

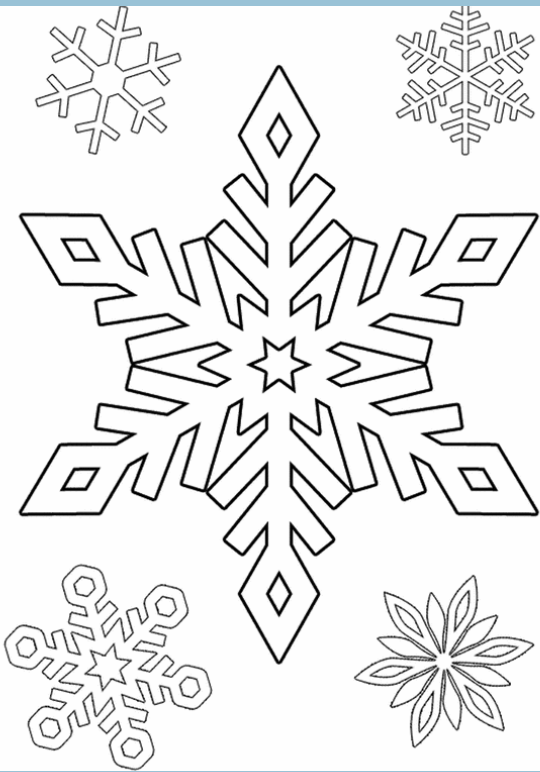
# Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News

January 9, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 1/9–1/15



SUNDAY- Ephesians 5:1-20  
MONDAY- Ephesians 5:21-33  
TUESDAY- Ephesians 6:1-24  
WEDNESDAY- 2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
THURSDAY- 2 Corinthians 1:12-24  
FRIDAY- 2 Corinthians 2:1-11  
SATURDAY- 2 Corinthians 2:12-17



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## 1/9 First Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship  
No Sunday School  
10am Worship

## 1/12 Wednesday

9am Quilters  
5pm Finance Meeting  
6:30 Confirmation

## 1/16 Second Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
10am Worship / Holy Communion

## Balsamlund Announcements :

\* Confirmation is every 4th Wednesday of the month.

## OSLC Announcements:

\* 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 head into winter, if you are not on Pastor Eric's call list, but would like to be, please contact Rita at the OSLC office or Pastor Eric's cell phone.

\* The baptismal "Cradle Roll" position is available. Open immediately. Please inquire at the office if interested.

\* If you are interested in being on the church council as the Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper, please contact Council President Richard Gronlund and/or the office.

\* **A special thank you message** to Pastor Eric for visiting and delivering WELCA Christmas gifts to those on our prayer list and have a healthy Happy New Year. The following expressed their gratitude: Betty Siirila of Providence Villa in Sebeka and Stan & Betty Stephenson of Crystal Brook in Park Rapids. A sincerest thank you to all who contributed their love and time to our congregational needs, now and going forward.

\* **For any changes to service times or** activities due to weather or last minute changes, please watch our Facebook page and we will also update the church answering machine.

\* **Kindly consider what month you'd like to serve as Altar Guild.** Sign up sheet is on the Fellowship table. January 2022 is open immediately. You can leave a message on the office phone too. Thank "you" for all you do to "Make a Difference", each and every day.

\* **Fellowship Servers are needed** for January 16, 23, & 30. Sign up or call the office, please.

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing.  
Do you not perceive it?"*

- Isaiah 43:19

Happy New Year!

I love starting my year with these God's words from the prophet Isaiah as a reminder that God is continually doing something new in our midst. Even though it seems like we're living in a never-ending loop of bad news and anxiety about the things going on in our world, a new year helps us remember that God, too, is doing something new.

A lot of us may make resolutions or focus on changing habits in the early days of a new year.

As I sit here wondering what the next year will hold, I wonder what faith resolutions might look like in your life? What would it look like to make resolutions for our life together as followers of Jesus?

We've been given a new year as a gift and COVID continually reminds us not to take our time together for granted. What do you want to do with this gift you've been given?

Do you want to deepen relationships with others?

Do you want to deepen your relationship with God?

Do you want to spend more time in silence or prayer?

Do you want to find ways of serving our neighbors or our community?

When the prophet Isaiah tells of God doing a new thing, it's not only a new thing in the world. God continues to do a new thing in us as well.

May God bless you with a new way of seeing, hearing, and perceiving all that God is doing in our midst.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Eric