

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

July 11, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 7/11/21—7/17/21

SUNDAY- Isaiah 66:1-24  
MONDAY- Psalm 23  
TUESDAY- Psalm 32  
WEDNESDAY- Psalm 34  
THURSDAY- Psalm 103  
FRIDAY- Psalm 107:1-16  
SATURDAY- Psalm 107:17-43



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7/11/21

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

7/14/21

9am Ladies Coffee Hub 71  
5pm Finance Mtg.

7/16/21 Service for Ethel Luukkonen

4-7pm Visitation  
5pm Prayer Service with cards and board games  
to follow

7/17/21

10am Visitation  
11am Celebration of Life lunch following  
graveside service at OSLC.

7/18/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship  
9am OSLC Fellowship  
10am OSLC Worship/Holy Communion

## Balsamlund Announcements

We had such a great response to our Sunday evening camp service that we're doing it again! Sunday, August 8th, we will worship at 6pm instead of our 8:30am worship time with camp songs, worship, and hotdogs!

## OSLC Announcements

\* If you are interested in signing up for fellowship 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

**\*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 Sebeka #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!**

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

We're moving into Week 6 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

Week 5: Nurture justice

Now we move into our task for week 6: nurturing service.

One of my favorite passages in the gospels was a theme passage one summer I worked at Camp Emmaus.

Two of the disciples, James and John - brothers even, come up to Jesus as they're getting ready to go to Jerusalem for the Passover and they sense that things might be moving to a boiling point. So they make their power grab.

They go to Jesus as the 12 are walking along and ask Jesus if they can have a favored position in the Kingdom of God. "Grant that we may sit at your right and left hand when you enter into glory."

It's such an audacious request!

Jesus sees that they are seeking higher status. They want to cement their places in the hierarchy and ensure that it's high enough so they can live in comfort and security.

But Jesus has other ideas.

After telling them they don't know what they're talking about, he closes the interaction by saying, "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve. And to give his life as a ransom for many."

If anyone has ever been worthy of being served, it's Jesus. And yet even he came to serve - to put others higher than himself.

In our Affirmation of Baptism service, one of the promises we make is to "serve following the example of Jesus."

I think when we talk about building a culture of serving following the example of Jesus, it's that kind of endeavor that seeks to put the needs of others before our own needs. It seeks the goodness and well-being of others at least as much as we seek our own, if not more.

We nurture service by keeping our eyes and ears open for opportunities to serve. Once we start looking and listening for them, we start to see them pop up all over the place.

What's something you can do in your day that can put the needs of others above yourself?

It doesn't have to be a grand gesture or anything life-changing. But small acts of service for other people have a way of accumulating into a life of service.

Living a life of service fundamentally changes who we are in powerful and life-giving ways.

I pray that this transformation can take root in your life and in the lives of those you love.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Eric