

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed Nov 1 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros
6:30pm 8th grade Confirmation @ BLC
7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ BLC
- Thu Nov 2 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros
9am PQ at Orchard Hills/DNRC Holy Communion
5:30-6:30pm 6th gr. Intro to Confirmation @ BLC
- Mon Nov 6 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC
- Wed Nov 8 6:30pm 8th grade Confirmation @ BLC
7:30pm 7th grade Confirmation @ BLC
6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open
- Fri Nov 10-Sun Nov 12 Confirmation Retreat at Okoboji
- Mon Nov 13 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Nov 14 6pm Baltic Council Meeting at EN
6pm East Council Meeting at EN
7pm Joint Council Meeting at EN
- Wed Nov 15 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation @ BLC
7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ BLC
- Sat Nov 18 10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open
- Mon Nov 20 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Wed Nov 22 NO CONFIRMATION
- Thu Nov 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Mon Nov 27 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
- Wed Nov 29 6:30pm 8th grade Confirmation @BLC
7:30 7th grade Confirmation @ BLC
- Thu Nov 30 9am Newsletter Assembly

November 2023 Pulpit Post “Give Thanks”

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **Psalms 95:2**

Thanksgiving is clearly one of my favorite holidays. No doubt the abundance of some of my favorite foods is a reason I look forward to this one day of the year. Thanksgiving Day is quite unusual for many to take a break from a day that is often filled with the busyness of life and stop for a few hours and relax watching a parade or football game while enjoying the company of friends and family.

The first Thanksgiving also highlighted a gathering of family and friends who took time to enjoy a meal together. In the fall of 1621, this gathering of people gave thanks for the harvest that they received. No one told them that now harvest was done and that this gathering was necessary or required. The first Thanksgiving of this gathering was a spontaneous response to give thanks for what had been given to them. Although we don't look to scripture to find this first Thanksgiving event that is celebrated in the United States, the bible has many examples where people returned thanks to their God who had provided for them.

Thanksgiving for a Christian is not just an annual single day to take a moment to “give thanks”, but it is a daily response and a way of life. In the life of a Christian, we believe that we are only creatures, and we have a divine Creator who gives us everything that we have. Therefore, we are not obligated or required to “give thanks” (the book of life will not be recording the number of times that you will be thankful), but we will faithfully and gladly respond by “giving thanks”. Nor do we believe that our responses of “thanksgiving” is what triggers our Lord to give us more to be thankful for.

Luther's meaning to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed reminds us that our Heavenly Father provides for us out of his divine goodness and mercy even though we don't deserve these blessings, but it is then that we surely ought to thank and praise, serve, and obey him. What better place to respond with thanksgiving, but to enter his courts, his church, and gather with friends and family to offer thanksgiving and praise!

Happy Thanksgiving, every day!

Pastor Randall J. Questad

Thank you!

Thank you to the National Philanthropic Trust for a donation of \$1735.00 in memory of Jerry & Shari Fowlds. East Nidaros Parish.

Thank you for your gift in support of St. Dysmas. In addition to serving active inmates, we are also serving those who have recently been released from prison, through the St. Dysmas Re-Entry Program. None of this powerful ministry would be possible without the much appreciated support. We welcome your prayers, your financial support and your presence in worship with us when you have the opportunity. Pastor Jeff Backer

East Nidaros Quilting Ministry would like to thank Kathy, Karen & Deb for solving our sewing machine needs. We are very grateful.

The Baltic WELCA would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with our Meatball Dinner and brought bars for dessert. A special thank you to the men that helped both Saturday and Sunday to cook and do the heavy lifting. We had another successful dinner and served 289 meals.

SAVE THE DATE



East Nidaros Soup Supper

November 5, 2023

Join us from 4-6pm for Soup, Dessert and Fellowship.

Free Will Offering supporting our Fuel Fund.



East Nidaros Council Minutes September 12, 2023

The monthly meeting of the East Nidaros Council was held on September 12, 2023, at East Nidaros Church. Attendance: Connie Karl, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Alvina Harvey, Deb Larson, Lori Kappler, Rob Krogstad, Jim Vollan, David Dyce, Mark Brobjorg, Pastor Randall
Call to order: Connie Karl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall opened the meeting with Prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Randall will be attending the Fall Theological Conference in Pierre September 17th through the 19th. Confirmation Orientation for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at Baltic Lutheran on September 13th. Confirmation will alternate churches by month. Confirmation students and parents will be serving the Banquet on October 11th. Tentatively planning the Okoboji re-charge camp for confirmation students – either November 3rd through the 5th or November 10th through the 12th. The other option would be a Shetek camp, the date would be decided upon later. Pastor Randall will get Confirmation Student/Parent input. There will be a Northern Rim Youth group meeting on September 24th to discuss possibly going to the National Youth Gathering next summer in New Orleans. The cost for the National Youth Gathering will be approximately \$1200 per student. Pastor Randall plans to start Bible Study again – Days/Times will be determined.

Secretary Report: Motion by Rob Krogstad to approve the August meeting minutes and David Dyce seconded, Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Printed Financial Report given to Council members. Monthly offerings have decreased. Continual decrease in Church attendance. An average of 30 people attend Sunday morning Church services. Council members will brainstorm ideas on what may bring members back to Church. Motion by Mark Brobjorg to accept the Treasurer's Report and Lori Kappler seconded, Motion Carried.

Deacon's Report: Jim Vollan to start home visits again – will get list of names/addresses from Pastor Randall.

Trustee's Report: Rob Krogstad continues to check on estimates for Church Roof/Bell Tower repair. There is a new light on the flagpole.

East Council Minutes (continued)

Old Business: Church Roof and Bell Tower in need of repairs. Sunday School Kick-off will be on September 17th starting at 9:17am.

New Business: The new AED has been installed – there will be training at the October Council meeting. \$800.00 donation will be made to the Adam Thompson Foundation for supplying the AED. Soup Supper will be held on November 5th. Discussed monthly Birthday/Anniversary celebrations for Congregational members - decision was made to serve cake in place of fellowship on the 2nd Sunday of every month starting in October. Dan Uthe wants to donate a quilt to the Church.

Noisy Can Offerings

September: Foster Kids

October: Banquet

November: Angel Tree

December: Shetek

Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings will be decided at the next Council meeting.

Next Council Meeting will be held on October 10th at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Krogstad and seconded by Mark Brobjorg, Motion Carried.

Quilting Ministry continues at East Nidaros each month on the first Wednesday and Thursday morning of the month. Nearly 100 quilts made from donated fabric are delivered to Lutheran World Relief and local charities each year. **Quilts and Foster Network bags will be displayed in the East Nidaros Sanctuary November 12-19.** All are welcome to join this effort. No particular sewing skills are required. Please reach out to Alvina Harvey if you would like to help.



On October 11, 2023, this group of confirmation students and parents provided the hands and feet to serve around 300 guests that came to the downtown Banquet location to receive a meal. We all received a tour of the Banquet facility before our serving began to better understand the behind-the-scenes workings of the Banquet and other services the Banquet provides throughout the year. The Banquet thanks our parish for our continued support in serving the meal and providing the financial resources for purchasing the meal for those we served. The Hallelujah Hooligans provided music for the guests as they were served. If you are interested in helping serve the banquet as they need extra help, you can “Become an Angel” by calling the Banquet at 605.335.7066 or emailing them at volunteer@thebanquetsf.org. We look forward to setting another date to serve the Banquet again next year!

*I will praise
the name
of God
with a song,
and will
magnify him with*

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 69:30





We welcome the gift of music from the First Lutheran of Sioux Falls Youth Singers and Bell Choir to Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros during our worship services on November 19, 2023.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Nov 5 Marc & Manda Sheaffer
 Rona & Ryan Sinding

East Nidaros

Nov 5 Janet Leffring & Larry
 Hemmer
 Wayne & JoAnn Albers

Baltic

Nov 12 Corynne & Brett Teveldal
 & 19 Tammy & Todd Park

East Nidaros

Nov 12 November Birthdays
 Nov 19 Dustin & Elizabeth Stoel
 & 26 Sara & Scott Grunewaldt

SEPTEMBER 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: *Norman Nielsen*

Baltic Madrigal 2023



We invite you, dear friends to our second Baltic Madrigal on Friday, Dec 1 at 6pm, Saturday, Dec 2 at 6pm or Sunday, Dec 3 at 4pm. To purchase tickets, go to this link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baltic-madrigal-tickets-740120108167?aff=oddtcreator>

NOVEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Angel Tree
East: Angel Tree

BALTIC SEPTEMBER NOISY CAN:
\$196.70 The Banquet

EAST SEPTEMBER NOISY CAN:
\$82.67 The Foster Network

MAIL BOX REMINDER

Please remember to check your church mailbox when attending service as we place things in your mailboxes periodically. Thank you.

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of

Wayne Wetzbarger \$50.00 Building Fund

Ann Seely \$25.00 Undesignated General Fund

Dorothy Sittig \$40.00 Undesignated General Fund

John Moe \$50.00 Undesignated General Fund

East: In Memory of

Jerry & Shari Fowlds \$1735.00

MEMBERS

Paul Romsdahl - Betty Jean Benjamin

Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold

Jimmie Vollan—Nathan Vrchota

Kelly LaValliere

Family of Jean Hetlet

Family of Ella Riswold

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community

Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community

Laurel Mader -Friend of Pastor & Kim Questad

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

Lee Allen Teveldal—Brett Teveldal's Father

Carolyn Koopman—Aunt of Kim Questad

Carol, Billy, Nicole, Chad, Dane, Noah, Brian & Lisa—Family of Eric & Lindsey Comes





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.

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 or (605) 941-6318.

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

Parish the Thought

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