

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



For August 10, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 8/10/25—8/16/25

SUNDAY 2 Thessalonians
MONDAY Leviticus 25-27
TUESDAY 1 Chronicles 1-4
WEDNESDAY Psalm 93-95
THURSDAY Proverbs 16
FRIDAY Daniel 1-6
SATURDAY John 3-4



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

8/10 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 19

9am Fellowship

10am Worship

5pm-7pm GIFT for all ages! (August 10, 11, 12)

8/13 Wednesday

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

5pm Property Committee Meeting

6pm Finance Committee Meeting

8/17 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 20

9am Fellowship

10am Worship / Holy Communion / Baptism

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, there will be no Sunday worship.

You are invited to join in the GIFT (Gathering In Faith Together) at OSLC...all ages welcome. Look in their 'announcement' section for details.

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, Saturday, 10am-5pm for a Private Event being held at 11am-4pm; August 16, Saturday, 1pm-5pm, for a 2pm-4pm party for Helen Quaschnick's 90th Birthday; September 24, reserved after 4pm, for Sebek Blood Drive setup; September 25, Sebek Blood Drive Noon -6pm, Hall is reserved 11am-7pm.

August 13th, Helen Q turns 90 today. Happy Birthday Helen! Everyone is welcome to celebrate at OSLC on Saturday, August 16th, 2pm-4pm. No gifts.

August 10, 11, 12. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

Sunday-Monday-Tuesday. 5pm-7pm at OSLC. All ages are welcome!

GIFT Leaders: Janet Eckman SAM, Maureen Dragseth, Emily Norris Mutz, and Janelle Brockpahler.

Sunday: GROW IN GOD'S GRACE

5pm-5:30pm Sloppy Joe meal by Les & Brenda Schwartz.

5:30pm-6:30pm Crafts and games.

6:30pm-7pm. Campfire Worship outdoors by Janet Eckman SAM and s'mores, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair!

Monday: GROW IN GOD'S GRACE

5pm-5:30pm meal by Ronnie & Roxie.

5:30pm-6pm Sanctuary time, songs and prayer.

6pm-6:45pm Crafts & games.

6:45pm-7pm Sanctuary time with Janet Eckman SAM.

Tuesday: GROW IN GOD'S GRACE

5pm-5:30pm meal by Alicia A & Raina.

5:30pm-6pm Sanctuary time, songs and prayer.

6pm-6:45pm Crafts & games.

6:45pm-7pm Sanctuary time with Janet Eckman SAM & glowsticks

RSVP to church office on the number of people in your party, even if it's just you!

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

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GIFT - VBS August 10-12 at OSLC. I can't wait. Emily has been busy planning and getting things ready for these three exciting days. Emily with her helpers Maureen and Janelle would love to have you join us - any age - come and experience VBS for all ages. The theme this year is 'Grow in God's Grace'.

Have you ever planted a seed? You push it into the soil, cover it up, water it, and then... you wait. You can't see what's happening underground, but something amazing is going on. That little seed is starting to grow roots and reach toward the sun. It takes time, patience, and care—but eventually, something beautiful begins to grow.

Faith is like that. It starts small, but when we grow together—encouraging one another, learning about Jesus, and trusting God's promises—our faith becomes strong and fruitful.

Imagine each of us as seeds planted by God. On our own, we might not seem like much. But when we come together—just like at VBS—we create a garden where faith can grow!

* We water each other with kindness.

* We shine God's light through our songs and stories.

* We stretch our roots deep with prayer and learning.

Just like seeds need good soil, we need God's Word, God's people, and God's love to grow. And as we grow, we help others grow too. Together, we become a garden of faith—a place where God's kingdom is visible here and now.

Dear God, thank You for planting the seed of faith in our hearts. Help us to grow together, encourage one another, and be ready to share Your love every day. Thank You for giving us Your Kingdom! In Jesus' name, Amen.

In Faith

Janet Eckman

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