



# Parish The Thought

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



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun May 1 Sunday School Awards during worship @ Baltic  
Zuehlke Baptism @ East
- Wed May 4 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting  
6:30 8th grade Confirmation Rehearsal @ Baltic
- Thu May 5 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
- Sun May 8 **Holy Communion**  
Confirmation & Senior Recognition during worship
- Mon May 9 6:30 Community Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue May 10 6:00 BLC & EN council meetings @ East
- Wed May 11 7:00 Baccalaureate Service @High School Commons
- Sat May 14 2:00 Baltic High School Graduation
- Sun May 15 5:00 Northern Rim Youth Trip meeting @ Renner
- Mon May 16 **Newsletter Deadline**
- Sat May 21 2:00 Dell Rapids High School Graduation
- Sun May 29 **Holy Communion**
- Mon May 30 **10:30 East Nidaros Memorial Day Program**
- Tue May 31 2:30 Pastor Randall Worship @ DNRC



# MAY PULPIT POST

## *“After Easter”*

*Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”*

**John 20:20-21**

Happy Easter! Throughout the month of May we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Since Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, our lives are forever changed, and we live every day all year long as Easter people.

When Jesus first appears to his disciples, they are in fear. Jesus calms their fears by saying, “Peace be with you”. After he says these words of comfort, their fears are replaced with rejoicing. Jesus repeats the same words “Peace be with you.” while the disciples are believing that they too have seen their risen Savior who just seconds before they believed was dead.

I heard a pastor say that the words that Jesus spoke after greeting his disciples with this second dose of peace are the scariest words in scripture. “As my Father has sent me, so I send you.” I had not thought of those words as scary before, but I do understand the point this pastor was making. When Jesus was sent into this world, his Father sent him out of his love for us to die. We do all that we can to delay death if we can and hope no suffering comes to those we love. But now Jesus sends us as his Father sent him.

As Easter people who believe that Jesus is risen, we have confidence that Jesus is always appearing to us, just as he did his disciples on the very first Easter, to deliver peace to us. Jesus delivers peace to each of us whenever we are fearing what we are experiencing and when we have reasons for rejoicing. After Easter, beyond the month of May, every day, Jesus has a good word for you for wherever you are. Jesus sent his disciples out to establish his church and this is where you will hear Jesus speak to you as he did to his disciples, “Peace be with YOU!”

Christ is risen, Alleluia,  
Pastor Randall J. Questad



# Baltic Council Minutes

March 8, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church March 8, 2022. Council members present were: Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, John Sinding, Al VanEck, Dick Berg, Lori Berg, Gary Gregg, and Pastor Randall. Not present: Alana Tommeraasen, Myron Nohava, Jeff Boldt, J. Serna, and Bruce Witzel.

Karen Sinding called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall led in prayer.

Motion by Lori Berg and second by John Sinding to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

## **Financial Report:**

February reports were distributed minus the budget vs actual. Financial reports pending approval.

There was discussion concerning duties for Treasurer/Financial Secretary going forward.

-Shirlene Allgier made a motion to move forward with the job duties as discussed for Treasurer/Financial Secretary, second by Al VanEck, motion carried.

-John Sinding made a motion for the Treasurer/Financial Secretary to comply with the attached job duties by the June 2022 council meeting, with updates at the council meetings in April and May. Treasurer/Financial Secretary must also be present at future council meetings. Second by Gary Gregg, motion carried.

Lori Berg made a motion to give Kari Radack permission to add ACH, direct deposit, and to convert all accounts to QuickBooks. Second by Al VanEck, motion carried.

## **Trustees' Report:**

\$1500 anonymous gift was discussed, if it should be moved from the general fund or leave as is. We will leave in the general fund for now.

## **Deacons' Report:**

Noisy Can for April 2022 goes to The Banquet.

Stewardship -

Ushers, thank you Al for volunteering to find ushers to serve for the rest of the year. Al will usher for March and Dick Berg will usher for April.

Communion Servers: Dick Berg for March, John Sinding for April, and Al VanEck for May.

**Old Business:**

Compensation for Kari Radack. Al VanEck made a motion to pay Kari Radack \$100 a month beginning January 2022, second by Dick Berg, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Pastor’s Report:**

Thank you, Kendra Kappler, for filling in for Pastor Randall while he was gone. Make sure we pay her for her time.

Community bible study going well.

First Communion will be Palm Sunday.

Thankful for upcoming baptisms and new members.

Youth trip is July 23-30, looking at about 17 kids between 7 churches.

They have reserved a bus for the trip. Need to promote Wednesday lent service meals to help fundraise for the trip.

**Next Council Meeting: April 5th, 2022, 6:30.**

Closing prayer.

Motion by John Sinding and second by Shirlene Allgier to adjourn. Motion carried.

<b>BALTIC GENERAL FUND 2022</b>				
Month	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses
Jan	\$8,617.28	\$10,460.61	\$8,617.28	\$10,460.61
Feb	\$8,296.32	\$8,345.93	\$16,913.60	\$18,806.54
Mar	\$10,647.31	\$9,071.19	\$27,560.91	\$27,877.73
Apr*	\$10,067.00	\$6,618.47	\$37,627.91	\$34,496.20

\*As Of April 27, 2022

<b>BALTIC BLDG FUND</b>	
Jan	\$75.00
Feb	\$180.00
Mar	\$855.00
Apr	\$40.00
YTD	\$1150.00

**June Newsletter Deadline:  
May 16, 2022**



# East Nidaros Council Minutes

*No Meeting held in March*

Month	Monthly	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date
	Income	Expenses	Income	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
Apr*	\$8,392.08	\$6,174.07	\$22,212.36	\$27,075.05

\*As of Apr 27, 2022.

## MARCH PARISH RECORD CHANGES

### BALTIC

**New Members:** *Scott Campbell & Brittany Wipf family, Trevor & Kendra Paulsen, Nathan & Jessica May family*  
**Transfers Out:** *No changes*  
**Baptisms:** *Adelynn & Briar Campbell*  
**Weddings:** *No Changes*  
**Deaths:** *No Changes*

### EAST

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

*The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:*

### Baltic: In Memory of

- Kenny Tommeraasen** Baltic Church Air Conditioner Fund \$125.00
- Dawn Burns** Baltic Lutheran Church \$25.00
- Wally Nelson** Baltic Technology Fund \$20.00
- Lois Hanson** Baltic Technology Fund \$30.00
- Evelyn Johnson** Baltic Technology Fund \$20.00

### East: In Memory of

- Verla Borgen** East Nidaros General Fund \$85.00
- Furniture Mission \$10.00

## MAY NOISY CAN

**Baltic:** Northern Rim Youth Trip

**East:** Baltic VFW

*Thank  
you*

### **BALTIC MARCH NOISY CAN:**

\$268.44 for Baltic Community Garden

### **EAST MARCH NOISY CAN:**

\$158.94 for Baltic Sunday School



## 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.

## Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<p><b>May 1</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>East Nidaros</u></b></p> <p>Jodee Westerbur                      366-6557</p> <p>Rob &amp; Katie Siemonsma   359-5678</p>	<p><b>May 1</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Baltic</u></b></p> <p>Gaila Schreurs                      310-4069</p> <p>Cameron &amp; Tracy Kerkhove                      595-2833</p> <p>Ruth Lee                                      929-6832</p>
<p><b>May 8 &amp; 15</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>East Nidaros</u></b></p> <p>Brady &amp; Alyssa Welk              254-3215</p> <p>Dustin &amp; Elizabeth Stoel                      929-8877</p>	<p><b>May 8 &amp; 15</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Baltic</u></b></p> <p>Robyn &amp; Travis Brothers   940-6728</p> <p>Al VanEck                                      254-2812</p> <p>Randall &amp; Kim Questad   360-3373</p>
<p><b>May 22 &amp; 29</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>East Nidaros</u></b></p> <p>Nathan &amp; Emily Vrchota   941-8014</p> <p>Scott &amp; Susan Hookie              321-3798</p>	<p><b>May 22</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Baltic</u></b></p> <p>Sue Aldrich                                      413-5493</p> <p>Steve &amp; Wendy Hartman   376-0285</p> <p>Char Johnson                                      940-4635</p>
<p><b>June 5 &amp; 12</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>East Nidaros</u></b></p> <p>Scott &amp; Brianna Rick              323-9861</p> <p>Craig Krogstad                              360-8675</p>	<p><b>June 5 &amp; 12</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Baltic</u></b></p> <p>Ed &amp; Marlene Mellegaard                      201-2565</p> <p>Ben &amp; Elaine Kringen                      529-5262</p> <p>Jim &amp; Cathy Leslie                      610-5986</p>



### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Monday May 9

6:30 @ Baltic

**All are welcome!**

Baltic and East Nidaros Parish is looking to hire an Admin Assistant for the office located in the Baltic Church. This is a part-time position, but would include scheduled in-office hours some days of the week; additional hours may be required during various times of the year. This position has multiple responsibilities, including but not limited to, preparing the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, website and social media updates. We are looking for a dependable person who is self-motivated, meets deadlines, has good computer skills, has a good working knowledge of office equipment and has good customer service skills. We will train on the job. Ability to use Microsoft Office, Publisher, Adobe PDF and/or Planning Center would be helpful. Salary will be based on qualifications. For more information or to get an application form, please use the contact information on the front page of the bulletin.



## **EAST NIDAROS CHURCH MEMORIAL DAY**

**PROGRAM & LUNCH**  
*Monday, May 30, 2022*

**TIME:** 10:45 am – Color Guard ceremony at East Nidaros Cemetery  
11:00 am – Memorial Day Program at East Nidaros Church  
11:30 am – Lunch      **FREE WILL OFFERING**

**SERVING:** Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Salads, Beverage, Homemade Desserts





## 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

**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 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.

## **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).

# Thank you!

We would like to **thank everyone** for your prayers and concern shown to our families during Kenny's sudden illness and death. Thank you for cards, flowers, texts, phone calls and memorials given in his memory.

**Special Thanks** to Pastor Randall for all of his prayers, calls and multiple visits with Kenny and our family in the final days. It was all very much appreciated.

**Thank you** to Myron and Doug Nohava for all of their help and guidance.

**Thank You** to the Baltic Ladies group for serving the lunch.

Kenny will be deeply missed, but he will forever be in our hearts as we cherish all of our memories.

The Tommeraasen Families



**Thank You Baltic Lutheran Church** for the beautiful plaque and generous check you gave me. I really appreciated it!

God's Blessings be with you all. Alana



**Jodee Westerbur, our parish administrative assistant**, has recently resigned. Baltic and East Nidaros wish her all the best as she opens a new door to the next stage in her life. We truly appreciate all she has done over the past 2 1/2 years. Our sincere thanks.



**East Nidaros Members,**

Thank you so much for your donation toward the Baltic School & Community Garden!

Your donation helped purchase seeds for this years season!

Your gift is greatly appreciated.

Danielle

**New Baltic Lutheran Financial Secretary / Treasurer**

Diana Nohava has agreed to be the new Baltic Financial Secretary-Treasurer, along with Joan Boldt agreeing to be her back-up.

Kari Radack will also continue to be a back-up when needed.

The Baltic Lutheran Church Council thanks all three of these women for their commitment to Baltic Lutheran Church.

Save your seat for the Bus Tour to Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Friday and Saturday, July 29-30, 2022

**Tours of Lutheran World Relief Headquarters**

Dinner and Cruise on the Mississippi.

Cost: \$225-Includes bus fare, hotel, river cruise and dinner.

Contact Kathy Heffernan for more information 605-324-3638

South Dakota Synodical  
35th Annual Convention  
Of the Women ELCA

**“Come Boldly”**

June 23-24, 2022

First Lutheran Church

337 8th Street Brookings, SD 57006

Register online at: <http://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3977038>

Registration fee: \$35 before June 1, 2022 \$45 after June 1, 2022

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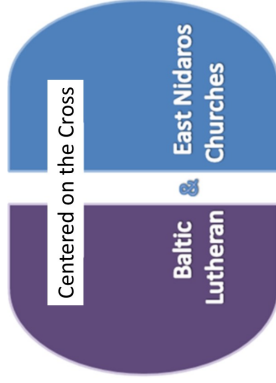
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