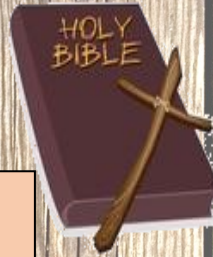


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DAILY BIBLE READINGS 5/5/21—6/12/21

SUNDAY- Galatians 1:1-24
MONDAY- Galatians 2:1-21
TUESDAY- Galatians 3:1-14
WEDNESDAY- Galatians 3:15-4:7
THURSDAY- Galatians 4:8-31
FRIDAY- Galatians 5:1-26
SATURDAY- Galatians 6:1-18



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6/6/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am OSLC Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship

6/9/21

9am Ladies Coffee Hub 71
5pm Finance Mtg.

6/13/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship / Confirmation Service
9am OSLC Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship

Balsamlund Announcements

*VBS! June 20-24, 3-7pm with counselors from Pathways Bible Camp. Joint worship/kickoff at 5pm on Sunday June 20th at 5pm. Closing worship and program on Thursday, June 25 at 6pm. No morning worship at Balsamlund on June 20th.

*Confirmation Celebration Sunday June 13th at 8:30am.

OSLC Announcements

* God loves all, mask or no mask! Following updated CDC and state health guidelines, the OSLC council made the decision to lift our mask mandate effective immediately. We continue to be guided by love and respect for our neighbor, whatever choices they may make. We are excited to see your smiling faces at worship this Sunday!

*The Potato Booth will July 31, from 10am to 10pm. Please see sign up sheets that are on the table in the fellowship hall for volunteers needed to help set up, manning the booth, assisting at the Church and clean up. Donations are also needed for items listed as well as monetary. To sign-up please contact the church office or add to the sign-up list on the table in the fellowship hall. Watch Facebook for up dated lists of what is still needed. Please join us in making this another successful year with the Potato Booth. Janet Eckman

* Council Minutes are posted on the board between the mail boxes. Previous months council minutes are available in the office.

*Midweek campfire worships will be on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting June 2nd at 6:30pm. Bring a chair and join us!

* 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.

* VBS will be June 20-24, 3-7pm with counselors from Pathways Bible Camp at Balsamlund Lutheran Church. Joint worship/kickoff will be Sunday June 20 at 5pm at Balsamlund. Closing worship and program is Thursday June 25 at 6pm. This is open to kids in grades K-6. OSLC will be providing transportation to and from Balsamlund via school bus. Bus will start loading at 2pm in the OSLC parking lot. Information was mailed out to all families with children in the age group k-6. If you did not receive the information and would like your child to attend please contact the church office. Sign up deadline is June 6. Extra sign-ups are on the table in the fellowship hall. If you have any question please contact Pastor Eric or the church office.

*On June 1 we will be starting with summer hours. Office hours will be as follow Monday 9am-2pm, Tuesday 8-3, Wednesday 8-3, Thursday 8-3, Friday closed.

*"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."
- Genesis 1:31*

In the very beginning of the Scriptures is a story of God speaking all things into existence.

God speaks and there is light.

God speaks and there is sky.

God speaks and there is land and trees and fruit. There is the sun and moon. There are birds and fish, mammals and reptiles of all kinds moving about the earth. After each creation, God sees what was created and speaks its goodness into the world. "And God saw that it was good."

But God's not done there. God creates humankind in his image. In the image of God, he creates people. And once the people are created, God looks at everything he made and calls it "very good."

The Hebrew word for "good" used in Genesis is the word *tov* (rhymes with "grove".)

God sees all of creation and speaks its goodness into existence.

God saw you and spoke your goodness into existence even before you were born.

It's in these spring and summer months, where the goodness of all creation shines in this part of the world. The trees are green. The birds are chirping. The sunshine brings light and life to the goodness of creation around us.

There's something about those times where we are in creation that just feel so good. It's easy to echo God in speaking goodness into the world.

And right now, we need a church to be able to speak goodness into the world. It's easy to speak disappointment or harm or sarcasm into the world in a way that's meant to bite. But one of the things we're called to do is speak "tov" into the world -- to speak goodness, mercy, and grace into the world so that we can remind ourselves each day that we are surrounded by God's goodness.

And it is, indeed, very good.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric