

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



For January 7, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 1/7/24—1/13/24



SUNDAY Matthew 3:1-17
MONDAY Matthew 8:1-17
TUESDAY Matthew 8:18-34
WEDNESDAY Matthew 9:1-17
THURSDAY Matthew 9:18-38
FRIDAY Matthew 10:1-15
SATURDAY Matthew 10:16-31

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

1/7 First Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 1

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion

1/10 Wednesday

9am Quilters
1pm-5pm Janet Eckman, SAM in-office
5pm Finance Committee
6:30pm Confirmation

1/14 Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2

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.

January 21, 2024 10:30am Annual Meeting

OSLC Announcements:

For any changes to service times or activities due to weather or last minute changes, please watch our Facebook page and/or listen to the office phone greeting.

All year-end reports for the 2024 Annual meeting are due to the office by January 15th. Please make a note of it.

Join us today, Jan 7th at 2pm for a Northern Lights Chorale Concert

This is a 'Must-See, Must-Hear' event! Bring a friend, or two.

W/ELCA is looking for 2024 funeral coordinators. 3 ladies per quarter. If we get no volunteers in a week, the group will stay the same. As of Jan 2nd, our new W/ELCA President is Betty Lapinoja and Joyce Li-manen is VP, Deanna Zeller continues her role as Treasurer and Helen Quaschnick as the Secretary. Congratulations ladies! Looking forward to seeing that 2024 be as successful or more than 2023!

Take a moment to look at all of our bulletin boards. Thank you to Jim and Maureen for their creativity in design, posting, and their relentless energies and passion. Thank you for your stewardship. *Quilting photos courtesy of Rita.*

Fellowship Hall Reservations: May 5, after worship, for confirmation families: Ness, Lee, & Connor.

Altar Guild 2024 sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Hall table.

Our sincere condolences to the families and friends of David Weappa who recently passed away. You can view his obituary on the Sebek Wevley Funeral Home website.

We are in the Epiphany of Our Lord.

This week our Gospel is Matthew 2: 1-12. This tells of God's promise of the star in the sky leading the Magi to the New Born King. Strangers from a faraway land welcome the long-awaited Messiah.

2024 a new chapter in our lives. It took me a while to pick out a word for the year and as I was considering what I should choose I was gifted a t-shirt for Christmas with the word Faith on it. I felt that was a sign - Faith will be the word for 2024. Now every time I face a challenge this year I can think of that word Faith and remember my Faith in God will get me through anything.

As many of you know my family lost our Beloved brother Dave at the end of 2023. It is a hard loss and I know many know the pain of losing a loved one. As I have written his obituary and looked through pictures taken with him in it I have been remembering my childhood. David was the 5th child of 6 and was the baby of the family for 7 years before I was born. Now many brothers that were once the baby would resent a new baby, but he never did or at least he never made me feel like he did. He was the big brother that picked me up from after school activities, taught me to drive and was the best Uncle to my kids. We will be having a memory day to celebrate his life sometime later this year with family and friends at the farm where we grew up and he lived on.

I saw this quote in another piece I was reading: "I trust the next chapter, because I know the author." I think that is fitting to start this year and all years with...

Have Faith!

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister

