

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



For September 1, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 9/1/24—9/7/24

SUNDAY Matthew 18:15-35  
MONDAY Matthew 19:1-15  
TUESDAY Matthew 19:16-30  
WEDNESDAY Matthew 22:1-22  
THURSDAY Matthew 22:23-46  
FRIDAY Matthew 25:1-13  
SATURDAY Matthew 25:14-30

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### 9/1 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 22

9am Fellowship

10am Worship by Pastor Thomas Kolden / Communion

### 9/4 Wednesday

9am Quilters

11am W/ELCA

1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office

No 5pm Worship Mtg today, next mtg is Oct 2nd @ 5pm

### 9/8 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 23

9am Fellowship, special Rally Sunday treats today

9am Sunday School starts.

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.

September 1 - No church service today. Tune into a live service broadcast on the OSLC Facebook website @ 10am.

## OSLC Announcements:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Sept 10, 10am-3pm for Homemaker's Club; Sept 25, after 5pm for Red Cross Blood Drive setup; Sept 26, 11am-7pm for Red Cross Blood Drive.

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.

Our sincerest condolences to Sheldon Olson and to his families for the passing of his beloved wife, Shirley Olson. See [wevelyfuneralhome.com](http://wevelyfuneralhome.com) for details.

Sunday, September 1 - Janet Eckman SAM is on vacation - Pastor Tom Kolden will officiate.



### **September 8th, Rally Sunday!**

9am-10am, Sunday School starts and the last day will be May 4, 2025.

There will be special treats during Fellowship Hour this day/Maureen. Sunday School Students, please remember to bring your backpacks to church for a special blessing. And, let's not forget about the Cradle Roll graduation. A fun-filled blessed day for all!

**Wednesday, September 11th, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Confirmation will start with a parent/student orientation meeting.** Subsequent classes are held at OSLC on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

**Attention Quilters:** The regular Quilters sessions will resume in the OSLC Fellowship Hall on September 4th. If others would like to join us, please come in on Wednesday, September 4th at 9am. We have room for more. It is volunteer based and ALL are welcome to join.

**Attention all W/ELCA members!** We will be discussing the upcoming Fall Bazaar at our meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 11am. Please bring your ideas and happy hearts.

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I want to Thank Pastor Tom for filling in for me this last weekend when I was not feeling well. I also want to say Thank you to Rita for going the extra mile to make sure at short notice to make sure Pastor Tom had everything he needed to lead the services at both Balsamlund and OSLC and the Baptism at OSLC.

Pastor Tom will be leading OSLC for services on September 1st for OSLC and there will not be services at Balsamlund. I will be on vacation and returning September 2nd.

I can't believe it is September already but looking forward to the fall routines. September will be a busy month with Rally Sunday September 8th. We will be doing Backpack blessings at both churches so bring your backpack to church if you are returning to school. At OSLC we will start Sunday School. Confirmation starts on September 11th with a parent meeting. At Balsamlund we will be planning what Confirmation will look like and get that started soon.

In our Gospel readings for the next few weeks, we will keep working through the Gospel of Mark. We will be focusing on Jesus's teachings to ensure that the Kingdom of God comes among us. Jesus joins us where we are at in this moment and wants us to dig deep into our faith to share it with the others around us. He helps us apply our faith in our everyday life.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. Help us confess that we have honored you with our lips, but we have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. Help us curb our desire to always be first and to instead reach out and help all those that are suffering. Draw us near to you and give us grace and turn us to always follow you and to keep you in the center of our life. Amen.

In Faith  
Janet Eckman  
Synod Authorized Minister

