

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon Apr 1 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Tue Apr 2 | 2:30pm PQ @ DNRC |
| Wed Apr 3 | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros
6:30pm 8th Confirmation, 7:30 7th Confirmation @ EN |
| Thu Apr 4 | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros
9 am Footcare Clinic @ Baltic |
| Sun Apr 7 | East Nidaros Special Meeting following service |
| Mon Apr 8 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Tue Apr 9 | 6:30 pm Baltic Council Meeting |
| Wed Apr 10 | 6:30pm 8th Confirmation, 7:30 7th Confirmation @ EN
6:30-7:30pm Food Bank open |
| Sat Apr 13 | 9 am Baltic Lutheran Spring Cleaning |
| Mon Apr 15 | 6:30 pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Tue Apr 16 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Wed Apr 17 | 6:30pm 8th Confirmation, 7:30 7th Confirmation @ EN |
| Fri Apr 19 | DEADLINE FOR Senior Recognition Information to office |
| Mon Apr 22 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic |
| Wed Apr 24 | 6:30pm 8th grade Confirmation review at EN |
| Thu Apr 25 | 9am Newsletter Assembly |
| Sat Apr 27 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open |
| Mon Apr 29 | 6:30pm Bible Study at Baltic |

April



APRIL PULPIT POST

"Seeing the Lord"

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-20

This is an important part of the Easter story that many people don't get to hear each year. In most Easter morning services, we hear about the empty tomb and the reaction of the women and the disciples who go to the tomb. This can create an issue for people who attend Easter worship and only hear that Jesus is missing and no one knows where he is and everyone who knew about Jesus is now filled with fear and uncertainty.

Fortunately, most of us have heard this message before and you know the good news that happens later in the day on the first Easter. Jesus did not go into hiding. In fact, all the people who were full of fear and uncertainty had been told several times by Jesus himself that he would suffer, die on the cross, be buried and would rise again. But as many times as they heard that this would happen, something important was still missing. No one had seen Jesus in the morning. No one had seen Jesus, yet. And what would Jesus say to the people who abandoned him as he died on the cross?

We know the answer to these questions, and it was on the evening of the first Easter that we "see" the good news. Mary Magdalene had "seen" Jesus before the disciples saw him. Mary relayed her excitement to the disciple after her encounter with Jesus and told them "I have seen the Lord!" This however did not put the disciples at ease because they still had not seen Jesus and did not yet believe in the resurrected Christ.

Jesus then gives them what they needed by appearing to them in their locked hideaway. The disciples were hiding. Jesus was not. More important than Jesus' appearance to the disciples were the words he said. "Peace be with you." It wasn't until after he spoke that the disciples said as Mary Magdalene, "We have seen the Lord". And it wasn't until then that they, like Mary, rejoiced.

This is the good news of Easter. Jesus is on the search for you to declare to you that he is risen from the dead and to tell you that your sins are forgiven so that you too may have God's peace and assurance of salvation. Easter is more than a day or a season to celebrate. We are to rejoice as Easter people every day because you, like Mary, and the disciples have "Seen the Lord!" and believe what he has said to you.

Pastor Randall J. Questad

APRIL NOISY CAN

Table Ministry—Sioux Falls

A welcoming, non judgmental place to sit around a table together:

- Learning across the generations
- Learning through stories
- Learning from experiences
- Learning together

A safe place “to land”, to pull up a seat when the weights of the world are too heavy to carry alone. There is always room for one more.



Baltic: Table Ministry

East: CASA

BALTIC FEBRUARY NOISY CAN:

\$273.96 Baltic Fire Dept.

EAST FEBRUARY NOISY CAN:

\$ 244.82 Baltic Fire Dept.



BALTIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2024

This monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at the Questad residence on January 28, 2024. Council members present were: Al Van Eck, Kelly LaValliere, Karen Sinding, Dick Berg, Terry Snow, Jeff Boldt, Wayne Gunderson and Pastor Randall Questad. Not present were Bryce Witzel, Brett Teveldal. President Al VanEck called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 9, 2024, by Dick Berg. Second by Wayne Gunderson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report : Deferred financial report approval to March meeting. Lisa wants to know if the closet is complete and if remaining money can be transferred back to the fund it came from. Per Terry, there is additional shelving work that needs to be done. Lisa also requests Lenten and Easter offering designations. Last year's offerings went to VBS. Jeff Boldt motioned that Lenten and Easter offerings go to VBS again this year. Second by terry Snow. Motion carried. Lisa is asking that the council address who will be determining active and inactive members based on the ratified constitution. Council determined that Pastor Randall, Karen Sinding, Lisa Skelly, Kelly LaValliere and Al Van Eck will be designated to review member list.

Trustees' Report: Jeff Boldt reported that the swell for the organ is not working. Art Aadland was called to repair at a cost of \$120/hr., and it should take about 5 hours. He will complete this on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Motion to approve by Wayne Gunderson. Second by Terry Snow. Motion carried.

Jeff Boldt will have a company come to spray for wasps again in the spring.

Dick Berg recommended that a current Deacon change to a Trustee position to give the Trustee committee a little more assistance.

Dick also recommended that an announcement go out telling members who give cash in the offering plate to put their offering in an envelope with their name in order to get credit for their monthly and yearly giving totals.

Baltic February Council Minutes (continued)

Deacons' Report : Wayne Gunderson resigned as deacon. Motion to accept the resignation by Terry Snow. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried. Terry Snow will talk with Travis Jervik about being a deacon.

Old Business : Wayne Gunderson will talk with Tony Lee regarding snow removal. Al VanEck did reach out to Brookings Methodist Church regarding the QR code for offering. He was unable to reach anyone to discuss.

New Business: Wayne Gunderson offered to serve as trustee. Motion to nominate Wayne Gunderson as a trustee by Jeff Boldt. Second by Terry Snow. Motion carried. Council had further discussion on insurance coverage discussed during Annual Meeting this year. Jeff Boldt will continue to review State Farm and North Central plans and Karen Sinding will see if Jay Prouty can come to March meeting to explain the plan. Al Van Eck asked that council members brainstorm names of individuals that might be interested in open positions on the council. Lisa Skelly said that her landline phone is not working well. Motion by Wayne Gunderson to approve purchase of new phone. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried. Council discussed VBS for August 2024. Al VanEck will contact Kendra Kappler to see if she would be at all interested in helping again this year. Kelly LaValliere added that we could see if the churches could provide a committee of individuals to help with planning and execution of the event.

Pastor's Report

As presented during Joint Council meeting.

Next Council Meeting will be March 5, 2024.

Motion to adjourn made by Terry Snow. Second by Wayne Gunderson. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



EAST COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2024

A meeting of the East Nidaros Council was held on January 28, 2024, at the home of Pastor Randall Questad, in conjunction with the annual Joint Council Retreat. In attendance were Ron Krogstad, Rob Krogstad, Mark Brobjorg, Jim Vollan, Wayne Albers, Pastor Randall Questad, and Rosalie Riswold-Brende. Not present were David Dyce and Deb Larson. Ron Krogstad called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

There was discussion on the open officer positions on the Council. Ron had talked to Lori Kappler about the secretary position, but that position and the vice president remain open.

Vacation Bible School was reviewed. The Council members were agreement that VBS needs to continue happening at East Nidaros. Finding the coordinator of VBS will be the task. Options for VBS leaders were brought up, including Justin Jenness (not an option as he's a full-time pastor), Augustana, First Lutheran's youth pastor, Synod suggestions and Kelly LaValliere. Rosalie Riswold-Brende brought up a reminder to have postcards sent out for Fellowship Coffee and Treats helpers.

There was extensive discussion concerning the roof project at East Nidaros. The last shingles were put on in the 1990s per Ron. The kinds of shingles and the windows of the bell tower were discussed, along with possible companies to contact for bids. There are insurance proceeds from the damage claim along with funds in savings which can go toward the roof, but a project campaign will be needed to help with the roofing costs. After bids are obtained, a special meeting of the Congregation will be held to discuss and vote on the roof project. It was noted that there is a light out in the sanctuary. The acolyte candle lighter was discussed. It continues to be often unusable due to the stuck wick. It would cost \$60 - \$270 to get a new one. A lighter containing an oil cartridge is a possibility.

Lenten, Easter, and Noisy Can Offerings were reviewed and decided as follows -

**East Nidaros February Council Minutes
(continued)**

Lenten Services – Baltic Food Bank—on motion made by Mark Brobjorg, seconded by Jimmie Vollan and carried.

Easter – VBS - on motion made by Rob Krogstad, seconded by Jimmie Vollan and carried.

April Noisy Can – Baltic Community Garden - on motion made by Rob Krogstad, seconded by Jimmie Vollan and carried.

Sending a thank you to Hefty Farm Supply for help with snow removal was brought up. On motion made by Mark Brobjorg, seconded by Wayne Albers and carried, two meat/cheese/cracker platters with a thank you card will be delivered to the Maintenance Shop at Hefty Farm Supply. Next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:30 pm (after Lenten Service). The next Joint Council meeting will be in May. Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Krogstad, seconded by Mark Brobjorg, and carried.



**JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 2024**

Al Van Eck called meeting of the Joint Council to order. Those present included: Wayne Albers Ron Krogstad Mark Brobjorg Dick Berg Wayne Gunderson Terry Snow Rob Krogstad Jimmie Vollan Jeff Boldt Karen Sinding Rosalie Riswold-Brende Kelly LaValliere and Pastor Randall Questad. Pastor Randall opened discussion regarding pianists and organists. Currently there is no permanent person to fill the position, but we have found several options to rotate, and this has been going well. A candidate was interviewed (found on Indeed) named Keegan Smith. He was a graduate from Augustana University but will possibly move to Colorado in the fall of 2024 to study music further, so he wouldn't be a long-term option. He does play both organ and piano. Less confident on the organ but is eager to learn. Motion to extend offer to Keegan Smith for position of pianist/organist at Baltic Lutheran Church at East Nidaros Lutheran Church by Jeff Boldt. Second by Ron Krogstad. Motion carried. Pastor Randall discussed that Bible study has been less well attended lately. He will be trying to determine if time, day of the week, or topic is deterring anyone. Synod assembly is May 31-June 1. Pastor Randall will not be

Joint Council Minutes (continued)

able to attend. Each church can send 2 delegates. Council members decided that the installation of officers for Baltic Lutheran Church will be February 4, 2024, and February 11, 2024, for East Nidaros Lutheran Church.

Pastor Randall provided a Northern Rim Youth update. Most area churches are not interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Pastor Randall discussed taking some junior high students to a week-long Okoboji camp this summer. The kids interested in attending this camp are interested in providing Lenten meals as a fundraiser for this camp opportunity. Council members agreed the kids could do the meals and use proceeds for camp fees. Lenten Services will again be a rotation of pastors from area churches and the Holden Evening Prayer. Ash Wednesday will be 5:30 pm at East Nidaros Lutheran Church and 7:00 pm at Baltic Lutheran Church. Services thereafter will rotate each Wednesday. Lenten meal will be at 5:30 pm with the service starting at 6:30 pm. Maundy Thursday will be East Nidaros this year and Good Friday will be at Baltic Lutheran Church.

Pastor Randall discussed dates for Confirmation and Senior Recognition Sunday. This will possibly be on different dates for the two churches due to some sporting conflicts for some of the kids. More to come when plans are set. Pastor Randall will be on vacation to Canada from May 27-June 6, 2024. He will be unavailable for services on Sunday June 2, 2024. He will be checking into options for pulpit supply. Pastor Randall would also like to take two weeks off later this summer, but more to come as he makes more plans.

Vacation Bible School will need to have someone or a group of people to lead and organize this year. It was very popular last year. Pastor Randall said the option to use Shetek is available, but this would cost money and we would be responsible for housing and feeding the individuals they send. Pastor Randall also said that area churches have kits they often loan out. He asked if the councils were interested in having Baltic and East lead community worship during Dog Days on August 11, 2024. Council decided we would like this opportunity if asked by the city. Confirmation kids will be serving the Banquet again on October 9, 2024, at the downtown Sioux Falls location. They have really enjoyed this in the past and look forward to this each year. They are looking into opportunities to serve the west side location sometime as well.

Pastor Randall recommended that the councils decide if the personnel committee or a representative of the council communicates information to the employees impacted by decisions made during budget planning. These individuals should receive feedback regarding why decisions were made.

Motion to adjourn Joint Council meeting by Kelly LaValliere. Second by Wayne Albers. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*
Transfers Out: *No Changes*
Baptisms: *Jordan James Petersen*
 Bristol Elaine Goldammer
 Lennox Elizabeth Kerkhove
Weddings: *No Changes*
Deaths: *Lorna Sunde*

EAST

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

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Apr 7 Sue Aldrich
 & 14 Tammy & Todd Park

East Nidaros

Apr 7 Alyssa Frantz
 Louie & Karen Doom

Baltic

Apr 21 Gaila Schreurs
 & 28 Tracy & Cameron Kerkhove

East Nidaros

Apr 14 Janet Leffring & Larry Hemmer
& 21 Mark Brobjorg (14th Bday Cake)
Apr 28 Ginger Lodmell
& May 5 Dan & Cindi Schmidt

BALTIC WELCA MEETING MINUTES

Baltic WELCA members met after church on Sunday, March 17. Kaye brought the meeting to order. The spring cleaning of the church will be on April 13th at 9am.

It was decided to keep the extra round tables. They will be in the storage room in the back of the south addition of the church. Both sinks in the kitchen need to have faucets replaced. Someone will be called to look at the faucets and replace them. Meeting adjourned.
 Pat Brende, Secretary

Thank you!

We would like to thank Pastor Randall, the East Nidaros kitchen helpers and everyone who sent cards or called with words of encouragement after the passing of our husband, father and grandfather. Your kindness means so much to us. The Family of Brian Karlson.



The Baltic Lutheran Church wishes to thank Marc and Manda Sheaffer for their generous gift to fund the suggested repairs for our organ. Thank you!

MEMBERS

Betty Jean Benjamin

Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold

Kelly LaValliere

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

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

Caroline Vollan— Aunt of Jimmie Vollan

Darrel Bonrud— Friend of the Community

Jerome Johnson—Cousin of Dale Erickson

Pauline Svihovec— Mother of Terry Snow

Family of Larry Wold—Friend of the Community

Paul Thompson—Friend of Marc & Manda Sheaffer

Family of Lana Thomas—Friend of the Community





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.

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of

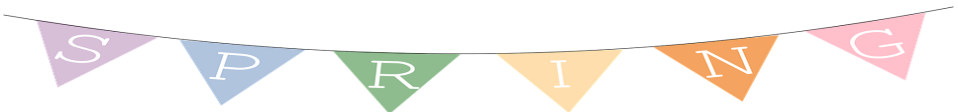
Richard Jervik Undesignated General Fund \$25.00

Lorna Sunde Undesignated General Fund \$10.00

East: In Memory of

Brian Karlson Undesignated General Fund \$75.00

Brian Karlson Undesignated General Fund \$1125.00



Parish the Thought

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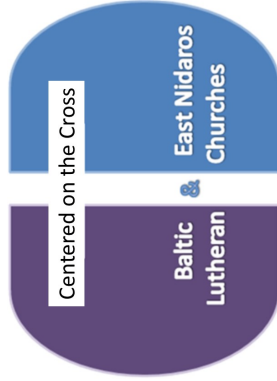
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