

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



For November 3, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 11/3/24—11/9/24



SUNDAY Psalm 121
MONDAY Psalm 122
TUESDAY Psalm 124
WEDNESDAY Psalm 125
THURSDAY Psalm 126
FRIDAY Psalm 127
SATURDAY Psalm 128

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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/3 Time after Pentecost / Lec 31 / All Saints Day

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9am Adult Choir practice (*gather at the piano*)
10am Worship / Holy Communion

11/6 Wednesday

9am Quilters
11am W/ELCA Meeting
1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office

11/10 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 32

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9am Adult Choir Practice (*gather at the piano*)
10am Worship



Balsamlund Announcements:

November 3rd is All Saints Day. During worship we will be celebrating by remembering those who have died since All Saints Day 2023 and others by special request.

November 3rd. Enjoy the extra hour!

November 24, worship time changed from 8:30am to 10:30am. A Potluck will follow afterwards to celebrate Thanksgiving.

OSLC Announcements:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month, at 4pm, is reserved for the 4H.

VANCO is an electronic automatic online offering method available to all who have a bank account. Simply fill out a form (ask Rita) along with a voided check and return it to the office to get processed. No cost to sign-up & forms are free. It's simple and efficient.

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Calling all OSLC Adult Choir members!!! On Sundays, gather by the piano to practice for the upcoming Thanksgiving Eve (11/27) and Christmas Eve (12/24) special services.

November 24, worship will start at 9:00am instead of 10:00am . Sunday School will be at 10:00am instead of 9am, along with adult choir practice and Fellowship hour.

November 27, Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00pm. No 6:30pm Confirmation class.

On Sunday, we honor the people who have passed away. All are saved by Grace. For Lutherans we have a conviction that in Jesus every saint is a sinner, and every sinner is a saint. We remember that it is through God's grace, not our works, that makes us saints. We find rest only in the mercy of God.

It is so difficult when the one we love passes away and the grief can sometimes be unbearable. Death is an inevitable for all of us. We don't know what tomorrow brings and life can change in an instance.

When a loved one passes, we mourn but we also celebrate a life that was a legacy to those left behind.

One of my favorite scriptures is Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 because it speaks of a time for everything. It helps me get through the valleys of life as I know that eventually there will be a season of abundance and Jesus is beside me the entire way.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace*

What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil--this is God's gift to man. I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

God's Word has always been shared most effectively when people openly talk to each other about their hopes, fears, ideas, and struggles. Jesus did and wants us to help each other through all of our seasons. And Jesus is there for us always. We are children of God always and forever.

Lord Jesus, we give thanks to You for the saints who now rest in Your presence. Sustain us in our earthly fight until the day when we stand before Your throne. Amen.

In Faith
Janet Eckman
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