

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

July 18, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 7/18/21—7/24/21

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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7/18/21  
8:30am Balsamlund Worship  
9am OSLC Fellowship  
10am OSLC Worship/Holy Communion

7/21/21  
9am Ladies Coffee Hub 71  
5:45pm Council Mtg.  
6:30pm Campfire Worship

7/24/21  
1pm Betty Siirila's 90th Birthday Party

7/25/21  
8:30am Balsamlund Worship  
9am OSLC Fellowship  
10am OSLC Worship

## 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

\*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 the final week -- week 7! -- 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

Week 6: Nurture service.

Now we move into our task for week 7: nurturing Christlikeness.

When we practice the habits we've talked about: empathy, grace, putting people first, telling the truth, pursuing justice, and serving others, a spirit of goodness emerges in our lives and in turn makes us more like the example of Jesus.

The first 6 are things that we pursue and this 7th is what we find when we pursue the other 6.

In his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul writes about what Christlikeness looks like in real life.

He writes to them a word that could be written for us as well.

*"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,*

*who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death --  
even death on a cross."*

In this description of Jesus, we see all of the six previous elements of a goodness culture embodied in Christ.

There's empathy, grace, people first, truth, justice, and service to others all wrapped up in this ancient hymn of the church that Paul recalls to the church in Philippi.

When we are able to imitate Christ's humility, it's true that only goodness can follow. When we put the needs of others before our own needs and continue to reach out in service and empathy toward others, we can only be surprised at how transformative these things can truly be.

As we come to the end of our 7-week journey through creating a culture of goodness in our hearts and in our community, I will continue to pray for each and every one of you - that as we move through this stressful and difficult season, you would be open to receiving God's mercy and grace, you would experience the love of God opening your heart, and you would remember your blessedness so that we can go out and bless our community.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Eric