



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Thur Dec 1 | 9am Foot Care Clinic @ Baltic |
| Mon Dec 5 | 1pm East Quilting meeting
6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC |
| Tue Dec 6 | 1pm Bible Study @EN
2:30pm PQ worship @ DNRC
7 pm East Council Meeting |
| Wed Dec 7 | 6:30-7:30 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at EN
6:30-7:30pm Food Bank open |
| Thur Dec 8 | 8:30-noon East Quilting |
| Mon Dec 12 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC |
| Tue Dec 13 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN
6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting |
| Wed Dec 14 | 6:30-7:30 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at EN |
| Sat Dec 17 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank open |
| Sun Dec 18 | Christmas Program BLC 9am Baltic School
Christmas Program EN @ 10:30am |
| Mon Dec 19 | Northern Rim Youth serving @ The Banquet
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC |
| Tue Dec 20 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN |
| Sat Dec 24 | Christmas Eve services 3:30pm @ BLC
5:30pm @EN |
| Sun Dec 25 | Joint Christmas Day service 10am @ Baltic |
| Thur Dec 29 | 9am Newsletter Assembly |
| Sat Dec 31 | New Year's Eve |

December 2022 Pulpit Post

“All In”

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24:1

Memorize this short verse. It may change how you look at everything you do. This was the central theme of the Confirmation Camp that several of our 7th and 8th grade students experienced at the Okoboji Youth Recharge Camp in November.

These words are a simple, but powerful way to look at stewardship. Most often when we talk about stewardship, the first thing that often comes to our minds is money. Of course, you have heard it enough that you also know that stewardship deals with how and where we also spend our time and our talents. But whether it is money, time, or talents, all these sound like you are being asked to do more or to go “all in”.

This verse refocuses where stewardship begins. It doesn’t begin with what we should do with what is ours. Instead, it informs us that everything that we have is not ours to begin with. Instead, God is “all in” for you by entrusting you to be a good steward of what was his from the beginning. Removing you from being the giver of what you have to the Lord who has given you everything you have will change our mindset from fear of running out to the freedom to give generously. Camp counselors taught these youth several practical examples of what this looks like in their lives. When God is just one of the many important things that revolve around them, God gets some of their attention when it is convenient. However, when God is in the center of all we do, we will include him in “all” things. Students were invited to consider what they might do differently with their friends, family, schoolwork, and activities knowing that they were gifts from God to begin with.

This verse was not meant just for youth. In fact, the more we have, the more we likely need to be reminded that the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. The church gives us many opportunities to be stewards of what the Lord has given us to give to others.

The Lord is “all in” for you, let us respond by being “all in” with the good gifts that we have received.

May God’s peace be with you, and I pray you have a Merry Christmas,
Pastor Randall J. Questad



Baltic Council Minutes October 11, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church October 11, 2022. Council members present were: Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, Al VanEck, Lori Berg, Dick Berg, John Sinding, Gary Gregg, Myron Nohava, Diana Nohava, and Pastor Randall. Not present: J. Serna, Jeff Boldt, and Bryce Witzel.

Karen Sinding called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall opened in prayer.

Myron Nohava made a motion to approve the September 13th meeting minutes, second by Gary Gregg, motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Thank you for the gift of appreciation.

Tomorrow (Wednesday October 12th) we will be serving at the banquet on the West side of Sioux Falls.

November 6-8 Pastor will be gone in Chamberlain. No bible study.

Youth gathering for "Youth Recharge" in Okoboji. November 11-13.

\$99 for the weekend. 9 kids going. Pastor rented a vehicle.

Reed Christopherson will be filling in on the 13th for Pastor during this time.

November 21st other hip surgery.

Financial Report:

Diana Nohava emailed the financial reports.

Al VanEck made a motion to approve the September financials, second by John Sinding. Motion carried.

Trustees' Report:

Water heater quit working. Dells Plumbing is coming, may have to replace it.

Looking for people for snow removal. Contacting Cody Sundermann regarding parking lot snow removal.

Steve Schmidt and Terry Snow are going to build a platform for the new area for the technology equipment. Pews have already been moved.

Air conditioners off.

Deacons' Report:

Noisy can for November goes to SD Salutes.

Old Business:

Electronic sign has the meter socket in place and waiting for Xcel to fire it up. We will need to add the monthly charge for the service in our new budget.

Constitution Changes: Pastor Jonathon Vehar -

Synod Parliamentarian will help with revisions. Must make mandatory updates required by the synod. Committee set up to make recommendations. Lori will lead the group. Other members: Diana, Dick, and Karen.

New Business:

AED – Kristin checked, and the battery is ok but too old so new one is needed. \$1500 - \$2000 to replace the AED. We will replace it if funds become available. Motion to fund the AED by Gary, 2nd by Myron, motion carried.

Swedish Meatball Dinner October 23 at school commons.

Volunteers needed.

Personnel committee met with Randall and Lisa.

Next Council Meeting: November 15, 2022. East Nidaros Church, 6:00pm for individual meetings, joint meeting at 7:00 pm

Lords Prayer

Motion to adjourn by Al, 2nd by Diana, motion carried.



East Nidaros Council Minutes October 11, 2022

The monthly meeting of the East Nidaros Council was held at East Nidaros Lutheran Church on October 11, 2022. Attendance: Mark Brobjorg, Connie Karl, Deb Larson, Alvina Harvey, Rosalie Brende, Jim Vollan, Lori Kappler, Pastor Randall Questad. Not Present: Jesse Hartman, David Dyce.

Call to Order: Connie Karl called the meeting to order

Pastor Randall Opened with Prayer and Scripture Reading

Motion by Mark Brobjorg to approve the September 2022 meeting minutes, and Deb Larson seconded, Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: Baltic and East Nidaros Churches along with the Confirmation students will be serving the Banquet (west location) on October 12th and the Hallelujah Hooligans will be performing. Plan to continue serving the Banquet annually.

Pastor Randall attending the 1st Call Retreat in Chamberlin November 6th – 8th.

Pastor Randall, Kendra Kappler, and the Confirmation students will be attending a Youth Recharge Camp in Okoboji November 11th – 13th (Camp starts on Friday night and will conclude at noon on Sunday.) The theme for the camp is “All In” Pastor Randall has rented a van for transportation. Reid Christopherson will be leading worship services on Sunday, November 13th.

Introduction to Confirmation class with 6th grade (10 students) on Wednesday, October 5th.

Pastor Randall planning second hip surgery on November 21st.

Treasurer’ Report: Financial report printed and presented to Council members. Church offerings have increased. Propane estimate has increased this year. Deb Larson requesting to buy a computerized Carbonite back up program for QuickBooks at a cost of \$67.19. Jim Vollan made a motion to approve \$67.19 for the backup program and seconded by Alvina Harvey, Motion carried. Mark Brobjorg made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Lori Kappler seconded, Motion Carried.

Deacon’s Report: Rosalie Brende has joined the Church Council as a Deacon.

Trustee’s Report: David Daugaard emailed pictures from inside the church bell tower, wood rotting and gaps around edges that need to be caulked from the outside and interior roof needs attention for resealing – David Daugaard checking into a contracting company to get this fixed. David Daugaard has patched missing shingles on church roof, filled in gaps in the Sunday School rooms to prevent mice and bats entering the ceiling.

Mark Brobjorg has contacted and left message for Pella to inspect sash on the windows.

Mark Brobjorg changed the furnace filters and should be good to go for winter.

Old Business: Soup supper will be held at East Nidaros Lutheran Church on November 6th. Soup supper planning meeting was held on October 4th at East Nidaros.

New Business: Budget meeting was held on October 11th – Discussed potentially taking out Workman’s compensation for wage earners – Deb Larson will continue to research.

Deb Larson asked the Council to actively seek a new Church Treasurer. Council discussed hiring a potential accounting firm or an Individual Certified Public Accountant. Rosalie Brende will contact a potential accountant she knows, and Deb Larson will contact KMWF accountants in Dell Rapids for bookkeeping estimates. Estimates will be reported back to the council via email.

Baptism for Rowdy Rick on November 20th. Alvina Harvey will check on Baptismal banner.

Motion was made by Alvina Harvey to designate Thanksgiving offering to Disaster Relief for Hurricane Ian. Mark Brobjorg seconded; Motion carried.

Next Council meeting will be held at East Nidaros on November 15 with Baltic. Individual meeting at 6pm and Joint meeting at 7pm.

The Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Deb Larson and seconded by Rosalie Brende, Motion carried.

Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros Joint Council Meeting

November 15, 2022

The Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros joint council meeting was held at East Nidaros on November 15, 2022. Council Members present were Debra Larson, Mark Brobjorg, Lori Kappler, Connie Karl, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, David Daugaard, Pastor Randall, Karen Sinding, Alvina Harvey, John Sinding, Gary Gregg, Lori Berg, Richard Berg, David Dyce, Shirlene Allgier, Jeff Boldt, Myron Nohava, Diana Nohava and Allen VanEck.

Connie Karl called the meeting to order.

Katie Chapman from Shetek Lutheran Ministries gave a presentation.

The minutes from the last meeting on August 16, 2022, were emailed. Motion by Deb Larson, second by Myron Nohava to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

There are 18 confirmation students this year and Kendra Kappler is assisting. Okoboji Bible Camp went well. Pastor would like to investigate a weeklong camp for this next summer. Northern Rim Youth Group meeting will be on November 20th and Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros will be hosting. Sunday School Christmas programs for both churches will be held on December 18th.

Financial Report:

Discussed/Reviewed Joint Church expenses – Joint expenses will be based on confirmed members from each church. Baltic Lutheran will pay 60% and East Nidaros will pay 40% for the following: Pastor Salary, Postage Master, Office Depot, Portals of Prayer, and Concordia Publishing.

Baltic Lutheran will pay 50% and East Nidaros will pay 50% for the following: Alliance, New Century Press, Access Systems, Sundays in Seasons Liturgy and Pulpit Supply.

Motion by Diana Nohava to approve the Joint Church expenses and seconded by Myron Nohava. Motion carried

Discussed Salaries and Compensation – Motion was made by Myron Nohava to leave Pastor's salary the same as last year and seconded by Mark Brobjorg, Motion carried.

New Business:

Annual Meeting Date will be January 22, 2023, following church services. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting would be held on January 29th. Annual Reports need to be turned into the Administrative Assistant by January 2, 2023.

Discussed having one joint church service on Christmas Day this year (2022) and one joint Christmas Eve service in 2023. A joint Christmas Day service will be held in Baltic at 10am this year and a joint Christmas Eve Service will be held at East Nidaros in 2023. Deb Larson made the motion to approve the joint services and Myron Nohava seconded. Motion carried.

Christmas Eve Services 2022: Baltic Lutheran at 3:30pm and East Nidaros at 5:30pm.

Next Foot Care Clinic will be on February 9th at Baltic Lutheran Church. Need two volunteers from East Nidaros.

Next Joint Council Meeting will be early February 2023. Motion by John Sinding, seconded by David Dyce to adjourn the meeting. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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



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

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Darrel McMahon—Brother of Ann Romsdahl
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
Renae Nelson-Friend of the Community
Ona DeWitte—Mother of Lisa Olson
Darci Niva –Sister of Ginger Lodmell
Jennifer Even—Friend of the Community
Kami Van Sickle—Daughter of Tom & Becky Siemonsma

BALTIC WELCA MEETING

WELCA meeting was held November 20, 2022, after worship. Joann brought the meeting to order. The officers for 2022 will continue for 2023. Joan has said she does not want to oversee any fund-raiser for 2023. A committee of 3 or 4 people will oversee brainstorming for a possible new fund-raiser. The meatball dinner this year was a success however the numbers were down from last year. The decorating committee is working out well. Thank you to Dianna, Lori, and Pat for taking care of decorating the church. Lois will continue with making sure there are flowers on the alter and downstairs on the tables. Thank you, Lois.

There was discussion on getting people to sign up for the alter committee or to get communion ready. It was decided that we will have six people/couples that will take care of this, and they will be responsible for 4 Sundays during the year. Thank you to all those who have volunteered this year and have signed up for 2023.

We will continue with Fellowship Sundays after worship. We would

like to have 2 people or couples each Sunday to help with this. If you do not want to be included in bringing goodies and serving coffee, please contact one of the officers or call the church office within the next 2 or 3 weeks.

We will be working on next year's book soon and want to make sure we have that information.

WELCA will again buy Christmas gifts for the shut-in of our parish. There will be volunteers to deliver them.

There was discussion again regarding a new side-by-side refrigerator for the kitchen. A group of 2 or 3 will start shopping for one.

WELCA will be donating to only local charities this year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kaye Snow, Secretary

DECEMBER NOISY CAN	BALTIC OCTOBER NOISY CAN: \$255.54 SD Veteran's Cemetery EAST OCTOBER NOISY CAN: \$794.93 The Banquet
Baltic: Baltic Food Bank East: Baltic Food Bank	

December Noisy Can is Baltic Food Bank
 This charitable organization helps support families in need in the Baltic Community. Your generous gift allows us the opportunity to purchase needed items that we are in short supply of in our food pantry.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<u>Dec 4 & 11</u> <u>Baltic</u> Corynne & Brett Teveldal 376-5097 Ann & Paul Romsdahl 334-9111	<u>Dec 4</u> <u>East Nidaros</u> Mark Brobjorg 351-5917 David & Melissa Daugaard 999-8290
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<p>January Newsletter Deadline: Monday December 19, 2022</p>	<u>Dec 11 & 18</u> <u>East Nidaros</u> Rosalie Riswold-Brende 376-0452 Doug & Karly Nohava 366-5259
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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.



East Nidaros Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18 @ 10:30am service. Don't miss the Annual Cookie Sale! After the program, we will have lunch with soup, hot dogs and desserts! Make plans to attend!

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.

Parish the Thought

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