

June Parish The Thought

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wed Jun 1 | 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting |
| Thu Jun 2 | 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
9:00-3:00 Foot Care Clinic |
| Fri Jun 3 &
Sat Jun 4 | Synod Assembly @
Our Savior's Lutheran Church |
| Sun Jun 5 | Holy Communion
5:00 Northern Rim Youth Trip meeting @ Benton |
| Tue Jun 7 | 6:30 Baltic Council Meeting |
| Sun Jun 19 | Father's Day |
| Mon Jun 20 | Newsletter Deadline |
| Thu Jun 23 | 9:00 Bulletin & Newsletter Assembly |
| Sun Jun 26 | Holy Communion |
| Tue Jun 28 | 2:30 PQ Worship at DNRC |



JUNE PULPIT POST

“Pursue Peace”

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.

Romans 14:19-20

It has been a pleasure for me to lead our evening bible study this past year. We have just completed studying the book of Romans. Paul sent this letter to the followers in Rome to encourage them for what they were doing well and to remind them of knowing the clear difference between God’s word of command and God’s word of promise when they strayed from the gospel. Throughout Paul’s letter inspired by Jesus Christ himself, Paul reminds the people to pursue what leads to peace and building up the kingdom of God.

The people had lost focus on the gospel that Paul had previously proclaimed to them. Disputes began over dividing issues between the Jews and Gentiles regarding circumcision, but also there were disputes over what may seem small issues to us such as what foods were unacceptable to eat or what day of the week was unacceptable as a day to worship. After Paul was informed about these differences, he reminded them to pursue peace rather than destroy God’s work over matters such as what people were eating.

One of the first sermons preached setting a solid foundation for our Nidaros churches was the same message Paul began his letter to the Romans. *For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous will live by faith.” Romans 1:16-17*

Paul was given peace when he was turned away from persecuting Christians to preaching Christ’s forgiveness to everyone. Paul received the gospel from Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and began declaring this good news to everyone he could find that hadn’t yet heard this message of freedom. This message that Paul was called by Jesus Christ to proclaim remains the focus of what we continue to deliver today so that peace prevails.

Now may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Pastor Randall J. Questad



Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros Joint Council Minutes May 10, 2022

Attendance: Connie Karl, Deb Larson, Jennifer Hartman, Jesse Hartman, Kathy Hegge, David Dyce, Mark Brobjorg, Lori Kappler, David Daugaard, Jeff Boldt, J Ryan Serna, Allen Van Eck, Lori Berg, Myron Nohava, Pastor Randall Questad, Diane Nohava, Richard Berg, Karen Sinding, Craig Krogstad

Call to order: Connie Karl called the meeting to order.

Personnel Committee: The personnel committee brought a slide show to share with the councils regarding the executive assistant search. The committee went through their recommendations for a replacement.

Jodee's resignation was submitted to the councils on April 28th. Deb read the job description that was added to the bulletin and newsletter. Jodee was able to stay on until May 10th. We will need assistance for keeping the job duties for the office continuing in the absence of an executive assistant. Executive discussion had regarding position and pay. A motion was made by David Dyce to raise the salary to \$1400 a month and seconded by Allen Van Eck. 3 opposed, 13 approved- motion passed.

Personnel committee to contact Jodee with offer of the additional funding to see if she would be interested in staying on as the assistant. Jodee has agreed to maintain her position at the church. The month of May would be at the \$1050 current salary and then the \$1400 would start June 2022.

Pastor Report:

Baccalaureate Service with Baltic High School was cancelled this year. There was not an interest in having this service with the school. SD Synod convention is coming up and Pastor will check with the delegates from East who could possibly attend. No delegates from Baltic can go. There is still time to register if anyone else is interested. The convention is June 3rd and 4th at Our Saviors church in Sioux Falls. June 5th is Pentecost Sunday and could potentially be a baptism for Pastor Randall's newest grandchild. Pastor Randall would be doing the service at West Nidaros and the Pastor from West would be filling in at East for Pastor.

Northern Rim Youth Gathering update: the fundraiser has exceeded the expectation from the event at the Morton Center. It was well over \$9000 above the expectations. This would be split between the 7 congregations

involved in the gathering. There is a meeting on Sunday and more information will be decided at that time.

This coming Sunday will be the last Sunday that Katie Pauley will be with our congregation during her internship. Pastor is hoping to have more interns interested in coming to our parish. Pastor really likes the mentoring portion of the internship. Kendra Kappler will have an internship coming up next year and has expressed interest in doing that with our parish.

Old Business:

Foot Care Clinic: We still need volunteers for the foot care clinic. We will continue to advertise for assistance. It would be nice to have a text reminder or ask for assistance before the day. This volunteer is more for fellowship and greeting than doing anything specific for the actual foot care. Karen Sinding and Kathy Hegge will set something up for a text group.

New Business:

QuickBooks: A sheet was passed around with the prices for the new QuickBooks option.

A motion to not go with option 1 was made by Myron Nohava and seconded by J Ryan Serna. Motion passed.

Therefore, each church will be responsible for their own QuickBooks.

Option 1: \$550 for 3 years

\$440 Payroll for 1 year

\$4 per employee

Option 2: Web based- per church

\$50 per month = \$600 for 1 year

\$45 per month payroll= \$540 for 1 year

\$4 per month per employee

First year pay half of regular and payroll \$1140

Option 3 Web based- per church

Techsoup.org- offers programs for non-profit organizations

\$75 a year after we are vetted as a non-profit organization

Does not include payroll

Kathy Hegge and Diane Nohava will get together and work together for QuickBooks switch over to the new platforms.

Next Joint Meeting will be held at Baltic Lutheran church on August 9th at 6:30pm for individual meeting and at 7:30pm for Joint.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jesse Hartman and seconded by Allen Van Eck. Motion Passed. Pastor Randall closed the meeting with prayer.

Unapproved



Baltic Council Minutes

April 5, 2022

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

Karen Sinding called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall led in prayer.

Motion by Dick Berg and second by Al VanEck to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

March reports were distributed. Motion by Al VanEck, second by J. Serna to approve the March financial reports. Motion carried.

Shirlene Allgier made a motion to approve the resignation of Alana Tommeraasen as Treasurer/Financial Secretary, second by Jeff Boldt.

Motion carried.

J. Serna made a motion to approve a gift of \$500 to Alana Tommeraasen for her years of service, second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

Replacement for Alana, Karen has a call out to Kari Radack to see if she will continue to fill in as Treasurer/Financial Secretary. Shirlene Allgier made a motion to rescind the previous motion to pay Kari Radack \$100 per month beginning January 2022, second by J. Serna. Motion carried.

Lori Berg made a motion to pay Kari Radack \$416.66 per month beginning January 2022 for her work as fill in Treasurer/Financial Secretary, second by J. Serna. Motion carried.

The open position for Treasurer/Financial Secretary will be posted in the bulletin.

Trustees' Report:

Outside camera moved, Brett working on getting it hooked up.

Jeff Boldt stated there are cracks in the parking lot, maintenance will be needed this summer.

Deacons' Report:

Noisy Can for May 2022: John Sinding made a motion for noisy can go to the trip to Montana in July, second by J. Serna. Motion carried.

Communion servers: Aril - John, May - Al

John Sinding will get with Angela Aspaas to get a list of Sunday School

volunteers. He would like to get a thank you out to them.

Old Business:

Update on camp in Montana: Could be 30 people going. Cost for transportation will be about \$8500, cost per person for camp is \$600. There will be another meeting for the trip on April 24th.

Update on Huber sign: Sign will go to the west of the fire station. Will Huber and Mike Koopman working together on this. Frost is preventing them from digging at this point. April 1st the sign company will start on our sign.

WELCA needs helpers preparing for communion.

Reminder to make sure the doors are getting locked when leaving the church.

New Business:

QuickBooks upgrade will be due soon.

Portals of Prayer: John Sinding made a motion to reduce the large print size books from 30 down to 20, second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report:

Palm Sunday we will have 2 baptisms and first communion. 7 at Baltic Lutheran, 3 at East Nidaros. The choir will be singing as well.

May 8th will be confirmation (2 from Baltic) and senior recognition.

Checking with the school to see if we can do Baccalaureate on May 11th.

Katie Pauly is working on her internship, currently at Westside Lutheran.

To give her more experience she will be helping Pastor Randall. She will preach April 24th and May 15th.

Youth Trip: They are planning a Banquet on May 1st at the Morton Center to help cover transportation costs for the trip. BJ Smith speaker.

Joint Rally Sunday, Morton Center is not available September 11. Shirlene will check to see if we can have it at the Baltic School commons.

Next Council Meeting: May 10, 2022. East Nidaros, 6:00pm Baltic Council, 7:00pm Joint Council

Closing prayer.

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



BALTIC APRIL NOISY CAN:
\$316.80 for The Banquet
EAST APRIL NOISY CAN:
\$198.94 for Northern Rim Youth Trip

BALTIC GENERAL FUND 2022

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	\$10,698.72	\$9,271.34	\$38,259.63	\$37,149.07
May*	\$6,812.00	\$10,610.48	\$45,071.63	\$47,759.55

*As of May 22, 2022.

BALTIC BLDG FUND	
Jan	\$75.00
Feb	\$180.00
Mar	\$855.00
Apr	\$40.00
May	\$110.00
YTD	\$1,260.00

**July Newsletter Deadline:
June 20, 2022**

ARPIL 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: *No Changes*
 Weddings: *No Changes*
 Deaths:
Vera Mae Sagness-Young

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of
Kenny Tommeraasen Baltic Church Lutheran \$10.00
Bob Donahue Baltic Lutheran Church \$5.00
Rick Zimmer Baltic Air Conditioner Fund \$10.00
Vera Mae Young Baltic Air Conditioner Fund \$10.00
Kenny Tommeraasen Baltic Air Conditioner Fund \$150.00



East Nidaros Council Minutes

No Meeting held in April

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
Apr	\$8,392.08	\$6,174.07	\$22,212.36	\$27,075.05
May*	\$11,086.84	\$11,207.48	\$33,299.20	\$38,282.53

*As of May 24, 2022. Easter Offering has not been paid out.

East Nidaros has an openings for Treasurer and Custodian.

If you have any questions or are interested please contact a council member.

East Nidaros is also in need of volunteers for the Altar committee.

If you would like to volunteer please call Connie Karl 608-386-8139.

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 **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.

JUNE NOISY CAN

Baltic: Adam Thompson Foundation
East: Vacation Bible School



MEMBERS

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

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

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

UPCOMING WELCA EVENTS

Please save the Tuesday, June 14th date. 9:45 a.m.

Baltic and East Nidaros have been invited to participate in a WELCA coordinated history tour of the Nidaros churches.

At each church (Renner, East Nidaros, Baltic, West Nidaros) a tour, brief history, song will be shared. A light lunch is planned, with a short message. Please sign up in the narthex so we can estimate the number of people attending.

We are excited to offer this tour and hope to see you there.

Mark your calendars June 14th will be here before we know it.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

June 5 & 12

East Nidaros

Scott & Brianna Rick 323-9861
 Craig Krogstad 360-8675

June 5 & 12

Baltic

Ed & Marlene Mellegaard 201-2565
 Ben & Elaine Kringen 529-5262
 Jim & Cathy Leslie 610-5986

June 19 & 26

East Nidaros

Keith & Paula Harvey 360-4418
 Ryan & Nicole Voeltz 940-9851

June 19 & 26 (19th Bring/ Share)

Baltic

John & Karen Sinding 201-8650
 Steve & Deb Gunderson 529-5408
 Ryan & Rona Sinding 376-3567



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"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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**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.

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VBS 2022: "Hay Day"

Growing in Friendship with Jesus

Location: East Nidaros Lutheran Church

Date: 8/12/2022

Time: 9:00 – 2:30

Ages: 4-12

Lunch will be provided.

Register by 8/5/2022

All Are Welcome!



Registration: <https://forms.gle/yFSXLkzhzgRyRdRi8>

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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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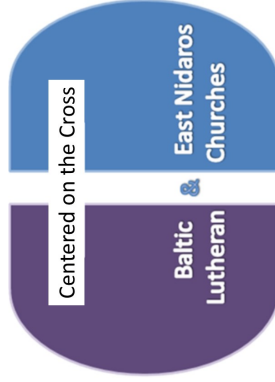
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