

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

For October 5, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/5/25—10/11/25



SUNDAY Hebrews 5-7  
MONDAY Numbers 29-32  
TUESDAY 2 Chronicles 11-15  
WEDNESDAY Psalm 117-118  
THURSDAY Proverbs 28  
FRIDAY Jonah  
SATURDAY Acts 3-4



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## OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

### 10/5 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 27

9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
10am Worship / Holy Communion / Rowan JoAnn Lien  
Baptism / 2nd Offering Bemidji People's Church

### 10/8 Wednesday

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

**10/11 Saturday 9am-12:30pm OSLC Fall Bazaar** (Note:  
Fellowship Hall door will be open at Noon till early evening  
for drop-offs on Friday, the 10th)

### 10/12 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 28

9am Fellowship & Men's Breakfast  
9am 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.

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**Fellowship Hall Reservations:** Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; Oct 14, 10am-4pm for Homemakers Club; Oct 15th, private event in Sanctuary after 3pm.

**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! The tenor section carries the songs through, without it we are incomplete.

**OSLC Fall Bazaar is October 11th, 9am-12:30pm** This is a **BIG** fundraiser, it brings in money for Our Saviour's W/ELCA Ladies through many generous donations and for OSLC Ministries. Tickets are available at the Sebek Bank. They will be available to get at the door on the day of the Bazaar as well. The quilt being given away is on display at the Sebek Bank. See the sign-up sheets for donations & working shifts on the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall from the outside. Thank you to Steve Quale for donating 2 quarters of beef.

**October 10th: Fellowship Hall door will be open at noon till early evening for drop-offs.**

**If anyone would like to make** a monetary donation to the Fall Bazaar, make your cash/check payable to: OSLC WELCA and note your envelope and/or drop by the office or mail it or drop it in the Sunday offering plate. Thank you!

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Our Gospel reading for October 5<sup>th</sup> is from Luke 17: 5-10

*"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'"* (Luke 17:5-6)

The last two weeks for me have been full of weddings and baptisms with more baptisms happening in October. When we look at those milestones in life weddings, baptisms, babies being born, confirmations and funerals we often pray for more faith. The disciples thought the same: "Increase our faith!" But Jesus surprises them. He says, "*You don't need more—you need to trust with the faith you already have.*" Even the tiniest seed of faith is powerful, because God is the One who makes it grow. In our everyday life Luke 17 reminds us that we just need to serve others to follow Jesus. We don't need to come to God with great accomplishments because Faith is lived out in small acts of love shared with others.

It doesn't matter where you are in life or if you are the richest or the poorest. It doesn't matter if you stand up and give the sermons or you are sitting in a seat in church or out enjoying your spiritual life in a forest - what matters is serving others in a real way. Faith doesn't have to be big - it must be honest and real.

Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of faith. Remind us that even the smallest seed of trust in You is enough. Strengthen couples in marriage, children in baptism, help us through the birth of a newborn or the loss of someone we love and help us each of us in our daily walk, that our lives may show Your love. Amen.

In Faith,  
Janet Eckman, SAM

