



Parish The Thought

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



- Sun Apr 3 4:00 First Communion Class @ East
- Mon Apr 4 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Apr 5 6:30 Baltic Council Meeting
- Wed Apr 6 6:30 Lenten Worship @ Baltic w/Adam Guthmiller
- Thu Apr 7 9:00-3:00 Footcare Clinic
- Sun Apr 10 **PALM SUNDAY** First Communion @ The Rail
Sunday School Kids singing during worship (BLC & EN)
- Mon Apr 11 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Apr 12 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Apr 13 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
- Thu Apr 14 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
6:30 **Maundy Thursday** Worship @ East
- Fri Apr 15 6:30 **Good Friday** Worship @ Baltic
- Sun Apr 17 **EASTER SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION**
7:00 Sunrise Service @ East -Brunch Following Worship
9:00 Easter Service @ Baltic
- Mon Apr 18 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Tue Apr 19 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Apr 20 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic
- Sun Apr 24 5:00 Northern Rim Youth group meeting @ East
- Mon Apr 25 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Apr 26 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Apr 27 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic

UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL PULPIT POST

“Preaching and Faith”

If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:14

My vocation as a pastor and everything you believe in about God, depend on one central event. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul declares preaching has no purpose without the Easter story and without the message of Easter, it is pointless for you to come and worship because without Jesus being raised from the grave we are without hope. This seems like an extreme statement for Paul to make. Wouldn't there be a benefit for you by hearing about what Jesus did and so that you would live your lives by imitating what Jesus did? Paul doesn't say a preacher serves some purpose if Jesus wasn't raised from the dead, nor does he say you could pick up something useful by listening to a good speaker. Paul declares that **everything** is in vain if it weren't for Christ being raised.

The Easter story doesn't begin with good news with everyone excited that the tomb was found empty. This year we will hear the Easter story from the gospel of Luke which tells how the three women who went to the tomb to find Jesus were instead met by two men who asked them why they had come there. “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he had told you that after three days he would rise.” It was only after these two preachers “reminded” the woman about Christ rising did they start to believe.

These women became the next preachers who brought the message of Easter to the disciples. They, like the women, also failed to believe at first. The disciples, like the women, had been told that Jesus would rise, but didn't believe with the first reminder from the women. It wasn't until Jesus appeared in person to the disciples before they believed.

Now that they believed, they also had a message to tell others.

I hope you can join us on Easter this year at one of our services at East Nidaros or Baltic Lutheran to hear by word and song that Jesus is Risen. Risen, so that you will know that sin and death will have no more power over you. Risen, so that you will want to share the freedom you now have with others just as the first believers did. Christ is Risen!

Risen Indeed!

Easter Blessings to you,

Pastor Randall J. Questad



Baltic Council Minutes

February 5, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Pastor Randall's house on February 5, 2022. Council members present were: Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, John Sinding, Al VanEck, Dick Berg, Lori Berg, Gary Gregg, Jeff Boldt, and Pastor Randall. Not present: Alana Tommeraasen, Myron Nohava, and J. Serna.

Karen Sinding called the meeting to order.

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

Financial Report:

Budget Alliance Correction - minus \$795.95 on Annual Report. Under Utilities - Office phone/internet (Alliance) total should be \$592.48.

December reports - "Dues and Subscriptions/Parish Nurse salary" - all is good, east reimbursement cancelled this out. Dick Berg made a motion to approve the December reports, second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

January reports were distributed. Motion by Al VanEck and second by Shirlene Allgier to approve. Motion carried.

Giving Statements - Kari Radack put together an Excel spreadsheet to get this balanced. She worked extra hard to get all this together last minute.

Jeff Boldt made a motion to continue using the Excel spreadsheet going forward, second by John Sinding. Motion carried.

Trustees' Report:

\$1,000 grant for Technology from SD Synod - Pride Neon Signs has been paid and this has been submitted.

Update on exterior security camera - Camera will be moved to the area by the back door where the kitchen is.

Basement windows - Marc Tommeraasen was contacted to inspect. He said they were fine, they're not leaking. Could have been from the humidity.

New lights in the furnace room thanks to Dick Berg!

There are gaps in the outside door to the kitchen - Dick Berg will address this problem.

Parking lot - Jeff Boldt noticed a few cracks opening. He will keep an eye on this and fix if need be.

Deacons' Report:

Noisy Can for March 2022 goes to Sunday School.

Communion Servers - February is Al; March is Dick.

Dick and John visited Dorothy Sittig, and Ben & Elaine Kringen. Very good visits. Al visited Rick Fiala; he is doing well but has a long recovery.

Old Business:

Organist Ellen's last Sunday will be February 13th. We will have cake and fellowship at East Nidaros after their service that day. Going together with East Nidaros on a gift for her.

Foot Care Clinic - held on February 3rd, went very well. Nurse Laura said she can do herself but having a volunteer is nice for fellowship.

Constitution has been changed and sent to Synod.

New Business:

Organist - Kendra Paulsen has agreed to play for Baltic Lutheran only. She is not always available during the week for funerals. She will receive \$65 per service.

Christmas Eve services - Suggestion to move time to 3:00 or 3:30, Pastor has agreed.

Motion by Shirlene Allgier second by Al VanEck to give Dick Berg and Kendra Paulsen a key to the church. Motion carried .

Sunday School needs some new tables to move kids around. Motion by Gary Gregg, second by Jeff Boldt to allow this purchase as needed.

Motion carried.

John Sinding spoke about stewardship. We brainstormed ideas on what we need to accomplish.

Pastor's Report:

Youth trip is July 23-30, 4-5 kids from our church seem interested. May need to do some fundraising to help with costs.

Next Council Meeting: March 8th, 2022, 6:30.

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
Mar	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

February and March N/A as of March 29, 2022



BALTIC BLDG FUND	
Jan	\$75.00
Feb	\$180.00
Mar	\$855.00
YTD	\$1110.00

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

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

FEBRUARY PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*

Transfers Out: *Melva Hilmo*

Baptisms: *Boston Goldammer*

Weddings: *No Changes*

Deaths: *No Changes*

EAST

New Members: *No Changes*

Transfers Out: *No Changes*

Baptisms: *No Changes*

Weddings: *No Changes*

Deaths: *Helen Brobjorg*



East Nidaros Council Minutes

February 5, 2022

Attendance: Kathy Hegge, Lori Kappler, Connie Karl, Deb Larson, Alvina Harvey, David Daugaard, Jennifer Hartman, Jesse Hartman, Pastor Randall Questad

Call to order by Connie Karl

Secretary Minutes: The minutes were emailed out prior to the meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by David Daugaard and seconded by Kathy Hegge. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Minutes: The financial reports were emailed out prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the reports as sent for January and February were made by Jesse Hartman and seconded by David Daugaard. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Deacon Report: A discussion was brought up about the Noisy can designations going to the Deacons to bring to the quarterly meetings. Deb Larson to head up those designations and bring it to the council via email. Easter offering is designated to go to the Youth trip motion was made by Kathy Hegge and seconded by Alvina Harvey. All in Favor. Motion carried. A motion to designate the lent offering to the Furniture Mission was made by Kathy Hegge and seconded by Jesse Hartman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Report: The bathroom drains downstairs backed up into the big room. Roto-rooter was called and were able to come out Monday Morning. They were able to clean out the pipes and Intek was able to come and clean and inspect the carpet. Intek was able to clean the carpets and inspect the dry wall. We do not need to do any additional repairs due to the water lines backing up.

Pastor Report: The Youth group has gotten a couple of quotes for the youth trip travel. They have a meeting planned on February 27th for final decisions on if the trip will take place. Fundraising options would need to be discussed.

Old Business: Parking lot project was brought up at the annual meeting. Discussion was had and it will still be tabled for the time being.

New Business:

Live Streaming Volunteers are needed to help Kayla with the services. We are very grateful for her consistent availability to run the equipment for the services.

Cont.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alvina Harvey and seconded by Jennifer Hartman. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Next council meeting would align with the joint council meeting in May 2022 at East Nidaros.

Presented 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
Feb	\$4,762.88	\$5,299.25	\$8,504.35	\$11,270.91
Mar*	\$5,315.93	\$9,630.07	\$13,820.28	\$20,900.28

*As of March 28, 2022. (Expenses include carpet cleaning in the basement.)

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

APRIL NOISY CAN

Baltic: The Banquet
East: Northern Rim Youth Trip



BALTIC FEBRUARY NOISY CAN:
\$271.68 for Vacation Bible School
EAST FEBRUARY NOISY CAN:
\$108.39 for Adam Thompson Foundation



Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros Joint Council Minutes February 5, 2022

The Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros joint council retreat was at Pastor Randall's on February 5, 2022. Council members present were: Shirlene Allgier, Al VanEck, Karen Sinding, John Sinding, Lori Berg, Dick Berg, Gary Gregg, Jeff Boldt, Debra Larson, Alvina Harvey, David Daugaard, Connie Karl, Lori Kappler, Jesse Hartman, Jenni Hartman, Kathy Hegge, and Pastor Randall.

Karen Sinding called the meeting to order.

Motion by Connie Karl, second by Jennifer Hartman to approve the November minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

The theme for Lent services is "Christ with Us".

Joint Rally again this year. September 11. Deb will check on dates for Morton Building.

VBS will be one day again this year. Hopefully lined up with Baltic Dog Days like last year.

Old Business:

Foot Care Clinic - first one went smoothly. The nurse said she doesn't need volunteers to help out, but we will continue because it is good fellowship. One person is enough, every other month. April 7th is the next clinic, followed by June 2nd.

Christmas Eve services - Baltic Lutheran is going to move their service to 3:00 or 3:30 rather than the later evening service. East Nidaros will stay the same.

Administrative Assistant salary increase discussion - Currently she is receiving \$12,000 per year salary. Connie Karl made a motion, second by Al VanEck to increase her salary 5%, \$12,600-year, effective February 1, 2022. Motion carried.

New Business:

Organist - Ellen's last day is February 13th. We will have cake after East Nidaros service that day. Encourage all to come. Motion by Connie Karl, second by John Sinding to get her a gift card to Crossroads, \$100 per congregation. Motion carried.

Next Joint Meeting May 10, 2022, at East Nidaros. Individual councils at 6:00 joint council to follow at 7:00.

Motion by Al VanEck, second by Jennifer Hartman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<p><u>Apr 3</u> <u>East Nidaros</u> Randy & Trudy Hartman 351-7958 Rosalie Riswold-Brende 376-0452</p>	<p><u>Apr 3 & 10</u> <u>Baltic</u> Joann Moan 360-3524 Chuck & Kari Radack 838-6782</p>
<p><u>Apr 10</u> <u>East Nidaros</u> Dan & Cindi Schmidt 310-7204 Kathy Hegge 366-4116</p>	<p><u>Apr 24 & May 1</u> <u>Baltic</u> Gaila Schreurs 310-4069 Cameron & Tracy Kerkhove 595-2833 Ruth Lee 929-6832</p>
<p><u>Apr 24 & May 1</u> <u>East Nidaros</u> Jodee Westerbur 366-6557 Rob & Katie Siemonsma 359-5678</p>	<p><u>May 8 & May 15</u> <u>Baltic</u> Travis & Robyn Brothers 940-6728 Al VanEck 254-2812 Randall & Kim Questad 360-3373</p>
<p><u>May 8 & May 15</u> <u>East Nidaros</u> Brady & Alyssa Welk 254-3215 Dustin & Elizabeth Stoel 929-8877</p>	<p><u>May 22</u> <u>Baltic</u> Sue Aldrich 413-5493 Steve & Wendy Hartman 376-0285 Char Johnson 940-4635</p>
<p><u>May 22 & May 29</u> <u>East Nidaros</u> Nathan & Emily Vrchota 941-8014 Scott & Susan Hookie 321-3798</p>	

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of

Don Christopherson Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$20.00

Ardean Hanson Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$20.00

Daryl Sagness Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$5.00

Helen Brobjorg Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$15.00
Baltic Lutheran Church \$30.00

Bob Donahue Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$5.00

Kenny Tommeraasen Baltic Church Bldg. Fund \$10.00

Baltic Church WELCA \$15.00

Baltic Technology Fund \$20.00

Baltic Sunday School Fund \$25.00

Baltic Lutheran Church \$310.00

Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$1327.50

East: In Memory of

Ann Louise Kuehn East Nidaros Window Fund \$50.00

Helen Brobjorg East Nidaros Tech Fund \$5.00

East Nidaros Sunday School Fund \$40.00

East Nidaros Building Fund \$75.00

East Nidaros Fuel Fund \$10.00

East Nidaros General Fund \$20.00

The Northern Rim Youth Group cordially invites everyone to attend the very first Northern Rim Youth Banquet on Sunday, May 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the Morton Center. We will hear speaker V.J. Smith who wrote the book *The Richest Man in Town*, enjoy good food & fellowship, and bid on Silent Auction items. Free will offering. Proceeds will help send students to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana this summer.

Baltic will be doing their **Spring Cleaning**

Saturday, April 30th @ 9:00 am.

Volunteers welcome!!



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
- 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.



We will be doing our annual
kitchen/storage room
Spring cleaning
on Saturday, April 2 at 9:00.

WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR HELP

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

Post Confirmation Youth will be serving meals through the season of Lent. They will be fundraising for their trip to Flat Head Lutheran Bible Camp in Lakeside, MT in July.

Wednesday, April 6, they will be serving Tater Tot Casserole. Meal will include Tater tot Casserole, bread, salad, desert, and drink. Free will offering.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING AT BOTH CHURCHES

Easter Brunch will be served following Easter Sunrise Service at East Nidaros.

Menu:

Egg bake, fruit, muffins, coffee and orange juice.

thank you!

Elmer and Janet Hegge would like to express their gratitude to everyone who thought of them for their birthdays. The calls, cards and taking time to help them celebrate.

They would especially like to that their family who hosted their open house celebration.



Baltic Lutheran Church,

We thank the members of your congregation for the support of our Baltic Food Bank. Your very generous donations from your “Noisy Can” fund and the Christmas special offering were put to good use as we helped those in our community this past holiday season.

With much appreciation,

Baltic Food Bank



Dear Members of Baltic & East Nidaros Parish,

It was a privilege to serve as your piano and organ musician, and to worship along with you as a family of faith. My heartfelt thanks for your generous expression of appreciation in the Feb. 13th Cake & Coffee Reception, along with the beautiful flowers, cards, & gifts. Thoughts of you make me smile; you will continue to be in my very grateful prayers.

Sincerely, Ellen Lovseth Aadland



East Nidaros Women of the ELCA,

Thank you so much for your recent \$300.00 donation to the Baltic Food Bank. With the continued high cost of groceries, we appreciate your support in our mission to help struggling, local families.

Thanks much,

Baltic Food Bank



Thank you to everyone who have supported the youth Lenten meals. We parents are grateful for the support of our high school youth. I know the kids are thankful to have support from our parish. A special thank you to Barb Haux and Al VanEck.



COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Monday April 4, 11, 18 & 25

6:30 @ Baltic

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays April 12, 19, & 26

2:00 @ East Nidaros

(No Bible Study Tues. April 5)

All are welcome!

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.

**May Newsletter Deadline:
April 18, 2022**



MEMBERS

Tanya Vollan - Paul Romsdahl
Betty Jean Benjamin - Donna Lee Boyd
Ryan Voeltz - Jay Bent
Rhoda Wold - Ella Riswold
Charlotte Johnson - Dorothy Sittig
Rick Fiala - Vance Davis - Jimmie Vollan
Shari Fowlds - Pam Nesheim

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Darrel McMahon—Brother of Ann Romsdahl
John Jorgensen—Friend of the Community
Brenda Bertrand—Mother of Julius Allgier
Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Clara Shank Gabrielle—Cousin of Karen Doom
Shari Brende—Sister-in-Law to Lynda Johnson
Gordon Dierkson—Father of Gary Dierkson
Michael Gross—Friend of Jesse and Jenni Hartman
Laura Ann Olson—Friend of the Community
Larry VanEck—Cousin of Al VanEck
Sherry Schroeder—Sister of Dixie Fiala

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

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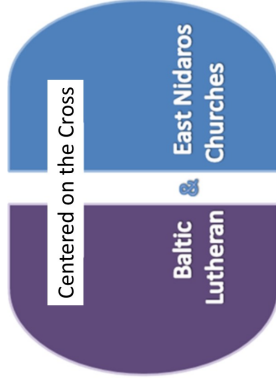
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