

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



For December 3, 2023

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 12/3/23—12/9/23



SUNDAY Mark 13:1-23
MONDAY Mark 13:24-37
TUESDAY Zephaniah 1:1-18
WEDNESDAY Zephaniah 2:1-15
THURSDAY Zephaniah 3:1-20
FRIDAY Jeremiah 33:1-13
SATURDAY Jeremiah 33:14-26

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

12/3 First Sunday of Advent

9am Fellowship & OSLC Adult Choir practice
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion
4pm 4H

12/6 Wednesday

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

12/10 Second Sunday of Advent

9am Fellowship & OSLC Adult Choir practice
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.

OSLC Announcements:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: 5/5/24, starting at TBD, reserved for the Ness, Connor, & Lee families;
Every Monday night till Christmas, 7pm-8:30pm for Northern Lights Choral Choir practice; 1/7/24, 1pm-4pm for a 2pm Concert!

OSLC Adult Choir practices each Sunday at 9am up to Sunday, the 17th of December.

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Fellowship Hall Reservations: May 5 2024, 11am plus, reserved for the Ness, Connor, & Lee families; Every Monday night till Christmas, 7pm-8:30pm for Northern Lights Choral Choir practice; Jan 7, 2024, 1pm-4pm for a 2pm Northern Lights Chorale Concert!

2023 Wadena County Operation Christmas Child wish list is filled. All 23! A huge shout-out and thank you to Maureen for heading this project. Many blessing to all participants. THANK YOU!

WANTED: Volunteer(s) to be a reader and lighter of the Advent candle(s) during Advent. Sign-up available for the following: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24. Check the list on the Fellowship Hall table or call the office to reserve your day.

December 24th @ 4pm, OSLC Christmas Eve Program. *(There will be no church activities in the morning).* Join us this afternoon for a tradition meant for multigenerational families, large and small. Be the Light. Christ is King!

Join us for a Northern Lights Chorale Christmas Concert at 2pm on Jan 7, 2024! This is a 'Must-See, Must-Hear' event! Bring a friend, or two.

W/ELCA is looking for 2024 funeral coordinators. 3 ladies per quarter to serve in a time of need.

Altar Guild 2024 is partially filled. Jan, July, & October are taken. The rest are available. A sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Hall table.

Sunday, November 26th, Casey Schoon and Joe Didier were united in Holy Matrimony by Janet Eckman SAM in a private ceremony. Their son, Brycen Joseph, was baptized the same day. Congratulations to the happy couple and their family.

We had an exciting full day at OSLC this last Sunday. During the 10 a.m. service we baptized Tayson Jokela son of Chance and Shaniah Jokela. It was such an honor for me as I think his Grandpa Gordy was smiling down on us. Then we had another baptism right after service in front of his family for Brycen Schoon. Then to top it off Brycen's parents Casey and Joe were married. This was a total surprise to their family attending and I was so honored to be the officiant at their wedding. This journey of being a Synod Approved Minister has been so awesome as I have been able to be a part of so many life moments. It has blessed my life in so many ways.

Now in the next few weeks we are going to share the season of Advent. The Advent season is a season of waiting and preparing for Jesus's birth.

We will be lighting the candles on the Advent wreath for the next four weeks.

The first week the purple candle is lit, and it represents Hope. The second week another purple candle is lit, and it represents Faith. The third week a pink candle is lit, and it represents Joy. The fourth week we light another purple candle to represent Peace. Finally on Christmas Eve we light the center white Christ Candle that represents Purity and washing away of sin by Christ's sacrifice. We will dig into the meaning of each of these candles and what they symbolize for the next weeks.

I am so blessed to be serving both Balsamlund and OLSC on these journeys of faith.

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Approved Minister

