

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



For January 19, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 1/19/25—1/25/25



SUNDAY Romans 5-6
MONDAY Genesis 8-11
TUESDAY Joshua 11-15
WEDNESDAY Psalm 6-8
THURSDAY Job 5-6
FRIDAY Isaiah 12-17
SATURDAY Matthew 5-7

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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

1/19 Second Sunday after Epiphany—Lectionary 2

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion

1/22 Wednesday

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

1/26 Third Sunday after Epiphany—Lectionary 3

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
10am Fellowship



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.

Jan 26th, Annual Meeting. Worship time is at 10:30am, not at 8:30am. 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 & 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: April, August, September, & November. Thank you to the members who already volunteered.

Our sincere condolences to the Don Komppa families and his wife Jane. Don passed away recently and his service is planned for January 20th at 11am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church with a visitation an hour prior. More details at: www.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 20 for Don Komppa Funeral service, 9am-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's confirmation celebration.

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.

Death Notices: 1. We recently learned of the passing of Nara Kiser who formerly resided in Sebek before moving out of the country. Her late husband was Kenneth Kiser, fondly known as Kenny.
2. Janet Eckman SAM's uncle, Steve Bennett, recently passed away. A service is pending for spring.

We have started out this year with loss. With the loss of Esther Ljungren. With the loss of Art Halver-son. With the loss of Don Komppa. These losses are hard. They bring us so much grief because we loved these people of God.

What helps bring me peace although it doesn't lessen the grief comes from John:

Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also. And you know the way I am going. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

From this passage we can take some thoughts of comfort. We know that we will be joining and following Jesus in that pathway. Peace is promised in this passage. The 23rd Psalm notes the peace we can have in the verse "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." God is here. God is present. Believe in God- Trust in God and God will grant you his perfect peace.

In Faith,
Janet Eckman
Synod Authorized Minister