

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



For August 4, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 8/4/24—8/10/24



SUNDAY Jonah 1:1-17
MONDAY Jonah 2:1-10
TUESDAY Jonah 3:1-10
WEDNESDAY Jonah 4:1-11
THURSDAY Zaphaniah 1:1-15
FRIDAY Zaphaniah 2:1-15
SATURDAY Zaphaniah 3:1-20

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

8/4 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 18

9am Fellowship
10am Worship / Holy Communion

8/5 Monday

9am Quilters meet at Sebek Community & Senior Center

8/7 Wednesday

No WELCA Mtg
1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office
5pm Worship Committee Meeting

8/11 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 19

9am Fellowship
10am Worship
5pm-7pm, GIFT, All ages welcome, starts w/light lunch



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.

GIFT, Growing In Faith Together Vacation Bible School at OSLC in Sebek is for all ages! August 11, 12, 13. 5-7pm. Save the dates...watch for your postcard at a later date. Campfire Worship on Sunday, Light Meal, Music, Bible talk, Crafts, Games. To enroll call/text Maureen Dragseth @ 218-371-9134. Join us at OSLC!

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Fellowship Hall Reservations: Sept 25, after 5pm for Red Cross Blood Drive setup; Sept 26, 11am-7pm for Red Cross Blood Drive.

August 14th at 6:30pm will be a meeting of the Education Committee Meeting consisting of Sunday School and Confirmation teachers.

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I am not sure how it can be the end of July and the start of August this week. The summer has gone very quickly.

This last week VBS was held at Balsamlund with Kale and Paige from Camp Emmaus leading us. The theme was "Created to Be". We did a deep dive into the creation story and how we are created to be Brave by hearing the story of David and Goliath, to be ourselves by listening to the story of Martha and Mary and to be free by listening to the story of Peter who was in prison. We had a great time and I am always amazed at how well the kids learn and retain so much about the Bible and the love of Jesus.

On Saturday at OSLC we celebrated the life of Lester Stephenson. His sons Dale, Darin and Neil and daughter-in-law Glenda planned a nice quiet ceremony. It was such an honor to officiate this service and hear of the legacy of Lester's life.

On August 2nd at Balsamlund we will celebrate the life of Rodney Johnson. Pastor Tom Kolden will officiate along with a little help from me. Rodney has left a legacy of love for his family and his church.

As we think about our church communities, it is amazing to see how we are all knit together in our Faith in God. Baptism to Confirmation to Graduations to Weddings to Funerals. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)

In Faith

Janet Eckman

Synod Authorized Minister

