

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

For August 17, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 8/17/25—8/23/25

SUNDAY 1 Timothy 1-3
MONDAY Numbers 1-4
TUESDAY 1 Chronicles 5-9
WEDNESDAY Psalm 96-98
THURSDAY Proverbs 17-19
FRIDAY Daniel 7-12
SATURDAY John 5-6



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

8/17 Time after Pentecost -Lectionary 20

9am Fellowship

10am Worship / Holy Communion / Baptism

8/20 Wednesday

1pm-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office (*Menahga Service 2pm*)

5:15pm Council Committee Meeting

8/24 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 21

9am Fellowship

10am Worship

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.

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 Sebeka Blood Drive setup; September 25, Sebeka Blood Drive Noon -6pm, Hall is reserved 11am-7pm.

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 in and everyone is welcome. No gifts please.

August 31, Worship service led by Maureen Dragseth



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We just finished the 1st night of VBS at OSLC and Emily knocked it out of the park with all the fun we had. Growing in Faith Together is the theme. Emily's helpers are Maureen and Janelle along with Confirmation students Riley, John, Braxton, Griffin N, and Terralyn. I can't wait to see what the next two days bring.

This year's VBS theme, *Growing in Faith*, reminds us that our relationship with God is like a garden—full of potential, but needing care to thrive. Just like seeds need sunlight, water, and good soil, our faith grows when we spend time with God through prayer, reading His Word, and being part of His family.

The song “**Grow**” by **Dan Warlow** paints this picture beautifully: our hearts are like a garden where God plants a seed of truth and love. Sometimes we go through droughts or storms, but God never stops nurturing us. He clears away weeds, strengthens our roots, and helps us bear good fruit in our lives—love, kindness, patience, and joy.

Lord, thank You for planting the seed of faith in our hearts. Help us to grow strong in You, even when life feels like a storm. Teach us to bear fruit that blesses others and brings glory to Your name. Amen.

In Faith

Janet Eckman

Synod Authorized Minister

