

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wed May 3 | 8:30-12 East Nidaros Quilting
6:30-7:30 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic |
| Thu May 4 | 8:30-12 East Nidaros Quilting |
| Sun May 7 | Confirmation & Senior Recognition during Services |
| Tue May 9 | 6pm Baltic Council Meeting
6pm East Council Meeting
7pm Joint Council Meeting @ Baltic |
| Wed May 10 | 6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open |
| Sun May 14 | HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY |
| Tue May 16 | 2:30 Paster @ DNRC Worship Service |
| Fri May 19 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Thu May 25 | NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY |
| Sat May 27 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank open |
| Mon May 29 | 10:30 am Memorial Day Program at East Nidaros
11:30 Lunch is served |



May 2023 Pulpit Post “Easter People”

**They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Acts 2:42**

We are not only still in the season of Easter in the month of May, but we are to be living every day as Easter people since Jesus Christ is risen. But what does this mean? This was the same question that the first believers asked who came to Peter as recorded in the book of Acts. They asked, “What should we do?” Peter responded to them, “Be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter’s answer to their question describes our purpose as a church and what we are to do.

We of course believe as Easter people there is nothing more for us to do regarding our salvation. Jesus accomplished everything by his death on the cross and his rising from the grave. When Jesus said, “It is finished.”, he meant exactly what he said. In the highlighted verse for this Pulpit Post, Peter describes what the Easter people did next. The newly baptized were taught, engaged in fellowship, received the Lord’s supper and prayer.

This may sound like a job description of the church, but Peter said that as a church they were devoted to this calling as Easter people. This was simply a fruit that was produced after the first Easter and the devotion of God’s chosen people to do these things as a church continues today. If we wonder what we are to do as church today, we need to be reminded of what Jesus has done for us and how we as a church will deliver this good news to people by providing worship services that freely share this good news. We are to provide opportunities of fellowship so that we can listen to the needs of our neighbors. We are to provide the Sacraments to proclaim that their sins are forgiven. And we are to be a house of prayer.

Let us continue to be devoted to what Jesus has called us as Easter people to do as a church.

Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Pastor Randall J. Questad

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Thank you!
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Thank you for supporting our mission to end hunger in SD. Each month, thousands of individuals across the state receive food from our mobile food distributions, Backpack Program, Senior Box Program and food pantries. **FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA**

Thank you for your contribution to the Baltic Post Prom! Your donation helped to make the perfect ending to a red carpet night! We all appreciate your donation, it did not go unnoticed. Thank you SO much.
BALTIC POST PROM COMMITTEE

UPCOMING EVENTS

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MEMORIAL DAY DINNER

Monday, May 29, 2023

East Nidaros Parish

10:45am Color guard

11:00am Memorial Day program

11:30am Lunch is served FREE WILL OFFERING





Baltic Council Minutes

March 6, 2023

The monthly meeting of Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church March 6, 2023. Council Members present were Diana Nohava, Pastor Randall, Bryce Witzel, Al Van Eck, Rick Fiala, Trevor Paulsen, Terry Snow, Gary Gregg, Jeff Boldt, Brett Teveldal, Kelly LaValliere. Not Present: Dick Berg, J. Serna

Trevor Paulsen called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall opened in prayer.

Al Van Eck made motion to approve February 4, 2023, minutes, second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diana Nohava presented a report from February. Church will have difficulty meeting budget this year with current rate of congregational giving. Asked for ideas of how the church can increase giving. Discussion about possible options including Venmo. Diana will investigate this option. Option to encourage monthly giving versus weekly giving. Diana announced that effective June 30, 2023, she will no longer be the financial secretary for Baltic Lutheran Church. Asking for replacement to train.

Jeff Boldt moved to approve the financial report. Second by Terry Snow. Motion carried.

Trustees' Report

Working to price out the upstairs storage room. Project looking to be a little over \$650. Diana Nohava moved to approve \$1500 for this project. Second by Al Van Eck. Motion carried. Jeff Boldt will price out a fumigator to take care of wasp problems.

Deacons' Report

Noisy Can April: Banquet - May: Northern Rim Youth - June: Baltic Food Bank
July: Kid's Kitchen - August: St. Dymas Ministry - September: Banquet
October: Veteran's Cemetery - November: Angel Tree - December: Honor Flight
Jeff Boldt moved to approve the report. Second by Brett Teveldal. Motion carried.

Old Business

Gary Gregg reports the sign is working well.

New Business

Diana Nohava discussed ELCA request for inclusivity statement on website and bulletin. Discussed that website statement of "You are welcome here" is both personal and inviting to all. Include this statement in bulletin as well.

Discussed process for getting keys to new people who needs keys and updating list of those who needs a key. Trevor to ask Karen Sinding for report.

Al Van Eck suggested the church start a "Member Spotlight" to help everyone get to know all members. Diana Nohava also wanted to encourage members to indicate the time and talent they have to donate to the church.

Pastor's Report

Northern Rim Youth serving prior to Lenten service has gone well.

Northern Rim Youth Trip has run into a snag with the week planned for the trip. Trip was planned for July 16th-21st, but Pastor received word that Klein Ranch was not available as they had been told previously. Must have 25 attendees for travel

accommodations, but unfortunately many youths that were able to go the 16th-21st are no longer able to go the week of 23rd-28th when Klein Ranch is available. Pastor has reached out to other youth to see if they are able to attend. More to come as this moves forward.

First communion planned for Palm Sunday.

Need to find someone to order palm branches for Palm Sunday. Trevor to reach out to Allana T. to see where she had ordered in the past. Need one palm branch per Sunday School student.

Easter Cantata planned for Palm Sunday April 2, 2023, at the high school commons at 3 pm.

Pastor Randall will be gone on vacation Sunday, March 12. Kendra Kappler to lead services.

Pastor Randall will plan to take two weeks off in August. Kendra Kappler (8/20/23) and Pastor Jeff from St. Dymas (8/27/23) to over services.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2023

Terry Snow moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rick Fiala. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

WELCA Meeting April 23, 2023

A meeting was held Sunday morning following worship service. Joann brought the meeting to order.

The American Legion has been reserved for the bake sale on Saturday, August 12, 2023 during Dog Days.

Discussion again for purchasing a new refrigerator and who should be on the committee. Myron and Diana Nohava are going to donate a refrigerator to the kitchen. We will keep the old refrigerator. The little freezer was returned to Wendlands who donated it several years ago.

Paula gave a brief Treasurer's report and WELCA will make a donation of \$500 for the construction of a new closet in the south wing of the church sanctuary. Diana made a motion to ok the donation and Lois seconded.

Judy and Kaye will head the committee for the Meatball Dinner tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2023. Monetary donations are always welcome for our annual fundraiser.

Just a reminder to please contact the church office if you would like to reserve the Fellowship Hall. Lisa keeps track on her calendar and that way there will be no scheduling conflicts.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Kaye Snow, Secretary



East Nidaros Council Minutes March 7, 2023

The monthly meeting of the East Nidaros Council was held on March 7, 2023, at East Nidaros Church Attendance: Connie Karl, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Alvina Harvey, Deb Larson, Lori Kappler, Rob Krogstad, Mark Brobjorg, Pastor Randall, Not Present: Jim Vollan, David Dyce

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

Pastor Randall opened the meeting in Prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Randall will be on vacation March 11th through March 18th. Kendra Kappler will be leading worship services on March 12th. Pastor Randall and Kendra met with 10 First Communion Students on February 26th from Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros Parishes. First Communion will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. There is 1 First Communion Student for East Nidaros. There are 6 Confirmation Students from East Nidaros who will be confirmed on Sunday, May 7th. Senior Graduates will also be recognized on May 7th. The Youth camp trip to Klein Ranch originally planned for July 16 – 21 will be re-scheduled due to a scheduling conflict – a meeting will take place at Willow Creek on March 19th to determine new camp dates. Youth fundraiser for Klein Ranch will be held at the Morton Center on April 30th. Easter Cantata will be held at the Baltic School Commons on April 2nd at 3pm and at St. Dysmus on April 13th in the evening. Pastor Randall would like to take a two-week vacation in August and would potentially be gone on August 20th and August 27th.

Secretary Report: Motion by Deb Larson to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes and Alvina Harvey seconded, Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Report printed and given to Council members. Discussed Income/Expenses – continue to run negative balance every month. Discussed sending a personal letter to all Congregational members informing them of decreased attendance and offerings. Deb Larson will write the letter. Discussed potentially buying an additional laptop for Financial Secretary. Discussed Treasurer position and potentially finding another individual to learn the position – current Treasurer does not have an interest in occupying the position long term. Mark Brobjorg made the motion to accept the Financial Report and seconded by Lori Kappler, Motion carried.

Deacon's Report: The Deacons plan to set up a meeting and put together a list of homebound congregational members who may appreciate a visit or phone call.

Trustee's Report: Propane was re-filled. David Daugaard fixed the upstairs bathroom toilet and tile. Downstairs furnace not working – Monte Koopman will be coming on March 20th to look at the furnace. AED Batteries need to be checked – the whole unit may need to be replaced.

Old Business: Church Roof and Bell Tower in need of repairs, Rob Krogstad continues to check on estimates. Discussed a potential beef brisket fundraiser.

New Business: Discussed setting up a Sunday School Committee. Connie Karl received clarification from previous Sunday School Superintendent regarding Sunday School Financial Account and what the monies were used for in the past – monies were used for Sunday School expenses, National Youth Gathering, Youth trips and Scholarship. Discussed Monthly Noisy Can organizations.

March: Community Garden - April: CASA - May: Baltic Veterans Memorial
 June: Baltic Food Bank - July: Table Ministry - August: St. Dysmus
 Motion by Alvina Harvey to accept the monthly Noisy can organizations and seconded by Rosalie Riswold – Brende. Motion Carried.

Church Directory will be discussed with Baltic at the Joint meeting in May.

Next Council Meeting will be held on April 11, 2023, at 7pm.

Joint Council Meeting with Baltic planned for May 9, 2023.

Rob Krogstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alvina Harvey seconded. Motion carried.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<u>BALTIC</u>	<u>EAST NIDAROS</u>
May 7 & 21 Joann Moan ~ Ruth Lee Kari & Chuck Radack	May 7 & 14 Keith & Paula Harvey Dustin & Elizabeth Stoel
May 28 & June 4 Gaila Schreurs Tracy & Cameron Kerkhove	May 21 & 28 Mark Brobjorg Rosalie Riswold-Brende
June 11 & 25 Robyn & Travis Brothers Al VanEck	June 4 & 11 Nicole & Ryan Voeltz Jodee Westerbur

Northern Rim Youth Group



MAY NOISY CAN

Baltic: Northern Rim Youth
East: Baltic Veterans Memorial





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— Kimber Gunderson

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
Darci Niva –Sister of Ginger Lodmell
Laurel Mader -Friend of Pastor & Kim Questad
The Neff Family—Friends of the Pickett Family
Tracy Van Dam—Mother-in-law of Danielle Goldammer
Brenda Wade Schmidt—Friend of the Community
Deb Bender– Cousin of Charlotte Hasvold

MARCH PARISH RECORD CHANGES

BALTIC

New Members: *No Changes*
Transfers Out: *No Changes*
Baptisms: *Clayton Lawrence Moser*
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 MARCH NOISY CAN:
\$ 251.13 BLC Vacation Bible School Fund

EAST MARCH NOISY CAN:
\$ 109.63 Baltic Community Garden





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 \$60.00 Technology Fund
Joseph D. King \$25.00 Undesignated General Fund

Baltic WELCA: In Memory of
Evelyn Questad \$50.00 General Fund

Parish the Thought

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