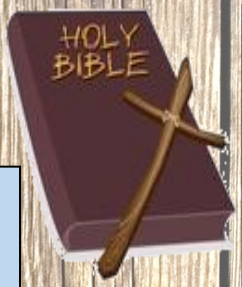
Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News

For December 4, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 12/4/22—12/10/22



SUNDAY Exodus 12:1-14
MONDAY Exodus 12:15-36
TUESDAY Exodus 12:37-51
WEDNESDAY Exodus 13:1-10
THURSDAY Exodus 13:11-22
FRIDAY Exodus 14:1-18
SATURDAY Exodus 14:19-31

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12/4 Second Sunday of Advent
9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion

12/7 Wednesday
9am Quilters
11am WELCA
5pm Worship Committee Meeting

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Balsamlund Announcements:

Christmas Eve Service is December 24 at 4pm.

No church service on Sunday, December 25. Enjoy your friends and families this day in honor of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

You are welcome to attend the Northern Lights Chorale Concert at OSLC on Sunday December 11 at 2pm. Bring a friend!

December 18, Christmas Program

OSLC Announcements:

Pastor Tom Kolden will be in the office every Wednesday, 8:30am—Noon.

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Mondays-10/31 to 12/5 (7p-8:30p), 12/1 (9a-3p), 12/11 (1p-5p)

The missing 50-cup coffee maker is resolved.

Plan to attend our Christmas Eve Program on 12/24 at 6pm. This is a wonderful tradition for multi-generational families. Bring a friend and come, Be The Light!

Join us for a Northern Lights Chorale Christmas Concert at 2pm on Dec 11th at OSLC. This is a Must -See (must hear) event! Please join us on this festive occasion!

The Sebeka Community Thanksgiving Day dinner was a huge success. Donation and meal count will be published next week. It was successful thanks to our head leader, Janet Eckman, & her superstar team. There was great comradery and spirits were high from start to finish!

Christmas Poinsettias will be available to order soon. Be thinking about it now.

Please feel free to seek out any of the Call Committee members to express your preferences in what you'd like to see in a Pastor. Your voice is critical in this process. **OSLC:** Randy Vandermay, Laura Kiser, Rita Johnson, Brenda Gronlund, Betty Lapinoja, Vickie Paurus. **Balsamlund:** Wally Weise, Delores Stapel, Deb Nelson, Missy Current, Judy Halverson, Diane Jasmer.

Our sincerest condolences to the Kinnunen families for the loss of Susan (Sue) Muriel Kinnunen.

In Remembrance

Paul writes, "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord said to Moses and the Hebrew slaves in Egypt, "Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household . . . . It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments; I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on your houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance." Exodus 12:3, 12-14

Jesus and the disciples were remembering and celebrating the LORD's mighty act that delivered their forebears from slavery in Egypt hundreds of years before.

The lamb as sacrifice, the blood as the protection from destruction, and the unleavened bread all spoke of the God who had acted to save his people. To remember through these means was to enter into God's salvation.

Jesus gave thanks and entered into God's plan to save humanity from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He gave himself to death that we might live. He became the Passover Lamb for all of humanity.

We remember. We give thanks.

Pastor Kolden