

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wed Mar 1 | 5:30 Meal & 6:30 Lenten Service @ East |
| Thu Mar 2 | 9:15am PQ Holy Communion @ Orchard Hills & DNRC |
| Sun Mar 5 | 10:30am Baltic Fire Dept. Soup & Dessert Bar |
| Mon Mar 6 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC
6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting |
| Tue Mar 7 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN
7pm East Council Meeting |
| Wed Mar 8 | 5:30 Meal & 6:30 Lenten Service @ Baltic
6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open |
| Mon Mar 13 | NO Bible Study |
| Tues Mar 14 | NO Bible Study |
| Wed Mar 15 | 5:30 Meal & 6:30 Lenten Service @ East |
| Mon Mar 20 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Tue Mar 21 | 1pm Bible Study @ EN
2:30 PQ worship @ DNRC |
| Wed Mar 22 | 5:30 Meal & 6:30 Lenten Service @ Baltic |
| Sat Mar 25 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank open |
| Mon Mar 27 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC |
| Tue Mar 28 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN |
| Wed Mar 29 | 5:30 Meal & 6:30 Lenten Service @ East |
| Thu Mar 30 | 9am Newsletter Assembly |

March 2023 Pulpit Post

“He Fasted”

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. Matthew 4:1-2

This verse from Matthew describes the period of time when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan immediately after Jesus had been baptized. This verse also has been used as the reference for why we observe the Season of Lent. We are told that Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights and after this period of time, Jesus was hungry. This is why we count back from Easter Sunday a period of about 40 days and mark Ash Wednesday as the beginning of the Season of Lent. On this day we receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads and hear the words, “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” These words were first spoken to Adam after the “Fall” as recorded in the third chapter of Genesis.

Unfortunately, this season of Lent, for many, has become a period of time when we feel we should imitate Jesus and give up something or do something more. Man’s desire to be like God was the first man’s sin and still is ours today. We desire to be the Creator rather than be the creatures, God made us to be. If we want to experience the fullness of Easter and what Jesus has done for us by his resurrection, we should also allow the Season of Lent to also be focused on Jesus rather than us and what we can do to better ourselves. During the season of Lent, just like any other day or season of the year, we need to be fed by the words of Jesus rather fast and be left hungering for what we need most.

Martin Luther suggested that if you want to do something during the season of Lent, a good idea would be to study the catechism. Then you will be “doing” something, but through your review or study of the catechism, you will be reminded of what God is doing for you. If you do not have a copy of Luther’s Small Catechism and would like this to be your “discipline” during Lent, contact the church office and we can provide you with a copy of this. In Luther’s teaching of the Lord’s Supper in the Small Catechism, he states that fasting and outward preparations serve a good purpose in preparing to receive the Lord’s supper, but far more important is believing that your sins are forgiven.

It is my hope and prayer that during this season of Lent that believing in Jesus will be your focus. Please join us in our Mid-week services as we are reminded that it is God who feeds, unites, teaches, sends, and saves us as we live our “Lives of Faith”.

Peace to you, Pastor Randall Questad

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Thank you!
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Thank you for supporting the Adam Thompson Foundation and helping us save lives! We will put it towards FREE heart screenings at school this fall!. Love, The Adam Thompson Foundation — Ann

Baltic Quilting Group is looking for sewing machines that someone would be willing to donate for our quilt ministry. If you are interested or have a sewing machine not being used, contact the church office @ 605-529-5471 or Diana @ 605-366-9664.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Community Easter Choir has been preparing for a couple months and will be presenting the Cantata "Who Do You Say I Am?" on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM in the Baltic School Commons. Treats will be served and a free will offering will be given to "Feeding South Dakota".

Save the Date Sunday, April 30, 2023, 5:00 PM

The Northern Rim Youth Group have reserved this time and the Hefty Morton Center to give you the opportunity to hear legendary SDSU football coach John Stiegelmeier speak as you enjoy a banquet meal to support this youth group trip to help transportation costs to attend the Klein Ranch (rural Isabel, SD) Lutheran Bible Camp this summer on July 16-21. More details to follow in the April Newsletter.



Baltic Council Minutes

January 10, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church January 10, 2023. Council members present were Karen Sinding, Al VanEck, Lori Berg, Dick Berg, John Sinding, J. Serna, Gary Gregg, Myron Nohava, Diana Nohava, Jeff Boldt and Pastor Randall Questad. Not present: Bryce Witzel and Shirlene Allgier.

Karen Sinding called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall opened in prayer.

Diana Nohava made a motion to approve the December 20, 2022, minutes.

Second by Al VanEck. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Jeff Boldt made a motion to approve the financial report. Second by Gary Gregg. Motion carried.

Trustee's Report:

Myron reported that Tony Lee was hired to remove the heavy snow from the sidewalks. Myron will talk to Tony regarding sidewall snow removal in the future as well.

Deacon's Report:

Myron Nohava made a motion for the February Noisy Can offering to go to the Baltic Fire Department. Second by John Sinding. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Gary Gregg reported he is still working on the issues with the sign on the highway.

New Business:

Diana Nohava made a motion to have the Lent and Easter offerings both go to vacation bible school. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

Dick Berg will check with Terry Snow regarding putting the wall divider by the new tech equipment location.

Pastor's Report:

February 4th or 5th as possible retreat dates.

Tech study group met. No decision yet on Lenten services schedule for the pastors.

Kendra Kappler needs to get more hours in for her internship. Some may be at Baltic Lutheran.

Several baptisms coming up in the next couple months.

Possible Easter Cantata with area churches also involved.

He will look for a fill in person for Kendra when she isn't available.

Lisa Skelly is purchasing a new office chair. Motion made by Jeff Boldt to approve the purchase up to \$400. Second by J. Serna. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is February 4th or 5th 2023 depending on the retreat date.

John Sinding made a motion to adjourn. Second by Al VanEck. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Joint Council Retreat February 4, 2023

The Joint Council meeting of Baltic Lutheran Church Council and East Nidaros Church Council was held at the home of Pastor Randall Questad on February 4, 2023. Council members present were: Trevor Paulsen, Gary Gregg, Dick Berg, Lori Kappler, Debra Larson, Alvina Harvey, Rob Krogstad, Terry Snow, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Connie Karl, Diana Nohava, Allen Van Eck, Jeff Boldt, Brett Teveldal, Rick Fiala, and Pastor Randall Questad. Also present: Kendra Kappler. Not Present: Jimmie Vollan, Mark Brobjorg, David Dyce, J. Serna, and Bryce Witzel.

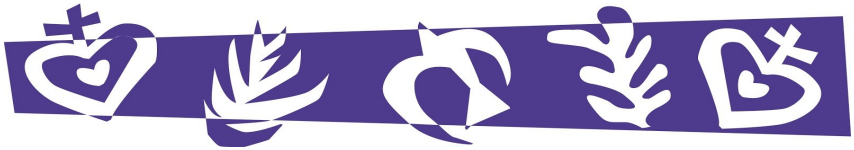
Baltic Lutheran Council President, Trevor Paulsen, called the meeting to order. Pastor Randall reviewed Lenten Worship Schedule and talked about Lenten Meals. Lenten meals will be organized by and will support the Northern Rim Youth Group.

Pastor Randall reviewed the previous year's events which included:

- Banquet in support of Northern Rim Youth Trip to Montana
- Women of the church event touring four area churches
- Northern Rim Youth Trip to Montana
- Vacation Bible School during 2nd Annual Dog Days
- Community Worship during 2nd Annual Dog Days
- Joint Rally Day worship
- Trunk or Treat
- Serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls in November
- Okoboji Camp Weekend

Looking ahead at 2023:

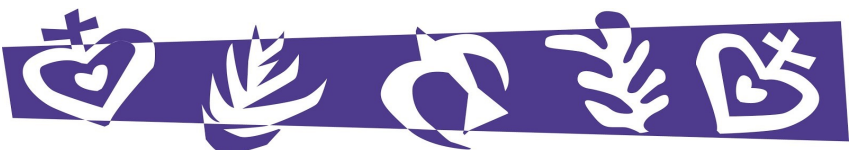
- Pastor vacation March 11-18, 2023
- Kendra Kappler to lead worship March 12, 2023
- First Communion possibly on April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday) depending on how this works for the parents of the children involved this year.
- Easter Cantata planned for April 2, 2023
- This will be a community event
- Location and time to be determined
- Cantata will possibly be performed at St. Dysmas, date to be determined
- Confirmation and Senior Recognition planned for May 7, 2023
- Northern Rim Fundraising Event on April 30, 2023 at Morton Center
- Will feature Coach Stiegelmeier as keynote speaker
- Northern Rim Youth Trip to Klein Ranch July 16-21, 2023
- Pastor vacation possible for August 2023
- Will plan to lead community worship at Dog Days if committee decides to have this again for 2023



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

<u>BALTIC</u>	<u>EAST NIDAROS</u>
Mar 12 Karen & John Sinding Christy & Nicholas Langland	March 5 Janet Leffring & Larry Hemmer Mark & Julie Berndt
Mar 19 & 26 Kaye & Terry Snow Karen & Garry Voelker	March 12 & 19 Dave & Connie Karl David Dyce
Apr 2 & 16 Paula & Wayne Gunderson Joan & Jeff Boldt	Mar 26 & April 2 Brady & Alyssa Welk Louie & Karen Doom
Apr 23 & 30 Pam & Dale Nesheim Nikki Oien	Apr 9 & 16 Deb Larson Scott & Sara Grunewaldt

LENTEN OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: Youth Trip to Klein Ranch

EASTER OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: Vacation Bible School & Youth Activities

Joint Council Retreat Minutes (continued)

Vacation Bible School planned for the Friday of Dog Days (August 11,2023)
Diana Nohava made motion to allow Lori and Kendra Kappler to plan VBS
as necessary

Motion seconded by Kelly LaValliere. Motion carried.

Joint Rally Day September 10, 2023

Encouraged combined planning between Baltic and East Nidaros Sunday
School teams

Churches will plan to serve again at The Banquet on October 11, 2023

Discussed Christmas Worship Schedule for 2023

Times worked well for the 2022 Christmas worship

Baltic Lutheran Church and East Nidaros Church councils met individually
to discuss respective church business.

Pastor Randall gave each council a list of questions designed to address the
strengths and goals of each congregation and asked that they discuss
at their council meeting. Joint Council reconvened to discuss the strengths
and goals of each congregation.

Next Joint Council Meeting will be at East Nidaros on May 9, 2023, 6:30pm.
Pastor Randall ended the retreat with a prayer.



Baltic Lutheran WELCA 02-19-2023

The ladies of WELCA met following church and fellowship. There was
discussion regarding the Quilting progress. Karen, Paula, Pam, and Kaye met
two weeks prior and sorted the material. There is plenty for several quilts.
Paula purchased totes to store the material and Pam and Kaye took material
home to wash before cutting. There are several pieces of material already
cut and to be pinned together before sewing. We have enough baby quilts to
last for a while but will need to start on quilts for seniors for next year. Ruth
has been working on baby quilts at home and brought in several that were
complete.

A reminder that there are still two months open on the calendar for
communion preparation.

Lois mentioned flowers for confirmation. She will look into purchasing those
when she gets a date from pastor.

March 5th is the Firemen's Soup Dinner so there will be no fellowship after
church.

Dog Days is planned again in August, and we discussed having another bake
sale. We had such a successful sale last year so will keep it on that Saturday.
Kaye Snow, Secretary



MEMBERS

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

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 Pastor & Kim Questad
The Neff Family—Friends of the Pickett Family
Larry Vissia— Friend of Pastor & Kim Questad

JANUARY 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: *Lyric Czar Thurburn*
Weddings: *No Changes*
Deaths: *No Changes*

MARCH NOISY CAN

Baltic: Vacation Bible School
East: Baltic Community Garden

BALTIC JANUARY NOISY CAN:
\$169.07 Adam L. Thompson Foundation

EAST JANUARY NOISY CAN:
\$ 186.30 Baltic Fire Department



East Nidaros is looking to fill the **Secretary** position, and **one Trustee**.
If you are interested, please call Connie Karl 608-386-8139.

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.



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.

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of

Dolores Moe \$100.00 Dolores Moe Memorial Fund

Robert Gjovik \$25.00 Undesignated General Fund

Don Koopman \$25.00 Undesignated General Fund

Don Koopman \$10.00 Technology Fund

East: In Memory of

Don Koopman \$45.00 Fuel Fund

Parish the Thought

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