

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

For March 10, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 3/10/24—3/16/24



SUNDAY 2 Chronicles 1:1-17
MONDAY 2 Chronicles 5:2-14
TUESDAY 2 Chronicles 6:1-11
WEDNESDAY 2 Chronicles 6:12-31
THURSDAY 2 Chronicles 6:32-42
FRIDAY 2 Chronicles 7:1-10
SATURDAY 2 Chronicles 7:11-22

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

3/10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9:10am Adult Choir Practice
10am Worship

3/13 Wednesday

9am Quilters
1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office
5pm Finance Committee Meeting
5:30pm Lenten Soup/Sandwich Supper
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service



3/17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9:10am Adult Choir Practice
10am Worship / Holy Communion / Council Installation/ Baptism

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.

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OSLC Announcements:

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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.

Lenten Soup and Suppers on Wednesdays at 5:30pm-6:20pm on 3/6, 3/13, & 3/20. Holden Evening Prayer Worship service following at 6:30pm.

...We need people to fulfill 'Soups & Sandwiches' for Wednesday, March 13th!

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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. All are invited to attend. 3/31 is Easter Sunday, an Easter song, EASTER IS HERE, courtesy of OSLC Adult Choir and trumpet accompaniments during the hymns by Cidney Berg & Ashley Workman.

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.

Correction: March 20 OSLC Council Meeting is at 5:15pm, not 5pm as indicated on the March 2024 Calendar.

As we go through Lent and we hear the witness testimony of Jesus's enemies from the book "The Gospel According to Jesus' Enemies" by Dann J Ettner. I hope you are looking at your what your own testimony would have been during that time. Last week we heard from Saron, who was one of the arresting soldiers.

The part that struck me in this witnessing of Saron is when they first get to the Garden of Gethsemane and they see Jesus standing there. Jesus looks like the man in charge to the soldiers. Jesus asks the soldiers whom they had come for. The reply of course "Jesus of Nazareth". Jesus replies: "I am He". The entire group of soldiers and all the others that were there, stepped back and fell to the ground. No one touched each other. No one shoved anyone but they all simultaneously as if choreographed beforehand stepped back. They felt the power of Jesus. Now they all wrote it off as just something that happened and they didn't believe Jesus was the son of God as they felt if Jesus would have done something to save himself.

This week our Gospel is John 3:16-21 and it tells us why -

John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. "

John 3:16-21 as we read the entire passage it speaks about Love God has for us as he offers salvations through Jesus and it also notes that the wicked shy away from the light so that their evil will not be exposed. The passage also states that the wicked shy away from the light so that their evil doings will not be exposed.

You have now heard the testimony of Caiaphas the High Priest and the Arresting Soldier Saron. Next week we will hear from the Crowd who shouted, "Crucify Him".

Remember Saturday March 9th - our time "Springs Forward" so get your body ready to lose that hour of sleep.

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister