

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

For October 26, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/26/25—11/1/25

SUNDAY James 1-3
MONDAY Deuteronomy 4-6
TUESDAY 2 Chronicles 25-28
WEDNESDAY Psalm 122-124
THURSDAY Ecclesiastics 1-2
FRIDAY Habakkuk
SATURDAY Acts 9-10



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

10/26 Reformation Sunday

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School

10am Worship / Baptism of Gwendolyn Mercy Van-Orsdel

10/29 Wednesday

9am Quilters

1-5pm Janet Eckman SAM, in office

11/2 All Saint's Day - Time after Pentecost — 31

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School

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

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.

On Sunday, November 2nd, during our 8:30am service, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. During worship we will be remembering those who have died since All Saints Day 2024. If you have a loved one who you would like remembered, please contact Janet Eckman SAM or the church office.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; December 13, an event from 2pm-4pm for Hilda Mary.

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.

November's "Second Offering" is Sunday, November 2, for the Wadena County Operation Christmas Child program. Help bring holiday warmth to local families in need.

On Sunday, November 2nd, during our 10am service, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. During worship we will be remembering those who have died since All Saints Day 2024. If you have a loved one who you would like remembered, please contact Janet Eckman SAM or the church office.

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We are truly blessed with the addition of our 1st Great-Grandson Morgan Michael, born to our Granddaughter Sophie and her husband Duke. Babies are the best.

This next Sunday is Reformation Sunday, and our scripture focuses on John 8: 31-36.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." – John 8:31-32

Jesus' words to His followers remind us that true freedom doesn't come from power, possessions, or independence—it comes from knowing Him. We are all enslaved to sin and by our faith in Jesus we can be released from that sin.

The truth is that we are loved, forgiven, and redeemed—not because of what we do, but because of what Christ has done. That truth releases us from the chains that hold us captive—resentment, shame, anxiety, and pride.

Even when life feels heavy or uncertain, Jesus offers us freedom that no one can take away. It's the freedom of knowing we belong to God. It's the peace of walking each day in His grace.

Lord Jesus, thank You for setting us free through Your truth and Your love. Help us to remain in Your word, to live as Your disciples, and to find our freedom and peace in You alone. Amen.

In Faith,
Janet Eckman, SAM

