

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



For December 8, 2024

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 12/8/24—12/14/24



SUNDAY Isaiah 8:21-9:7
MONDAY Luke 1:1-25
TUESDAY Luke 1:26-56
WEDNESDAY Luke 1:57-80
THURSDAY Luke 2:1-20
FRIDAY John 1:1-18
SATURDAY Luke 2:21-52

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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

12/8 Second Sunday of Advent

9am Fellowship & OSLC Adult Choir practice
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

12/11 Wednesday

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

12/15 Third Sunday of Advent / Christmas Program

9am Fellowship & OSLC Adult Choir practice
9am Sunday School TBD
10am Sunday School Christmas Program / 2nd Offering for Sebeka Angel Fund / No communion
11am Potluck, bring your favorite food to share.



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 Class is every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm-7:30pm in the church basement.

December 8, Christmas Program by youth.

December 24, Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month, at 4pm, is reserved for the 4H; December 10, 10am-3pm for Homemaker's Club; December 28, 8am-4pm for a private family function; Jan 26, 2025, 12:30pm-4pm for 4H.

2024 Wadena County Operation Christmas Child wish list is fulfilled. Remember to have your gifts to Maureen and/or in the office by December 10th. A warm thank you to those of you who volunteered to make a needy child's wish come true this Christmas Season. He is the Reason for the Season!

December 15th is our Sunday School Christmas Program. Bring your favorite dish to share for the Potluck afterwards.

Christmas Poinsettia sign-up sheets are on the Fellowship Hall table! Thank you for supporting our Youth Group while honoring your loved one(s) too. Merry Christmas! You may take your plant(s) home after the 4pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

Stress-free giving is here! VANCO! It 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 Christmas Eve (12/24) worship service.

Christmas Eve Worship: Tuesday, December 24, 4:00pm at OSLC.

On December 1st it was the start of Advent and we lit the candle of Hope. One of the Advent books I am reading is called "Advent - The Weary World Rejoices." The song "O Holy Night" is a theme throughout it.

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.
Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!
Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
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As we journey through this season of Advent and preparation of Jesus being born let this song resonate in your heart.

In Faith,
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister