

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



For April 28, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 4/28/24—5/4/24



SUNDAY Hebrews 12:12-29
MONDAY Hebrews 13:1-25
TUESDAY 1 Corinthians 9:1-27
WEDNESDAY 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
THURSDAY 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
FRIDAY 1 Corinthians 16:1-24
SATURDAY 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

4/28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

5/1 Wednesday

9am Quilters
11am W/ELCA
1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office
5pm Worship Committee

5/5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship w/2nd Collection / Holy Communion / Confirmation



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: May 5, early evening for Blood Drive Set-up; May 5 is reserved directly after worship for Confirmation families: Quentin/Roxie Ness, Chris/Ronnie Lee, & Josh/Raina Connor; Monday, May 6, 11am-7pm for Blood Drive event. Blood donations are taken from Noon-6pm. June 8, 10am-4pm for a private event.

May 5th is Confirmation Sunday.

May 19th Senior Quilts Presentation.

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American Red Cross Blood Drive is Monday, May 6th, Noon to 6pm. Prior date was cancelled due to inclement weather.

OSLC Potato Booth during 2024 Sebeka Red Eye River Days celebration is Saturday, June 29th 10am-10pm. Sign-up sheets are available on the Fellowship Hall table. If you would like to give a monetary donation please indicate on your check and/or envelope "For the Potato Booth". We need to make sure that all shifts are filled as this is a big fund raiser for our church. For confirmation students - this is a good way to get in your needed hours! We are needing volunteers June 28th & 29th! For set-up, food prep, food Potato Booth servers, and the final take-down. Thank you to those volunteers who have already dedicated themselves to the event!

John 15: 1-8

The Vine and the Branches

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the words I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

I am the true vine. Jesus is the center of our faith—He is the source of life and the way to eternal life.

Jesus compares himself to the vine and his followers (disciples) are the branches. If we look at the vine, we know it needs support, training, guidance and direction just like we as Jesus's disciples need.

Jesus wants us to bear fruit. The fruit is to be charity, kindness, forgiveness, justice, and peace. As God's children he wants us to prune out the quarreling, hate, strife, and anxiety as the dead branches in our life.

As we follow God and grow our faith, we need to avoid going wild and acting without purpose but instead allow ourselves to be pruned of wandering away from our faith. Our energy should be put into producing spiritual fruit, reflecting God's love and grace in our actions.

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister

