

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wed Sep 6 | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros |
| Thu Sep 7 | 8:30am Quilting at East Nidaros |
| Mon Sep 11 | 6:30pm Baltic Council Meeting |
| Tue Sep 12 | 7 pm East Council Meeting |
| Wed Sep 13 | 6:30pm Confirmation Orientation for 6-7-8 grades @ BLC
6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open |
| Mon Sep 18 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Wed Sep 20 | 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation @ BLC
7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ BLC |
| Wed Sep 27 | 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation @ BLC
7:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation @ BLC |
| Thu Sep 28 | 9am Newsletter Assembly |
| Sat Sep 30 | 10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open |

goodbye, august

hello, september

September 2023 Pulpit Post

“You’re Pushing It”

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There is a lot going on in the lives of so many people. So many people have told me, I think there is a verse in the bible that says something about God won't give me more than I can handle, but lately, it seems God is pushing me to the limit. The apostle Paul, guided by the Holy Spirit, tells us that regardless of what trial you are going through, God will provide the way out and you will endure it.

We can turn to this single verse from 1 Corinthians as a word of hope when being tested what seems beyond our limits, but the truth is this is the consistent message through the bible. From the very beginning of creation, Adam and Eve did not obey what God told them and deserved punishment, but God promised to protect them. Their son, Cain killed his brother, Abel, and deserved punishment, but God promised to protect him. David had a long list of ways that he failed to obey God, yet God provided the way from what he deserved to a place of comfort and safety. The 23rd Psalm that David later wrote doesn't boast of a Christians' prosperous and happy life, but comforts Christians who are going through "dark valleys" and our eating meals "in the presence of enemies". This Psalm ends by giving each of us hope by promising that "surely goodness and mercy will follow us".

There is no question that testing in this life will come and it comes in different ways for each of us. It is the world, us, and the devil who would like us to question that we have been dealt more than we can handle. The good news for each of us is not only is Jesus willing to and encourages us to cry out to him when these trials come, but Jesus is the way through each of your trials. Not everyone goes through the same trials and temptations of this life, but there is no trial or temptation that Jesus has not gone through.

Come hear this good news Jesus has for you. When you pass through the waters and fires of this life, I will be with you. May God's peace and presence be with each of you.

Pastor Randall J. Questad



Thank you!



The Northern Rim Youth Group & Parents would like to say thank you to Pastor Questad and both congregations for their generous support and donations. The donations from Lenten meals and the NRY banquet fundraiser this past spring helped provide funding for transportation and camp at Klein Ranch of Lutheran Outdoors last month where we were able to grow in faith out on the South Dakota prairie. We had so many amazing experiences such as horseback riding, a late night candlelit sermon in a beautiful old church, relaxing in hammocks and bible study. Sincerely, we thank you for this experience! ~ NRY Group

THANK YOU for all the greetings and birthday cards I received for my 90th birthday celebration. I really appreciated all the kindness everyone shared and a special THANK YOU to the ladies that worked in the kitchen. ~Lorna Sunde

SAVE THE DATE



Mark your calendars. The Baltic WELCA Swedish Meatball Dinner will be held on **October 22, 2023** at the Baltic School Commons. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Don't forget to register your child(ren) for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year. We are looking forward to another great year of Sunday School! More details around Rally Sunday and additional important dates to come as registration closes. We are also looking for additional teachers and teacher assistants. Please consider helping out with our Sunday School program. Teachers are on a rotating schedule so you are not committed to teaching every week. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about what teaching consists of please reach out to Angie Aspaas (605-941-6318), Kari Sundermann (605-310-9145) or Mandy Witzel (650-261-9047). Register on the Church Website.



Baltic Council Minutes July 10, 2023

This monthly meeting of the Baltic Lutheran Church Council was held at Baltic Lutheran Church on July 10, 2023. Council members present were: Al Van Eck, Jeff Boldt, Kelly LaValliere, Rick Fiala, Brett Teveldal, Dick Berg, and Pastor Randall Questad. Also present was Lisa Skelly. Not present were J. Serna, Bryce Witzel, Terry Snow.

Rick Fiala called the meeting to order, and Pastor Randall opened the meeting in prayer. Motion to approve meeting minutes from June 5, 2023, by Al Van Eck. Second by Dick Berg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Online giving increased last month, but this caused us to go over the allotted number we can have given online per month. Currently the number allowed per month is 10 with the free account through Planning Center Online Giving. Going over the 10 online givers per month generates an additional fee. With the next level, the cost per month would be \$14.95, but allow for 75 online givers. Since Baltic Lutheran shares an account with East Nidaros Lutheran, discussed possibility of sharing this monthly cost with East Nidaros. Will discuss further at next joint council meeting. Al Van Eck made a motion that Baltic Lutheran pay \$14.95 for the next level of the Planning Center Online Giving account. Second by Kelly LaValliere. Motion carried. Kelly Lavalliere made motion to approve financial report from June. Second by Dick Berg. Motion carried.

Trustees' Report

Jeff Boldt has plans ready to go out for bids on the parking lot. Dick Berg to speak further with the city about their asphalt plans so church can piggyback with the city for the cost of the mobilization of the project. Closet project is coming along. It has been framed and sheet rocked. Taping is finishing up and then will need texture.

Deacons' Report

Al Van Eck will be stepping up efforts to recruit ushers, greeters, communion assistants. Kelly LaValliere suggested the church utilize service groups of families that would serve monthly in the roles of ushers, greeters, etc. Al Van Eck spoke with Wayne Gunderson who agreed to be a deacon. Al Van Eck motioned to approve Wayne Gunderson as deacon. Second by Kelly LaValliere. Motion carried.

Old Business

Brent Porter from the boy scout troop using the church as the charter organization for their troop came to speak with council about using the EIN for the troop's bank account. Brent explained that boy scout troops across the

country use a charter organization's taxpayer ID (EIN) to open their bank accounts since they are not able to use the EIN assigned to the Boy Scouts of America organization. Using the charter organization's EIN prevents someone from starting up a troop, increasing a bank account, dissolving a troop, and walking away with the money. If the troop dissolves, the church would own the contents of the bank account and all troop assets (trailers, vehicles purchased by the troop account, etc.). The written charter is provided to the church yearly, signed by Pastor Randall Questad.

Pastor Randall Questad explained that each of the participants in the Northern Rim Youth Trip will receive \$154.25 from the Baltic Church Bible Camp Fund. The remainder of the cost per participant (\$425 total) was paid by Lenten meals and parental contribution. Travel funds will be dispersed from the Northern Rim fund. Al Van Eck will work on finding replacement candidates for council Vice President position.

New Business

Dick Berg contacted Grinnell Mutual regarding current insurance policy. Council discussed and will shop around to see if other policies could offer more for same or lesser cost, as current cost went up 21% this year.

Lisa to write a check from Baltic Church for thank you gift to Lori and Kendra Kappler for work with VBS. Rally Sunday on Sept 10, 2023, will be Baltic Lutheran Church only. East Nidaros will do their own worship service that day. Kelly LaValliere brought up the council needing to find a treasurer for council, as Lisa serving as the current financial secretary leaves an open voting member on the council. Council will work to find new treasurer and further define this role.

Pastors Report

Northern Rim Youth trip leaving this Sunday, July 16, 2023. Pastor Randall spoke with Shiloh about music for Dog Days community worship service. She will plan to assist with worship that day. Pianist rotation is going well so far. Hoping to have someone willing to try organ. Pastor Randall will have a wedding in Mitchell on Saturday, August 12 with rehearsal on Friday evening. Encouraged council to consider having a float in Dog Days.

Pastor Randall has had some new member inquiries.

Pastor Randall will be on vacation August 16-September 1. He will be gone August 20 and August 27.

Next meeting of the Council Meeting is scheduled Tuesday August 8, 2023, to coincide with joint council meeting. Meeting to start at 6:00 pm.

Brett Teveldal made motion to adjourn. Second by Jeff Boldt. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



East Nidaros Council Minutes July 11, 2023

Attendance: Connie Karl – President - Present

Lori Kappler – Vice President - Absent

Debra Larson – Treasurer - Present

OPEN – Secretary Open Position/council taking turns with the duties.

Alvina Harvey – Financial Secretary – Absent

Jimmie Vollan – Deacon – Absent

Rosalie Brende – Deacon – Present

David Dyce – Deacon – Absent

Mark Brobjorg – Trustee – Present

Rob Krogstad – Trustee – Absent

Pastor Randall Questad - Present

Call To Order: Call to order by President Connie Karl at 7:05PM on July 11, 2023

Secretary Report: Reviewed the secretary report. Rosalie moved to accept Secretary report. Mark second. Passed.

Pastor Report: Vacation scheduled August 16-30. Kendra Kappler August 20; Jeff Backer August 27 for pulpit supply.

Treasurer Report: Donations keeping us in a positive direction. Rosalie moved to accept. Mark seconded. Passed.

Deacon Report: No report.

Trustee Report: Defib dead battery and old unit to be researched by Deb. Roof and bell tower ongoing need.

Old Business: Search on going for organist. Vacation bible school August 11. Need a few more volunteers.

New Business: Noisy can: July – Table Ministry; August St. Dysmas of South Dakota; September – Foster kids carry bags.

Next Council Meeting: – Joint meeting at Baltic. 6pm on August 8.

Motion to Adjourn: Mark motion to adjourn. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Sept 10 Yvonne & Gary Kocmick
& 24 Brian McGreevy

East Nidaros

Sept 10 Jean Hammer
& 17 Adam & Tracy Peterson

Baltic

Oct 1 Lynda Johnson
& 8 Judy & Dale Thompson

East Nidaros

Sept 24 Rosalie Riswold-Brende
& Oct 1 Deb Larson

JULY 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: *Tanya Mae Vollan*

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.

BALTIC July NOISY CAN:
\$ 241.63 Kid's Kitchen

EAST July NOISY CAN:
\$733.96 The Table Ministry



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.

SEPTEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: The Banquet
East: The Foster Network



We offer critical resources for kids and teens growing up in foster care in the Minnehaha County area. These resources include connections to support groups, monthly events and The Closet, where foster families can access clothing, supplies and toys for their children. To find out more about our nonprofit foster organization, get in touch with us today.

The Following Gifts Have Been Given As Memorials:

Baltic: In Memory of

John Peterson Undesignated General Fund \$70.00
Tanya Vollan Undesignated General Fund \$35.00
Tanya Vollan Sunday School Fund \$30.00
Jens D.S. Jensen Undesignated General Fund \$25.00
Delores Moe \$100.00
Ronald Becker Undesignated General Fund \$30.00
Herluf H.S. Jensen Undesignated General Fund \$30.00
Mark Sponheim Undesignated General Fund \$ 75.00
Mark Sponheim Chimes Fund \$20.00
Jonathon Paulsness Undesignated General Fund \$80.00

East: In Memory of

Tanya Vollan Undesignated General Fund \$215.00
Tanya Vollan Undesignated General Fund \$445.00
Jonathon Paulsness Undesignated General Fund \$300.00

MEMBERS

Paul Romsdahl - Betty Jean Benjamin
Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold
Ella Riswold - Dorothy Sittig
Jimmie Vollan—Nathan Vrchota
Kelly LaValliere—Keaton Harvey
Terry Snow—Carol Tommeraasen

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
Laurel Mader -Friend of Pastor & Kim Questad
Tracy Van Dam—Mother-in-law of Danielle Goldammer
Deb Bender— Cousin of Charlotte Hasvold
Keith Faucett—Kyla Faucett's (Nesheim) father-in-law
Kim—Friend of the Community
Glen VanEck—brother of Al VanEck
Jan Davis—Friend of the Community
Mirna Nelson— Friend of Nikki Oien





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 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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