Crane Creek

### **Personal Care:**

- Spending deliberate time in prayer and reflection
- Planned a vacation for myself and my husband
- Spent time with family and friends, attended a sister's wedding reception, made a quick trip to Dubuque to see a friend in crisis, talked with family members on the telephone.

June was a busy month again. The month started out with the youth camping trip up to Elkader on June 5. I got very sunburnt but had a wonderful time engaging with the youth and my husband also enjoyed it. We then had VBS at Crane Creek – we had 8 attendees, but it was fun and an opportunity to use some creativity and teach Bible stories in more engaging and participatory ways. I also was able to baptize an infant at Crane Creek the first weekend in June and look forward to another one coming up later this summer.

### **Goals for July:**

- Schedule and visit shut ins for communion (Maxfield ones have been scheduled and done (one on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>) and have scheduled visits again for August.
- Continued phone calls and check ins with various people.
- Beginning text study (this will begin and continue on a weekly basis on Tuesday, July 20, at 10:00 at Maxfield and will also be offered and continued on a weekly basis on Thursday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Crane Creek)
- Continued development in areas of Christian Education and Stewardship
- Attending community events when able/happening
- Working on selecting and planning confirmation curriculum

### **Property Care:**

- Windows have been ordered for the rental property basement.
- Craig Mehman has started working on the cemetery stones
- The School House has come down. It took about 35 minutes to come down and is not buried in the southwest corner of the cemetery.
- There has been a memorial to the School House

### **Education:**

None

**Worship / Evangelism:**

Worship with Crane Creek is going well, so far. July 18, Pastor Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl was our preacher, as a part of our 165 celebration. There was a pot-luck on July 25 at Crane Creek following worship. Nathan Piphon will preach on August 15, and there will be a pot-luck following worship.

**Stewardship:**

No Report

**Investment:**

No report at this time

**Constitution:**

No report at this time

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Denver Break-Away Days is August 20-22. The parade is at 10am with line-up at 9:00am. We will pass out fliers about worship time and the food pantry. Everyone is invited to join in.

September 11 is the Denver City-Wide Garage Sales. We will have a food booth only at the large shelter in Prestien Park. Christopher Corday will call to reserve the shelter. Dennis Peters and Anita Dorn will co-chair the event. We will ask for food donations. We will also apply for Thrivent money to help cover costs.

Pastor Katie will be gone August 26-28 in celebration of Her and Brandon's anniversary.

Next council meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2021 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Annette Ebaugh and seconded by Dennis Peters to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Burkholder  
Recording Secretary

**St John Lutheran Church, Maxfield**  
**Church Council Minutes**  
**September 19, 2021**

The St John Lutheran Church, Maxfield Church Council held their monthly church council meeting on Sunday, September 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Kaiser at 11:15 am, with Pastor Katie opening with prayer. Members of the council present were: Christopher Corday, Annette Ebaugh, Chuck Kaiser, Kasey Krueger, Dennis Peters, Wanda Burkholder, DuWayne Piphon and Rick Wilson. Pastor Katie was also present.

Minutes of the August meeting were presented. A motion was made by Christopher Corday to approve the minutes, as corrected (typo – “not” to “now”), Dennis Peters seconded. Motion carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was presented. A motion was made by Rick Wilson to approve the report as presented. Second by Annette Ebaugh. Motion carried.

DuWayne Piphon presented the treasurer's report. A motion by Kasey Krueger to accept the treasurer's report as presented, and second by Dennis Peters

**Pastor's Report:**

During the month August, I did the following:

Meetings:

- Maxfield Council
- Crane Creek Council
- Women's Clergy Zoom
- First Call Theological Education Colleague Group
- Text study
- Continuing Education in Des Moines
- Christian Education meeting at CC

**Continuing Education:**

- I continued reading for my Moses Project training which began August 9
- Continued to read commentaries for sermon development and Text Study
- Planned and outlined Confirmation program and developed curriculum for it

**Communion/Pastoral Care/Christian Education:**

- Did phone visits with pastoral care needs
- Continued to check in on various people in different states of need
- Continued weekly phone calls to two individuals and continued weekly phone conversations, providing pastoral care and support and spending time in prayer with them
- Text messages, phone calls, etc. for various members related to pastoral care
- Beginning to prep for Sunday School, started at the beginning of September at Crane Creek
- Worked on collecting various school and event schedules for the youth at Crane Creek and Maxfield in order to develop a schedule of when I can possibly go

support the youth in their activities

### **Personal Care:**

- Spending deliberate time in prayer and reflection
- Spent time with family and friends
- Continued spending time working on digital art and fiber crafts
- Made a very short trip to WI to visit Brandon's Great-Grandmother, who died on Sept. 4 (We visited on August 28)

August was also a busy month, as most months tend to be. I continued to do my regular routine, began Text Study which has had low attendance-I am continuing to offer it and trying not to get discouraged. I finished the design work the Synod commissioned for me. I began my Moses Project cohort on August 9, and I'm looking forward to that; it's designed for pastors in rural calls. I've planned a few continuing education events for the coming year, including one conference MSP geared toward youth.

### **Goals for July:**

- Call shut-ins for communion (The nursing homes are on lock-down again; if they're on lock-down, I don't do in-person visit but rather leave communion at the door and call later.
- Continued phone calls and check-ins with various people.
- Continuing text study on a weekly basis, on Wednesdays at 9am.
- Continued development in areas of Christian Education and Stewardship
- Attending community events when able / happening
- Brainstorming some new ideas and event to consider/try

### **Property Care:**

- The tree on the north side of the parking partially came down during the wind storm. Chuck, Christopher K., and DuWayne worked on cleaning it up. Rusty Jarvis, the neighbor in Zander's old house, came up and helped with clean-up and cleared the debris away. After discussion, Rusty also came and took down and cleaned up the remainder tree, as it presented a hazard. Dennis Peters made a motion to give Rusty \$200.00 in gift cards (\$100.00 to Kwik Star and \$100.00 to Brothers Market) in thank you for his help. Rick Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- It was reported that we had 112 ton of rock hauled in for the driveway to the cemetery. This was done by the people who took down the school house.
- We are going to request bids for snow removal for this coming year.
- DuWayne indicated that we have light bulbs that need to be replaced in the gathering area. He will work on getting that done.

### **Education:**

- Jeb Ebaugh is attending Confirmation and Sunday School at Crane Creek
- Pastor Katie is continuing Text Study on Tuesday mornings at 9 am at Maxfield

### **Worship / Evangelism:**

- Nathan Pipho preached on August 15, with a pot-luck following worship. It was nice to see the church full

- Pastor Katie will be gone on Sunday, October 3. Karen Cluts (former member of Maxfield) will be our guest pastor.
- We will be setting a meeting for Worship Planning for the next seasons.

**Stewardship:**

- Thanks for the support at the Food Sale and the fall Denver City-Wide Garage Sales. The We took in over \$300.00 which is being used for Food Pantry and the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Investment:**

- No report at this time

**Constitution:**

- No report at this time

**Old Business:**

- A question on the Noisy Offering designation for this year. We are asked to think of ideas and we will discuss in December.

**New Business:**

- Christopher Corday said he had contacted the Denver Forum about worship time changes. Wanda will double check to make sure those changes have been made.
- DuWayne said that he received notice from Sundays and Seasons that there will be an increase in cost for the next year. After talking with them and explaining our current attendance, the cost will actually go down.
- DuWayne also reported that he has heard from Church Mutual insurance that our Worker's Comp insurance will increase, due to increased employees (from 2 to 3).
- We are looking for someone to help out with the live-stream of our worship service on October 17, as Kerri Wilson will be on vacation.
- Discussion of having a Fall Festival, using up the food left from the garage sales. This will include yard games, indoor games, and family fun. We are planning this for October 24 following worship.
- Sunday, October 31, is Reformation Sunday
- Pastor Katie is looking at trying some mini-retreats, like an arts and drafts day
- Pastor Katie asked if it would be ok to make a Labyrinth for the back of the church to use during Lent. Her idea is to glue small rocks in the Labyrinth, on a tarp, that can be folded up for storage. The purpose of this is for intentional prayer. More information will follow.

Next council meeting will be Sunday, October 17, 2021 following worship.

A motion was made by Rick Wilson and seconded by Kasey Krueger to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Burkholder  
Recording Secretary