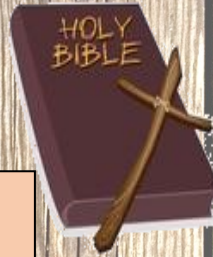


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June 20, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 6/20/21—6/26/21

SUNDAY- Revelation 6:1-17
MONDAY- Revelation 7:1-17
TUESDAY- Revelation 8:1-13
WEDNESDAY- Revelation 9:1-12
THURSDAY- Revelation 10:1-11
FRIDAY- Revelation 11:1-19
SATURDAY- Revelation 14:1-20



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

6/23/21
9am Ladies Coffee Hub 71

6/27/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am OSLC Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship

Joint VBS with Balsamlund June 21-24

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.

*Pastor Eric will be gone June 23- July 1. Please contact the church office or a member of council for any pastoral emergencies.

OSLC Announcements

* Due to the lack of volunteers signing up for fellowship servers, there may not be fellowship every Sunday. If you are interested in signing up please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the fellowship hall or contact the church office.

*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. Bring a chair and join us!

* 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.

We're in Week 3 of our series moving through Pastor Scot McKnight's 7 characteristics of a goodness culture in a community.

Here's a recap of our first two weeks.

Week 1: Nurture empathy

Week 2: Nurture grace

Now, on week 3, we come to another aspect of a goodness culture in church: nurturing a people-first perspective.

This is something that feels so intuitive. "Of course we do this," we say almost instinctively. But one of the things I've learned about being involved in any organization is that when things start to go wrong, there's a gravitational pull toward acting for the survival of the institution rather than focusing on putting people first.

One of my favorite models of this people-first mentality was Fred Rogers. *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* exemplifies so many of these goodness culture traits -- probably due to the fact that Fred Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian pastor and had a rather superhuman way of focusing intently on people first. He never let the urgency of the day get in the way of connecting with people.

We see Jesus do this all the time in the Gospels. The disciples or the crowd is trying to make demands on him, that he go certain places or move at a faster pace. Yet Jesus was often stopping as they walked through crowds to heal people.

Jesus encountered a group of men who were about to stone a woman caught in adultery. Rather than seeing an adulteress (interesting that her male co-conspirator wasn't in the line of the fire, isn't it?) as an object worthy of condemnation and punishment, he knelt down to look at her and acknowledged her humanity.

People first.

How can we disrupt the temptation to keep moving past people who are suffering in order to be with them?

How can we slow down the pace of our lives so that we can pay attention and honor the people who are right in front of us?

How can we do the work of humanizing people seeing each person as a child of God rather than the worst thing they've done?

These are all questions we pursue as we seek to build a goodness culture that puts people first.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric