

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

November 7, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 11/07/21—11/13/21



SUNDAY- Exodus 13:17-22
MONDAY- Exodus 14:1-31
TUESDAY- Exodus 15:1-21
WEDNESDAY- Leviticus 23:1-22
THURSDAY- Leviticus 23:23-44
FRIDAY- Leviticus 26:1-13
SATURDAY- Psalm 30

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11/07/21 *All Saints Day*

8:30am Balsamlund Worship / All Saints Day
9am Fellowship
No Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion
Baptism / Strayer

11/10/21
9am Quilters
5pm Finance Mtg
6:30pm Confirmation

11/14/21
8:30am Balsamlund Worship
9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

Balsamlund Announcements

All Saints Day Remembrance Names: Dale Current, Todd Current, Edward & Inez Olson, Jerry & Rose Schwartz, Charlene Motschenbacher

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

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.

All Saints Day Remembrance Names: Dennis Olson, Ethel Luukonen, Olga Schwartz, Syd Nelson, Carolyn Nolte, Clarence Schoon, Flora Wiita

***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.**

As we begin a new month, we head into a season of gratitude -- of giving thanks for the blessings that have been given to us. It can often be seen as a ramp-up to Christmas of sorts, where we look with joy and anticipation at the holiday season ahead.

However, if you're like me, maybe you need a minute to breathe before we talk about "ramping" anything up.

A minute to rest.

A minute to breathe.

A minute to get your bearings.

A few weeks back, my family was in COVID quarantine. Megan and I were both just worn down and fatigued. Our kids were entirely unphased by the virus. They were running at normal, warp speed; Megan and I were running at something less than that.

Sitting side-by-side in chairs under blankets we gave ourselves the time and space to name all the crappy things about that situation. We named it all. We named the exhaustion and the confusion and all of the mucky stuff we were feeling.

Then we seemed to reach the bottom.

And we seemed to naturally float back up. We started naming things we were grateful for: that the kids weren't sick, that we didn't have more severe symptoms, that we had chairs to sit in and blankets to keep us warm, that we had food in our refrigerator and more coming to our front door via the generosity of friends and neighbors.

There was a lot of gratitude to share, even though we felt pretty crummy.

As we come up on All Saints weekend, and the beginning of the turn toward Thanksgiving, we can name wherever we are in that litany. You may be at a point where you need to name the hard things going on. You may be in a place to celebrate the joy and resilience you've found this season.

This All Saints Day, we bring everything we have to God. We bring our grief and our sorrows. We bring our blessings and our joys. We give thanks, and we ask for God's mercy. All at the same time.

Wherever you are on this journey, know that God sees you and loves you. God will never leave you nor forsake you.

And that is something for which all of us can give thanks.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Eric