

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tue July 4 **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**
2:30pm PQ @ DNRC
- Thu July 6 9:15am PQ Holy Communion @ Orchard Hills/DNRC
- Mon July 10 6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting
- Tue July 11 7pm East Council Meeting
- Wed July 12 6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open
- Sun July 16 **ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5-7pm @ East Nidaros**
NRYG Camp at Klein Ranch July 16-21
- Fri July 21 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Sat July 22 10:30-11:30am Food Bank open
- Thu July 27 9am Newsletter Assembly



July 2023 Pulpit Post

“Freed from Sin, Enslaved to God”

But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:22-23

Here it is again! The 4th of July. Independence Day. The day that often signals that the end of summer is not far away. It wasn't many days ago that students were declaring their independence from school and looking forward to the freedom that summer offers. As much as we as a nation celebrate and appreciate our freedoms, we also recognize that we still are enslaved to something. Youth still live under the rule of their parents. Those who can work are under the rule of their employers. Even people who have reached the “independence” that they hoped retirement would give, now often live under the restrictions that their savings plans allow. Independence is more a utopia than a reality. Throughout the book of Romans, Paul declares the freedom from sin that Christians experience. However, Paul never declares when we are freed from sin that we have achieved our independence from everything. When we are freed from sin, we also become slaves. Slaves to God who made this freedom possible. We recognize that as citizens of the United States, our freedom came at the cost of others. As citizens of the kingdom of God, our freedom was paid by one person alone. Jesus Christ, who took away our sins by his death on the cross. For this reason, we do not declare our freedom or our independence from everything or everyone. Instead, we declare our dependance on Jesus Christ who set us free from sin.

Paul uses the word “sanctification” to describe the advantage Christians have in our freedom. Simply put, this means that we are made holy. The wage of sin is death, but Christ has made us holy so that we can be given eternal life. This is the good news that we proclaim each week in our worship services so that you will not be tempted to think that once you are freed from sin, you also are freed from God and his son Jesus Christ. Instead, our response to this freedom from sin is to worship and give thanks to Jesus Christ, who has set us free.

God's peace to you,

Pastor Randall J. Questad

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Thank you!
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We would like to thank Duane and Marilyn Schreurs for their generous donation of \$12,500 to East Nidaros Lutheran Church. Their request is that we designate it to something other than monthly expenses. We would appreciate your input on this. Please contact a council member with your ideas.

Thank you, Ruth Lee for your generous donation of the sewing machine to our quilting group! Baltic WELCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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East Nidaros Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 16, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm at East Nidaros

Serving: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,

Homemade Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Pie & Ice Cream

FREE WILL DONATION

Vacation Bible School
Location: East Nidaros Lutheran
Date: 8/11/2023
Time: 9:00 – 2:30
Ages: 4-12
Lunch will be provided!
Register by 8/4/2023
All Are Welcome!



Registration:
<https://forms.gle/5nvMMc4JhhqDpRQP7>





Baltic Council Minutes

May 9, 2023

Council members present were Trevor Paulsen, Rick Fiala, Diana Nohava, Al VanEck, Brett Telveldal, Jeff Boldt, Dick Berg, and Pastor Randall Questad.

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran church Council was held at East Nidaros Lutheran Church on May 9, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Diana to approve the April 3, 2023, meeting minutes. Seconded by Al. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Nohava reported that BLC received a check for \$12,500 from Duane Schruers. She is working on creating an endowment committee consisting of 7 people for a term of 2 years. Diana will chair the committee. Al wants to serve on the committee. Al motioned to approve. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried. Diana is still working on Venmo. Without a mobile phone unable to verify who we are so at this point it is stalled. Discussed ordering weekly offering envelopes for 2024. Order 35 books, and 200 special occasion envelopes for holiday giving. Motion to approve by Al. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried. Also discussed the Boy Scouts needing to obtain their own EIN#. Rick will visit with Brett Porter to find out why they use our EIN. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the financial report. Seconded by Al. Motion carried.

Trustees Report: Dick reported on meeting with Marc Tommeraasen about the addition. Jeff is getting quotes for repairs on the parking lot. Jeff also put up traps for wasps. These do not seem to be working.

Deacon's Report: No new business.

New Business: Trevor Paulsen is resigning as council president due to moving out of state. Rick Fiala has accepted the position of council president. Motion by Diana to approve. Seconded by Al. Motion carried. Kendra will continue to be our organist through June. Jeff will put the opening for church organist on "Indeed". Rick receives all keys from Trevor. Motion by Diana to approve. Seconded by Dick. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Discussed hosting Baccalaureate in 2024 at BLC. Next Council Meeting will be on June 5, 2023, at 6:30pm at Baltic Lutheran Church. Motion by Rick to adjourn. Seconded by Brett. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



East Nidaros Council Minutes May 9 & 16, 2023

Attendance:

Connie Karl – President - Present May 9, Present May 16
Lori Kappler – Vice President - Present May 9, Present May 16
Debra Larson – Treasurer - Present May 9, Present May 16
OPEN – Secretary Open Position/council taking turns with the duties.
Alvina Harvey – Financial Secretary – Present May 9, Present May 16
Jimmie Vollan – Deacon – Absent May 9, Present May 16
Rosalie Brende – Deacon – Absent May 9, Present May 16
David Dyce – Deacon – Absent May 9 & 16
Mark Brobjorg – Trustee – Absent May 9, Present May 16
Rob Krogstad – Trustee – Absent May 9, Present May 16
Pastor Randall Questad - Present May 9, Present May 16

Call To Order: Call to order by President Connie Karl at 6:04PM on May 9; Call to order by President Connie Karl at 7:00PM on May 16. Pastor began with prayer.

Secretary Report: Reviewed the secretary report. No one has stepped forward to fill the position. Deb made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Alvina seconded it. Connie will email to rest for approval since we did not reach quorum level. Report approved May 16.

Pastor Report: Northern Rim fundraiser held on April 30 at the Morten Center was a success. Retired coach John Stiegelmeier from SDSU provided a talk entitled "Unbelievable." 148 guests attended. The event was catered by Tonys. Approximately \$7,000 net. 25 young people helped with the event and will attend the trip this summer.

Treasurer Report: Email to council members to vote on the below items:
Lori makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Alvina seconds it. Report approved May 16.

Deb makes a motion to take \$50,000 from savings and place in a 6-month CD at the rate of 4% at First National Bank. Funds are currently earning .04% in a savings account at First National. Lori seconds. Motion approved May 16.

Further discussion for use of recent donation from Duane & Marilyn Schreurs in the amount of \$12,500. Deb requests approval to move funds from checking to the savings account. Rob Krogstad made motion, Mark 2nd. Motion approved May 16.

East Council Minutes (cont'd)

Deb makes a motion to change savings account to Platinum Saving at First National Bank which increases interest from .4 to 2.4%.

Lori seconds the motion. Motion approved on May 16.

Deacon Report: No report.

Trustee Report: Rob Krogstad replaced flag and working on repair of flagpole solar light. Mark Brobjorg reported furnace #2 not working. He is seeking a repair company. Mark Brobjorg cleaned the flower beds.

Old Business: Rob Krogstad will look at the leaky roof and bell tower.

New Business: August 11 – 9am to 2:30pm Vacation Bible School.

Need additional volunteers. Will be advertised in church bulletin and newsletter June, July & August.

Next Council Meeting: June 13, 2023, at 7pm. Rob Krogstad and Lori Kappler will not be present. Connie will pole the rest of council near meeting date to make sure we will have a quorum.

Motion to Adjourn: Mark made a motion to adjourn. Rob second. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm on May 9. The meeting adjourned at 8PM on May 16.



Joint Council Minutes May 9, 2023

Held at East Nidaros Lutheran Church

Connie Karl called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

Attendees: Lori Kappler, Rosalie Riswold-Brende, Alvina Harvey, Allen VanEck, Diana Nohava, Brett Teveldal, Pastor Randall, Dick Berg, Rick Fiala, Bryce Witzel, Trevor Paulsen, Jeff Boldt, Debra Larson, Connie Karl.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve minutes by Lori Kappler. Rosalie Riswold-Brende seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor report: Senior recognition & confirmation was an exciting day on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Pastor received favorable comments from parents of students.

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by Tony's. Approximately \$7,000 net. 25 young people and their parents helped with the event and will attend the trip this summer. August 11-13 Baltic Dog Days. Pastor Randall will provide community worship on August 13.

August 11 Vacation Bible School. We need 15 volunteer's total. We need 7-8 from Baltic. We have 6 committed from East. Suggestion to reach out to confirmands for help. Lori Kappler has created the curriculum and is leading the event. Lori distributed the plan for VBS. Lori will pay for everything and then submit receipts to Deb Larson. Baltic & East will share the cost 50/50. Estimated budget is \$860. We will seek donations of snacks and beverages. Brett Teveldal volunteered to bring 100 mini-Gatorade drinks.

Rally Sunday – is that something you want to do? September 10, 2023. Baltic Lutheran will participate. East Nidaros will have separate regular service. Time to be determined. Baltic Lutheran will have Rally Sunday at the Baltic School commons area.

Organist to be hired by June 27 for Baltic Lutheran. Seeking candidates now.

Church directory. There is interest to invite someone to come and talk to us. Connie Karl will invite the company to attend next joint meeting on August 8 to discuss the possibility.

Rick Fiala is new President of Baltic Lutheran.

Next joint meeting: August 8 at 6pm individual and 7pm joint meeting at Baltic Lutheran Church.

Diana Nohava made a motion to adjourn. Brett Teveldal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<u>BALTIC</u>	<u>EAST NIDAROS</u>
July 2 Marlene & Ed Mellegaard & 9 Sue Aldrich	July 2 Tom & Becky Siemonsma & 9 Scott & Brianna Rick
July 16 Char Johnson & 23 Kelly & Rory LaValliere	July 16 Rob Krogstad & 23 Louis & Karen Doom
July 30 Trista & Jim Bohlen Aug 6 Crystal & J. Serna	July 30 Randy & Trudi Hartman Aug 6 Lori & Kendra Kappler

Baltic WELCA would like to remind all members to return items taken home to launder. We are running short on kitchen wash cloths. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

East Nidaros Parish is looking for 2 Sunday School Teachers. Anyone interested in teaching our youth please contact Nicole Voeltz at 605-940-9851, call or text.

MAIL BOX REMINDER

Please remember to check your church mailbox when attending service as we place things in your mailboxes periodically. Thank you.



MEMBERS

Tanya Vollan - Paul Romsdahl
Betty Jean Benjamin - Donna Lee Boyd
Rhoda Wold—Ella Riswold - Dorothy Sittig
Dustin Aspaas - Kimber Gunderson
Carol Tommeraasen

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
Tracy Van Dam—Mother-in-law of Danielle Goldammer
Deb Bender— Cousin of Charlotte Hasvold
Krista & Jordan Walton—Nephew and Wife of Dixie Fiala
Dale & Carole Frewaldt—Uncle & Aunt of Ryan Voeltz
Family of Gail Kortan— Cousin of Myron Nohava
Keith Faucett—Kyla Faucett's (Nesheim) father-in-law

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of
Bill Boadwine \$220.00 Undesignated General Fund
East: In Memory of
Shari Fowlds \$125.00 Undesignated General Fund

MAY 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: *No Changes*
Weddings: *No Changes*
Deaths: *No Changes*

BALTIC MAY NOISY CAN:
\$ 160.10 Northern Rim Youth Group

EAST MAY NOISY CAN:
\$106.47 Baltic Veteran's Memorial

The Kids' Kitchen was started at Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic, in partnership with Feeding South Dakota, in December 2022. It is a food pantry available to all patients and families of Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic and the goal is to help address the growing problem of food insecurity for families in our local communities. Any family seen at Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic who expresses need is given food from the pantry to take home the day of their appointment. While food is replenished on a weekly basis by Feeding South Dakota, your donation will go to help supply families with items Feeding South Dakota does not provide, such as diapers, toiletry items, and "Birthday Boxes" (cake mix, candles, etc.). Thank you for your consideration!

JULY NOISY CAN

Baltic: Kid's Kitchen
East: Table Ministry



A community of faith that will:

- Meet people where they are at.
- Walk with people through life's journeys.
- Show up for struggles.
- Celebrate the joys.
- Lift up leaders.
Serve others.



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 Baltic Lutheran Church and East Nidaros Church are looking for an organist. This person would play Sundays, for the Choir as requested and for special services. If you would like to be considered, please contact the church office at 605-594-5471 or send an email to: nidaros@alliancecom.net

Parish the Thought

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