

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



For November 5, 2023

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 11/5/23—11/11/23



SUNDAY Psalm 29
MONDAY Psalm 30
TUESDAY 1 Chronicles 13:1-14
WEDNESDAY 1 Chronicles 15:1-24
THURSDAY 1 Chronicles 15:25-16:7
FRIDAY 1 Chronicles 16:8-43
SATURDAY Psalm 105:1-22

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OCTOBER 29

ATTENDANCE: 76

Weekly general offering:	\$732.00
2nd Offering Operation Xmas:	\$233.00
VANCO offering: 11/2	\$620.00
Total weekly offering:	\$1585.00
Weekly set-aside:	\$158.50

WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/5 Time after Pentecost / All Saints Day Sunday / Lectionary 31

9am Fellowship

No Sunday School

10am Worship / Holy Communion / 2nd Offering for Operation Christmas Child (*this is the second Sunday in a row for offering request*)

11am-2pm, 80th Birthday Celebration for Joan Tolppi. Open House with Cake and Coffee served. All are welcome!

11/8 Wednesday

9am Quilters

1-5pm Janet Eckman SAM in office

5pm Finance Meeting

6:30pm Confirmation

11/12 Sunday after Pentecost / Lectionary 32

9am Fellowship

No 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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sunday, November 19th at 8:30am. Pie and Ice Cream Social to follow.

OSLC Announcements:

Thank you to Helen Q, Jim & Maureen for volunteering to fill the November Altar Guild need.

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

A "Second Offering" will be taken this Sunday, November 5th, for the Wadena County Operation Christmas Child program. Help us make this holiday one to remember for these less fortunate families and children.

Immediate Need: A church member to be on the Finance Committee which meets one Wednesday a month. Ask current members if you have questions: Brenda & Les Schwartz, Jean Kinnunen, Dawn Eitel. Please notify Council President Maureen Dragseth should you volunteer to fill this position.

November 29th, the Confirmation Class will decorate the church for the Christmas Season. We'd love to invite church members to help with that. Show up around 6:30pm for super fun action.

December 17th at 10am, Sunday School Christmas Program under the direction of Alicia Strayer, Sunday School Leader. A Potluck meal will follow. Invite your friends and family!

December 24th at 4pm, is the Sunday Christmas Worship Service *(no morning Worship/Fellowship/Sunday school)* Plan to join in this memorable and joyous service. Let's keep this tradition going and spread the good news and light. Afterall, He is the Light.

Wadena County Operation Christmas Child Program is approaching. Thank you in advance for your donations to this great cause. A Special thanks to Maureen Dragseth for heading the program again & getting Jim to install a new bulletin board by the Pastors office! A good spot to place the Operations Christmas Child gift tags and tree on.

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Nov 5, 11am-2pm for Joan Tolppi's 80th birthday celebration, open house; Nov 11th, day (TBD) for Eckman family; May 5 2024, 11am & on, reserved for the Ness, Connor, & Lee families; 7-8:30pm, every Monday till Christmas is reserved for NLC choir practice; TBD on Sat, Nov 25 reservation for Schoon baby baptism.

November 5th is All Saints Sunday.

We remember all that have passed away in the last year and all that were baptized since last All Saints Day. November 5th is the Sunday most close to November 1st when we celebrate and join in remembering any of those in our congregations that have passed away or were baptized in the Christian faith since the last All Saints Day.

This week's Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12 is Beatitudes and an introduction to the Sermon on the Mount. It is such a great text - take some time and read it this week. We will hear more on it on Sunday.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Remember the time change. Since it is fall, we fall back an hour.

In Faith

Janet Eckman

Synod Approved Minister