

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



For July 27, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 7/27/25—8/2/25

SUNDAY 1 Thessalonians 1-3

MONDAY Leviticus 19-21

TUESDAY 2 Kings 16-20

WEDNESDAY Psalm 87-89

THURSDAY Proverbs 13

FRIDAY Ezekiel 37-42

SATURDAY Luke 23-24

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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

7/27 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 17

9am Fellowship

10am Worship

7/30 Wednesday

1-4pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office

8/3 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.

August 31st, Sunday worship services will be led by Maureen Dragseth from OSLC.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VANCO is an electronic automatic online offering method available to all who have a bank account. Simply fill out a form (ask Rita) along with a voided check and give it to the office to get signed up. No cost to sign-up & forms are free. It's simple and efficient.

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; August 9, 11am-5pm, for private event; August 16, 1-5pm, for a 2-4pm party for Helen Q; September 24th evening for Sebek Blood Drive setup; September 25, Sebek Blood Drive Noon -6pm, Hall is reserved 11am-7pm.

August 10, 11, 12. 5pm-7pm, GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Sunday-Monday-Tuesday. All ages are welcome! Held in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC.

August 16, Saturday, 2-4pm. Helen Quaschnick turns 90 on the 13th of August and we are celebrating her on the 16th in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC. Please join us! Everyone is welcome! No gifts please.

August 31st, Sunday worship services will be led by Maureen Dragseth.

Thank you again to Maureen for leading services last Sunday. We had a wonderful family reunion and spent many hours with family and friends.

VBS with Pathways team of Kale, Mason and Evan leading us in Trusting in God's Promises through VBS

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

— Proverbs 3:5-6

Vacation Bible School is a week filled with energy, laughter, creativity, and sometimes a little chaos. We prepare crafts, sing loud songs, and share Bible stories—hoping seeds of faith will be planted in the hearts of children.

But in the busyness, we may wonder: Is this making a difference? Are they truly hearing God's Word? Will these truths take root?

That's where we must rest in God's promises. He assures us that *His Word will not return void* (Isaiah 55:11). He reminds us to *train up a child in the way they should go* (Proverbs 22:6). And He invites us to trust Him—not our perfect planning, not perfect behavior from the kids, not even our perfect words.

Each Bible story shared, each prayer whispered, and each moment of kindness shown at VBS is used by the Lord in ways we may not immediately see. Some seeds may sprout quickly, others may lie dormant until a child becomes a teen, or even an adult. But God is faithful to complete the work He begins (Philippians 1:6).

Lord, thank You for the joy and opportunity of Vacation Bible School. Help us trust that You are at work, even when we don't see immediate results. Strengthen our faith in Your promises. Use every story, song, and smile to draw children closer to You. And let us, too, grow in trusting You with childlike faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We are all children of God – Always and Forever.

Amen

In Faith

Janet Eckman

Synod Authorized Minister

