

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

For March 3, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 3/3/24—3/9/24



SUNDAY Psalm 46  
MONDAY Psalm 48  
TUESDAY Psalm 69  
WEDNESDAY Psalm 71  
THURSDAY Psalm 75  
FRIDAY Psalm 77  
SATURDAY Psalm 84

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### 3/3 Third Sunday in Lent

9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
9:10am Adult Choir practice  
10am Worship w/2nd offering for Peoples Church / Holy Communion

### 3/6 Wednesday

9am Quilters  
11am WELCA  
5pm Worship Committee Meeting  
5:30pm Lenten Soup/Sandwich Supper  
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service

### 3/10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
9:10am Adult Choir practice  
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.

## OSLC Announcements:

Lenten Soup/Sandwich Suppers are on Wednesdays at 5:30pm-6:20pm on 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, & 3/20. Holden Evening Prayer Worship service follows at 6:30pm.

Fellowship Hall Reservations: March 17, after worship for the Baptism of the Brockpahler baby boy Linus; March 24, 11am-2pm for the Griffin Nelson family celebrating 1st Communion; March 25 at 5:30pm-6:30pm for Blood Drive Set up; March 26 at 11am-7pm for Blood Drive event. Blood donations taken at Noon—6pm; May 5, Starting after worship, for Confirmation families: Quentin/Roxie Ness, Chris/Ronnie Lee, & Josh/Raina Connor.

**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.

**We are looking for additional special music for our Lenten Services.** There are 2 Sundays available. Can you share a poem or play an instrument or read a scripture or sing? We'd love to hear from you. Let us know! Leave us a message on the office phone.

**A Second Collection for People's Church of Bemidji** will be taken during the 'Sending Hymn' on Sunday, March 3rd.

**Worship Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 5pm.**

**Upcoming events this month:** Brockpahler Baptism & OSLC Council Member Installation on Sunday, 3/17. First Communion on 3/24. Maundy Thursday Worship at OSLC on 3/28 @ 6:30pm. Good Friday Worship at Balsamlund on 3/29 @ 6:30pm. 3/31 Easter Sunday, special Easter song music from the OSLC Adult Choir and trumpet accompaniments during hymns by Cidney Berg & Ashley Workman.

**We are looking to feature special talent during our Lenten Services.** There are 2 Sundays available. Can you share a poem? or play an instrument? or read a scripture? or sing? We'd love to hear from you. Let us know! Leave us a message on the office phone.

**Our Saviour's Lutheran is in need of volunteers willing to donate time to count** the offering after services. Two adult individuals are needed for each session. Qualifications are: a willingness to learn the procedure, basic skills on an adding machine, discretion and a minimal time commitment (around 45 minutes). At this time, we have one pair of very dedicated counters, but as a congregation we cannot expect them to commit to this every Sunday. Instruction will happily be provided. For those of you that are interested there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Brenda Schwartz or the church office.

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Last week we heard from Caiaphas who the Jewish high priest that was the organizer of the plot to kill Jesus. Caiaphas felt he was the defender of Roman Law and the guardian of the Temple in Jerusalem. He prophesied that it was better for one man to die than the whole nation. Caiaphas unknowingly was key player in God's plan. Jesus was crucified for our salvation and he did save the world.

Following are the words of a song that is sang to the tune "Galilean" that is in the book "The Gospel According to Jesus' Enemies."

Verse 1:

*God speaks through unknowing people,  
Even those who are His foes.  
Caiaphas and then some soldiers,  
Were the ones who made His woes.  
Crowds and even judging Pilate,  
Spoke the words of Christ's great love.  
The centurion and the grave guards,  
All used by God above.*

Verse 2:

*Was a high priest named Caiaphas,  
Did not know He prophesied.  
When he spoke the words of Jesus,  
Saying that He must now die.  
"The whole nation soon would perish,  
If Jesus were left to live.  
We must offer Him to save us."  
Were the words he had to give.*

Verse 3:

*Each day the Gospel should be told;  
In all that you say and do.  
Are you willing to bear His Word;  
To all He puts before you?  
Take the task He gives you gladly;  
Let His work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when He calls you,  
"Here am I. Send me, send me!"*

Send me- Oh God.

In Faith

Janet Eckman

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