

FEBRUARY



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed Feb 1 6:30-7:30 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at East
- Sun Feb 5 4pm Joint Council Retreat @ Pastor Randall's house
- Mon Feb 6 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC
- Tue Feb 7 2pm Bible Study @ EN
- Wed Feb 8 8:30am East Nidaros Quilting
6:30-7:30 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at East
6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open
- Thur Feb 9 9am-3pm Foot Care Clinic at Baltic
8:30am East Nidaros Quilting
- Mon Feb 13 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC
- Tues Feb 14 2pm Bible Study @ EN
- Wed Feb 15 6:30-7:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation at East
- Fri Feb 17 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Sun Feb 19 9:15am WELCA meeting for East Nidaros
5pm Northern Rim Youth Meeting @ Renner
- Mon Feb 20 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
- Tue Feb 21 2pm Bible Study @ EN
- Wed Feb 22 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
5:30 Worship at East
7:00 Worship at Baltic
- Thur Feb 23 9am Newsletter Assembly
- Sat Feb 25 10:30-11:30am Food Bank open
- Mon Feb 27 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC
- Tue Feb 28 2pm Bible Study @ EN

February 2023 Pulpit Post

“A Life of Faith”

You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15:16-17

Our Lenten Theme this year “A Life of Faith” is based on the work that Greg Johnson, pastor at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, Valley Springs, SD did this past year during his sabbatical and has made available for us to use.

In John 15, we learn that we are chosen by God. As God’s chosen people we are also appointed to go out into the world to serve and love our neighbors. Pastor Greg’s study has provided us with six ways that we are called into “A Life of Faith.” On Ash Wednesday, you will learn that “We Are Claimed” into this life of faith. In each of the following 5 Mid-Week Lenten services, you will learn that “We Are Fed”, “We Are United”, “We Are Taught”, “We Are Saved” and “We Are Sent”. The good news about this great commandment is that we are given all that we need to accomplish God’s work. We will “bear fruit that will last” because our Heavenly Father will give us whatever we need as we live out this “Life of Faith”.

Another exciting feature of this Lenten Series is that you will have an opportunity to hear from even more pastors this year. We have enjoyed hearing from Pastor Laura Philips from Renner Lutheran, Pastor Tom Stadem from the Benton-Willow Creek Parish, and from Pastor Jared Rakness from West Nidaros Lutheran for several years now, but this year you will have the opportunity also to hear from Pastor Herb Wounded Head III from the Colton Lutheran Parish, Pastor Corey Scott from Zion Lutheran in Garretson, Pastor Elias Youngquist from Zion Lutheran in rural Hartford, and Kendra Kappler from our own parish and student at University of Sioux Falls.

Details of the schedule are provided in this newsletter and will be available on our website and in the weekly bulletins throughout the Lenten Season. Please make plans to join us during this Lenten Season as we are reminded of the ways that we are equipped by our Heavenly Father to carry out his work as we serve and love our neighbors by living “A Life of Faith”.

Pastor Randall J. Questad

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Thank you!
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Thank you card from Furniture Mission:

Thank you dearly for choosing the Furniture Mission. Your generous donation is a blessing. We can serve many families because of you. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! Blessings always, Furniture Mission of South Dakota. Donation of \$520.50 from East Nidaros Lutheran Church.

Thank you to all who supported our East Nidaros Sunday School Bake Sale! The Sunday School raised \$249.00!

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We'd like to thank you for designating your Christmas offering to the Baltic Food Bank. Your very generous donation came at a much needed time with the high grocery prices and holiday/winter season. We so appreciate the community support as we help our neighbors in need.

Also, - Thank you to the kids and your congregants for December's Noisy Can collections. What a great way to help th ecommunity and get many involved. Much Appreciated.

Board of Baltic Food Bank

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Baltic Council Minutes December 20, 2022

December 20, 2022, Baltic Lutheran Council Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church December 20, 2022. Council members present were: Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, Al VanEck, Lori Berg, Dick Berg, John Sinding, J. Serna, Gary Gregg, Myron Nohava, Diana Nohava, Jeff Boldt, and Pastor Randall. Not present: Bryce Witzel. Karen Sinding called the meeting to order. Pastor opened in prayer.

Myron Nohava made a motion to have the Christmas offering go to the Baltic Food Bank, second by Al VanEck, motion carried.

Jeff Boldt made a motion to approve the November 15th meeting minutes, second by Al VanEck, motion carried.

Financial Report:

Diana Nohava emailed the financial reports. John Sinding made a motion to approve the November Financials, second by Dick Berg, motion carried. Al VanEck made motion to approve the 2023 Budget, second by Shirlene Allgier, motion carried.

Trustees' Report:

Snow removal of sidewalks, we will put something in the newsletter and bulletin to find someone. It was discussed to have a group text for Trustees in regard to snow removal and such. J. will check with Tony Lee on snow removal.

Deacons' Report:

Noisy can for January goes to Adam Thompson Foundation. Motion by Al VanEck, second by Jeff Boldt, motion carried.

Old Business:

Electronic sign update, all is working well! Thank you, Gary, for all your work. Process on technology, moving it to the back of the church after Christmas. Looking at getting a table set up for the mixer. Annual Reports due January 2nd. Must be postmarked by January 12th. We will put in bulletin for volunteers to help with stapling. Myron Nohava made a motion to mail if East is ok with it, second by Al VanEck, motion carried.

New Business:

Foot Care Clinic date changes, 2nd Thursday of even months (it was 1st Thursday). Feb. 9, April 13, June 8, Aug. 10, Oct. 12, Dec. 14. Any volunteers let Karen know. Christmas gifts for staff. \$50 to Lisa, Brett, and organist. Motion by Shirlene Allgier to approve, second by Myron Nohava, motion carried.

Pastor Report:

Christmas program was impressive! Everyone did a great job. Lenten Services may change this year, looking to open up to more churches/pastors. Busy week coming with 2 funerals, Christmas Services. Communion at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.

The West Banquet was served by the Northern Rim Group.

Next Council Meeting: January 10, 2022. Baltic Lutheran Church, 6:30pm.

Myron Nohava made a motion to adjourn, second by Diana Nohava. Motion carried. Closed with Lord's Prayer.



East Nidaros Council Minutes December 12, 2022

East Nidaros Council Meeting December 6, 2022

The monthly meeting of the East Nidaros Council was held on December 6, 2022. Attendance: Connie Karl, Mark Brobjorg, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Alvina Harvey, Deb Larson, Jim Vollan, Lori Kappler, David Dyce, Pastor Randall. Not Present: Jesse Hartman, David Daugaard

Call to order: Connie Karl called the meeting to order

Pastor Randall opened the meeting in Prayer

Pastor's Report: Kendra Kappler will be leading confirmation on Wednesday, December 7th. Sunday School Christmas program will be on December 18th at 10:30. Pastor Randall and Kim will be putting together an end of the year church video and will be shown to the congregation sometime in January 2023. Pastor Randall recovering well from last hip surgery.

Secretary Report: Motion by Alvina Harvey to approve the November 2022 meeting minutes and Deb Larson seconded, Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Report printed and presented to Council members. \$10,000 transferred from General Savings to General Checking to cover church expenses – due to the fuel/propane expense. Jim Vollan made the motion to accept the Financial Report and seconded by David Dyce. Motion carried. The Baltic food bank in need of money donations – announced in Church bulletin.

Deacon's Report: Jim Vollan is putting together a list of congregational/community members who may appreciate a phone call or visit.

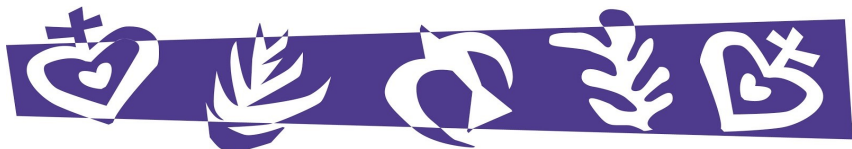
Trustee's Report: Mark Brobjorg had the propane filled up and should be good to go for winter.

Old Business: Discussed whether the Treasurer position should be a volunteer or paid position. Deb Larson will stay on as Church Treasurer at this time. Discussed Church attendance/offering – sending a potential letter to Congregational members to encourage giving. Online giving option has not been widely used but will continue with this option.

New Business: Discussed adding an Auditor to the Sunday School financial account. Discussed the need for a nominating committee for open Church Council positions. Communion registration sheets will be placed at the front doors leading into the Sanctuary. Discussed giving Christmas cards/gifts for paid employees and media volunteers – decision was made to give \$50.00 gas cards as an appreciation for their service. Decision was made to continue fellowship before Church service and will ask Administrative Assistant to call or text reminders to scheduled volunteers one week in advance.

Annual Meeting will be on January 22, 2023. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on January 29th. Next Council meeting will be Early February 2023.

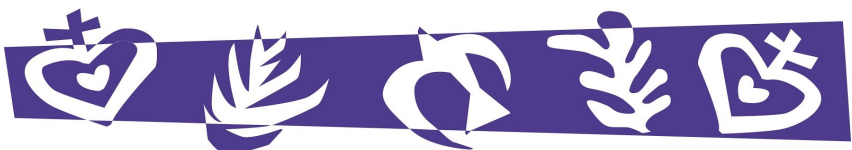
David Dyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mark Brobjorg seconded. Motion carried. The Lord's Prayer.



2023 Lenten Worship Schedule

“A Life of Faith”

Wed Feb 22	Ash Wednesday 5:30 Worship @ East 7:00 Worship @ Baltic
Wed Mar 1	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ East w/Pastor Herb Wounded Head III
Wed Mar 8	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/Pastor Corey Scott
Wed Mar 15	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ East w/Pastor Jared Rakness
Wed Mar 22	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/Pastor Elias Youngquist
Wed Mar 29	6:30 pm Lenten Service @ East w/Kendra Kappler
Thu Apr 6	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service @ Baltic
Fri Apr 7	6:30 pm Good Friday Service @ East
Sun Apr 9	7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ East 9:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ Baltic



Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Feb 5 & 12

Lisa & Lynn Olson

Dixie & Rick Fiala

East Nidaros

Feb 5

Randy & Trudi Hartman &

Rob & Katie Siemonsma

Feb 19 & 26

Pat Brende

Linsay & Eric Comes

Feb 12 & 19

Adam & Tracy Petersen

Jean Hammer

Mar 5 & 12

Karen & John Sinding

Christy & Nicholas Langland

Feb 26 & March 5

Janet Leffring & Larry Hemmer

Dave & Connie Karl

Mar 19 & 26

Kaye & Terry Snow

Karen & Garry Voelker

March 12 & 19

Wayne & JoAnn Albers

David Dyce

LENTEN OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: N/A

EASTER OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: N/A

MAIL BOX REMINDER

Please remember to check your check your church mailbox when attending service as we place things in your mailboxes periodically. 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 looking to fill the **Secretary** position, and **two Trustees**.

We are also in need of volunteers for the

Altar committee.

If you are interested, 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.

FOOT CARE CLINIC NOTICE

Effective April 2023, the dates for Foot Care will be on the 1st Thursday of every other month. Need volunteer hosts for the June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 7 clinics. Please contact the office to sign up @ 605-529-5471.



MEMBERS

Tanya Vollan - Paul Romsdahl
Betty Jean Benjamin - Donna Lee Boyd
Ryan Voeltz - Rhoda Wold
Ella Riswold - Dorothy Sittig
Shari Fowlds -Nathan Vrchota

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

John Jorgensen—Friend of the Community
Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Clara Shank Gabrielle—Cousin of Karen Doom
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
Darci Niva –Sister of Ginger Lodmell
Jennifer Even—Friend of the Community
Laurel Mader -Friend of Randall & Kim Questad

DECEMBER PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*
Transfers Out: *No Changes*
Baptisms: *No Changes*
Weddings: *No Changes*
Deaths: *Jarvis Jay Brende*

EAST

New Members: *No Changes*
Transfers Out: *No Changes*
Baptisms: *No Changes*
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Deaths: *No Changes*

FEBRUARY NOISY CAN

Baltic: Baltic Fire Department
East: The Adam L. Thompson Foundation



THE ADAM L THOMPSON FOUNDATION

Hearts Mending Hearts

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



425 Johnson Ave PO Box 372 Baltic SD 57003
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BALTIC DECEMBER NOISY CAN:

\$269.00 Baltic Food Bank

EAST DECEMBER NOISY CAN:

\$618.82 Baltic Food Bank

No MATTER
how
long
the winter,
SPRING
is
sure
to FOLLOW.




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
- Saltine 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
City, Hall, Baltic School
District in the red box in the
Commons or in the Baltic
Narthex or
East Nidaros Fellowship Hall.



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