

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

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS 8/15/21—8/21/21

SUNDAY- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28
MONDAY- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
TUESDAY- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
WEDNESDAY- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
THURSDAY- 1 Timothy 1:1-20
FRIDAY- 1 Timothy 2:1-15
SATURDAY- 1 Timothy 3:1-16



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8/15/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship/Holy Communion

8/18/21
9am Ladies Coffee Hub 71
5:30pm Council Mtg.
6:30pm Campfire Worship

8/22/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am Fellowship
10am OSLC Worship

Balsamlund Announcements

OSLC Announcements

*Thank you everyone for making the Potato Booth a success this year. I commend Brenda and Les for their past leadership on this service project for the past few years. It definitely is a challenge and exhausting endeavor. We made just a little over \$3000 after expenses this year. I call that huge success and we couldn't have done that without the support of OSLC family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Alicia & Janet

*Midweek campfire worships will be on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

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

As we enter Month 18 of life in COVID-time and fatigue and burnout are rampant, I wanted to share a blessing from Jan Richardson with you that has spoken life to me these days.

It's a blessing for the Day of Epiphany -- that time immediately following Christmas when the wisemen come to visit. But really, it's a blessing for all weary travelers who don't quite know when their journey will end. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Here it is. May it bless you as it has blessed me.

For Those Who Have Far to Travel

If you could see
the journey whole,
you might never
undertake it,
might never dare
the first step
that propels you
from the place
you have known
toward the place
you know not.

Call it
one of the mercies
of the road:
that we see it
only by stages
as it opens
before us,
as it comes into
our keeping,
step by
single step.

There is nothing
for it
but to go,
and by our going
take the vows
the pilgrim takes:

to be faithful to
the next step;
to rely on more
than the map;
to heed the signposts
of intuition and dream;
to follow the star
that only you
will recognize;

to keep an open eye
for the wonders that
attend the path;
to press on
beyond distractions,
beyond fatigue,
beyond what would
tempt you
from the way.

There are vows
that only you
will know:
the secret promises
for your particular path
and the new ones
you will need to make
when the road
is revealed
by turns
you could not
have foreseen.

Keep them, break them,
make them again;
each promise becomes
part of the path,
each choice creates
the road
that will take you
to the place
where at last
you will kneel

to offer the gift
most needed—
the gift that only you
can give—
before turning to go
home by
another way.

Amen.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Eric