

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



For January 12, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 1/12/25—1/18/25

SUNDAY Romans 3-4
MONDAY Genesis 4-7
TUESDAY Joshua 6-10
WEDNESDAY Psalm 3-5
THURSDAY Job 3-4
FRIDAY Isaiah 7-11
SATURDAY Matthew 3-4

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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

1/12 First Sunday after Epiphany—Lectionary 1

9am Fellowship Hour

9am Sunday School

10am Worship / Second Offering for Campership

1/15 Wednesday

9am Quilters

1-5pm, Janet Eckman SAM, in-office

2pm Janet to Greenwood Connections

5:15pm Council Committee Meeting

1/19 Second Sunday after Epiphany—Lectionary 2

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School

10am Worship / Holy Communion

BALSAMLUND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our deepest condolences to Judy Halverson & the families of her beloved husband, Art Halverson, who passed away recently. Details: schullerfamilyfh.com

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.

Jan 26th, Annual Meeting. Worship time is at 10:30am, not the usual. It is critical for members to plan to attend church this day in order to vote for new members and any resolutions. A Potluck to follow.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please have all reports for the February 9th annual meeting into the office by January 24th.

Your presence at the Annual Meeting on February 9th is critical to elect new officers and pass resolutions! ***Please plan to attend***

Sign-up sheet for Altar Guild duties for the year of 2025 is on the table in the fellowship hall. Months remaining to fill are, February, April, August, September, & November. Thank you to the members who signed up last Sunday!

Our condolences to the family and friends of Esther Ljungren who passed away on January 3rd. Her service is at OSLC Jan 10 @ 11am, visitation at 10am. Luncheon by W/ELCA to follow with a special treat. For details: wevleyfuneralhome.com

A sign-up calendar for Sunday Readers of the first & second scripture readings is on the table in the fellowship hall. The scriptures are always printed out for your convenience.

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; Jan 14th for Homemakers Club (*New Traditions*) at 10am-4pm; Jan 26th for 4H at 12:30-4pm; March 31, 11am-7pm for the Sebek Blood Drive; May 4th, 11am-2pm for Griffin Rasmussen confirmation celebration.

Lions Pancake Feed at the Sebek Community/Sr Center is today! 1/12. 8am-Noon. Free will offering. Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, & Sausages.

Due to Balsamlund's Annual Meeting on Sunday Jan 26th, our worship time is moved up to 9am, with Sunday School & Fellowship Hour at 10am.

New Member Introduction is Sunday February 2nd.

Christmas at least the Christmas on the calendar has come and gone and so has New Years Day and we are in 2025.

On Monday January 6th we started Epiphany of our Lord. The feast of Epiphany concluded the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the human form of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all of us.

If we look to Matthew 2: 1-12 we find God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

As we celebrate the end of the Christmas season with the Feast of Epiphany, please take some time to review your 2024. See the celebrations and see the challenges and take some stock in how your 2024 went. As you do that, look at what you want for your 2025. What do you want more of and what do you want less of? Maybe you want to read the Bible more - maybe you want to spend some time in meditation. Maybe you need to engage more in Church and the world around you. Maybe you need to take a step back and just take more time for yourself. Whatever it is do it! Don't be worried or scared of the future as although we don't know what the future holds, we know who holds the future. The future is in God's hands, so we can rest easy in the plans that He has made for us. We can't be sure of tomorrow, but we have today, so we need to try to live it the way God planned it!

In Faith,
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister

