

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



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon Oct 2  | 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Baltic                                                                           |
| Tue Oct 3  | 2pm Bible Study @ East                                                                                 |
| Wed Oct 4  | 6:30pm 8th grade Confirmation @ EN<br>7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ EN                              |
| Thu Oct 5  | 9am Foot Care Clinic at Baltic                                                                         |
| Mon Oct 9  | 6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting                                                                          |
| Tue Oct 10 | 2pm Bible Study @ East<br>7pm East Nidaros Council Meeting                                             |
| Wed Oct 11 | 6:30pm 8th grade Confirmation @ EN<br>7:30pm 7th grade Confirmation @ EN<br>6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open |
| Sun Oct 15 | 9:15 am East Nidaros WELCA meeting                                                                     |
| Mon Oct 16 | <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b><br>6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic                                              |
| Tue Oct 17 | 1pm Bible Study @ East<br>2:30pm PQ @ DNRC                                                             |
| Wed Oct 18 | 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation @ EN<br>7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ EN                             |
| Sun Oct 22 | 11am-1pm MEATBALL DINNER @ Baltic School Common                                                        |
| Mon Oct 23 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic                                                                            |
| Tue Oct 24 | 2pm Bible Study @ East                                                                                 |
| Wed Oct 25 | 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation @ EN<br>7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ EN                             |
| Thu Oct 26 | 9am Newsletter Assembly                                                                                |
| Sat Oct 28 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open                                                                           |
| Mon Oct 30 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic                                                                            |
| Tue Oct 31 | 2pm Bible Study @ East                                                                                 |

## **October 2023 Pulpit Post “The Apocalypse”**

**The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Revelation 1:1**

I took the opportunity to learn more about the book of Revelation at the Fall Theological Conference that was recently held in Pierre in September. Dr. Barbara Rossing, who is a professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and has authored many articles and books on the New Testament led this study. She began this study by encouraging us not to be afraid when preaching and teaching this final book in the bible despite the many scary and uncertain images that John testifies about from the visions that were revealed to him.

The book of Revelation falls into the genre of bible literature described as “apocalyptic”. Often our first impressions of this word is fear which can be fueled by the frightening messages given by the “Left Behind” book series. The word apocalypse simply means “the pulling back of the curtain” and as Christians we know as the “curtain” was already torn away when Jesus was crucified when he opened the gift of salvation to all believers. Jesus' death and resurrection should not leave us in fear but deliver us from fear to faith in Jesus Christ with the certain hope of eternal life.

Another wonderful outcome from the book of Revelation is that more hymns and liturgies for worship have come from the words that John was inspired to write in Revelation compared to any other book in the bible. The book of Revelation uses images of the tree of life and the river of life referring to Genesis where God's story all began. Revelation reminds us that Jesus is the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega.

I hope you too may take the time to read this final book in the Bible. Read it without fear, but knowing what is most important. Jesus' return should be welcomed by believers, and it is the good news that we continue to proclaim to the world, so that we can say like John in his final words of Revelation “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.  
Pastor Randall J. Questad

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*Thank you!*  
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Baltic Lutheran Church ~ Thank you for your support for our food pantry. We appreciate your assistance for our families! Sanford Children's Hospital - Kid's Kitchen.

A special thank you to Carol Brende for the donation of a walker and shower chair to our medical equipment closet. We have many items in the closet for your use free of charge. Please contact Deb Larson 605-351-7958 if you would like to search the closet for your medical equipment needs. East Nidaros Parish.

Thank you to M & L Construction for the donation of Primer for the new closet in the south wing of the sanctuary.

## SAVE THE DATE

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### JOIN US FOR OUR MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, Oct 22, 2023 from 11am-1pm  
at Baltic School Commons.

\$10 Adults \$5 Ages 6-12. Under 5  
free.

Homeade Swedish Meatballs, mashed  
potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner  
roll and bars.

Prep for dinner will be Sat Oct 21 at  
9am at the Baltic School Commons.  
Take out orders available.



## Baltic Council Minutes August 8, 2023

This monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on August 8, 2023. Council members present were: Al Van Eck, Jeff Boldt, Kelly LaValliere, Rick Fiala, Brett Teveldal, Dick Berg, Terry Snow, Wayne Gunderson and Pastor Randall Questad. Not present were Lisa Skelly, J. Serna, Bryce Witzel.

Rick Fiala called the meeting to order, and Brett Teveldal opened the meeting in prayer.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from July 10, 2023, by Brett Teveldal. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Council reviewed financial report from Lisa Skelly.

Motion to approve financial report by Kelly LaValliere. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

### **Trustees' Report**

The closet is ready for texture. The council decided the closet would not be sheet-rocked at this time. There is money left in the budget for shelves.

Dick Berg found out from the city that it would likely be cheaper for the church to get their own bid on the parking lot repair. Jeff Boldt spoke with Seal Pros and their bid was \$2954.85. Motion to approve funds for the parking lot repair to Seal Pros made by Al Van Eck. Second by Wayne Gunderson. Motion carried.

Jeff Boldt knocked down some large wasp nests, so hopefully this will help with the wasp problem.

### **Deacons' Report**

Wayne Gunderson has taken open deacon position.

Al Van Eck has been working on filling greeters and communion assistant roles.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

State Farm representatives Bo Teveldal and Austin Hoflock were here to discuss insurance options for Baltic Lutheran Church. Current insurance policy with Grinnell would cover only the current value of the Church, not the value of a full replacement.

**Baltic Council Minutes  
(continued)**

State Farm policy offers full replacement of what a new church would cost at current market prices of materials. Grinnell holds only a 1% market share in South Dakota. Baltic Lutheran's policy has been increased on average about \$500 per year. State Farm would have a more consistent premium cost. Baltic Lutheran qualifies for a 20% discount on premium. State Farm policy would be about \$2500 more per year, but State Farm will e-mail a more specific quote to Brett Teveldal. Terry Snow recommended that the church have a trailer set up outside for aluminum cans. The cans could then be sold for money to support youth activities. Council will discuss at future meeting.

**Pastor's Report**

The church received a reminder from Bob's Piano Service Inc. about tuning the piano.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday September 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Kelly LaValliere. Second by Brett Teveldal.

Motion carried.



**East Nidaros Council Minutes  
August 8, 2023**

Attendance: Connie Karl – President - Present

Lori Kappler – Vice President - Present

Debra Larson – Treasurer - Present

OPEN – Secretary Open Position/council taking turns with the duties.

Alvina Harvey – Financial Secretary – Present

Jimmie Vollan – Deacon – Absent Rosalie Brende – Deacon – Present

David Dyce – Deacon – Absent Mark Brobjorg – Trustee – Present

Rob Krogstad – Trustee – Present Pastor Randall Questad - Absent

Call To Order: Call to order by President Connie Karl at 6:05PM on August 8, 2023

Secretary Report: Reviewed the secretary report. Rosalie moved to accept Secretary report. Mark second. Passed.

Pastor Report: Absent

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## East Nidaros Council Meeting (Continued)

Treasurer Report: Donations keeping us in a positive direction. Rob Krogstad moved to accept. Mark Brobjorg seconded. Question: is there a formal process to contact members who leave?

Deacon Report: No report.

Trustee Report: Deb Larson ordered defib unit and battery through the Adam Thompson Foundation. Approx. delivery 6-8 weeks. Approx cost \$800-\$1000 donation to the Foundation. Roof and bell tower on-going need. Ceiling soft behind sanctuary. This is an immediate need. Mark Brobjorg trimmed, weeded, sprayed, removed wasps – general outdoor cleanup for VBS.

Old Business: Search on going for organist. Pastor Randall is scheduling substitutes for both churches. Vacation bible school August 11. 84 children have signed up from the community. Lori, Kendra, and Kayla Kappler leading this effort. Need volunteers from Baltic Lutheran Church. Expenses to be shared 50/50 with Baltic Lutheran Church. East Nidaros Ice Cream Social on July 16 netted \$883. Rosalie Brende led the effort. Approximately 100 people attended. Funds to be directed to WELCA.

New Business: Nicole gave report on current needs of Sunday School. Currently 7 children expressed interest and one teacher. Special congregational meeting scheduled for August 27 11:45am to discuss the future of East Nidaros Sunday School.

A postcard will be sent to all congregation members. Rosalie Brende and Nicole to lead the meeting.

Next Council Meeting: August 27 11:45 special meeting; next council meeting September 12 7PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Rosalie Brende motion to adjourn. Lori Kappler second. Closed with Lord's Prayer at 7:00pm.

East Nidaros could use a sewing machine if anyone has one they are willing to donate. We also need fillers for our quilts. We use blankets and mattress pads Queen or King size. Call Alvina at 605-529-5328. Thank you.



## Joint Council Minutes August 8, 2023

The joint council meeting of East Nidaros Lutheran Church and Baltic Lutheran Church was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Al Van Eck, Jeff Boldt, Kelly LaValliere, Rick Fiala, Brett Teveldal, Dick Berg, Terry Snow, Wayne Gunderson, Connie Karl, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Rob Krogstad, Mark Brobjorg, Alvine Harvey, Lori Kappler, Debra Larson, and Pastor Randall Questad.

Rick Fiala called the meeting to order, and Pastor Randall opened in prayer.

Motion to approve minutes from joint council meeting on May 9, 2023, by Jeff Boldt. Second by Al Van Eck. Motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Randall reported that the church will have a float in Baltic Dog Days parade on Saturday, August 12, 2023, and he is asking for congregation members to participate. The parade will be at 11:00 am. The councils discussed how to distribute Noisy Can funds and offerings during Community Worship during the Dog Days weekend. Each council decided that each church will have its own bucket for offering and the Noisy Can offering will go to St. Dysmas ministries.

Kendra Kappler has accepted a position in as a youth ministry director in Garretson, so will be less available to assist Pastor Randall going forward. Pastor Randall will be splitting up the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation groups into two different time slots on Wednesday nights, as he will be the only one teaching this year. Pastor Randall brought up options for next year's Northern Rim youth trip. He presented the option of attending the Lutheran Youth Organization National Convention in New Orleans next year.

Pastor Randall will be leaving on vacation on August 16, 2023.

### **Old Business**

Connie Karl presented a proposal for a church directory from Unique Church Solutions. Connie will have Paul Swanson with this company come to next joint council meeting to show product and discuss options with councils. *(continued on page 8)*

Lori Kappler reported that she has 84 kids signed up for VBS on Friday August 11, 2023, and volunteers are covered. Al Van Eck asked Prairie Farms to donate 100 half pints of milk and Wayne Gunderson will pick it up on Wednesday August 9, 2023.

A permanent person to fill the pianist/organist position is still needed. Jeff Boldt will renew the online job request. Everyone has been happy with the current rotation of individuals who have been helping fill this role this summer.

**New Business** No new business

Next Joint Council meeting to be held Tuesday November 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm at East Nidaros Lutheran Church. Individual council meetings to start at 6:00 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Boldt. Second by Rob Krogstad. Motion carried. The meeting

## Fellowship Coffee and Treats

### Baltic

Oct 1 Lynda Johnson  
&8 Judy & Dale Thompson

### East Nidaros

Oct 1 Deb Larson  
Rosalie Riswold-Brende  
Oct 8 Mark Brobjorg

### Baltic

Oct 15 Barb & Shane Haux  
Jason & Ann Aberson

### East Nidaros

Oct 15 Ginger Lodmell  
& 22 Dan & Cindi Schmidt

## AUGUST PARISH RECORD CHANGES

### BALTIC

**New Members:** *Thomas & Trista Breckenridge Family*  
**Transfers Out:** *Trevor Paulsen Family*  
**Baptisms:** *Kalie Rae Nesheim*  
*Kroy Eric Nesheim*  
*Eastin Lee Breckenridge*  
**Weddings:** *No Changes*  
**Deaths:** *Mark James Sponheim*

### EAST

**New Members:** *No Changes*  
**Transfers Out:** *Mark Berndt Family*  
**Baptisms:** *No Changes*  
**Weddings:** *No Changes*  
**Deaths:** *Jonathon Stuart Paulsness*



## **BLC WELCA MEETING**

WELCA met following worship on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Joann called the meeting to order. Judy gave an update on the Meatball dinner and that we are still shopping around for the best prices on meat. A reminder that there are signup sheets in the foyer for volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday.

Kaye mentioned hanging a curtain on the window above the serving counter in the kitchen. When we are getting food ready for funerals, it would help with privacy for both the family and the workers. Kaye will order the track and Pam volunteered to make/alter a curtain. Joanne also mentioned there used to be lights above that counter and would be nice to have some installed again. We will look into some sort of lighting.

There are 9 large round tables in the upstairs closet that rarely get used. We will research who purchased the tables and what can be done with them. There was discussion regarding fellowship after church during the summer months {June, July, Augusts}. We will discuss that further at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kaye Snow, Secretary

## **Baltic Sunday School**

We are looking for a person or persons to direct and organize the BLC Sunday School Christmas Program. If you are interested, please contact Angie Aspaas at [daam\\_03@hotmail.com](mailto:daam_03@hotmail.com) or (605) 941-6318.

## **OCTOBER NOISY CAN**

**Baltic: Veteran's Cemetery**  
**East: The Banquet**

**BALTIC AUGUST NOISY CAN:**  
**\$374.47 St. Dysmas Ministry**

**EAST AUGUST NOISY CAN:**  
**\$394.69 St. Dysmas Ministry**

## Baltic WELCA Swedish Meatball Dinner

Volunteers for the Swedish Meatball dinner are needed on Saturday Oct 21 and Sunday October 22. You can sign up on our website. Go to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C44A4AC2FABF94-44646154-swedish> . You can also visit our church Website under Announcements.

*The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:*

**Baltic:** In Memory of

John Peterson \$10.00 Technology Fund

Jonathon Paulsness \$10.00 Technology Fund

### MEMBERS

Paul Romsdahl - Betty Jean Benjamin

Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold

Ella Riswold - Dorothy Sittig

Jimmie Vollan—Nathan Vrchota

Kelly LaValliere

Family of Norman Nielsen

### FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community

Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community

Laurel Mader -Friend of Pastor & Kim Questad

Deb Bender— Cousin of Charlotte Hasvold

Keith Faucett—Kyla Faucett's (Nesheim) father-in-law

Jan Davis—Friend of the Community

Carla Zoeller—Mother of Nicole Voeltz

Anita (Ana) Reategui—Friend of Jeff and Joan Boldt

Valeria Voeltz—Mother of Ryan Voeltz

Jean Hetlet—Friend of the Community





## 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 Pasta
- Boxed Pasta
- Spices
- Breakfast Bars
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pudding
- Jelly
- Taco Seasoning
- Jello
- Canned Fruit
- Mac N Cheese
- Stuffing
- Juice
- Coffee
- Flour
- Oil
- Sloppy Joe
- Brownie Mix
- Pancake Mix
- Kleenex
- Laundry Soap
- Dish soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toilet Paper

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

Items may be dropped off at  
City, Hall, Baltic School  
District in the red box in the  
Commons or in the Baltic  
Narthex or  
East Nidaros Fellowship Hall.

The Baltic Lutheran Church and East Nidaros Church are looking for an organist/pianist. This person would play Sundays, for the Choir as requested and for special services. If you would like to be considered , please contact the church office at 605-594-5471 or send an email to: [nidaros@alliancecom.net](mailto:nidaros@alliancecom.net)

# Parish the Thought

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