

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

For November 30, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 11/30/25—12/6/25

SUNDAY 1 John 1-3
MONDAY Deuteronomy 20-22
TUESDAY Nehemiah 1-4
WEDNESDAY Psalm 137-139
THURSDAY Ecclesiastics 11-12
FRIDAY Malachi
SATURDAY Acts 19-20



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/30 First Sunday of Advent

9am Fellowship & OSLC Adult Choir practice @
9:15am
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

12/3 Wednesday

9am Quilters
1-5pm Janet Eckman SAM in-office

12/7 Second Sunday of Advent

9am Fellowship & OSLC Adult Choir practice @
9:15am
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion



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.

Dec 21 Balsamlund Children's Christmas Program with a brunch to follow.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 6:00pm.

Dec 28 There will be no Church Service while Janet is on vacation.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Wadena County Operation Christmas Child Program 2025 is in progress. See the bulletin board between offices for details! Thank you for those who have already signed up. Gifts deadline is Dec 7th. Please check it out.

December 14 Sunday School Christmas Program during 10:00 AM Worship Service.

1. The December Second Collection will be taken this morning with the proceeds going to the Sebeka Area Food Shelf.
2. Bring a dish or two to share and join us for Potluck and fellowship following the service.

Dec 24 OSLC Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 4:00pm.

January 18, 2026 Come and celebrate Janet Eckman, as she begins her 4th year as our Synod Authorized Minister! Let's show our appreciation by joining for a Potluck Meal with cake following the 10:00 AM Worship Service. Bring a dish or two to share at the potluck and a card of thanks for Janet. The Church Council will have cake for all.

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Thanksgiving Week Devotions: "Grateful in the Small Things"

The God Who Notices the Little Things

Scripture: *"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care."* – Matthew 10:29

We often begin Thanksgiving week thinking of the "big things": family, health, home, salvation. These are good and worthy praises! But Jesus reminds us that our Father also cares for the sparrows—tiny, common, overlooked.

If God watches over the smallest bird, He also sees the small moments in your life:

The smile someone gave you at the grocery store
The warm mug of coffee on a cold morning
A quiet moment before the day begins

Ordinary Blessings

Scripture: *"Every good and perfect gift is from above..."* – James 1:17

So many of God's gifts come wrapped in ordinary packaging.

Running water.

A working furnace.

Shoes that fit.

Food that tastes good.

A car that starts.

These are not small because they are insignificant; they are small because they are consistent. We grow used to them—but they are still gifts.

Prayer: Father, thank You for the ordinary things that quietly sustain my life. Open my eyes to the little reminders of Your love that surround me today. Grow in me a heart that sees Your grace in every corner of my life.

In Faith,
Janet Eckman, SAM