

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

October 24, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/24/21—10/30/21



SUNDAY- Amos 2:1-16
MONDAY- Amos 3:1-15
TUESDAY- Amos 4:1-13
WEDNESDAY- Amos 5:1-27
THURSDAY- Amos 6:1-14
FRIDAY- Amos 7:1-17
SATURDAY- Amos 8:1-14

10/24/21

No 8:30am Balsamlund Worship*** details below
9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School

10/27/21

9am Quilters

10/31/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / New Bible Presentation



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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.

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

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On All Saints Sunday, November 7th, there will be NO Sunday School.

*New Bible Class (aka: 2nd Grade Bible Class) for students and accompanying parent will be on Oct 31st from 9:15am to 9:50am. Bible Presentation is on this same day (10/31) 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.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

This encouragement from the Apostle Paul at the end of his letter to the church in Philippi has been a buoying presence this past month and I wanted to share it with you in hopes it can encourage you as well.

The encouragement for me comes particularly when we look at this passage in reverse order. Paul ends by talking about the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, guarding our hearts and minds.

We don't often think of peace as a guard.

Often times peace is seen as the reward or the end result of resisting temptation or dealing with conflict. But Paul tells the church that peace is actually a guard of our hearts and minds.

How do we access this peace? Let's keep going.

"... in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

This is where the rubber hits the road.

We are able to receive the peace that comes from Jesus when we bring two things to God:

- 1) by prayer, asking God to provide those things that we may lack
- 2) by prayer, giving thanks for all that God has already given us.

It is through prayer, particularly prayer that asks for God to provide and gives thanks to God for all that has been provided for us, that we are able to access this peace, which guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Once we sense this peace as a part of our lives, connected to God in prayer and thanksgiving, what more is there to do than rejoice?

My prayer for us this week is that we are able to give thanks, connect to God in prayer, and be filled with the peace of God, which guards our hearts and minds in Christ.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric