



# Parish The Thought

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## BALTIC AND EAST NIDAROS LUTHERAN PARISH

Two Churches - One Parish - Centered on the Cross



- Tue Feb 1 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Feb 2 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting  
5:30-6:30 6th grade Intro to Confirmation @ Baltic  
6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic
- Thu Feb 3 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting  
9:00-3:00 Footcare Clinic
- Sat Feb 5 4:00 Joint Council Retreat & Meetings
- Sun Feb 6 **Holy Communion**  
Boston Goldammer Baptism @ Baltic
- Mon Feb 7 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Feb 8 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Feb 9 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic
- Sun Feb 13 9:15 East WELCA meeting  
11:30 Cake Reception for Ellen @ East
- Mon Feb 14 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Feb 15 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Feb 16 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic
- Sat Feb 19-25 Pastor Randall and Kim on Vacation
- Sun Feb 20 East Sunday School Kids Singing during Worship
- Wed Feb 23 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic
- Thu Feb 24 9:00 Bulletin & Newsletter Assembly
- Sun Feb 27 **Holy Communion**  
5:00 Youth Group @ Willow Creek
- Mon Feb 28 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic

UPCOMING EVENTS



# FEBRUARY PULPIT POST

## *“How Long?”*

**How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?**

**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

**Psalm 13:1-2**

“How long?” For two years now, this two-word question has been asked many times by many people. Beginning in March of 2020, we wondered “how long” the doors of our churches, schools and businesses would be closed until it would be safe to gather again. We wondered “how long” it would be before there was an effective vaccine. Our questions of “how long” have not gone away as this virus persists longer than we had ever hoped.

David did more than wonder about this question of “how long”. David turned his thoughts into a prayer and sent them to his Lord who had protected him in the past and promised to be with him in all future circumstances he faced. David faced great enemies in his life. One of those giant enemies most often remembered was Goliath. David did not fear this giant since the Lord had protected him from vicious enemies such as lions and bears as he protected his flock of sheep. The Lord also protected David when he was saved from Saul’s attempts to kill him. One of David’s biggest enemies was his sinful self. After feeling these attacks on his life, David cried out to the Lord, “How long?”

The pandemic has certainly been one of our enemies. But it is not the only enemy that you might cry out to the Lord and question if you have been forgotten.

The Lord wants you to do just as David did. Cast your cares on Jesus because he cares for you. Each of us has our enemies to face, but the Lord will never turn away your prayer for help. Psalm 13 ends with David singing to the Lord. After David stated his complaints to the Lord, he also remembered the Lord’s unfailing and steadfast love for him that led him through each of his trials. The Lord has promised the same for you. It is my prayer that your prayers of “how long” will soon be replaced with songs of praise and thanksgiving.

Pastor Randall J. Questad



# Baltic Council Minutes

December 7, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on December 7, 2021. Council members present were: Dale Erickson, Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, John Sinding, Gary Gregg, Alana Tommeraasen, Al VanEck, Dick Berg, J. Serna, Jeff Boldt, and Pastor Randall.

Dale Erickson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall opened with a prayer.

Motion by Al VanEck and second by Jeff Boldt to approve the November minutes. Motion carried.

## **Financial Report:**

November reports were distributed by Alana. Motion by Dick Berg and second by Al VanEck to approve November financial reports, motion carried.

## **Trustees' Report:**

\$1,000 grant for Technology from SD Synod needs to be spent and accounted for by end of January. Cost of replacing top part of electronic sign, estimated cost from Pride Signs \$1,505. Gary will check with Daktronics for an estimate as well.

Gift of electronic sign from Will Hubers to Baltic Lutheran, he will move and wire to new location on Lovely Ave. The Fire Department has approved placing the sign on their property, waiting for the exact location per where the building expansion project is placed. Will is in the loop.

Committee for the Sign Project: Gary Gregg, Dick Berg, Lori Berg.

Thank you to the anonymous donor of new sidewalk on west side of church. Better drainage and no steps by the street is a big improvement! More landscaping to be done in the spring.

Basement windows in main dining room may need replacement soon, difficult to open and close. Need estimates on cost to replace. West dining room windows could be affected by the new landscaping.

Jeff said that the parking lot cracks are holding up well.

## Placeholder:

Renaissance Warrantied Services LLC, paint peeling in several places, but only 1 place on the guaranteed siding. Also, metal ball at the top of the steeple needs paint with a 70ft boom truck. *Cont.*

## Deacons' Report:

Noisy Can for January 2022 and beyond was distributed.

January - Baltic Fire Department

February - Vacation Bible School

March - Sunday School

April - The Banquet

May - Air Conditioning Fund

June - Adam Thompson Foundation

BALTIC BLDG FUND	
Jan	N/A
YTD	N/A

Communion at the rail went well. We will start passing the offering plate again.

## New Business:

Constitutional Amendment, Quorum change from 32 to 20 (membership has decreased). Also to increase spending limit from \$5,000 to up to 10% of budget. Notification post cards to be sent by or before December 23rd to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Parish Nurse Program ending December 31st. We need a committee and volunteers to continue the Foot Care Clinic, next one will be on February 3rd, 2022.

Personnel committee, we need a replacement for Karen.

## Pastor's Report:

Altar committee, we will have a sign up, may have to call people.

Communion, we will have on Christmas Eve, not on the 26th.

In April we will have communion on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (10th, 17th).

In May we will have communion on the 8th (confirmation) and 29th.

Pastor will be gone January 10-12 for Moses Project. Also February 19-25 in Arizona for vacation. He will ask Kendra to fill in.

Second youth group gathering done. Looking at going to Flat Head, MT July 24th for retreat. Waiting for the contract to come back. 4 interested youth from our 2 congregations so far.

Moses project this month they talked about Mission Statements. Do we have one? Do we need one?

Thinking of ideas for the retreat February 6th, possibly Stewardship.

Annual Meeting is January 23rd, 2022.

Christmas Program will try to live stream from the school gym.

**Next Council Meeting: January 11th, 2022 at 6:30.**

**Annual Meeting: January 23, 2022 - Approximately 9:30am**

Pastor Randall led the closing prayer.

Motion by Shirlene and second by Gary to adjourn. Motion carried.

## BALTIC GENERAL FUND 2022

Month	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses
Jan	\$7,997.00	\$5,150.47	\$7,997.00	\$5,150.47

January is as of January 26, 2022

*The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:*

**Baltic:** In Memory of  
**Christine Turnwell** Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$20.00

Baltic Lutheran sign-up sheets are now on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering for Ushering, Lector Reading and Altar Committee.

**Usher** – instruct congregants to the communion table

Offering plate will not be passed at this time

Noisy Can with the children will continue

Ushers are not counting offerings

**Lector** – Read the lessons at Sunday worship

**Altar Committee** – volunteer preparing the communion table

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at the rail

Last Sunday – continuous

Some Sunday's have been changed – see the sign-up sheet

**Baltic Lutheran Prayer Chain** Text sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please list your name and cell phone number if you would like to be added. If you are already receiving prayer request texts, you don't need to sign up again. When receiving a text message say a prayer but please DO NOT RESPOND. Currently, there are 36 people your response goes back to. That's a lot of notifications. Thank you.

**Foot Care Clinic** is in need of volunteers from **both** Baltic and East Nidaros to sign up to greet patients, hand out receipts after payment and visit with them while they wait for the nurse. The clinic is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every other month. Those dates are April 7<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call the church office to volunteer. 605-529-5471 Thank you.



# East Nidaros Council Minutes

## December 7, 2021

Attendance: Alvina Harvey, Kathy Hegge, Mark Brobjorg, Jimmie Vollan, Tom Siemonsma, David Daugaard, Jesse Hartman, Jennifer Hartman, Craig Krogstad, Connie Karl, Pastor Randall Questad

**Call to Order:** Craig Krogstad

**Secretary Report:** The minutes were emailed out prior to the meeting. A motion to approve as presented was made by Kathy Hegge and seconded by Jimmie Vollan. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** The reports were emailed out prior to the meeting. A discussion was had on the propane bill, there was a donation to offset the cost of the increase. A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Connie Karl and seconded by Mark Brobjorg. Motion passed.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor has been planning for the altar committee for next year. A discussion was had on the communion for the last Sunday of the year, April 17<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday and April 10<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday. Pastor asked for discussion around April and May communion dates. We will follow the Baltic approved schedule for communion.

Pastor has requested some time off Feb 19<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, this is before Lent and Ash Wednesday.

On site Moses project is Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will be asking Kenda Kappler to cover during those dates. If she has a conflict, he will let us know.

Community Youth Group has met 2 times already. They have been discussing different options for youth group trip this summer.

**Old Business:** Windows: Kathy has brought the bid from Pella. The quote is for 9 windows and is good for another week. We have not heard anything from Marc regarding his bid. A motion to go with the Pella bid was made by Connie Karl and seconded by Tom Siemonsma. Motion passed. Kathy will ask if the bid is good for the spring, and if not, she will schedule them to come out and do the repairs.

**New Business:**

**Nominating committee:** We have a deacon, trustee, and VP position is open.

**Noisy can for January:** A motion was made by Connie for the Baltic Fire Department and seconded by Jennifer Hartman. Motion passed.

**Motion to adjourn:** A motion to adjourn to was made by David Daugaard and Alvina Harvey seconded. Motion Passed

*Cont.*

Pastor closed in prayer.

**Next meeting:** February 5<sup>th</sup> at the council retreat

Submitted by Jennifer Hartman

East Nidaros Secretary

Month	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses
*Jan	\$3,741.47	\$5,971.66	\$3,741.47	\$5,971.66

\*As of January 24, 2022.

Please join the ladies of **WELCA** for a meeting at East Nidaros  
Sunday February 13 @ 9:15.

All women of East Nidaros welcome and encouraged to attend.

### DECEMBER PARISH RECORD CHANGES

#### BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*  
Transfers Out: *No Changes*  
Baptisms: *No Changes*  
Weddings: *No Changes*  
Deaths: *No Changes*

#### EAST

New Members: *No Changes*  
Transfers Out: *No Changes*  
Baptisms: *Melody & Elleah Dyce*  
Weddings: *No Changes*  
Deaths: *No Changes*



#### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays February 1, 8, & 15  
2:00 @ East Nidaros

#### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Monday January 31,  
February 7, 14, & 28  
6:30 @ Baltic

**All are welcome!**

# Cake and Coffee Reception for Ellen Aadland

Please join us on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at East Nidaros following worship service for cake and coffee as we say good-bye to our organist, Ellen Aadland.

Hosted by Baltic and East Nidaros

## EAST Fellowship Coffee and Treats

**Feb 6**

### East Nidaros

Ron & Kristi Krogstad 360-2725  
Mark Brobjorg 351-5917

**Feb 13 & Feb 20**

### East Nidaros

Louie & Karen Doom 261-8403  
Lori Kappler 321-2018

**Feb 27 & Mar 6**

### East Nidaros

Dan & Patty Frantz 359-0881  
Keith & Paula Harvey 360-4418

**Mar 13 & 20**

### East Nidaros

Deb Larson 351-7958  
David & Connie Karl 608-386-8139

**Mar 27 & Apr 3**

### East Nidaros

Randy & Trudy Hartman 351-7958  
Rosalie Riswold-Brende 376-0452

**March Newsletter**

**Deadline:**

**February 15, 2022**

**Baltic is in need  
of members to  
prepare  
Holy Communion**

*Thank  
you!*

**BALTIC DECEMBER NOISY CAN:**

\$307.00 for Baltic Food Bank

**EAST DECEMBER NOISY CAN:**

\$244.52 Ronald McDonald House





Thank you for all the cards and best wishes for my retirement. It was good to hear from so many of you, Blessings to all in this new year.  
Pastor Olaf and Marcia Roynesdal



## **FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED**

**Monetary Donations**

**always Welcome!**

**Donations can be mailed to:**

**PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White sugar</li><li>• Brown Sugar</li><li>• Ramen Noodles</li><li>• Pancake Syrup</li><li>• Boxed Pasta</li><li>• Canned Fruit</li><li>• Ketchup</li><li>• Mustard</li><li>• BBQ Sauce</li><li>• Coffee</li><li>• Juice</li><li>• Laundry Soap</li><li>• Boxed Potatoes</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taco Seasoning</li><li>• Knorr Sides<br/>(Pasta &amp; Rice)</li><li>• Saltine Crackers</li><li>• Snack Crackers</li><li>• Oil</li><li>• Pop Tarts</li><li>• Cereal</li><li>• Peanut Butter</li><li>• Jelly</li><li>• Dish soap</li><li>• Baking Items</li><li>• Spices</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kleenex</li><li>• Canned Vegetables</li></ul> <p><b>NO OPENED,<br/>PARTIALLY USED<br/>OR<br/>OUTDATED ITEMS<br/>PLEASE</b></p> <p>Items may be dropped off at the Baltic School in the red box in the Commons or in the Baltic Narthex or East Nidaros Fellowship Hall.</p> |
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## **2022 SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SERVERS**

\* The 2022 schedule of Baltic WELCA serving groups has been prepared.

\* Please find your name and add it to your calendar.

\* **FIRST NAME** in each group will contact the others in the same group and plan for making coffee and bringing a treat to share.

\* If unable to serve on **YOUR** Sunday, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement and inform the others in your group.

If you have any questions, please contact a WELCA officer.

Thank you for your participation.

President - Joann Moan 360-3524

Vice-president - Sue Aldrich 413-5493

Secretary - Kaye Snow 366-3957

Treasurer - Paula Gunderson 951-1756

<b>January 2 &amp; 9</b>	
Paula & Wayne Gunderson	951-1756
Joan & Jeff Boldt	940-0640
Rory & Kelly LaValliere	480-0391

<b>Feb. 6 &amp; 13</b>	
Lisa & Lynn Olson	529-5735
Kari & Gregg Bartling	201-5285
Lacey & Mark Branham	254-0169

<b>March 6 &amp; 13</b>	
Kaye & Terry Snow	366-3957
Karen & Garry Voelker	553-2369

<b>April 3 &amp; 10</b>	
Joann Moan	360-3524
Kari & Chuck Radack	838-6782

<b>May 8 &amp; 15</b>	
Robyn & Travis Brothers	940-6728
Al VanEck	254-2812
Kim & Randall Questad	360-3373

<b>June 5 &amp; 12</b>	
Marlene & Ed Mellegaard	201-2565
Elaine & Ben Kringen	529-5262
Cathy & Jim Leslie	610-5986

<b>January 16 &amp; 30</b>	
Dixie & Rick Fiala	366-2635
Lindsay & Eric Comes	212-2733
Christy/Nicholas Langland	695-2864

<b>February 20 &amp; 27</b>	
Pat Brende	428-4577
Dale Erickson	553-4921

<b>March 20 &amp; 27</b>	
Pam & Dale Nesheim	321-9600
Nikki Oien	529-5650

<b>April 24 &amp; May 1</b>	
Gaila Schreurs	310-4069
Tracy & Cameron Kerkhove	595-2833
Ruth Lee	929-6832

<b>May 22 only</b>	
Sue Aldrich	413-5493
Wendy & Steve Hartman	376-0285
Char Johnson	940-4635

<b>June 19 &amp; 26 (19th Bring 'n share)</b>	
Karen & John Sinding	201-8650
Deb & Steve Gunderson	529-5408
Rona & Ryan Sinding	376-3567

## FEBRUARY NOISY CAN

**Baltic:** Vacation Bible School  
**East:** Adam Thompson Foundation

Footcare Clinic will be Thursday February 3rd and every other month following. The next ones will then be April 8th and June 3rd. This change was made by Sanford.

We will still be doing them on the first Thursday of the month and will do our best to accommodate all clients.



**East Nidaros has SCRIP cards** available for *Hy-Vee, County Fair and WalMart*. These are non-reloadable gift cards that provide up to **5% back to East Nidaros**. Your purchase of the gift cards is not tax-deductible, but does have a direct benefit for the church.  
Contact: Kathy Hegge 366-4116

### **IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED.....**

Please remember due to federal regulations, hospitals cannot inform the church of your admission without you giving them your permission. Likewise the Pastor cannot call or visit you if you are sick without your permission. If you would like a visit please notify the church office at 529-5471 or e-mail [nidaros@alliancecom.net](mailto:nidaros@alliancecom.net).

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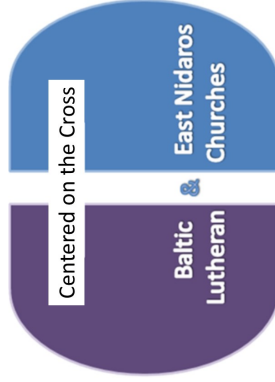
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