

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

For November 2, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 11/2/25—11/8/25

SUNDAY James 4-5
MONDAY Deuteronomy 7-9
TUESDAY 2 Chronicles 29-32
WEDNESDAY Psalm 125-127
THURSDAY Ecclesiastics 3-4
FRIDAY Zephaniah
SATURDAY Acts 11-12



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/2 All Saints Sunday

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School

10am Worship / Holy Communion / 2nd Offering for
Wadena County Operation Christmas Child program

11/5 Wednesday

9am Quilters

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

5pm Worship Committee Meeting

11/9 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 32

9am Fellowship

No Sunday School

10am Worship



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.

REMINDER! November 2 at 2:00AM, turn back your clocks an hour for Daylight Savings Time.

Confirmation Classes are held in the church basement every 4th Wednesday of the month until Spring 2026.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; Nov 11 & Dec 9 10am-4pm for Homemaker's Club; December 13, an event from 2pm-4pm for Hilda Mary Schoon.

Adult Choir Singers Needed! Please let the office know if you would like to join. Tenor voices are especially needed. We like to sing the 'Borning Cry' song at Baptisms and practice for the Christmas season will begin soon. Bring your best voice forward. Note: The tenor section carries the songs through, without it we are incomplete as a choir.

"Second Offering" is this Sunday, November 2, for the Wadena County Operation Christmas Child. (A list of names should be available within the next 2 weeks. Watch the church news. A bulletin board will be prepared down the hallway between the Pastor Study & Office at that time.)

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During worship on Sunday November 2nd, we will give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest".

The Gospel text we will focus on is Luke 6:20-31

"Blessed are you who are poor... blessed are you who weep now... love your enemies... do to others as you would have them do to you."

On All Saints Day, we remember those who have gone before us in faith, those who lived with hope, those who loved generously, and those whose lives shaped ours in ways we may still be discovering. Some were well known and recognized. Many were quiet, faithful disciples whose names are written not in history books, but in our hearts.

Jesus' words in Luke 6 remind us that sainthood is not about perfection—it is about reliance on God. The saints we remember today didn't have spotless lives or unwavering strength. What they had was trust. They leaned their weight into the promises of God. They lived—however imperfectly—toward the Kingdom Jesus describes:

The saints we remember today believed that God was not finished with the world, or with them. And that faith shaped their choices, their compassion, and the way they loved others—even when it was costly.

The saints we will be naming this year are:

Don Komppa, Esther Ljungren, Stella Kuschel, Steve Bennett, Art Halverson, Arne Gronlund, David Rising.

Many of these saints helped shape our faith. Please, if you would like to share someone from your life that you have lost call the OSLC office to add their name.

Holy God,

We give thanks to the saints who have shown us your love:

For those who encouraged us when we were weary,

for those who lifted us when life felt heavy,

for those who taught us how to pray, to trust, and to care.

Help us walk in their footsteps—not to be perfect,

but to be faithful.

Make us instruments of peace, mercy, compassion, and grace.

Amen.

In Faith,
Janet Eckman, SAM