

Parish The Thought

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BALTIC AND EAST NIDAROS LUTHERAN PARISH

Two Churches - One Parish - Centered on the Cross





6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC

Tue Jan 3 2pm Bible Study @EN

Wed Jan 4 6:30-7:30 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at Baltic

Mon Jan 9 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC

Tue Jan 10 2pm Bible Study @ EN

6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting

Wed Jan 11 6:30-7:30 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at Baltic

6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open

Mon Jan 16 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC

Tues Jan 17 2pm Bible Study @ EN

Wed Jan 18 6:30-7:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at Baltic

Fri Jan 20 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Sun Jan 22 ANNUAL MEETING following service

Mon Jan 23 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic

Tue Jan 24 2pm Bible Study @ EN

Wed Jan 25 6:30-7:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at Baltic

Thur Jan 26 9am Newsletter Assembly

Sat Jan 28 10:30-11:30am Food Bank open

Mon Jan 30 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC

Tue Jan 31 1pm Bible Study @ EN

2:30pm PQ Worship @ DNRC



January 2023 Pulpit Post "Daily Bread"

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. Exodus 16:4

Happy New Year! The beginning of each year brings the opportunity to do some planning. Some people have made plans to take their families on a special vacation that they have saved up for during a scheduled break from school. Other people have started to make plans for a wedding in the new year. Businesses set goals at this time of year and make plans so that these goals can be met. And yes, churches and their leadership teams also make and approve budgets and set goals that are hoped to be achieved in the coming year.

We can look back at the past year and be thankful for many accomplishments in our parish. Most recently, we enjoyed the results of wonderful Christmas programs that could not have been delivered so well without some careful and intentional planning. Our parish, along with the cooperation of several other churches in our community planned and achieved a major goal of attending an adventure youth camp at the Flathead Bible Camp in Montana. Several of our confirmation students changed their plans so that they could attend a weekend bible camp at Okoboji, lowa. Plans are made each month in both of our congregations to support ministries outside our church walls with our noisy can offerings.

It is good and responsible for us to set goals and make plans.

As we begin this new year, it is also good for us to place our God who promises to give us, not what we need for the year, but whatever we need from day to day. Trust in the Lord is not something that we do when we need help with things that seem too big for us to accomplish. Trust in the Lord begins each day, not with just the start of a new month or year. Jesus taught us that we are to ask for daily bread.

I offer to you the prayer that Martin Luther prayed at the start of each day, as we begin the new year, by placing our trust in God who promises to provide for our daily needs.

"I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. Amen

Blessings to you each day of this year,

Pastor Randall

Thank you!

Thank you for all the prayers for our daughter, Kami Van Sickle. We hope and pray that this third surgery is her last back fusion. She is doing much better and has been able to return to work part time. Any continued prayers will be appreciated! Tom and Becky Siemonsma

Thank you so much for your donation to the SD Veterans Cemetery. What a fun idea of the "small pails". Thank you for donating to us. We take great pride in caring for those we have laid to rest here and their families.

Thank you so much for the wonderful delicious treats, cards and gifts in the form of kind words sent and spoken to us this Christmas. This parish continues to be a gift to us and we look forward to serving you in 2023. Thank you and Happy New Year! Pastor and Kim Questad



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS Thank you to all who donated memorials.

- In loving memory of Orill & Bonnie Johnson from the Sherry Hanson and Larry Miller families.
- In loving memory of parents Gloria Christensen, Eugene Carnicle & Annette and Arnold Qualseth from The David Qualseth family.
- In loving memory of Ordell Krogstad from The Krogstad family.
- In loving memory of Don Brende from Pat, Steve, Sherri and family, and Scott and family.
- In loving memory of Rudy & Helen Schulz and Zane Schulz from Terry & Kaye Snow.
- In loving memory or Gerard & Anastasia Siemonsma, Gerald & Chad Siemonsma, Bob & Marcella Hembd from Tom & Becky Siemonsma
- In loving memory of Jim Park, Dorothy McFarland and Mike Warkenthien from Todd & Tammy Park.
- In loving memory of Judy Laue from Harry Laue.



Baltic Council Minutes November 15, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at East Nidaros Church November 15, 2022. Council members present were: Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, Al VanEck, Lori Berg, Dick Berg, John Sinding, Jeff Boldt, Gary Gregg, Myron Nohava, Diana Nohava, and Pastor Randall. Not present: J. Serna, and Bryce Witzel. Karen Sinding called the meeting to order. Opened in prayer. Myron Nohava made a motion to approve the October 11th meeting minutes, second by Jeff Boldt, motion carried.

Financial Report:

Diana Nohava emailed the financial reports. A preliminary budget for 2023 was sent. Please look over. By next meeting we need to get accurate numbers for active members between both churches.

Trustees' Report:

Hot water heater has been replaced.

Cody Sundermann will do snow removal of the parking lot, need to find someone for sidewalks.

Progress on technology, Steve Schmidt and Terry Snow put in platform. Lumber was given by an anonymous donor. Carpet has been ordered. Dick suggests a sump pump be put in. He is fixing the west door that is hard to open and lock.

Deacons' Report:

Noisy can for December goes to Baltic Food Bank. Myron delivered the check to Veterans Cemetery for the donation.

Old Business:

Electronic sign update, we have power to sign, the software was loaded onto Greg's computer but wouldn't connect. Will get access to Fire Department to try.

AED update will be at the church by 1:00 on Wednesday 11/16.

Dick Berg made a motion to have Christmas Eve services at 3:30 in Baltic, second by Al VanEck. Motion carried.

New Business:

John Sinding made a motion for the Christmas offering to go to the general fund, second by Al VanEck. Motion carried.

Annual meeting will be Sunday January 22nd, snow day would be the 29th.

Next Council Meeting: December 13, 2022. Baltic Lutheran Church, 6:30pm.

John Sinding made a motion to adjourn, second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.



East Nidaros Council Minutes November 15, 2022

The monthly meeting of the East Nidaros Council was held at East Nidaros Lutheran Church on November 15, 2022. Attendance: Connie Karl, David Daugaard, Alvina Harvey, Deb Larson, David Dyce, Mark Brobjorg, Lori Kappler, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Pastor Randall. Not present: Jesse Hartman, Jim Vollan

Call to order: Connie Karl called the meeting to order

Motion by Deb Larson to approve the October 2022 meeting minutes, and David Daugaard seconded, Motion Carried.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> Financial Report printed and presented to Council members. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Mark Brobjorg and seconded by David Dyce. Motion carried. Received proposals from Pearl accounting and Nelson and Nelson accounting to handle church finances. Pearl accounting proposed \$200 per month and Nelson and Nelson proposed \$300 per month. Motion to interview Pearl accounting and Nelson and Nelson accounting was made by Alvina Harvey and seconded by Lori Kappler. Motion carried. Deb Larson presented church Budget proposal – David Daugaard made a motion to accept the Budget proposal and Mark Brobjorg seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Pastor's Report:</u> There are 18 confirmation students this year, Kendra Kappler is assisting with Confirmation this year. Okoboji Bible Camp went well. Pastor Randall would like to look into a weeklong camp next summer. Northern Rim youth group meeting will be held at East Nidaros on November 20th. Sunday School Christmas program will be on December 18th at 10:30.

There will be baptisms on November 20th and January 8th.

Deacon's Report: Nothing new to report

<u>Trustee's Report:</u> David Daugaard fixed the upstairs toilet and

patched a few shingles on the roof.

<u>Old Business:</u> Soup supper donations were \$2,939. Still need to fill Church Council Secretary position.

New Business: WELCA will be using the left-over Soup supper Chili for the Sunday School Christmas program lunch. There will be a potluck following the Annual meeting on January 22nd. Christmas offering

designated to Shetek Ministries. Noisy Can offerings: January – Baltic Fire Department, February – Adam Thompson, March – Baltic Community Garden and April – CASA.

Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:30pm. One joint Christmas Day service will be held in Baltic at 10am. Discussed the Livestream – Kayla and Kendra Kappler will not be running the livestream after December 31st. Rosalie Riswold-Brende will take over the livestream at the start of next year.

Next Council Meeting will be on December 6, 2022, at 7pm Alvina Harvey made the motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mark Brobjorg. Motion carried.

The Lord's Prayer.



WELCA MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2022

The meeting was brought to order by Sue Aldrich. There was conversation regarding continuing Fellowship after church on Sunday mornings. It was determined that we will continue and will add to the Sunday December 18 bulletin to ask members who do not want to be included next year to please contact the church office. EDIT: This will be in the December 25th bulletin since there was no bulletin on December 18 due to the Christmas Program.

We have volunteers to serve Fellowship for the following Sundays in January.

January 8 – Myron and Dianna Nohava

January 15 - Sue Aldrich and Lois Hazel

January 22 - Terry and Kaye Snow

January 29 – Ruth Lee and Sue Aldrich

Karen brought up a local charity, The Adam Thompson Foundation, that we may have left of our list of donations. They donated a new AED machine to the church recently and possibly donating to the Baltic Angel tree. Kaye mentioned room dividers for the back of the sanctuary on the south wing. There is a bunch of stuff stored there and it doesn't look very nice. Maybe WELCA could donate towards that in 2023. We will first have to check with the Council. The officers will schedule a meeting after Christmas to work on our book for 2023. Nothing further was discussed and meeting was adjourned. Kaye Snow, Secretary

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NEW YEARS WORD SEARCH

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BARON BRRR COOLIGAN FROST PIRANHA ICE PUFF SNAWFUL BLEAK FLIPRUS ICEAD JOJORA SNOW POKEY CHIEF CHILLY FREEZIE ICE BAT MIZZTER BLIZZARD SORBETTI **WANTED:** Baltic Lutheran is looking for someone to clear the church sidewalk of snow and spread Ice melt when icy. This person would be compensated for each event. Please contact the church office at 605-529-5471 or Pastor Randall. Thank you.

Please contact the Baltic Lutheran's office if you want Offering Envelopes for 2023. 605-529-5471 or email to nidaros@alliancecom.net

Fellowship Serving at Baltic Lutheran Church

Any members who wish to be added to serving for fellowship after Sunday service, please contact the office to add your name. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members. Also, any members who wish to be removed, please contact the office. Call 605-529-5471 and leave a message or email Lisa @ nidaros@alliancecom.net

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.

Anyone interested in picking up and delivering Meals on Wheels to our community, please call the office and sign up. The DNRC provides the meals and we would like your help providing the wheels to deliver these hot lunch meals to those in need. Please call (605-529-5471) or email us at nidaros@alliancecom.net. Thank you for serving.

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of
Jim Park \$20.00 Technology fund
Margaret Hendrickson \$25.00 General Fund undesignated
Faith Christiansen \$25.00 General Fund undesignated
David Ebenwoll \$25.00 General Fund undesignated



MEMBERS

Tanya Vollan - Paul Romsdahl
Betty Jean Benjamin - Donna Lee Boyd
Ryan Voeltz - Rhoda Wold
Ella Riswold - Dorothy Sittig
Barb Lobdell -Shari Fowlds
Peggy Sue Warkenthien
Ed Mellegaard -Brian Linton

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

John Jorgensen—Friend of the Community
Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Clara Shank Gabrielle—Cousin of Karen Doom
Michael Gross—Friend of Jesse and Jenni Hartman
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
Darci Niva—Sister of Ginger Lodmell
Jennifer Even—Friend of the Community
The Family of Jim Park
The Family of Ona DeWitte
The Family of Jarvis Brende

NOVEMBER PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: No Changes Transfers Out: No Changes Baptisms: Walker Raymond

Langland

Weddings: No Changes
Deaths: No Changes

EAST

New Members: No Changes
Transfers Out: No Changes
Baptisms: Rowdy Scott Rick
Weddings: No Changes
Deaths: No Changes

JANUARY NOISY CAN

Baltic: The Adam L. Thompson Foundation

East: Baltic Fire Department



THE ADAM L THOMPSON FOUNDATION

Hearts Mending Hearts

Dedicated to raising awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest through CPR training, AED education and Heart Screenings



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BALTIC NOVEMBER NOISY CAN: \$157.06 SD Salute

EAST NOVEMBER NOISY CAN: \$121.34 Baltic School Angel Tree

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Jan 8 Myron & Diana Nohava Jan 15 Sue Aldrich & Lois Hazel Jan 22 Terry & Kaye Snow Jan 29 Ruth Lee & Sue Aldrich

East Nidaros

Jan 1 & 8 Rob Krogstad &

Dan & Patty Kranz

Jan 15&22 Tom & Becky

Siemonsma &

Jim & Colleen Nielsen

Jan 29 & Randy & Trudy

Hartman &

Rob & Katie Siemonsma

Feb 5



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Monetary Donations always Welcome!

Donations can be mailed to:

PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003

- White Sugar
- Brown Sugar
- Ramen Noodles
- Boxed Potatoes
- Knorr Sides (Pasta & Rice)
- Canned Vegetables
- Boxed Pasta
- Crackers
- Snack Crackers
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Taco Seasoning

- Flour
- Oil
- Sloppy Joe
- Brownie Mix
- Pancake Mix
- Kleenex
- Laundry Soap
- Dish soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toothpaste
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

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.

ANNUAL REPORT REMINDERS

Monday Jan 2—All year end reports due to the office Wednesday Jan 11—Prepare Annual reports to mail Sunday Jan 22—Annual Meeting immediately following service

If you are interested in serving in a position on the Baltic Lutheran Church counsel or another position, please contact the nominating committee for more information as some end of terms are coming up at the end of the year. Positions are generally a 1 year term or 3 year term. Thank you -Dixie Fiala 605-366-2635, Barb Haux 605-941-1797, Corynne Teveldal 605-376-5097.

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