

Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News



For October 1 , 2023

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/1/23—10/7/23



SUNDAY Psalm 14
MONDAY Psalm 17
TUESDAY Psalm 26
WEDNESDAY Psalm 36
THURSDAY Psalm 37
FRIDAY Psalm 43
SATURDAY Psalm 53

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

10/1 Time after Pentecost / Lectionary 26

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion / 2nd Offering-
Sebek/Menahga Backpack Program
4pm 4H

10/4 Wednesday

9am Quilters
11am WELCA
1-5pm Janet Eckman SAM in office

10/8 Time after Pentecost / Lectionary 27

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship



Balsamlund Announcements:

If you know of someone who would like a visitation please let the office or Janet Eckman SAM know and we will accommodate the request in the best possible way.

Continued prayers for the recoveries of Pastor Tom Kolden and Todd Eckman.

Beginning October 1st and every first Sunday of the month we will be will revert back to an older version of worship. Let's rejoice in this new change. It's a revival! What that means to you is you won't see the usual bulletin on the first Sunday of every month. Embrace the change.

October 15 - Worship and Fall Pancake Brunch are being held at the Hewitt Community Center, 509 E 3rd Avenue in Hewitt MN. **10am Worship. 11am-1pm Brunch.** OSLC members are encouraged to attend since there will be no Sunday Worship in Sebek for them this day.

OSLC Announcements:

Fall Bazaar. Saturday, October 7, 9am-12:30pm. Sign up sheets are on the Fellowship Hall table. We still need volunteers!!! Save the date! Tickets are available from our WELCA team and the Community First Bank in Sebeka. We're giving away two 1/4 Beefs courtesy of Steve Quale, a gorgeous handmade quilt from the Quilters Group, assorted Gift Baskets and Gift Certificates. Must be 18 to donate \$1 per ticket. Tickets available on the day of the Bazaar! Come for lunch! Free-will. Homemade soups and assorted pies served.

October 8th, Men's Breakfast after worship. Thank you Carl Kiser!!!

October 15 - Together Balsamlund Lutheran Church and OSLC will Worship at 10am at the Hewitt Community Center on 509 E 3rd Avenue in Hewitt, MN. A Pancake Brunch will be served afterwards from 11am-1pm. There will be no Worship or Sunday School at OSLC in Sebeka.

October 22—A 90th Birthday celebration for Joan Salo will be hosted by her family following Worship.

2023 Thanksgiving Meal News:

All good things must come to an end and it is with great sadness that we have learned that after 12 years of giving up time with their own families; Janet Eckman, Alicia Ahrendt and Heidi Mattson have decided to end their reign as hosts to the OSLC annual community Thanksgiving Meal. We would like to send out a huge thank you to them for keeping it going for so long and wish them an amazing day of spending time with their families on Thanksgiving - enjoy the turkey and parade!!

With this announcement comes the need for others to step up and come forward in order to keep this event alive and kicking. We are asking anyone that is interested in helping to host this event at OSLC please contact Janet ASAP. Both her and Alicia have said that they will pass on their years of knowledge so you will not be floundering! Gather some friends, whether they are OSLC members or not, and let her know that you would be willing to lead this community event! If no one steps forward by October 11, we will look at putting it out to the community to see if anyone else would like to take over.

I thought I would share what I read in the sermon this last week about being fair.

“We get that life is not fair. But let's not forget that although we have little power to make life fairer for ourselves, we have an extraordinary power to make life fairer for others. And when we use that power, the Universe listens, your heart opens, and life is better. “

This quote hit me when I read it. Maybe because it is not about whether life is fair to me but whether I can make it more fair for others. Sometimes we don't feel like being fair or nice or kind to others. But when we get through feeling sorry for ourselves if we can just stop for a minute and reach out to make life fairer for others it will come back to us.

For “God's Work Our Hands” both Balsamlund and OSLC joined together to donate money towards gifts being purchased to send to People's Church in Bemidji to assist them with their mission that focuses on aiding and uplifting local people who are experiencing the crisis of living without a home or with enough food to sustain them. Thank you to Jim and Maureen Dragseth for taking the time to purchase the gifts and delivering them to People's Church. Thank you to Dawn Eitel for making the beautiful tags that were attached.

People's Church is a Ministry of the NW MN Synod that serves those living in homelessness and poverty and who walks with those that hunger both spiritually and literally. Check out their website for all the work they do.

We had our New Member Sunday at OSLC this last week. Carroll & Arlene Eckman, Renae Olson, Doug Schwartz, Elmer Schoon, Jake & Jess Rarick with their children, Anna, Brynlie, & River officially joined OSLC. Please join us in welcoming them and celebrating that they will be with us on our journey of faith.

The next few weeks will be busy with October 7th being the Fall Bazaar at OSLC and October 15th a joint worship with Balsamlund at the Hewitt Community Center at 10 a.m. and a Pancake Brunch to follow. I am looking forward to it all.

In Faith

Janet Eckman

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