

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- |            |                                               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Mon Feb 5  | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic                  |
| Wed Feb 7  | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros               |
|            | 5:30 pm 6th grade Intro to Confirmation @ BLC |
|            | 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation @ BLC          |
|            | 7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ BLC          |
|            | 6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open                    |
| Thu Feb 8  | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros               |
| Mon Feb 12 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic                  |
| Wed Feb 14 | Ash Wednesday                                 |
|            | 6:30-7:30pm Food Bank open                    |
| Mon Feb 19 | <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>                    |
| Mon Feb 19 | 6:30 pm Bible Study at Baltic                 |
| Tue Feb 22 | 2:30pm PQ @ DNRC Worship                      |
| Wed Feb 21 | 5:30pm Meal / 6:30pm Lenten Service @ BLC     |
| Sat Feb 24 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open                  |
| Wed Feb 28 | 5:30pm Meal / 6:30pm Lenten Service @ EN      |
| Thu Feb 29 | 9am Newsletter Assembly                       |

Happy  
Valentine's Day!



## **February 2024 Pulpit Post**

### ***“The Lord is My Shepherd”***

**I will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.**

**Ezekiel 34:15-16**

I think this is the second time since I have been a pastor that the season of Lent begins on Valentine’s Day. Not really a bad idea on the day that we give gifts and cards that have hearts on them that we also gather together to be reminded that Christ has come to create new hearts in us.

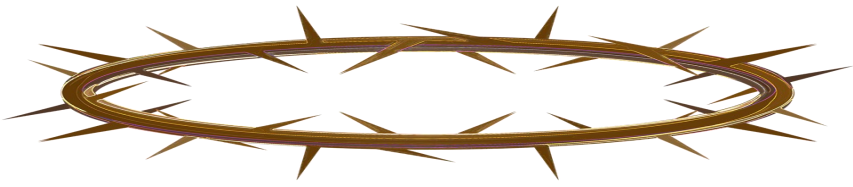
After Ash Wednesday, we will once again have a rotation of pastors from our surrounding churches come to our parish to deliver messages relating to the theme “The Lord is My Shepherd.” I hope you think of the familiar and comforting words of Psalm 23 when you see this theme. However, the idea that we need the protection, guidance, and deliverance from all evils of this world from a shepherd is not only found in this psalm. Each pastor will be selecting other passages of scripture that support this theme of shepherding that is woven throughout scripture in the Old and New Testament.

As the Lenten season proceeds, we also know that Holy Week will arrive again as we tell the story of how the Good Shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep. This is the difference between all other shepherds. Some shepherds may offer help and encouragement. But there is only ONE GOOD shepherd that will give his life so that you will receive eternal life.

We hope you will take time to come and hear the various messages about “The Lord is My Shepherd” from pastors from our community and support the groups that will be providing meals prior to these Lenten Services. You will find the tentative schedule for these Lenten Services in this newsletter and keep watching weekly bulletins in the event of any changes.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow you, all the days of your lives and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pastor Randall J. Questad



# 2024 Lenten Worship Schedule

## “The Lord is My Shepherd”

Wed Feb 14	Ash Wednesday 5:30 Worship @ East 7:00 Worship @ Baltic
Wed Feb 21	5:30 pm Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/ Pastor Randall
Wed Feb 28	5:30 pm Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ EN with Pastor Elias Youngquist
Wed Mar 6	5:30pm Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/ Pastor Herb Wounded Head III
Wed Mar 13	5:30pm Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ EN with Pastor Jared Rakness
Wed Mar 20	5:30pm Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic with Pastor Laura Philips
Thu Mar 28	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service @ East
Fri Mar 29	6:30 pm Good Friday Service @ Baltic
Sun Mar 31	7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ East 9:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ Baltic





# BALTIC COUNCIL MEETING

## December 12, 2023

This monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at East Nidaros Lutheran Church on December 12, 2023. Council members present were: Al Van Eck, Kelly LaValliere, Rick Fiala, Brett Teveldal, Dick Berg, Terry Snow, Wayne Gunderson, Jeff Boldt, and Pastor Randall Questad. Also present was Lisa Skelly.

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

Meeting minutes from November did have an error in the heading for the date. Corrected. Motion to approve meeting minutes as amended from November 14, 2023, by Al VanEck. Second by Brett Teveldal.

Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lisa Skelly reviewed November financial report.

Lisa needs the Noisy Can recipients for the year by January.

Lisa needs annual reports by January 8, 2024. She will compile reports for the annual meeting. A postcard needs to be sent out to congregation 3 weeks prior to the annual meeting.

A committee will be needed after the annual meeting to determine who will be moved from "active" to "inactive" membership.

President Rick Fiala asked for a vote from the council for the Baltic Lutheran Church 2024 Budget. Motion to approve budget by Kelly LaValliere. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

Motion to approve November financial report by Jeff Boldt. Second by Al VanEck. Motion carried.

### **Trustees' Report**

Dick Berg reported that they have obtained new wicks for the sanctuary candles.

Discussed thermostat issues with offices in basement, will possibly need to damper the ventilation to push more hot air into the offices.

Discussed selling extra round tables.

### **Deacons' Report**

The council discussed having families assigned to Sundays for greeting, ushering, and serving communion, like when families are assigned to serving coffee during fellowship following the service. Wayne will make sure there are a sign-up sheets available for 2024 starting 12/17/23.

## Baltic December Council Minutes (continued)

Noisy Can Recipients for 2024:

January: Adam Thompson Foundation

February: Baltic Fire Department

March: Vacation Bible School

April: Table Ministries

May: Northern Rim Youth Group

June: Baltic Food Bank

July: Kid's Kitchen

August: St. Dysmas

September: The Banquet

October: Veteran's Cemetery-

November: Angel Tree

December: Honor Flight

### **Old Business**

New bulbs were put into light fixtures in the Sanctuary by Julius Allgier.

Motion to approve \$150 check to Julius for reimbursement of light bulbs by Dick Berg. Second by Terry Snow. Motion carried.

Al VanEck will follow up with Brookings Methodist Church regarding QR code for offering and will report back next meeting.

### **New Business**

Wayne Gunderson to ask Myron Nohava what is needed from the council regarding board members for the St. Olaf Cemetery.

### **Pastor's Report**

Christmas Eve will be one service in the morning at 10:00 am at East Nidaros.

Candlelight service will be at Baltic at 3:30 pm and East Nidaros at 5:30 pm.

Pianists and organists have been an issue lately, but Pastor Randall has been able to line up enough help for now. He asks that the council and congregation continue to seek out pianists that would be interested in helping for services. Pastor will be having a family night for the confirmation kids. Confirmation date needs to be set for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and they will be talking about camp opportunities. Pastor discussed needing to think about VBS for next year since the Keppler's will not be involved next year.

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2024, starting at 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Al VanEck. Second by Kelly LaValliere.

Motion carried.



## East Nidaros Council Minutes December 12, 2023

Attendance:

Connie Karl – President - Present

Lori Kappler – Vice President - Absent

Debra Larson – Treasurer - Present

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

Alvina Harvey – Financial Secretary – Present

Jimmie Vollan – Deacon – Present

Rosalie Brende – Deacon – Present

David Dyce – Deacon – Present

Mark Brobjorg – Trustee – Present

Rob Krogstad – Trustee – Present

Pastor Randall Questad - Present

Call To Order: Call to order by President Connie Karl at 7:05PM on  
December 12, 2023

Secretary Report: Reviewed the secretary report. Deb moved to accept  
Secretary report. Jimmy second. Passed.

Pastor Report: Family Night for confirmands and parents held on  
December 13. 58 in attendance. Council Retreat to be held in February  
at Pastor Randall's home. Date TBD. Baltic Madrigal was performed at  
The Inn on Westport.

Treasurer Report: Donations keeping us in a positive direction. Rob  
Krogstad moved to accept. Mark Brobjorg seconded. Jimmy made a  
motion to approve a budget to be brought to congregation in January.  
David Dyce 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. The annual congregation meeting is scheduled  
for January 21 following church service. Weather date of February 4.  
Potluck to follow meeting. Announcement of meeting to be published in  
bulletin and newsletter January 7 and 14. Postcards mailed to each  
active member the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. 15 voting members must be  
present at Congregational meeting to approve budget.

Deacon Report: Jimmy continues home visits with a goal of 3 per week.  
White Cincture rope missing for acolyte. Deb shopping for replacement.

Trustee Report: Rob, Deb, and Mark continue to collect information for  
2024 roof replacement. Rob has acquired 3 estimates. Deb has worked  
with property insurance on hail damage on roof. Church received an  
insurance check in the amount of \$28,071.25,

(replacement cost of damage plus depreciation). Information will be discussed at Congregational Meeting.

Old Business: Search on going for organist. Pastor Randall is scheduling substitutes for both churches. Birthday Cake Sunday continues to be popular. Looking for a volunteer to manage the process. Live Nativity is scheduled for December 10 at 5pm. Rosealie and Nicole co-chairing this event.

New Business: Noisy Can for January – Sigh Socks for diabetics; February – Baltic Fire Department; March – Baltic Community Garden. Financial Secretary retiring effective January 1, 2024. Seeking a replacement for this position. Jimmy Volan and David Dyce will be the new contacts for replacement of church supplies.

Next Council Meeting: No meeting scheduled for January.

Motion to Adjourn: Rob motion to adjourn. David second. Closed with Lord's Prayer at 8:00pm.



*Thank you!*

East Nidaros Sunday School would like to thank everyone who donated bake sale treats. \$124 was made from the annual Sunday School bake sales that was on Sunday, December 17. Also, a special thank you to Rob and Katie Siemonsma family who donated 5 youth bibles to our Sunday School. The bibles will be used if a child forget their bible during Sunday School. What a thoughtful gift!  
Many Blessings!

St. Olaf Cemetery received a memorial of \$140.00 In memory of Bud Skancke. We appreciate the donation as well as all the time Bud donated at the cemetery.  
St Olaf Cemetery Board



## February Foot Care Notice

"Because of a conflict with the Sanford nurse, the February Footcare date has been changed to Friday, February 16th. Times are the same. Contact the church office with any questions. Thank you."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED

Baltic is looking for someone to fill the position of Sunday School Superintendent. Angie Aspaas is stepping down after several years of dedication. Thank you Angie. Please contact her or Lisa for more information.

East Nidaros will be looking to fill several positions on the council for 2024. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any current council member. Thank you.

"A reminder that your Thrivent Choice Dollars will expire on March 31st. Please donate to a charity of your choice."

"If you have changed your address, changed your name, changed your phone number or discontinued your landline phone, please call or email the church office with the updated information." Nidaros@alliancecom.net or 605-529-5471.

## **2024 Church Envelopes**

With the New Year here, if you are interested in having 2024 Weekly Giving Envelopes, please contact Alvina for East Nidaros at dunaharv@alliancecom.net or (605) 529-5328. Contact Lisa for Baltic at nidaros@alliancecom.net or call (605) 529-5471.



## DECEMBER PARISH RECORD CHANGES

### BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*  
Transfers Out: *No Changes*  
Baptisms: *Bennett Jake Randy*  
Weddings: *No Changes*  
Deaths: *No Changes*

### EAST

New Members: *No Changes*  
Transfers Out: *No Changes*  
Baptisms: *No Changes*  
Weddings: *No Changes*  
Deaths: *Leo (Bud) Skancke*

## Fellowship Coffee and Treats

### Baltic

Feb 4 Lisa & Lynn Olson  
& 11 Kari & Chuck Radack

### East Nidaros

Feb 4 Randy & Trudi Hartman  
& 11 David Dyce  
(11th Birthday Cake)

### Baltic

Feb 18 Dixie & Rick Fiala  
& 25 Nikki Oien

### East Nidaros

Feb 18 Adam & Tracy Peterson  
& 25 Keith & Paula Harvey

## FEBRUARY NOISY CAN

**Baltic:** Baltic Fire Department

**East:** Baltic Fire Department

**BALTIC DECEMBER NOISY CAN:**

**\$770.01 Honor Flight**

**EAST DECEMBER NOISY CAN:**

**\$333.30 Shetek Ministry**

*The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:*

**Baltic:** In Memory of

Bud Skancke Sunday School Fund \$25.00

Bud Skancke Building Fund \$10.00

Bud Skancke Undesignated General Fund \$30.00

Ella Riswold Undesignated General Fund \$65.00

**East:** In Memory of

Bud Skancke Undesignated General Fund \$220.00

Ella Riswold Undesignated General Fund \$145.00

Ella Riswold East Nidaros Cemetery \$210.00

Ella Riswold Building Fund \$50.00

Ella Riswold Bell Tower & Roof Repair \$10.00

Ella Riswold Quilting Club \$20.00

**MEMBERS**

Betty Jean Benjamin

Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold

Kelly LaValliere— Lorna Sunde

Dale Thompson—Harry Laue



**FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS**

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community

Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community

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

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

James Langloss—Kim Questad's Uncle

Mattias Warne—Friend of the Community

Becky Berg—Sister-in-law of Dick Berg

Laurel Mader—Friend of Pastor Randall & Kim Questad

Dorothy Legel—Aunt of Pastor Randall

Marie Trudeau—Friend of Pastor Questad and Kim

Pastor Elizabeth Johnson— Friend of the Community

Marie Pazour—Mother of Karen Doom



## 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.

### MAIL BOX REMINDER

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

# Parish the Thought

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