

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



For October 20, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/20/24—10/26/24



SUNDAY Psalm 92
MONDAY Psalm 93
TUESDAY Psalm 94
WEDNESDAY Psalm 95
THURSDAY Psalm 96
FRIDAY Psalm 97
SATURDAY Psalm 98

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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

10/20 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 29

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9am Adult Choir practice
10am Worship / Holy Communion
11:15am Private Baptism for Cody & Kaija Strayer's daughter, Ida Irene

10/23 Wednesday

9am Quilters
1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office
5:15pm Council Committee Meeting
6:30pm Confirmation

10/27 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 30

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship



Balsamlund Announcements:

Confirmation Classes will begin Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30-7:30pm and every 4th Wednesday of the month thereafter.

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.

Thanks to all who donated, worked & shopped at our Bazaar on Saturday. Without all of you it wouldn't be possible. We made nearly \$2900 and the youth did good in the kitchen. ~OSLC W/ELCA

October 20, 9am, the OSLC Adult Choir will start practicing every Sunday for upcoming Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve Special services. Choir Members, please gather at the piano in the church.



Baptism of Ida Irene Strayer

We would like to welcome into the Family of God, Ida Irene, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today in a private ceremony after worship service. Her parents are Cody & Kaija Strayer. Her sponsors are LaNay Whitaker and Bill McIntyre.

November 3rd is All Saints Day and the day that the clock reverts back an hour. Before you go to bed on the 2nd, turn your clocks back an hour, the ones that do not adjust automatically, to anticipate the new day.

October is a month where I always get a little off center. Sometimes it takes me a bit to remember why I am just feeling unsettled when I get to October but then I remember it is October. October is the month both my parents passed away. Our Dad passed on October 15th and our Mom on October 30th. I think if we have lived life at all and have lost someone we love, we all have times where we go through those feelings. Where you just can't put your finger on why, but you just know you don't feel right. This is normal and okay. You are not alone in feeling this way.

The devotions I read the other day in my morning time were from 1 Peter 1:3

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The devotion went on to talk about taking a trip back though areas where they grew up and noticing how some landmarks have not changed much while others are either gone or are no longer being lived in. I know sometimes when I drive around the countryside, and I see an abandoned house I always wonder about the people that lived there and what their life was like. A house where it no longer has someone living seems to crumble and lose its heart. When we lose hope, we are the same as those abandoned houses - we crumble too. The good news is that Jesus is our eternal hope. He breathes life into the abandoned, broken, neglected hearts and in hearts that just feel a little off because of a loss. Jesus's breath breathes new life into any who let him into their heart.

So here is the challenge the devotions I read gave:

Consider this week someone who appears to be crumbling like an uncared-for house. Send them a card, text or call and share Jesus, your eternal hope.

In Faith
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister

