



September

Parish The Thought

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thu Aug 2 9:15 Pastor Questad Communion @ Orchard Hills
- Tue Aug 3 10:00 Pastor Questad Communion @ DNRC
- 6:00 Baltic & East Council Meeting @ Baltic
- Sat Sep 4 2:00-4:00 Ron Bruns 80th Open House @ Baltic
- Sun Sep 5 **Holy Communion**
- Livestreaming from Baltic**
- Tue Sep 7 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- 7:00 East Council Meeting
- Wed Sep 8 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
- Thu Sep 9 8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
- Sat Sep 11 **9:00 Baltic WELCA meeting**
- Sun Sep 12 **10:00 Rally Sunday Joint Worship @ Hefty Seed Morton building - Rally day events to follow**
- Tue Sep 14 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Sep 15 6:30-7:30 Confirmation @ East
- 7:15 Health Board Meeting @ Baltic
- Thu Sep 16 9:30 Phase 3
- Sun Sep 19 **Livestreaming from East**
- 12:00-2:00 Doris Krogstad 90th Open House @ East
- Pastor Randall in Pierre following service Sept. 19–Sept. 21 for the Fall Theological Conference
- Tue Sep 21 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- 2:00 Bible Study @ East
- Wed Sept 22 6:30-7:30 Confirmation @ East
- 9:30 Phase 3**
- Sun Sep 26 **Holy Communion/Livestreaming from Baltic**
- Tue Aug 28 **1:30 Bible Study @ East**
- Wed Sep 29 6:30-7:30 Confirmation @ East
- Thu Sep 30 Newsletter Assembly



SEPTEMBER PULPIT POST

“Rally”

On that day, Jesse’s Root will be raised high, posted as a rallying banner for the peoples. The nations will all come to him. His headquarters will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:10

The month of September has always been a month in the church year to “rally” together. Sunday Schools often launch their new programs with a “Rally Day”. I am excited about the plans that will happen on our Rally Day, September 12th, as we gather for a special joint service of our two churches at the Hefty Morton Center where we too will celebrate a time of new beginnings.

The verse from Isaiah pointed to an early rally day. The two tribes of Judah and Israel had been in exile and Isaiah prophesied about a day when God’s chosen people would return from exile and rally around Jesse’s Root. We know this “root” is none other than Jesus Christ himself.

We already have seen wonderful signs of a desire for families to return to church with the success of the recent VBS program. The education committees of our parish have been making plans for an exciting day for the return of students to the new Sunday year. It almost seems like our youth have been in exile just as God’s chosen people were when Isaiah announced one of the first rally days.

On this day, September 12, we too will rally together and raise high Jesus Christ in liturgy, song, message, and children’s activities. We hope that you invite anyone that might be looking for a church that is not ashamed of teaching and preaching the good news of Jesus Christ. We hope that you will join us as we rally around our teachers and students on that day, and we pray that we will continue to meet together and raise up Jesus Christ throughout the year. It will be a glorious day!

Parish Nurse & Health Board

This year is a little different with fall and school starting, along with other activities. Has the COVID settled down? Are we going to wear masks again? From summer with lots of time outside and small social activities it may be a challenge for children to go back to school with close contact again with others. The first 60 days of school are typically the time of contracting colds, sore throats, sinus infections and stomach bugs and bringing the germs home to parents and grandparents. It's clear that handwashing, masks and social distancing reduce the spread of diseases of all sorts. So hopefully, most of those hygiene habits continue.

Healthy nutrition should be assessed by parents by knowing what the child's school is offering for lunch. Teaching your child proper nutrition can be a way to ensure healthy eating away from home. Educate your child on the importance of an "apple a day" or any other fruit they prefer. Pack a lunch. If you pack a lunch for your child, have them help and use the time as a teaching tool for proper nutrition to include fresh fruits, veggies and whole grains.

Healthy at home menus. Try to keep the home menu as healthy as possible to ensure your child is getting balanced nutrition as often as possible. Try to limit fast or fried foods, sugary drinks, candy, etc. Remember learning starts at home! If you do go out eat at a salad bar or hot bar the tips to remember are: make sure the cold food is refrigerator cold. If you don't see steam coming from a hot bar, steer clear! Avoid any salad or hot-food bar that isn't protected by a sneeze guard.

We all know the Jesus Loves Me song and this version was written by a 92 year old pastor and in our FCN Newsletter to be shared:

Jesus loves me this I know
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still he bids me trust in Him.
Chorus: Jesus Loves Me
Though my steps are oh so slow,
With my hand in his I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

Chorus

This year is a little different with fall and school starting, along with oth-

When the nights are dark and long,
In my head He puts a song
Telling me in words so clear,
Have no fear, for I am here.

Chorus

When my work on earth is done
And life's victories have been won,
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand his love.

Chorus.

God's Blessings
Marjell Wendland, RN, FCN

HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Crutches, Bed Rails, Commodes, Walkers, Cane,
Urinal, Boot, Shower Stool, Depends,
Toilet Riser, Wrist Brace



Remember if you are in need of Home Medical Equipment
contact Marjell or the church office.

There is now a sign-out sheet in the Home Medical Equipment room at
East, so please complete it when checking out equipment and also
when returning, so we have a record of all that we are
pleased to be able to offer anyone in the community.

Thanks for your cooperation with this.

MARJELL'S OFFICE HOURS are Thursdays from 9am –3pm, but she
will not always be available at the church due to home visits. She can be
reached at her home telephone (529-5457—leave a message).

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED.....

Please remember due to federal regulations, hospitals cannot inform
the church of your admission without you giving them your permission.
Likewise the Pastor and Parish Nurse cannot call or visit you if you are
sick without your permission. If you would like a visit please notify the
church office at 529-5471 or e-mail nidaros@alliancecom.net.

Footcare Clinic will be Thursday October 7th and every other month following. The next ones will then be December and February. This change was made by Sanford. We will still be doing them on the first Thursday of the month and will do our best to accommodate all clients.



Check with me with concerns.

Marjell, RN, FCN

Health Board Meeting Highlights
 Meeting held August 12, 2021
 Prayer Shawls
 Footcare Clinic
 Visits
 Councils decision to terminate the Parish Nursing Ministry
 Marjell

JULY PARISH RECORD CHANGES	
<p><u>BALTIC</u></p> <p>New Members: <i>No Changes</i> Transfers Out: <i>No Changes</i> Baptisms: <i>No Changes</i> Weddings: <i>No Changes</i> Deaths: <i>Roger Moan</i></p>	<p><u>EAST</u></p> <p>New Members: <i>No Changes</i> Transfers Out: <i>No Changes</i> Baptisms: <i>No Changes</i> Weddings: <i>No Changes</i> Deaths: <i>No Changes</i></p>

SEPTEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Baltic School Angel Tree
East: CASA Court-appointed Special Advocate



East Nidaros Council Minutes

July, 2021

East Council did NOT hold a meeting in the month of July

Month	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses
Jan	\$4,844.14	\$3,777.56	\$4,844.14	\$3,777.56
Feb	\$13,765.50	\$6,537.17	\$18,609.64	\$10,314.73
Mar	\$4,418.85	\$9,431.85	\$23,028.49	\$19,746.58
Apr	\$15,512.25	\$8,053.60	\$38,540.74	\$27,800.18
May	\$8,824.30	\$13,545.06	\$47,365.04	\$41,345.24
Jun	\$3,276.55	\$6,437.65	\$50,641.59	\$47,782.89
Jul	\$11,714.05	\$6,123.11	\$62,355.64	\$53,906.00
Aug*	\$2,744.49	\$5,696.10	\$65,100.13	\$59,602.10

*As of Aug 24, 2021.

No offering collected 8/15/21 Community Worship Service.



East Nidaros September Noisy Can will go to CASA, the Sioux Falls Area Court Appointed Special Advocate Program which seeks to promote and protect the best interests of abused and neglected children through the advocacy efforts of trained community volunteers.



Baltic and East Nidaros churches are in need of teachers for all grades and Baltic Lutheran is also in need of a Sunday School Superintendent.

For those interested in being a Sunday School teacher or substitute teacher, can reach the following individuals via call/text:

- Baltic – Angela Aspaas 605-941-6318
- East – Jenni Hartman 605-595-2948



The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory Of:

Roger Moan Parish Nurse Program \$20.00
Baltic Lutheran Church Technology Fund \$20.00
Vacation Bible School \$25.00
St. Olaf Cemetery \$515.00

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Sep 19

Baltic

Sue Aldrich 413-5493
J. & Crystal Serna 695-4907
Ben & Elaine Kringen 529-5262

Sep 26 & Oct 3

Barb Lobdell 366-4693
Rick & Sharon Hars 529-6028
Shane & Barb Haux 941-1797

East Nidaros

David & Connie Karl 608-386-8139
Adam & Tracy Petersen 254-6603
Tom & Becky Siemonsma 359-2151

Randy & Trudy Hartman 261-2360
Dan & Cindi Schmidt 310-7204
Scott & Sara Grunewaldt 595-4596



Prayer Chain

Replies to the message get cumbersome to some as they are getting numerous messages in response to a prayer request. When you receive a prayer request please pray. There is no need to reply to the message.



Baltic Lutheran Council Minutes

July 13, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on July 13, 2021. Council members present were: Dale Erickson, Lori Berg, Dick Berg, Shirlene Allgier, Karen Sinding, Myron Nohava, J. Serna, Al VanEck, and Alana Tommeraasen. Pastor Randall Questad and Marjell Wendland were also present. Not present: Jeff Boldt, and Gary Gregg, and John Sinding.

Dale Erickson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randall gave the opening prayer.

Motion by Al VanEck and second by J Serna to approve the June minutes.

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

June reports were distributed by Alana. Motion by Karen and second by Shirlene to approve June financial reports, motion carried.

Trustees' Report:

Jeff Boldt is working on repairing stucco on outside basement walls of south wing. Dale spoke with Jeff and Jeff may tackle this project himself. Dale was able to contact Renaissance Warrantied Services LLC, the company that repainted the permanent siding on the church in 2015. We will email pictures of where the paint has peeled. They have a crew heading to Sioux Falls maybe yet this year. Possibility of fast turnaround.

Deacons' Report:

Noisy Can for August: Vacation Bible School

Old Business:

Received "forgiveness" of 1st PPP Loan of \$11,250 received April 21, 2020, on July 1.

New Business:

1. On-line giving using Planning Center Giving is in process, all the banking requirements have been set up and now we are to the point of revising the website home page to feature "Giving Button". Kathy will administer the website too.
2. Church library was discussed. Needs to be cleaned out since it is not being used. Dale will go through and pick the books the church should keep. Alana will make some calls to find out if we can donate the unused books. We will discuss further at the next meeting to determine what we will do. *Cont.*

3. WELCA – Karen Sinding said they will start having fellowship this Sunday after church. There will be an article in the newsletter. Also, on Sunday August 15 of “Baltic Dog Days” there will be vendor booths set up in the old school gym. WELCA will be doing a bake sale during this. Donations of baked goods appreciated.

Parish Nurse Report:

Marjell stated it’s nice to get in and see people again. Last Sunday she was doing blood pressures again.

Pastor’s Report:

Moses’ project begins August 9th. Some assignments will be, rediscover the call, learn to manage the fit and miss fit with congregation, and build uplifting relationships with other clergy.

Vacation Bible School, Friday August 13th from 9am – 2:30pm at East Nidaros. Camping with Moses is the theme. Kendra Kappler is heading this. There is a sign-up genius on the website. We will see how this year goes. There will be a postcard going out to families and will be something on Facebook. Jodee has access to the sign-up genius.

There will be Bible study Wednesday night. Trying to see if we can get more people involved for an evening Bible study if it works.

Next Meeting, Joint Council Meeting: August 3, 2021, at 6:00pm at Baltic Lutheran.

Pastor Randall led the closing prayer.

Motion by Al VanEck and second by Dick to adjourn. Motion carried.

BALTIC GENERAL FUND 2021				
Month	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses
Jan	\$6,981.07	\$9,476.16	\$6,981.07	\$9,476.16
Feb	\$9,170.31	\$11,517.44	\$16,151.38	\$20,993.60
*Mar	\$20,240.55	\$8,758.26	\$36,391.93	\$29,751.86
Apr	\$14,719.98	\$12,484.38	\$51,111.91	\$42,236.24
May	\$9,334.18	\$9,823.57	\$60,446.09	\$52,059.81
Jun	\$7,298.37	\$8,955.38	\$67,744.46	\$61,015.19
Jul	\$11,090.80	\$9,855.20	\$78,835.26	\$70,870.39
Aug	\$6,924.48	\$7,621.14	\$85,759.74	\$78,491.53

Baltic Lutheran Church Members:

Our giving is down and we are asking all members to be faithful in your financial giving to the church. As a reminder, if you are unable to bring your offerings to worship services, you may also:

A. **Mail** – your check or cash to our Church Treasurer:

Baltic Lutheran Church
c/o Alana Tommeraasen
PO Box 198
Baltic, SD 57003

B. **AutoPay**

If you bank with **First National Bank**, you may set up your automatic donations from your account to whichever Church fund(s) (General Fund, Building Fund, etc.) you choose. It may be more than one fund and the frequency (weekly, monthly, one-time) as you choose, without a fee. The bank will take care of the transfer, and it will continue until you request it to be stopped. The donation will appear in the church account with your name visible only to the Church Treasurer.

If you **bank elsewhere**, there may be a one-time fee to set up. To avoid that cost, ask your bank to set up autopay and have them send a check directly to our church. Your bank may have different rules or fees, so be sure to clarify with your bank on details.

BALTIC BLDG FUND	
Jan	\$100.00
Feb	\$120.00
Mar	\$140.00
Apr	\$105.00
May	\$140.00
Jun	\$145.00
Jul	\$45.00
Aug	\$50.00
YTD	\$845.00

BALTIC JULY NOISY CAN:
\$74.00 for Ronald McDonald House
EAST JULY NOISY CAN:
\$335.10 for McCrossan Boys Ranch

Livestreaming will no longer be recorded at both churches every Sunday. Beginning in Sept. we will start rotating. **We will add a sign up at both churches to request volunteers to do the recording.** There is someone experienced at both churches they are more than willing to share their knowledge to allow others to help and give those who have so faithfully volunteered a break. Look for sign ups at the churches.

*Happy
Birthday!*



Join Ron Bruns and family Saturday September 4th at Baltic Church for an open house from 2-4 to celebrate his *80th* Birthday

The Krogstad family would like to invite you to an open house to help celebrate Doris' *90th* Birthday on Sunday September 19th at East Nidaros from 2-4.



Baltic WELCA will be having a meeting Saturday Sept. 11 at 9:00 to plan for the Swedish Meatball meal.



Baltic Lutheran and East Nidaros Joint Council Minutes August 3, 2021

The joint council meeting of the Baltic Lutheran & East Nidaros Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on August 3, 2021. Council members present were Dale Erickson, Lori Berg, Dick Berg, Shirlene Allgier, Allen VanEck, John Sinding, Karen Sinding, Myron Nohava, Jeff Boldt, Gary Gregg, J. Serna, Alana Tommeraasen, David Daugaard, Tom Siemonsma, Debra Larson, Connie Karl, Alvina Harvey, and Kathy Hegge. Also present were Pastor Randall Questad and Marjell Wendland.

Not present: Craig Krogstad, Mark Brobjorg, Jesse Hartman, Jennifer Hartman, and Jimmie Vollan.

Dale Erickson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Myron Nohava and second by Kathy Hegge to approve the May 11th minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Moses Project beginning next week.

Vacation Bible School will be August 13th from 9-2:30. Over 60 have signed up and everything is in place. We will be taking pictures to post and show during the service on the 15th. Would like to send out a survey to parents to find out what they would like to see for VBS.

Joint outdoor service at Baltic Heights on the 15th at 10:00am.

Days off & Pulpit Supply. Will be taking some time off, looking for someone to fill in. Possibility of Dr. Paulson.

Mentoring Jeremy Haugen from Flandreau.

Will be at conferences Sept. 19-21 as well as Nov. 7-9.

The evening Bible Study was not successful currently.

Financial Report:

Kathy Hegge has the on-line giving up and running. She encourages everyone to try it and use it. As of right now we have 4 funds, 2 general and 2 noisy can. We can add more if we need to. There will be a link on the website. It is very user friendly. There will also be a text to give option. We will put an announcement out when it's up and running for the public. Possibility of putting a how-to video on the website.

Cont.

New Business:

Technology: we will start rotating Sundays for online service unless there is a special occasion. We need extra help to give others a break. We will try a sign-up sheet and see how that goes. Spread the word if you know of someone who may be willing to help.

Communion: As of now we will keep as is with 2 Sunday's a month.

Noisy Can: We will start this again on Rally Sunday, Sept. 12th.

Joint Rally Sunday: Sept. 12th at the Morton Center. Food will be catered with pork loin, beans, salad with a free will offering going towards the meal, whatever is remaining will be donated to the Sunday School program. We will ask members to bring desserts.

Myron Nohava spoke on the personnel committee. We need to make sure we go through the chain of command if there are issues. Bring it to the attention of your own church committee if there are issues.

At 7:50pm John Sinding made a motion to go into Executive Session, second by Kathy Hegge, motion carried. Pastor Randall Questad and Parish Nurse Marjell Wendland were excused from the meeting.

Executive Session – The Joint Council discussed the future of the Parish Nurse / Faith Community Nurse program for which both churches have been under contract with Sanford Hospital (formerly known as Sioux Valley Hospital) since 2003. After discussion, a motion was made to vote by secret ballot on whether to continue the program. The Joint Council voted to terminate the contract with Sanford Hospital effective no later than December 31, 2021 (148 days' notice vs. the 90 days' notice required in the contract).

John made a motion to adjourn, second by Connie Karl, motion carried. The next joint council meeting will be November 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm. at East Nidaros

Stewards of God's Gifts

We love because God loved us first. We can forgive others because we have been forgiven. We can also give to others from the abundances that we have first received from God who has created all things. Our ministry and mission outreach projects at the Baltic and East Nidaros Parish remain strong because of your faithful giving.

Online giving is now available of the church website.

There are three options for giving Online on the website, text to give and mail.

Please visit the website to learn more at balticandeastnidaros.org

The Baltic Church Council and the Baltic WELCA have decided to discontinue the Baltic Church Library as it has been rarely used in the last several years. The remaining books will be available in the Narthex for free. Those books not taken will be given to a charitable establishment after 1 month.



PHASE 3

If you have not come to enjoy Phase 3, you are missing out on some great fellowship, treats and games. This is for the entire community; caring, and sharing time. We have had wonderful attendance, but always room for more! Next Phase 3 is September 16 at Baltic.

Oct. Newsletter Deadline: Sep. 21, 2021



Baltic is in need of members to serve Holy Communion in the months of November and December.

**BIBLE
STUDY**



BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at East Nidaros at 2:00.
All are welcome.



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Monetary Donations

always Welcome!

Donations can be mailed to:

PO Box 244 Baltic SD 57003

- White sugar
- Brown Sugar
- Powdered Sugar
- Pancake Syrup
- Boxed Noodles
- Cream Soups
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- BBQ Sauce
- Oil
- Relish
- Laundry Soap
- Salad Dressing
- Knorr Sides
- Saltine Crackers
- Snack Crackers
- Canned Chicken
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Breakfast Bars
- Granola Bars
- Jelly
- Dish soap

**NO OPENED,
PARTIALLY USED OR
OUTDATED ITEMS
PLEASE**

Items may be dropped off at the Baltic School in the red box in the Commons or in the Baltic Narthex or East Nidaros Fellowship Hall.

Crossroads Fall Leadership Event

October 12th at Beaver Valley Lutheran

Be sure to mark your calendar and attend our Gathering/Leadership Event. The main speaker will be Bishop Constanze Hagmaier. A light supper will be served at 5:00 pm with event beginning at 6:00 pm.

*Thank
You*

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the WELCA bake sale during Dog Days. The sale was very successful raising \$440.00.

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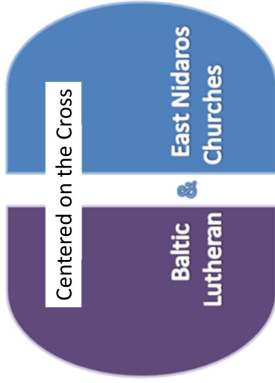
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