

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon Mar 4 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Tue Mar 5 | 6:30 pm Baltic Council Meeting |
| Wed Mar 6 | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros
5:30 pm Meal, 6:30pm Lenten Service @ Baltic |
| Thu Mar 7 | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros
9:15am PQ @ Orchard Hills / DNRC Holy Communion |
| Mon Mar 11 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Wed Mar 13 | 5:30pm meal, 6:30pm Lenten Service @ East
6:30-7:30pm Food Bank open
7:30pm East Council Meeting |
| Mon Mar 18 | 6:30 pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Tue Mar 19 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Wed Mar 20 | 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Lenten Service @ BLC |
| Sat Mar 23 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open |
| Sun Mar 24 | 1st Communion |
| Mon Mar 25 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Thu Mar 28 | 9am Newsletter Assembly
6:30pm Maundy Thursday at East |
| Fri Mar 29 | 6:30pm Good Friday at Baltic |
| Sun Mar 31 | 7 am Easter Sunrise service at East
9 am Easter Sunrise service at Baltic |



March 2024 Pulpit Post
"The Light of the World"

"Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. The light no darkness has overcome. Stay with us for it is evening and the day is almost over. Let your light scatter the darkness and shine within your people here."

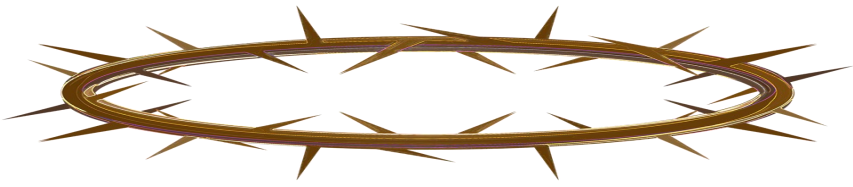
Holden Evening Prayer

Light and darkness. These are images and themes that are prevalent throughout the scriptures. The very beginning of the bible begins with God first creating light to break through the void and darkness that had only existed before God created all things. Darkness personifies evil and sin. John 8:12 records Jesus declaring, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life." Jesus is goodness and forgiveness.

Throughout the month of March, we will begin each Midweek Lenten service proclaiming this truth by singing the introduction to the Holden Evening Prayer. Before we begin each service, we make clear who is the light of the world. The light IS Jesus Christ. These Lenten services are the very few times during the year when we gather to worship when it is dark outside. It is good for all of us to be reminded during these 40 days of Lent that we live in darkness and darkness can live in us. We are sinful. Jesus Christ endured the darkness of suffering and death on the cross for all of us. At the end of his suffering and death, on Easter morning three women came to the tomb when the sun had risen only to find that the Son of God had risen.

Every fall when the local football season begins, I comment on how we often get to **one** game where we can sit through the entire evening without coats and there is still some light when the game is over. That quickly changes as the season moves ahead. Soon the cold and darkness of fall and winter will be evident. The opposite takes place in the season of Lent. This year, the month of March begins in the season of Lent with darkness and the need for protection from the cold. But the last day of March this year is Easter Sunday. As we look forward to that day, we know that new life will be emerging from the ground reminding us of that Jesus Christ who is the light of the world has also risen from his tomb.

I encourage you to journey with us through the season of Lent as we experience the dark and cold of winter knowing that Jesus Christ who is the light of the world, is the light who shines in you. Hear this good news boldly proclaimed again on Easter morning!



2024 Lenten Worship Schedule

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Wed Mar 6	5:30pm Meal—Pork Sandwich, cheesy potatoes & beans 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/ Pastor Herb Wounded Head III
Wed Mar 13	5:30pm Meal—Spaghetti, salad, breadstick 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ EN with Pastor Jared Rakness
Wed Mar 20	5:30pm Meal—BBQ’s, beans, chips & dip 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



Thank you!



Thanks Everyone for all your prayers, cards and visits. Special Thank you to Pastor Randall for all his prayers and visits.

~Dale Thompson~

Thank you for helping save lives with your donation to the Adam L. Thompson Foundation.

Ann Thompson



BALTIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2024

This monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on January 9, 2024. Council members present were: Al Van Eck, Kelly LaValliere, Rick Fiala, Brett Teveldal, Dick Berg, Terry Snow, Jeff Boldt, Wayne Gunderson and Pastor Randall Questad. Also present was Lisa Skelly. Not present was Bryce Witzel.

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

Meeting minutes from December did have an error in location of meeting. Corrected from “East Nidaros” to “Baltic” Lutheran Church. Motion to approve meeting minutes as amended by Al VanEck. Second by Dick Berg. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Lisa Skelly reviewed December financial report.

Lisa requested council discussion for mailing out annual report. Council discussed if the church would mail out the full annual report with the amended constitution this year or only the post card with information for the annual meeting. Brett Teveldal moved that the church would mail out the full annual report with the amended constitution this year. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

Motion to approve December financial report by Jeff Boldt. Second by Kelly LaValliere. Motion carried.

Trustees’ Report

Jeff Boldt discussed continued effort to eliminate wasps in the church. Shelving was finished in the closet by Terry Snow and Dick Berg. Tony Lee is still planning to complete snow removal this season.

Deacons’ Report

Council discussed further defining the deacon’s role, including assisting pastor with communion and ushering when role is not otherwise filled by an interested person.

Dick Berg recommended that the council reach out to individual families/kids to assist with greeting.

Old Business

Council had further discussion on insurance coverage for Baltic Lutheran Church. Council will continue to review options.

Baltic January Council Minutes (continued)

Brett Teveldal provided update on the Alliance Communications grant. Council discussed option of adding security cameras to the request. Once itemized lists are compiled, grant will be submitted.

New Business

Dick Berg recommended that the church pare down the number of folding chairs and tables and check with the congregation and community for interest in buying these items. Council will discuss with WELCA to determine next steps going forward.

Pastor Questad brought to council that after discussion with two recent organists during Baltic Lutheran services, the organ is not working correction and will need repairs. Pastor will call the company. Dick Berg recommended that the Offering Breakdown for 2023 be included in the mailing prior to Annual Meeting.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Questad was not able to meet with other area pastors regarding Lenten services due to weather. It does sound like previous years went well and will discuss doing a similar type of rotation this year.

Confirmation kids have expressed interest in doing a full week of confirmation camp this summer in Okoboji. Will look into having these kids do meals during Lent for fundraising.

Northern Rim Youth have not decided if they will or will not go to the National Youth Gathering.

First Communion will likely be during Palm Sunday again this year.

Council retreat will be January 28, 2024, at 4 pm at Pastor Questad's residence.

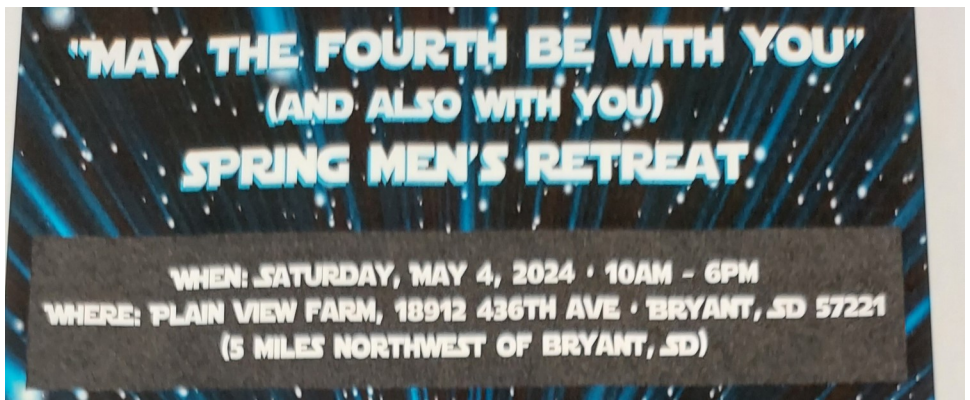
Pastor Questad will be attending his nephew's wedding and will be gone June 2, 2024.

Pastor Questad continues attempts to fill pianist/organist position each Sunday.

Next Council Meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 4:00 pm to coincide with Council Retreat.

Motion to adjourn made by Dick Berg. Second by Al VanEck. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



What is Plain View Farm? This is the farm home of Pastor Leroy W. Stadem and is now owned by his children. Pastor Tom Stadem is coordinating this event with Pastor Jason Burgraff of First Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls and Lay Pastor Colin Beveridge. Colin, his wife Britta, and their four boys currently live at Plain View Farm and operate a year-round garden and butcher shop and soon to be Coffee Stop. The retreat will take place in a newly rebuilt barn venue. (1 hour 45 minutes from Sioux Falls)

What is It About? Speaker Dr. Steven Paulson (College and Seminary Professor, Author, Weekly Podcast Speaker and Event Speaker) will be presenting Three sessions from his soon to be book commentary on the Gospel of Mark! We will move between singing, coffee breaks, farm tours, sessions, and excellent food!

How Much does it Cost? The \$35 day-long retreat includes coffee, fruit and rolls, a light lunch, afternoon refreshments, and a Farm-to-Table Smoked meat Supper.

Why is this Retreat so far away? We will retreat to the beautiful and quiet setting of a farmstead of generational faith to experience a group of men who desire to be together under the inspiration and life-giving Word of God.

What should we Bring? Bring your "Sword of the Spirit" which is the Word of God. Plus, we'd like to especially encourage you to invite a teen or young adult!

What Else Can I Expect? We will begin and end our Day with Men Singing great music and prayer. Each session will last 1 hour and 15 minutes on the Book of Mark with a break in between and farm tour before lunch.

East Nidaros
Lutheran Church
Puzzle Competition

Fundraiser
For New Roof!

Sunday, March 3

Check in: 12:30pm 1 - 4 PM

47560 252nd St Baltic, SD

\$ 25 Registration Fee-Team of 2

Registration fee due at check in

Cash prize for 1st group completed!

Open to everyone! Ages 10-100!

Scan QR to Register or email

eastnidaroslutheranchurchwelca@gmail.com



Puzzle exchange- bring used puzzles back to life with an exchange!! Bring new or used puzzles to allow new owners to experience the fun. Contact Nicole Voeltz with any questions. Church email is nidaros@alliancecom.net.

"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.

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."

LENTEN OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: Baltic Food Bank

EASTER OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: Vacation Bible School

JANUARY PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*
Transfers Out: *Katie Pauly*
Baptisms: *Rowdy Lorange Hartman*
Weddings: *No Changes*
Deaths: *No Changes*

EAST

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

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Mar 3 Kaye & Terry Snow
 & 10 Manda & Marc Sheaffer

East Nidaros

Mar 3 Dave & Connie Karl
 & 10 Deb Larson
 Mar 10 (Birthday Cake)

Baltic

Mar 17 Pat Brende
 & 24 Lindsey & Erik Comes

East Nidaros

Mar 17 Rob & Katie Siemonsma
 & 24 Sara & Scott Grunewaldt

MARCH NOISY CAN

Baltic: Vacation Bible School
East: Baltic Community Garden

BALTIC JANUARY NOISY CAN:
\$218.39 Adam L. Thompson Foundation
EAST JANUARY NOISY CAN:
\$ 121.54 Sigh Socks

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of

Dorothy Sittig Undesignated Memorial \$25.00

Lorna Sunde Undesignated Memorials \$ 130.00

Lorna Sunde Building Fund \$10.00

Lorna Sunde WELCA \$20.00

Bud Skancke Undesignated Memorial \$20.00

Shirley Jacobsen Undesignated Memorial \$20.00

East: In Memory of

Lorna Sunde East Cemetery Fund \$20.00



MEMBERS

Betty Jean Benjamin

Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold

Kelly LaValliere -Dale Thompson

Harry Laue—Jason Dykes

Randy Hartman

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

Marie Pazour— Mother of Karen Doom

Gordon Dierkson—Father of Gary Dierkson

Caroline Vollan— Aunt of Jimmie Vollan

Darrel Bonrud —Friend of the Community

CHURCH ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

There are still some weekly church envelopes available if you have not requested yours, contact the office today. There are generic envelopes in the welcome area for your cash donations. Please feel free to use these also.



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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&
EAST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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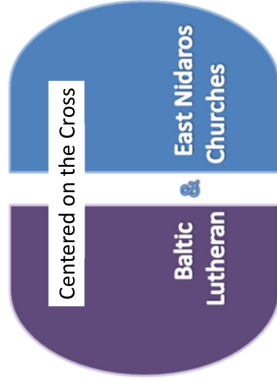
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