

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

For March 17, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 3/17/24—3/23/24



SUNDAY Ezra 8:15-36
MONDAY Nehemiah 9:1-25
TUESDAY Nehemiah 9:26-38
WEDNESDAY Isaiah 40:1-31
THURSDAY Isaiah 51:1-23
FRIDAY Isaiah 52:1-12
SATURDAY Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

3/17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9:10am Adult Choir practice
10am Worship / Holy Communion / Baptism / Council Installation

3/20 Wednesday

9am Quilters
5:15 Council Committee Mtg
5:30pm Lenten Soup/Sandwich Supper
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service



3/24 Sixth Sunday in Lent

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9:10am Adult Choir practice
10am Worship / 1st Communion

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.

Maundy Thursday Worship at OSLC in Sebeka, 3/28 @ 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Good Friday Worship at Balsamlund Church in Aldrich, 3/29 @ 6:30pm. All are welcome.

OSLC Announcements:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: March 16 2pm-7pm for a private affair; March 17, after worship for the family celebration of the Baptism of the Brockpahler baby boy Linus; March 24, 11am-2pm for the Griffin Nelson family celebrating 1st Communion; March 25 at 5:30pm-6:30pm for Blood Drive Set up; March 26 at 11am-7pm for Blood Drive event. Blood donations taken at Noon—6pm; May 5, Starting after worship, for Confirmation families: Quentin/Roxie Ness, Chris/Ronnie Lee, & Josh/Raina Connor.

Lenten Soup and Suppers on Wednesdays at 5:30pm-6:20pm on 3/6, 3/13, & 3/20. Holden Evening Prayer Worship service follows at 6:30pm.

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Upcoming events this month: March 17th Brockpahler Baptism & OSLC Council Member Installation on Sunday; March 24th is First Communion; March 26th, noon to 6pm Blood Drive; March 28th is Maundy Thursday Worship at OSLC 6:30pm. March 29th is Good Friday Worship at Balsamlund Church in Aldrich @ 6:30pm. All are invited to attend; March 31 is EASTER Sunday, "EASTER IS HERE" sung by the Adult Choir directed by Melanie Brockpahler with pianist Marge Kinnunen. This same day we will enjoy the trumpet accompaniments by Ashley Workman and her daughter, Cidney Berg, during the Hymns.

For all those who ordered Easter Flowers, Thank you and remember to take yours home after Easter Worship on March 31st. Our Youth Group is an important part of our future and they add value to our Congregation and the Community.

So far, for Lent we have listened to the witness testimony of Caiphas The High Priest, an arresting Soldier named Saron, and Pasolaos a witness in the crowd that shouted, "Crucify Him!"

When Pontius Pilate gave the crowd a choice between the Barabbas and Jesus, the crowd chose Barabbas and kept screaming "Crucify Him!" about Jesus. Pontius Pilate told the crowd, "The blood of Jesus is on their heads and the heads of their children." As Christians we believe the Blood of Jesus is for us and our salvation.

Pasolaos, our witness of the crowd, takes responsibility for his actions that day. He believes there are two choices from that day that he sees possible. Where do you think the blood of Jesus belongs? Do you believe it belongs on the hands of the crowd that was there or on your heart?

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister

