

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

September 26, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 9/26/21—10/2/21

SUNDAY- Ecclesiastes 7:1-25  
MONDAY- Ecclesiastes 8:1-17  
TUESDAY- Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20  
WEDNESDAY- Ecclesiastes 11:1-10  
THURSDAY- Ecclesiastes 12:1-14  
FRIDAY- Isaiah 42:1-13  
SATURDAY- Isaiah 42:14-25



9/26/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship  
9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
10am OSLC Worship  
Fall Kickoff Pot Luck

9/28/21

11am Funeral Service for Flora Wiita

9/29/21

9am Quilters

10/3/21

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

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## Balsamlund Announcements

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

## OSLC Announcements

### \*Up-Coming Dates!

--SHYG 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30-7:30pm  
Confirmation class 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30-7:30pm  
-Youth Group 3rd Wednesday of the month (time to be determined)

\*Donations for the Fall Bazaar can be dropped off during normal office hours Monday through Thursday 8am-3pm, or Friday 1pm-8pm and Saturday morning after 8am.

\*We're having our Fall Kickoff Pot Luck on Sunday September 26th following worship today. We'll see you there!

\*Thank you, Dawn! Dawn has accepted a new position at the Sebek School and will no longer be our office administrator. We are so grateful for her 5+ years working in the office and for all of the good work that she did for our congregation. Her last day in the office will be October 5th. If you have any questions or are interested in applying, please contact Council President Rich Gronlund.

\* Services for Flora Wiita, Visitation Monday Sept. 27 6-8pm at Wevley Funeral Home. Funeral Tuesday Sept. 28, 11am here.

\* 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, Baked 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.

I was reading an article about forest fires this past week and there was something in there that struck me as a powerful image for the hope that's kindled through struggle in our lives.

In jack pine forest ecosystems, jack pine cones require heat to release the seed from the pine cone. The cones can remain closed for years, with the seeds inside keeping all viability.

The majority of our jack pine forests have come in the wake of forest fires.

When fires sweep through forests, they can be so devastating. Yet the jack pine cones on the ground come to life in the wake of that devastation.

I wonder what might be deeply embedded in us, in our human spirit, that lies dormant in good times, but is activated when we struggle -- or when the fire comes.

It's not breaking any news that this past year and a half have been among the most difficult we've faced.

My hope for us, is that the gospel seeds of hope within us can be activated and brought to life in these times of struggle so that we can withstand the storm and bring life to whatever may come after.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Eric

