

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



For November 10, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 11/10/24—11/16/24

SUNDAY Ezra 7:1-10
MONDAY Ezra 7:11-28
TUESDAY Nehemiah 8:1-18
WEDNESDAY Nehemiah 12:27-47
THURSDAY Psalm 138
FRIDAY Psalm 139
SATURDAY Psalm 135

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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/10 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 32

9am Fellowship / No Adult Choir practice today.
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

11/13 Wednesday

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

11/17 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 33

9am Fellowship / Adult Choir Practice
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion / 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.

Confirmation Classes are every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm-7:30pm in the church basement. November 27th Confirmation Class will be rescheduled. Your teacher will inform you.

November 24, worship time is 10:30am, not 8:30. A Potluck will follow to celebrate Thanksgiving.

OSLC Announcements:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month, at 4pm, is reserved for the 4H; Nov 12, 10am-3pm for Homemaker's.

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.

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

IMPORTANT: Choir practice is cancelled for Sunday November 10th.

November 24, worship will start at 9:00am instead of 10:00am . Sunday School will be at 10:00am instead of 9am, so will the adult choir practice and Fellowship Hour, they will begin at 10am.

November 27, Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00pm. Special song and music too! No 6:30pm Confirmation class this day. Your teacher will give you more details, That or ask by leaving a message at the office.

Operation Christmas Child is here! On the bulletin board between the Pastor's study and office, you will find 25 boys & girls to choose from to fulfill wish lists of needy Wadena County families this holiday. Please make your selection by taking a tag and noting your name on the sheet provided with the child's number. It is important to have your gift wrapped or in a gift bag with the gift tag that you selected firmly attached to the package so we can tell who it goes to. Please have your gift to the office no later than Sunday, December 8th.

On Sunday November 3rd, we celebrated All Saints Day. As I wrote last week Ecclesiastes 3 is one of my favorite scriptures. Because there is time for everything.

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

As I write this, I am on a break from an on-line class that our presenter Dr. Michael Chan is teaching us about the old testament. Each week we read from the old testament. However, I usually don't focus the sermons around the old testament. One of the fellow attendees has been a Synod Approved Minister for 4 years and like him I agree that I have been so focused on the Gospels and learning and relearning the nuances of the meanings of the new testament, that I haven't gotten into the old testament. It has been an interesting class so far. I have two more nights of class, and I am totally enjoying it.

Also, as I write this there are our elections in the USA hanging in our minds and if you had not already voted, you will have voted on Tuesday. I don't know what the results will be, and I am anticipating we will not know right away this year. Many of us have election anxiety - which is a real thing no matter what candidate you chose to vote for. We are worried for our country and for our families while maybe valid remember what is told to us in Matthew 6: 26-27

²⁶ *Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?* ²⁷ *Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

Worry doesn't add to our life, but it eats away at our faith. Whoever is declared to lead our Government I ask you to pray for them. Continue to have faith in God and follow the golden rule:

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your kinsfolk. Love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

— *Leviticus 19:18*

As I wrote in last week's newsletter - God's Word has always been shared most effectively when people openly talk to each other about their hopes, fears, ideas, and struggles.

Dear Lord, Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern and to those we as citizens have elected and who deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work.

In Faith,
Janet Eckman, Synod Authorized Minister