

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

For April 18, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 4/18/21—4/24/21



SUNDAY- Isaiah 25:1-19  
MONDAY- Isaiah 26:1-19  
TUESDAY- Romans 7:1-13  
WEDNESDAY- Romans 7:14-25  
THURSDAY- Romans 9:1-18  
FRIDAY- Romans 9:19-33  
SATURDAY- Romans 10:1-21

4/18/21  
8:30am Balsamlund Worship  
9am OSLC Fellowship  
9:20am Sunday School  
10am OSLC Worship/Holy Communion

4/21/21  
9am Quilters  
5:30pm Council Mtg.

4/25/21 Senior Quilt Day  
8:30am Balsamlund Worship  
9am OSLC Fellowship  
9:20am Sunday School  
10am OSLC Worship

April  
SHOWERS  
BRING  
May  
FLOWERS

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## Balsamlund Announcements

Make-up dates for Balsamlund Milestone Celebrations  
Balsamlund Confirmation Class dates May 2, & May 16.

\*VBS Save the Date!  
June 20-24 with counselors from Pathways Bible Camp. Watch for more information coming soon.

## OSLC Announcements

\*If you are unable or don't feel comfortable joining us inside for worship, we are now using our FM Transmitter to broadcast Sunday morning worship to the parking lot. Please park upfront facing the front doors to get the best signal from the transmitter.

\*We are happy to announce we have started up fellowship before worship. Fellowship will start at 9am. We have a few guidelines to follow. They will be posted in the kitchen.

\* We will be starting some spring cleaning projects. We will be doing them in small groups . Sign-up sheets will be in the fellowship hall. Please watch bulletin for future cleaning projects and dates.

\* We will be celebrating our Confirmation Students on Sunday May 2 @ 10am. Reminder to students, robes will be available for you to try on at class Wednesday April 28. If you are unable to try them on at this time, please contact the church office.

**\*Teachers Needed:** If you are interested in teaching Sunday School and/or VBS, please let Pastor Eric or Dawn know. If you have any questions you can talk to Roxie or Ronnie. Teachers are needed for this Summers VBS as well as next school year. Two teachers will be stepping down for sure so we are in need of volunteers to fill these roles.

**\* Sign-up sheets** are on the table in the fellowship hall for fellowship servers and ushers. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

**\*Sunday April 25** will be our Senior Quilt Presentation. If any of our Seniors are unable to attend please let the church office know, so we can make arrangements to get your quilt to you.

*"How long, O Lord, shall I cry out,  
yet You do not listen?  
I scream 'outrage' to You,  
and You do not rescue!  
Plunder and outrage are before me,  
quarrel and contention I bear.  
Therefore teaching fails,  
and justice never comes forth." - Habakkuk 1:2-4*

We don't often hear from some of what are called the "minor prophets" of the Old Testament. This is often the name given to the shorter books toward the end of the Old Testament. Often we get confused and think prophets are people who can see the future when really they are people who are connected to God in a way that helps them see the present clearly.

They write laments to God as they see the suffering of God's people, crying out to God for aid.

I wonder what kind of laments we've spoken to God.

What kind of laments have you spoken to God?

They might sound like "God, where are you?"

"God, how could that happen?"

"God, how long will this keep up?"

Sound familiar?

Sometimes we can trick ourselves into thinking these questions are unfaithful, but actually they are a part of a deep Biblical tradition of lament. Faithful people through all generations have brought their laments and their pain to God.

There's so much to lament in our world right now: injustices, discrimination, missed opportunities, and severed connections.

We can bring all of these things to God, trusting that God can handle it.  
God can handle your disappointments.  
God can handle your anger.  
God can handle your pain.

One of the things we believe about the cross and resurrection is that it's the point of transformation where Jesus takes all of the pain and suffering of the world and transforms it into life.

It doesn't take away the pain. It just means suffering doesn't have the last word.

Because in the name of Jesus, it doesn't.

Not in your life, not in your relationships, not in your families, not in the world.

For that, we give thanks.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Eric