

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



For July 28, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 7/28/24—8/3/24



SUNDAY Hosea 3:1-4:10  
MONDAY Hosea 5:4-15  
TUESDAY Hosea 6:1-7:2  
WEDNESDAY Hosea 7:3-16  
THURSDAY Hosea 9:17-10:15  
FRIDAY Hosea 11:1-11  
SATURDAY Hosea 14:1-9

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### 7/28 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 17

9am Fellowship  
10am Worship

### 7/29 Monday

9am Quilters meet at Sebekalca Community & Senior Center

### 7/30 Wednesday

1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office

### 8/4 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 18

9am Fellowship  
10am Worship / Holy 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.

GIFT, Growing In Faith Together Vacation Bible School at OSLC in Sebekalca 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!

## OSLC Announcements:

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**Fellowship Hall Reservations:** July 27, 11am-4pm for Lester Stephenson life celebration. First a West Cemetery gravesite service at 11am, followed by a WELCA luncheon at OSLC; Sept 25, after 5pm for Red Cross Blood Drive setup; Sept 26, 11am-7pm for Red Cross Blood Drive.

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This week is VBS at Balsamlund with Camp Emmaus leading the sessions. It is Sunday and I am home from the first night. It is so amazing to see the kids learn the songs, dances and Bible verses. This year the theme is "Created to Be". We will be doing a deep dive into creation. It is so great to start at the beginning. I am excited to be a part of this again.

This last week there were three baptisms at OSLC. Each one was special in its own way. It is so amazing to be a part of the start of a faith in these lives. Little Zoe Maryanne was able to wear the baptism gown her Great Grandmother made for her Dad when he was baptized and her older brother. That shows the legacy of faith that is being passed down. On Sunday we baptized Maci and Luca, and it was so special because as brother and sister they were able to be baptized at the same time and they were surrounded by family of Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and Great Aunts & Great Uncles, and cousins. Their Great-Grandparents Arlene and Carroll Eckman just celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. That is another legacy of faith being passed down.

On Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> we will also be celebrating the life of Lester Stephenson. I was looking back through the confirmation pictures we have of all the classes on the wall in the fellowship room at OSLC and I found his smiling face in those pictures. That also shows the legacy of faith in each picture of confirmation classes.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating the life of Rodney Johnson at Balsamlund. Again, looking at pictures of confirmation students on the Balsamlund wall, we found pictures of all of his children. The legacy of faith is strong.

As we think of this legacy of what Jesus has given us, we can ponder on Jesus's life and how he served and loved others. We don't always have adequate supplies or skills but what makes the difference in the world is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires. A world where all the hungry are satisfied.

In Faith

Janet Eckman

Synod Authorized Minister

