



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

July 4, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 7/4/21—7/10/21



SUNDAY- Isaiah 43:1-25
MONDAY- Isaiah 51:1-13
TUESDAY- Isaiah 61:1-11
WEDNESDAY- Isaiah 62:1-12
THURSDAY- Isaiah 63:1-19
FRIDAY- Isaiah 64:1-12
SATURDAY- Isaiah 65:17-25

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7/4/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
NO OSLC Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship/Holy Communion

7/5/21
Office Closed

7/7/21
9am Ladies Coffee Hub 71

7/11/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am OSLC Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship

Balsamlund Announcements

*Thank you to everyone who made Day Camp such a success this past week! We had so much fun!

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. If you need a key, please contact the church office to make arrangement.

*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

*Summer office hours will be as follow Monday 9am-2pm, Tuesday 8-3, Wednesday 8-3, Thursday 8-3, Friday closed.

*Please help us celebrate Betty Siirila's 90th Birthday, on July 24, 1pm-4pm at OSLC. If you would like to send a card please send them to Providence Villa in Sebek #104.

* 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!

We're moving into Week 5 of our series through the 7 characteristics of goodness culture in community and in church.

Here's a recap of where we've been.

Week 1: Nurture empathy

Week 2: Nurture grace

Week 3: Nurture a people-first perspective

Week 4: Nurture truth

Now we move into our task for week 5: nurturing justice.

In the scriptures, the word that's used for justice is the same word translated as "righteousness," which I think helps us understand a core aspect of justice.

The core aspect of justice that we'll focus on is that justice attempts to correct a wrong that has been committed -- or it attempts to right a misstep, whether intentional or otherwise.

In order to pursue justice, we first need to understand and become adept at recognizing injustice.

Jesus gives us an assist in this department in his very first sermon.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus enters the synagogue for worship. He opens the scroll to the prophet Isaiah, and reads:

*"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 the Lord's favor."*

Through his reading of the Hebrew scriptures, Jesus identifies those to whom injustice has been done: the poor, the captives, the blind, and the oppressed.

Jesus says the Holy Spirit has sent him to correct those injustices.

The Spirit has sent him to bring good news, release, recovery, and liberation.

This is justice in action.

When we nurture justice in our community and in our church, we tell the truth (remember back to week 4?) about the injustices that surround us and impact those around us. Then we take steps to actively correct those injustices.

This could look a million different ways for a million different injustices in front of us. But creating a goodness culture must involve a spirit of justice that seeks to correct the wrongs that pervade our world.

This is work that we get to do together. We get to be our own little Justice League here as the church.

It's a blessing to be in this work of righting wrongs together.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric