

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

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS 6/13/21—6/17/21

SUNDAY- Romans 8:1-17
MONDAY- Romans 8:18-39
TUESDAY- Revelation 1:1-20
WEDNESDAY- Revelation 2:1-29
THURSDAY- Revelation 3:1-22
FRIDAY- Revelation 4:1-11
SATURDAY- Revelation 5:1-14



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6/13/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship / Confirmation Service
9am OSLC Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship

6/16/21
9am Ladies Coffee Hub 71
5:45pm Council Mtg.
6:30pm Campfire Worship

6/20/21
9am OSLC Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship
5pm Balsamlund 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.

* No Sunday morning worship service next week 6/20. Instead, all are invited to a VBS kickoff worship with the team from Pathways at Balsamlund at 5pm.

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

*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.

* 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.

In last week's devotion, we highlighted the Hebrew word "tov," which means "good, life-giving, whole." It's the word used in the creation stories when God speaks creation to existence and calls things "good."

Pastor Scot McKnight, in his book *A Church Called Tov* has outlined 7 traits of communities that operate with tov -- or goodness -- as their center. Over the next seven weeks, we'll use this space to dive a little deeper into each one.

This is week 1: Nurturing empathy.

Communities that operate out of a spirit of God's goodness nurture empathy.

What does this look like?

In Jesus's first sermon in the Gospel of Luke, he walks to the front of room, unrolls a scroll from the prophet Isaiah and reads the following:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the *poor*.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the *captives*
and recovery of sight to the *blind*,
to let the *oppressed* go free,
to proclaim the year of God's favor.

We don't know all the details, but we know that Jesus always had his eye on those who were cast out or wounded by society.

The heart of Jesus' mission is to bring good news and redemption to those who are wounded, neglected, ignored, abused, lost, and violated. He sees them because he sees with the eyes of God. He suffers with them. He looks on them with compassion and continues to eat with them, pray with them, heal them, and restore them to society.

When we nurture empathy, feeling what someone else is feeling or entering the experience of another, we live faithfully into the call of Christ - the call to come and follow.

Who are the people who are wounded or neglected in our midst?

How can we step out of our own feelings and enter the experience of another person?

How can we preach the gospel into their lives, using words only when absolutely necessary?

These are some of the questions we ask in this first week of moving toward tov, while we nurture empathy in our hearts, homes, and community.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric