

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

October 10, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/10/21—10/16/21

SUNDAY- Psalm 7
MONDAY- Psalm 9
TUESDAY- Psalm 10
WEDNESDAY- Psalm 10
THURSDAY- Psalm 58
FRIDAY- Psalm 73
SATURDAY- Psalm 82



10/10/21 Second Collection -Food Shelf
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
8:30am Men's Breakfast
9am Sunday School
10am OSLC Worship/ Strayer Baptism

10/13/21
9am Quilters
5pm Finance Mtg
6:30pm Confirmation

10/17/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
9:15am-9:50am 2nd Grade Bible Class
10am OSLC Worship
Council Mtg.- After worship

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Balsamlund Announcements

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

*On Sunday November 7th, 2021 during our 10:00am service, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. During worship we will be remembering those who have died since All Saints Day 2020. If you have a loved one who you would like remembered please contact Pastor Eric or the church office.

*Pumpkin Carving & Worship Event will be on Sunday October 24th at 5:00pm. There will be no Sunday morning Worship that Sunday.

*If you have any questions or are interested in applying for the administrative assistant position please contact Council President Rich Gronlund.

* There will be a Second Collection this Sunday for the Sebek Food Shelf !

*We will having Trunk-or-Treating this year! On Sunday October 31 after worship from 11:30am-1:30pm. Please have your Trunk set-up and ready for after worship. The youth group will be serving lunch, free will offering. If you would like to let up a trunk, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.



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*2nd Grade Bible Presentation Class for second graders and a parent will be on Sunday October 17th and Oct 31, from 9:15am to 9:50am. Presentation will be on October 31 during our 10am worship. Any questions please contact Maureen Dragseth or Pastor Eric.

* We are looking for someone to head up the Adult Vocal Choir and the Bell Choir. If you are interested in helping out with one or both of these groups please contact Pastor Eric for more info.

One of my favorite things about working at Bible Camp as a camp counselor was going on our camp out. We would hike a few miles out to the camp out sites -- usually nothing more than a fire ring, picnic table, and some space to set up our tents for the night.

While the counselors got ourselves organized, we'd send the campers around the site to gather sticks and twigs to make our fire for the night.

One of the things we noticed was that there were so many more sticks to come down after a storm. When it had been sunny all week, kindling was at a premium. It was very hard to find. But after a storm, the ground was covered with all kinds of branches of trees that had died off, but were still caught up there.

The storm didn't kill any of the branches, but it just shook loose and cleared away the dead branches that were lodged up there and weren't growing anymore.

I think the same is true for us.

When everything is going well for us, when the days are sunny and warm and there's not a cloud in the sky of our lives, we don't notice the parts of our lives that we may have outgrown or that doesn't have the same value it once did.

But it's when the storm comes that we hold fast to our strong roots and let the things that we have outgrown fall to the ground. We hold fast to our roots and to the places in us that still have the vibrant vitality of life, and it's in those parts that we find the strength to weather the storm.

My hunch is we've seen this in our lives in the last year and a half.

When crisis comes, there are life-giving things we do, and we lean into those to help us weather the storm. Maybe it's a spiritual practice (a prayer or meditation), maybe it's calling that one friend we can say anything to, maybe it's the simple practice of lying in our bed and taking a few extra deep breaths in the morning.

We have these practices that we do to help us stay connected to our roots and who we are as God's children. And when we do that, it's okay to let some of those other things that no longer serve us fall away.

We know that storms don't last forever.

We know that sunnier days lie ahead.

Riding the turbulent times out together - with Jesus at the center - is what makes us the church.

It's a blessing to be the church with you, no matter the weather.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric