

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sun Apr 2 | First Communion |
| | 3pm Easter Cantata @ Baltic School Commons |
| Mon Apr 3 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC |
| | 6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting |
| Tue Apr 4 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN |
| Thu Apr 6 | 9am-3pm Foot Care Clinic |
| | 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service @ Baltic |
| Fri Apr 7 | 6:30pm Good Friday Service @ East |
| Sun Apr 9 | 7am Sunrise Service at East |
| | 9am Sunrise Service at Baltic |
| Mon Apr 10 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC |
| Tue Apr 11 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN |
| | 7pm East Council Meeting |
| Wed Apr 12 | 8:30-12 East Quilting |
| | 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation @ Baltic |
| | 6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open |
| Thu Apr 13 | 8:30-12 East Quilting |
| Mon Apr 17 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic |
| Tue Apr 18 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN |
| Wed Apr 19 | 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation @ Baltic |
| Fri Apr 21 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Sat Apr 22 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank open |
| Mon Apr 24 | 6:30pm Bible Study @ BLC |
| Tue Apr 25 | 2pm Bible Study @ EN |
| Wed Apr 26 | 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation @ Baltic |
| Thu Apr 27 | 9am Newsletter Assembly |
| Sun Apr 30 | 5pm Northern Rim Youth Fundraiser @ Hefty Morton Building |

April 2023 Pulpit Post “God Gave”

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters are anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.

1 Corinthians 3:6-8

After one of the most challenging winters that we have experienced in many years, I think just about everyone is ready for a change in seasons. According to the calendar, Spring has arrived. While there are still piles of snow in our yards and in the ditches, they are starting to slowly shrink away and there is evidence that this long-awaited spring is once again on its way.

The changing seasons is just one more thing that we desire so much to control in our lives.

The apostle Paul, who recorded these words from 1 Corinthians, spent much of his life believing that he was in control of his actions, and he could also control those around him. He maintained this belief until Jesus stopped Paul dead in his tracks with his life changing light. From that moment on, Paul’s purpose in life was changed. Paul’s purpose no longer was preventing the growth of the church but spreading God’s word. Paul began planting God’s word and then turned the control over to God who gave the growth.

God is a giver. As we have moved through the season of Lent into the season of Easter in April, we are reminded once again that God gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. But God did not leave Jesus in the grave. God opened the grave on Easter and God gave new life to Jesus and promised the same to you and me.

God has given to each of us this same purpose of sharing this good news to people who have been waiting for a change in their hearts and lives. Easter is a great opportunity for you to invite someone you know to one of our Easter services so that they can hear this good news too. You can be like Paul and plant the seed. Then trust in God the Giver who will give the growth.

Blessings to each of you this Easter season,

Pastor Randall J. Questad

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Thank you!
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Thank you kindly for your recent \$618.82 donation to the Baltic Food Bank. With this winters' rising fuel and food costs, we appreciate the community support as we work together to help our neighbors in need. Thanks, Baltic Food Bank Board

Thank you so much for your donation of \$201.36 to the Baltic Community Garden and your continued support of it. Danielle

UPCOMING EVENTS

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East Nidaros Quilters: Mark your calendars!
We will be quilting on Wed Apr 12 & Thu Apr 13 at 8:30am. This did not get on the monthly calendar.



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. Banquet meal will be catered by Tony's Catering from Brandon, SD. The meal will be a choice of: Roast Beef or Bacon-Wrapped Chicken. Both will include glazed carrots, red new potatoes, salad, dinner roll, and an Apple crisp dessert.

Reservations are required. Log on to the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8LBFBLJ> to reserve your seats.



Baltic Council Minutes

February 4, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Pastor Randall's home during Joint Council Retreat on February 4, 2023. Council Members present were Trevor Paulsen, Rick Fiala, Kelly Lavalliere, Diana Nohava, Gary Gregg, Dick Berg, Terry Snow, Allen Van Eck, Jeff Boldt, and Brett Teveldal. Not present: Brice Witzel and J. Serna.

Trevor Paulsen called the meeting to order.

Al Van Eck made motion to approve January 10, 2023, Minutes. Second by Kelly Lavalliere. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Diana Nohava amended the January Financial Report to change the number of baptized individuals.

Jeff Boldt made motion to approve Financial Report. Second by Dick Berg. Motion carried.

Diana Nohava explained the ELCA has requested that churches include an inclusion statement specifically on their bulletins, posters, and websites. Baltic Lutheran does not currently have an All-Inclusive statement to satisfy this request from the ELCA.

Shirlene Allgier has agreed to be auditor.

Rick Fiala made motion to approve Shirlene as Auditor. Second by Al Van Eck. Motion carried.

Deacon Report

Lenten/Easter offerings will go to Vacation Bible School

Noisy Can for February will go to the Baltic Fire Department

Trustee Report deferred to March meeting.

Old Business

Gary Gregg asked for ideas for what to put on the sign on Lovely Ave.

Discussed having information related to Easter Cantata, weekly service time, Sunday school times.

New Business

Diana Nohava emphasized congregational support of the youth of Baltic Lutheran and asked that the council further discuss and consider a financial contribution to Vacation Bible School this year. It will need to be discussed further how financial support for VBS will be split with East Nidaros.

Council discussed Pastor Randall's request for the strengths of Baltic Lutheran Church's congregation and the goals for 2023.

Next meeting is Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Kelly LaValliere made motion to adjourn. Second by Gary Gregg. Motion carried.



East Nidaros Council Minutes February 4, 2023

The monthly meeting of the East Nidaros Council was held on February 4, 2023, at Pastor Randall's home. Attendance: Connie Karl, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Alvina Harvey, Deb Larson, Lori Kappler, Rob Krogstad, Pastor Randall, Kendra Kappler. Not present: Jim Vollan, Mark Brobjorg, David Dyce

Call to order: Connie Karl called the meeting to order.

Pastor's Report: In addition to the Pastor's Report presented to the Joint Council. Pastor Randall will be on vacation March 11th through March 18th. Kendra Kappler will be leading worship services on March 12th.

Secretary Report: Motion by Alvina Harvey to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes and Rob Krogstad seconded, Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Report verbally presented by Deb Larson to Council members. Rob Krogstad made the motion to accept the Financial Report and seconded by Alvina Harvey, Motion carried. Discussed the percentage of monthly income to give to the South Dakota Synod. Rob Krogstad made the motion to give the Synod 1% of monthly income instead of the 3% and seconded by Alvina Harvey, Motion carried.

Deacon's Report: Discussed a Deacon meeting with Pastor Randall to put together a list of homebound congregational members who may appreciate a visit or phone call.

Trustee's Report: Nothing new to report.

Old Business: Church Roof and Bell Tower in need of repairs, Rob Krogstad and David Daugaard will be getting some estimates.

New Business: Discussed the Sunday School Financial account and the need for clarification on what youth activities this account can be used for. Connie Karl will contact the previous Sunday School Superintendent for clarification. Discussed Lent and Easter Offering – Deb Larson made the motion for the Lent Offering to go towards the Youth trip to Klein Ranch and the Easter Offering to go towards Vacation Bible School and Youth Activities and seconded by Lori Kappler, Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting will be held on March 14, 2023.

Rob Krogstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lori Kappler seconded. Motion carried.

East Nidaros WELCA Meeting February 19, 2023

Karen Doom called the meeting to order, with 7 present and one online. We opened in a prayer by Karen.

Secretary's report from September 2022 was read by Becky.

Diane gave the Treasurer's report. \$4,694.27 in January statement.

Discussions were on:

Diane volunteered to help financially with the hall table decorations. Soup supper reported on by Deb Larson and Nicole Voeltz. It all went well with a lot of leftover soup. The tables were not quite full. Leftover soup was served after the Christmas program. The bake sale for Sunday School went well, also.

Karen suggests a "Sing-along" in December – a song fest – possibly the second Sunday in December. It would be open to everyone – invite all churches and serve snacks.

Regarding supplies, we will continue to tell Deb Larson. She will purchase needed items and then turn in the bills to Diane.

Spring cleaning of the hall and kitchen will be March 11 at 9am. We also need to sort through the storeroom and dispose of items no longer used.

Discussed visiting shut ins – possibly twice a year. We are planning this for around May Day and then give them May baskets.

Discussed Memorial Day dinner. Alvina will check with Thrivent for matching funds and then money will be donated to Veterans Community Project.

Decided on disbursement for monies for the year are as follows:

\$200 Graduation quilt supplies

\$200 Center of Hope

\$200 St. Dysmas

\$200 Lutheran Campus Ministry

\$300 Confirmation camp \$100/student

\$200 Bell Tower and Roof fund

\$200 Call to Freedom

\$500 General Church Fund

\$2000 total disbursement

Also discussed were freezer meals with money going to Bell Tower and roof fund.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Becky Siemonsma, Secretary

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

BALTIC

Apr 2

Paula & Wayne Gunderson
Joan & Jeff Boldt

Apr 23 & 30

Pam & Dale Nesheim
Nikki Oien

May 7 & 21

Joann Moan ~ Ruth Lee
Kari & Chuck Radack

EAST NIDAROS

April 2

Brady & Alyssa Welk
Louie & Karen Doom

Apr 9 & 16

Deb Larson
Scott & Sara Grunewaldt

Apr 23 & 30

Ginger Lodmell-Tekrony
Dan & Cindi Schmidt

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.



EASTER OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: Vacation Bible School & Youth Activities

Voices For Children



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

MISSION

The South Dakota CASA State Administered Organization, in collaboration with the National CASA Association and the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, State Court Administrator's Office is committed to providing leadership, support, and encouragement to the state's CASA programs that provide a service to the court that oversees child abuse and neglect cases and to the children involved in the court proceedings.

VISION

For every child in South Dakota to live in a safe and nurturing home.

APRIL NOISY CAN

Baltic: The Banquet
East: CASA

THE BANQUET SIOUX FALLS

Our mission is to provide a welcoming place where people can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action, and to assist volunteers in providing food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet.

The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. We now serve 16 meals per week at two locations. The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means our meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area.





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

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
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
Tracy Van Dam—Mother-in-law of Danielle Goldammer
Isabella Webster—Niece of Pr. Corey and Sandy Scott
Brenda Wade Schmidt—Friend of the Community

FEBRUARY PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*
Transfers Out: *Molly Sittig Gors*
Baptisms: *No Changes*
Weddings: *No Changes*
Deaths: *No Changes*

EAST

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



**BALTIC FEBRUARY NOISY CAN:
\$ 279.56 Baltic Fire Dept.**

**EAST FEBRAURY NOISY CAN:
\$ 99.97 Adam L. Thompson Foundation**

Financial Secretary Treasurer position available

This position is responsible for reporting the financial health of the Church to the Council and in turn to the Congregation.

Responsibilities include: Pay expenses when presented.

Recording and completing deposit and expense transactions in a timely manner using Quick Books Online. (QBO)

Process Payroll and payroll expenses

Ensuring bank statements balance with system of record. (QBO)

Complete reports per reporting schedule for Council, Congregation, Synod, etc. that reflects the financial health of the Church.

Complete forms for Benevolence and Taxes per schedule.

Knowledge of Quick Books Online, Word & Excel are helpful.

Diana will train. Salary is \$400 per month.

Hours are flexible and average 7-10 hours per month.

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 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 Pasta
- Boxed Pasta
- Spices
- Breakfast Bars
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pudding
- Jelly
- Taco Seasoning
- Jello
- 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.



The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of
 Evelyn Questad \$90.00 General Fund
 Evelyn Questad \$10.00 Undesignated
 Evelyn Questad \$50.00 Building Fund
 John Jorgenson \$20.00 Undesignated

East: In Memory of
 Don Koopman \$45.00 Fuel Fund
 Evelyn Questad \$25.00 Fuel Fund
 Evelyn Questad \$10.00 Bell Tower Fund

Parish the Thought

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