

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



For September 7, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 9/7/25—9/13/25

SUNDAY 2 Timothy 3-4
MONDAY Numbers 13-16
TUESDAY 1 Chronicles 20-24
WEDNESDAY Psalm 105-107
THURSDAY Proverbs 22
FRIDAY Joel
SATURDAY John 13-15



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

9/7 Rally Sunday— Time after Pentecost— Lectionary 23

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School Registration and Classes

10am Worship / Holy Communion / Cradle Roll, Kindergarten & Backpack Blessings

9/10 Wednesday

9am Quilters

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

5pm Finance Committee Meeting

6pm Property Committee Meeting

6:30pm Confirmation Student & Parents

9/14 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 24

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School

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.

Confirmation Classes begin September 24th at 6:30pm in the church basement, every 4th Wednesday of the month until Spring.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; September 24, after 4pm, for Sebek Blood Drive setup; September 25, Sebek Blood Drive Noon-6pm, Hall is reserved 11am-7pm.

September Altar Guild, the month is open. Feel the calling? Please sign up or let the office know.

Coffee Servers are needed. Please sign up in the Fellowship hall. Remember to include enough foods for the Sunday School Students. Thank you!!

OSLC Fall Bazaar is October 11th. 9am-12:30pm This is a **BIG** fundraiser, it brings in money for Our Saviour's W/ELCA Ladies through many generous donations and for OSLC Ministries. We encourage **EVERYONE** to participate. Watch for sign-up sheets for donations & working shifts, coming soon. Think about what talents and items you have and how they may contribute to the Fall Bazaar. Thank you in advance for all your time and energy and let's all share in God's autumn blessings!

If anyone would like to make a monetary donation to the Fall Bazaar, you can make a check out to: W/ELCA and note your envelope and drop by the office or mail it or drop in the Sunday offering plate. Thank you!

*****Attention*** 6:30pm Confirmation Class & Teachers for Wednesday, September 24th!!!**

On Sept 24th, the Blood Drive staffers will be setting up the Fellowship Hall in the evening for the Sept 25th Blood Drive. Please use other rooms for your classes this one time. Thank you.

Monthly Council Committee Meetings resume at the regular time of 5:45pm during the school year 2025-26. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning September 17th.

Confirmation Classes are every 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month, until next May.

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First, I want to thank you, dear congregation, for your kindness and support during my recent vacation. Your prayers and support have been such a blessing, and I am grateful for the ways you support not only me but one another in faith and life.

Today we mark an important time in the life of our community—the beginning of a new school year. For many of our children, youth, and teachers, this season brings both excitement and nervous energy. Some will step into new classrooms, others into new roles, and for a few, this is the very first time they will walk through the doors of school. I want to take a moment to also recognize that some students and parents have some extra anxiety about the violence in the world that has happened. Please keep all the children and families in your prayers as we start this new year.

We especially lift up our **kindergarten students** who are beginning their journey of learning. May God bless their curiosity, protect them in their new routines, and surround them with caring friends and teachers.

We also give thanks for the **cradle roll**—the reminder that from the earliest days of life, we belong to God and to this family of faith. Parents and children alike are embraced in love and nurtured in the promises of baptism.

Today we also bless **backpacks**—ordinary objects that carry books, pencils, lunches, and projects, but also carry the hopes and dreams of each child. May these backpacks remind our young people that God goes with them into every classroom, playground, and hallway.

We take time as well to bless our **Sunday school teachers and leaders**. These faithful servants guide our children in learning the stories of Scripture, in prayer, and in worship. We pray for energy, patience, and joy in their calling.

As Paul writes in Colossians 3:16, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”*

May Christ's word dwell richly among us this school year, in every classroom, every Sunday school gathering, and every home. And may we, as a congregation, continue to walk together in faith, blessing and encouraging one another in every season.

In Faith,

Janet Eckman, SAM