

-Balsamlund Confirmation Class will be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

OSLC Announcements

*Up-Coming Dates!

-Confirmation parent/student meeting September 8th at 6:30pm -Confirmation class 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30-7:30pm -SHYG 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30-7:30pm

-Youth Group 3rd Wednesday of the month (time to be determined) -Sunday School will start on Sunday September 12. Snack at 9am and class at 9:15am. -We will also be having a Backpack Blessing during worship on this day!

* If you were unable to attend informational meeting on Wednesday August 25, for the upcoming Youth Gathering please contact Pastor Eric.

* WELCA will be having a meeting the first Wednesday of the month at 11am. If you would like to join WELCA, you are welcome to attend a meeting, or contact a member or the church office.

* Fall Bazaar will be October 9, from 9am to 12:30pm. Raffle prizes include: Handmade Quilt, (2) 1/4 beef, Gift certificates, Gift baskets and more. Tickets will be available at Community First Bank or OSLC WELCA member. They can also be purchased the day of the Bazaar. Lunch items include Variety of Soups, Finnish Flatbread, Fresh Pie and Ice Cream. Lunch will be a free will offering. We welcome any items to sell: Crafts, Handmade items, Backed goods, Canned goods, Fresh produce, Local gift certificates, Gift baskets, Pies for the kitchen and to sell. If you have any questions please contact a member of WELCA or the Church office.

*The Youth Group will be having a garage sale on Super Saturday September 18. If you have items you would like to donate for the sale, please contact the church office or Alicia Ahrendt, to make arrangements for dropping off items.

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." - Galatians 5:22-23

As we move from summer into fall, it marks a transition of seasons.

Summer vacation comes to an end and school begins.

Schedules begin to shift with the cooling temperatures and changing leaves.

As we move into this new season, I wanted to lift up Paul's words to the Galatians when he talks about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. When we are connected with the Holy Spirit, we produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When those things are absent in our lives, it can be a warning sign that we are disconnected from the Spirit.

As this new season begins, may we cultivate these things in our lives, our families, and our community.

As a new school year begins, we surround all who begin a new school year in prayer.

This prayer is a wonderful way to pray our way into a new school year together.

Let's pray.

God of all knowledge and wisdom: we pray for our students, teachers, administrators, and all those who work in our schools and with our young people as the new school year begins. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given them. As they grow in knowledge, help them also to grow in kindness and compassion. Remind them each day of the love of your son, Jesus Christ, and give them the strength to trust in you always. In the name of the one who walks with us on every journey, we pray. Amen.

Grace + Peace to you this new school year, Pastor Eric