

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



For September 15, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 9/15/24—9/21/24



SUNDAY Proverbs 14:1-35
MONDAY Proverbs 15:1-33
TUESDAY Proverbs 16:1-33
WEDNESDAY Proverbs 17:1-28
THURSDAY Habakkuk 1:1-17
FRIDAY Habakkuk 2:1-20
SATURDAY Habakkuk 3:1-19

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

9/15 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 24

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

9/18 Wednesday

9am Quilters
1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office
5:15pm Council Committee Meeting

9/22 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 25

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.

OSLC Announcements:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Sept 25, after 5pm for Red Cross Blood Drive setup; Sept 26, 11am-7pm for Red Cross Blood Drive; October 11 & 12 for OSLC Fall Bazaar.

Consider signing up for VANCO, automatic online offering. You can fill out a simple form along with your voided check and give it to Rita in the office to get signed up. Forms are available for the asking. It's simple and efficient.

October 12th, OSLC Fall Bazaar! 9am-12:30pm. Sign-up sheets are out on the Fellowship Hall table. We need volunteers for set up & pricing on Oct. 11th & cashiers throughout the day of the sale on the 12th. Tickets will be available from our WELCA team and at the Community First Bank in Sebeka. We're giving away two 1/4 Beefs courtesy of Steve Quale, a handmade quilt from the Quilters Group, assorted Gift Baskets and Gift Certificates. Must be 18 to donate, \$1 per ticket. Tickets are available on the day of the Bazaar too!

Take a walk down the hallway to see what's new on our walls.

September 25th, Noon -6pm, Sebeka Blood Drive.

Thank you to W/ELCA for the new kitchen refrigerator!

There will be a Men's Breakfast this year on October 13th. Save the date!

One of the themes I want to focus on is mental health. There are so many people that struggle with this, and we don't know because they keep it all inside. As we start and move into this Autumn season, I think we can learn some lessons from the trees. A few leaves are changing colors. Autumn is a time of letting go. The trees show us that with the falling of the leaves.

If you get a chance maybe take some time to walk out in the woods or take a scenic drive and explore what the falling leaves might be trying to tell us. There are some beautiful trails as well as beautiful scenic drives available around the area. We might draw some inspiration from the leaves falling and it might inspire to look for that wisdom in the Bible.

One of my favorite Bible verses comes from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2 to remind us: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted."

Just as the seasons change, so do the seasons of our lives. The falling leaves remind us that this is a natural cycle, showing us that change is inevitable and part of God's plan. Just as the leaves release their hold on the tree, we should let go of our past mistakes, regrets, and burdens. As we do so we make room for our growth. Those falling leaves remind us that changing doesn't have to be awful as the leaves fall, they leave their graceful beauty. Rather than being scared we can embrace the opportunity to reach out to God to lead us to do new and wonderful things in our lives.

It shows us that we are a beloved child of God always and forever.

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister

