



Parish The Thought

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BALTIC AND EAST NIDAROS LUTHERAN PARISH Two Churches - One Parish - Centered on the Cross



- Tue Mar 1 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Mar 2 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
5:30 Ash Wednesday/Lenten Worship @ East
7:00 Ash Wednesday/Lenten Worship @ Baltic
- Thu Mar 3 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
9:15 PQ Communion @ DNRC & Orchard Hills
- Sun Mar 6 **Holy Communion**
- Mon Mar 7 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Mar 8 2:00 Bible Study @ East
6:30 Baltic Council Meeting
- Wed Mar 9 6:30 Lenten Worship @ Baltic w/Pr Jared Rakness
- Sun Mar 13 Wipf Baptism & New Member Recognition @ Baltic
- Mon Mar 14 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Mar 15 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Mar 16 6:30 Lenten Worship @ East w/Pr Tom Stadem
- Mon Mar 21 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Mar 22 **Newsletter Deadline**
2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Mar 23 6:30 Lenten Worship @ Baltic w/Pr Laura Phillips
- Sun Mar 27 **Holy Communion**
- Mon Mar 28 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Mar 29 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Mar 30 6:30 Lenten Worship @ East w/Pr Randall Questad

UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH PULPIT POST

“Christ With Us”

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

We give some credit to Adam Guthmiller, Intern at West Nidaros, for the theme for the 2022 Midweek Lenten services. Adam along with Pr. Jared Rakness from West Nidaros Lutheran Church, Pr. Tom Stadem from the Benton-Willow Creek Lutheran Parish, Laura Phillips from Renner Lutheran, and myself will be preaching from scriptures that tell us different ways that remind us that **Christ is with you.**

Of course, the real credit for this theme originates from Jesus. The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus and that his name “Emmanuel” would also be our reminder that Christ will not be far from us, but Christ will be with us. Before the birth of Jesus, we are told in the first chapter of Matthew that an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and told him that he would name him “Emmanuel” which means God with us.

Jesus received this name at the beginning of his life and Jesus is speaking himself in the very last words that Matthew records in his gospel when he reminds us that he will be with us forever. This is good news for us that from when we take our first breath to when we take our last regardless of what we are enjoying or having to endure in this life, Christ is with us.

How do you remember that Christ is with us? We know that Christ is with us by hearing the stories of Jesus that fill the pages between his birth and his last words that he spoke before ascending to heaven. Jesus is with us when we face suffering that comes in unexpected ways in this life and Christ is with us when we celebrate the undeserved joys in this life. But unless we hear these promises from Jesus over and over, Satan will replace these wonderful promises with uncertainty and despair.

Christ told his disciples that he would suffer and die and after three days rise again. But when Jesus was absent and silent for these three days, Satan attempted to replace Christ’s promise of resurrection with doubts that Jesus would ever be heard from again.

I invite you to join us as we begin this Lenten Season hearing again the different ways that Jesus reminds us that he is with us and also on Easter morning when Jesus declares that our last enemy, death has been defeated and life with Christ is with us forever.



Baltic Council Minutes

January 11, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on January 11, 2022. Council members present were: Dale Erickson, Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, John Sinding, Al VanEck, Dick Berg, Lori Berg, and Jeff Boldt. Not present: Alana Tommeraasen, Gary Gregg, Myron Nohava, J. Serna, and Pastor Randall. Dale Erickson called the meeting to order.

Dale opened with a prayer.

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

Financial Report:

Some of the December reports were distributed by Alana. Motion by John Sinding and second by Lori Berg that the approval of December reports are pending until the remaining reports are distributed, motion carried.

Karen Sinding made a motion, second by Al Van Eck to get a gift card to Kari Radack for help with 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. SD Synod has approved the \$1,000 towards the sign. Draft submitted to Pride Signs to be done soon. 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. Mike Koopman will determine the exact location per where the building expansion project is placed. Will is in the loop dealing directly with Mike Koopman.

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

Access to exterior security cameras, Jodee is now the only one who has access and lives in Sioux Falls. Brett Teveldal has agreed to have access as well since he lives in Baltic. A camera will be moved to a better location to the back door area. Karen Sinding made a motion to approve, second by Shirlene Allgier, motion carried.

Placeholders:

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.*

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.

Deacons' Report:

Noisy Can for February 2022 goes to Vacation Bible School.

Organist Ellen (Lovseth) Aadland has resigned, her last Sunday will be February 13th. Possible replacement Kendra Paulsen who is currently an organist in Steen, MN. She lives and teaches in Baltic.

Offering plate is going to stay in the entry for now. Most are using that rather than passing the plate during church. We will still do noisy can for the children.

Al VanEck has agreed to be the server for February and Dick Berg for March.

We will be discussing stewardship at the joint meeting in February.

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 were sent out December 21st to vote at the Annual Meeting. Need to encourage all to attend annual meetings on January 23rd.

Annual Reports for both churches have been printed at Office Max with discount. Will be mailed out on January 12th using the mail permit.

Foot Care Clinic on February 3rd, 2022. Karen Sinding is in charge. Others have offered their help. Foot Care Clinic is the 1st Thursday of every other month. Those that help just have to great people and take money.

Possible Valentines potluck on February 13th.

Next Council Meeting: February 6th, 2022 joint council retreat (date and time correct?).

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

Closing prayer.

Motion by Jeff Boldt and second by Al VanEck to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

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
Feb	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

January is as of January 26, 2022

BALTIC BLDG FUND	
Jan	N/A
Feb	N/A
YTD	N/A



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

1st Sunday at the rail

Last Sunday – continuous

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

If you need instructions, someone will assist you

JANUARY PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*

Transfers Out: *Nichole Anderson*

Baptisms: *No Changes*

Weddings: *No Changes*

Deaths: *No Changes*

EAST

New Members: *No Changes*

Transfers Out: *No Changes*

Baptisms: *Lincoln Joe Welk*

Weddings: *No Changes*

Deaths: *No Changes*



East Nidaros Council Minutes

January, 2022

No January Meeting

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
Feb*	\$4,762.88	\$5,299.25	\$8,504.35	\$11,270.91

*As of February 14, 2022.

East is looking for volunteers to help with livestreaming during worship. Please call the church office if you are interested. They are also in need of a Sunday School coordinator and people to serve on the Education board. Please Contact Jenni Hartman if you are interested.

**April Newsletter Deadline:
March 22, 2022**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and texts while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Special thanks to Pastor Randall for his texts. It was greatly appreciated.
Alana Tommeraasen



BALTIC JANUARY NOISY CAN:
\$307.00 for Baltic Fire Department
EAST JANUARY NOISY CAN:
\$244.52 for Baltic Fire Department

LENTEN OFFERING

Baltic: 1/2 VBS &
1/2 Baltic Food Bank
East: Furniture Mission

EASTER OFFERING

Baltic: 1/2 VBS & 1/2 Baltic Food Bank
East: Youth Trip

MARCH NOISY CAN

Baltic: Sunday School
East: Baltic Community Garden

Seeking singers: The Baltic Community Talent Show is set for March 11!
Please consider joining a community choir to sing a song to
close the show. Kim Questad will direct.
Please call or text Connie at 605-929-8227 if you are interested.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Monday March 7, 14, 21 & 28

6:30 @ Baltic

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

2:00 @ East Nidaros

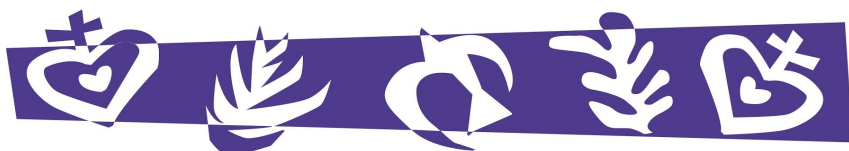
All are welcome!



Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<p><u>Feb 27 & Mar 6</u></p> <p><u>East Nidaros</u></p> <p>Dan & Patty Frantz 359-0881 Keith & Paula Harvey 360-4418</p>	<p><u>Feb 27</u></p> <p><u>Baltic</u></p> <p>Pat Brende 428-4577 Dale Erickson 553-4921</p>
<p><u>Mar 13 & 20</u></p> <p><u>East Nidaros</u></p> <p>Deb Larson 351-7958 David & Connie Karl 608-386-8139</p>	<p><u>Mar 6 & 13</u></p> <p><u>Baltic</u></p> <p>Terry & Kaye Snow 366-3957 Garry & Karen Voelker 553-2369</p>
<p><u>Mar 27 & Apr 3</u></p> <p><u>East Nidaros</u></p> <p>Randy & Trudy Hartman 351-7958 Rosalie Riswold-Brende 376-0452</p>	<p><u>Mar 20 & 27</u></p> <p><u>Baltic</u></p> <p>Dale & Pam Nesheim 321-9600 Nikki Oien 529-5650</p>
<p><u>Apr 10 & 17</u></p> <p><u>East Nidaros</u></p> <p>Dan & Cindi Schmidt 310-7204 Kathy Hegge 366-4116</p>	<p><u>Apr 3 & 10</u></p> <p><u>Baltic</u></p> <p>Joann Moan 360-3524 Chuck & Kari Radack 838-6782</p>
<p><u>Apr 24 & May 1</u></p> <p><u>East Nidaros</u></p> <p>Jodee Westerbur 366-6557 Rob & Katie Siemonsma 359-5678</p>	<p><u>Apr 24 & May 1</u></p> <p><u>Baltic</u></p> <p>Gaila Schreurs 310-4069 Cameron & Tracy Kerkhove 595-2833 Ruth Lee 929-6832</p>

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches. All 2021 Thrivent Choice dollars must be directed by Mar 31, 2022. If you have not already directed your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please do it soon!



2022 Lenten Worship Schedule

“Christ is With You”

Wed Mar 2	Ash Wednesday 5:30 Worship @ East 7:00 Worship @ Baltic
Wed Mar 9	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/Pastor Jared Rakness
Wed Mar 16	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ East w/Pastor Tom Stadem
Wed Mar 23	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/Pastor Laura Phillips
Wed Mar 30	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ East w/Pastor Randall Questad
Wed Apr 6	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/Adam Guthmiller
Thu Apr 14	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service @ East
Fri Apr 15	6:30 pm Good Friday Service @ Baltic
Sun Apr 17	7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ East 9:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ Baltic



Please join Elmer and Janet Hegge
in celebrating their *90th* Birthdays
Sunday, March 6, 2022.
Open house at East Nidaros from 1:30-3:00.



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 1st Thursday of every other month. Those dates are April 7th, June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th and December 1st. Please call the church office to volunteer. 605-529-5471 Thank you.

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.

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

When you shop Amazon, shop Amazon Smile and support East Nidaros!

Amazon smile is a simple and automatic way to support East Nidaros every time you shop. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and sign into your account the same as you Amazon.com. Eligible products will be marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation". Each time you do this, AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your purchase price to East Nidaros.





FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Monetary Donations
always Welcome!

Donations can be mailed to:
PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003

- Sugar
- Canned Chicken
- Tuna
- Pancake Syrup
- Cake Mixes
- Salad Dressing
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- BBQ Sauce
- Knorr Sides
(Pasta & Rice)
- Personal Hygiene
Items
- Mac-n-cheese
- Coffee

- Laundry Soap
- Boxed Noodles
- Cookie Mixes
- Knorr Sides
(Pasta & Rice)
- Saltine Crackers
- Snack Crackers
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Alfredo Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Juice
- Dish soap
- Flour
- Snacks

- Jelly
- Pop Tarts
- Oil

**NO OPENED,
PARTIALLY USED
OR
OUTDATED ITEMS
PLEASE**

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.

In the event church or church activities need to be cancelled due to weather, this is how we will communicate the information:



- * **Our Website:** www.balticandeastnidaros.org
Click on News and Announcements
- * **Facebook**
- * **KELO**— Website
(www.keloland.com/weather/closelines)
- * **KSFY**—TV & Website
(www.ksfy.com/weather/closings)

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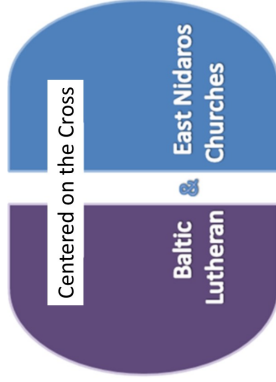
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