

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

October 31, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/31/21—11/06/21



SUNDAY- Amos 9:1-15  
MONDAY- Ezra 1:1-11  
TUESDAY- Ezra 3:1-13  
WEDNESDAY- Ezra 4:24 - 5:17  
THURSDAY- Ezra 6:1-12  
FRIDAY- Ezra 6:13-22  
SATURDAY- Nehemiah 8:1-18

10/31/21  
8:30am Balsamlund Worship  
9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
9:15-9:50 New Bible Class  
10am Worship / New Bible Presentation  
11am-12:30pm "Trunk-or-Treat"

11/03/21  
9am Quilters  
11am WELCA Mtg  
5pm Worship Committee  
6:30pm SHYG

11/07/21  
8:30am Balsamlund Worship / All Saints Day  
9am Fellowship  
No Sunday School  
10am Worship / All Saints Day



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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 8:30am 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.

\*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 11:00 -12:30pm. 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.

\*On Sunday November 7th, 2021 during our 10:00am service, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. During worship we will remember 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.

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.

\*There are a variety of serving/bakeware items left in the kitchen. Please claim yours. Thank you in advance.

*"Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me."*

Over 500 years ago, Martin Luther defended himself with these words when he was put on trial for heresy and kicked out of the Roman Catholic Church. This led to the Protestant Reformation and the expansion of the church throughout the world.

This weekend we celebrate Reformation Sunday, the day when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, which was the start of the Reformation.

One of the main reforms that Martin Luther advocated in these days was about the accessibility of The Bible.

Back in Luther's day, The Bible was only available in the original languages (Hebrew for the Old Testament, Greek for the New Testament) or in Latin, which only the Catholic priests would know how to read. The common person would have relied on others to read the Bible for them, because of this limited accessibility.

So when Martin Luther was in exile and hiding out from the church authorities, he translated the entire Bible into everyday German so people would be able to read it for themselves.

I love that this Sunday at Our Saviour's we'll get to celebrate our Bible milestone with our young people. It's a great reminder that the Bible holds the story of God's people and that we should all have access to those powerful stories and promises.

It's a great reminder for us that we are a part of the story in Scripture. We belong to that community of God's people who find ourselves in those pages -- each and every one of us.

We'll be grateful to celebrate this wideness of God's mercy, ever-expanding, ever-reforming this Sunday in worship.

We'll see you there!

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Eric