

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



For November 15, 2020

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 11/15/20—11/21/20

SUNDAY Psalm 121
MONDAY Psalm 122
TUESDAY Psalm 124
WEDNESDAY Psalm 125
THURSDAY Psalm 126
FRIDAY Psalm 127
SATURDAY Psalm 128



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November 8, 2020

ATTENDANCE : 8
Weekly General offering : 11/11 \$1110.00
Weekly Vanco offering : 11/2 \$510.00
Monthly Vanco offering :
Total weekly offering \$1620.00
Weekly Set-aside : \$162.00
Weekly Offering Needed: \$2,488

11/15/20

10am Worship Live on OSLC Facebook Page

11/16/20

5pm Finance Mtg on Zoom

11/22/20

10am Worship from Balsamlund on OSLC's Facebook Page

11/22/20

6:30pm OSLC Council Mtg on Zoom

As we head into winter, if you are not on Pastor Eric's call list, but would like to be, please contact Dawn at the OSLC office or Pastor Eric's cell phone.

Balsamlund Announcements

**MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

Our Bible Milestone on November 22nd is postponed until further notice.

Communion Milestone Our Communion Milestone is open to youth of any age who would like to participate at God's table. We'll celebrate in worship on December 6th & December 13th.

OSLC Announcements

We are looking for ushers for the next 4 months. If you or your family is able to help out please talk to Janet after Worship, or contact the church office.

****Sebeka Thanksgiving Dinner** available for pick-up. Thursday, November 26, 2020 8:00am - 10:00am
We are offering our Thanksgiving Dinner to be reheated via pick-up this season. Thanksgiving Dinner Menu: Turkey, Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing, Sweet potatoes, Biscuits & Dessert. So that an accurate count can be made please call or email the church to sign-up by November 20th. OSLC Office: 218-837-5831 Email: oslcelca@wcta.net Free Will Offering Proceeds go to The Sebeka Food Shelf Community Donations Welcome But Not Necessary.

We will be participating on Operation Christmas child again this year. If you would like to get a gift for a child please call the church office and we can get a tag to you. Thank you!

With COVID cases on the rise, we've made the decision to move back to worshipping online through the month of November, which a few changes to how we did things this spring.

The first thing that we want to do is record or broadcast from the sanctuaries of our congregations. This Sunday, the 15th, and Thanksgiving Eve will be broadcast from the OSLC sanctuary. Worship on Sundays November 22nd and 29th will be recorded in the Balsamlund sanctuary.

We've also decided to keep communion in worship every week while we are physically distanced and worshipping online. There's some controversy around this in the broader Church, but in his Small Catechism, Martin Luther writes about what it means to receive the sacrament worthily. He lays out that the necessary requirements are the physical elements of communion - the bread and the wine - and the words spoken by Christ at the Last Supper, which blesses the elements. He also says that we receive the sacrament worthily when we receive the elements with reverence and believe the words "given and shed for you."

Obviously, Luther doesn't say anything about gathering online (because on-line was where you hung clothes in his day.) But we have a couple of options for us in these times.

- + You can call Dawn at the OSLC office and schedule a time during the week prior to pick up individual communion cups for your household. Then simply bring them out during your morning worship.
- + You can make communion bread at your house using the recipe we use at church found midway down this page: <https://inside.luthersem.edu/community-care/chapel/>
- + You can also grab wine or grape juice - it doesn't need to be fancy at all.

Once you get those together, you can either participate in the recorded service online, or if you don't have access to the recorded service, you can use the liturgy for Holy Home Communion attached to this e-news e-mail as well.

In all of this, I know receiving communion in this way is different. It's not the same as being in worship together. If you're uncomfortable receiving communion in this way, know that I respect that and can't wait to be back around the table with you as well. We're doing what we can to make the best of a hard situation and praying that God will understand. I think (and hope) He will.

Our hope is that this is a brief sacrifice to help stop the outbreak of the virus to be good neighbors to our hospitals and schools. If you have questions about this, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Eric or a member of council.

Be well. Stay safe. Check on your neighbors. Wear your mask.

And may God continue to guide us in the days and weeks ahead.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric