

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



For August 31, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 8/31/25—9/6/25

SUNDAY 2 Timothy 1-2
MONDAY Numbers 9-12
TUESDAY 1 Chronicles 15-19
WEDNESDAY Psalm 102-104
THURSDAY Proverbs 20-21
FRIDAY Hosea 8-14
SATURDAY John 10-12



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

8/31 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 22

***NO CHURCH TODAY ***



9/1 Labor Day Holiday. Office is closed

9/3 Wednesday

9am Quilters

11am WELCA Meeting

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

9/7 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 23

RALLY SUNDAY!

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School & Registration

10am Worship / Holy Communion / Backpack Blessing /
Cradle Roll Blessing / Kindergarten Blessings

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. Refer to OSLC Announcement section for more 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; September 24, reserved after 4pm, for Sebek Blood Drive setup; September 25, Sebek Blood Drive Noon -6pm, Hall is reserved 11am-7pm.

 **IMPORTANT: August 31, No church services at OSLC or Balsamlund.** While Synod Authorized Minister Janet is away on vacation, we invite you to continue worshipping with us by watching this recorded sermon. We are grateful for the chance to stay connected in God's Word even while apart. May this time of reflection and worship strengthen your faith and remind you of God's constant presence in our lives.

We look forward to gathering again in person when Janet returns. Until then, may God bless you and keep you in His care.

https://youtu.be/IIWiXna1_UU

September's Altar Guild, the month is open. Feel the calling? Please sign up or let the office know that you'd like to serve the month of September.

Sept 7th is Rally Sunday: This includes the following: Sunday School Registration, Backpack Blessing (We urge students to bring your school backpacks to church), Cradle Roll Graduation, Kindergarten Blessings. Going forward, Fellowship hour and Sunday School will remain at 9am and Worship Service is at 10am.

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Even though we won't gather together in the sanctuary, I encourage you to pause for a time of prayer, reflection, and devotion. God is not limited by walls or buildings, and His Spirit continues to be with us wherever we are.

For your reflection, I invite you to read **Luke 14:1, 7-14**.

In this passage, Jesus tells a parable about humility at a banquet table. He reminds us not to seek out the places of honor for ourselves but to allow God to lift us up in His time. He also calls us to extend kindness not just to those who can repay us, but to the poor, the outcast, and the forgotten.

This teaching challenges us to think about how we live our daily lives. Do we try to put ourselves first, or do we look for ways to serve others? Do we only give when we know we'll get something back, or are we willing to love generously, trusting that God Himself is our reward?

As you go through the week, I encourage you to look for a simple way to practice Jesus' teaching—perhaps by inviting someone into your life who is often overlooked, or by doing an act of kindness with no expectation of return.

Prayer:
Lord Jesus, thank You for reminding us that true greatness comes through humility and service. Help us to see those around us who need love and encouragement. Teach us to give freely, as You have given to us. Amen.

Though we will not gather in person on August 31st, may you still find rest and renewal in the presence of God. I look forward to worshipping together again the following Sunday. It will be a busy one with Rally Sunday, Backpack blessings, Kindergarten blessings and Cradle Roll blessings.

In Faith

Janet Eckman

Synod Authorized Minister