

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



For February 4, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2/4/24—2/10/24



SUNDAY Deuteronomy 5:1-22
MONDAY Deuteronomy 6:1-25
TUESDAY John 3:1-21
WEDNESDAY John 3:22-36
THURSDAY John 4:1-26
FRIDAY John 4:27-42
SATURDAY John 4:43-54

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

2/4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 5

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9:10am Second Grade Bible Class (*class 2 of 3*)
10am Worship led by Pastor Tom Kolden / Holy Communion

2/7 Wednesday

9am Quilters
11am WELCA

2/11 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 6

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9:10am Second Grade Bible Class (*class 3 of 3*)
10am Worship w/Bible Presentation / Annual Meeting / Potluck



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.

OSLC Announcements:

Annual Meeting February 11th after 10am Worship. Potluck to follow!

All Confirmed Members of OSLC: We really need **your** listening ears, **your** wisdom, and **your** input, and **your** vote at **your** church's Annual Meeting on February 11. We need **YOU** to volunteer for one of many openings, tasks such as taking one month of Altar Guild Duties and even Leading/Chairperson of the Altar Guild to being on Church Council. There are many opportunities to feel more engaged in **your** church! **You are needed! You have many gifts to share!** You help make up this church. Maureen Dragseth, Council President.

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Fellowship Hall Reservations: Feb 10, 8am-3pm for Wadena Co 4H; May 5, following worship for Confirmation families: Ness, Lee, & Connor; First Communion is on Palm Sunday, 11am-2pm for the Griffin Nelson family.

February 11, 2nd Grader Bible Presentation during Worship service.

Please Note: A “Second Collection” will be taken during our worship service on ‘Souper’ Bowl Sunday (2/11) for the Sebeka Area Food Shelf.

Special Message – “The family of David Ehnert would like to thank everyone for all that was done for them during David’s illness and passing. Your care and concern were greatly appreciated and will be remembered always.”

I will be on vacation Feb 1 through Feb 10th. During this time, please contact Rita in the office at OSLC for any pastoral needs you may have. Pastor Tom Kolden will be providing the service on February 4th for both Balsamlund and OSLC.

On February 11th at OSLC we will have our annual meeting. We will get updates from our President and council and plan for how we need to move forward. Please plan on attending. We will have a potluck during the meeting.

When I get back, we will be starting the Lent Season with Ash Wednesday on February 14th at OSLC & at Balsamlund on Thursday February 15th.

This year for Lent I have chosen the book “The Gospel According to Jesus’ Enemies” by Dann J. Ettner as a theme to study. It gives some perspective on Jesus’s journey to the cross from Caiaphas the High Priest, from one of the soldiers that arrested Jesus, from a member in the crowd who shouted, “crucify him!”, from Pilate, from a Centurion, and from one of the guards at the grave. I think it is always good to look at everyone in the Bible and their role in history. The testimonials of each of these enemies will help us judge for ourselves how God moved these enemies of Jesus to speak words of truth about him.

It will be a busy few weeks and I am looking forward to learning more about Jesus’s journey and how to follow his footsteps and to keep God in the center.

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister

From Pastor Tom Kolden

Isaiah 40:25-26

Psalms 117:4

John 10:14-15



God has not only counted all the stars but has given each of them a name. God is like a shepherd to the stars. How much more, then, is each of us loved by God, enough for Jesus to reveal God to us and to give his life for us.

So if you want an idea of how great and powerful God is, go out in the middle of the night and count how many stars you can see, knowing there are billions of stars beyond your vision.

If you want to know how great God’s love is for us, look at Jesus on the cross. As the song says, “I was in his mind when Jesus died for me.”

Counting the stars is wondering at God’s love.