

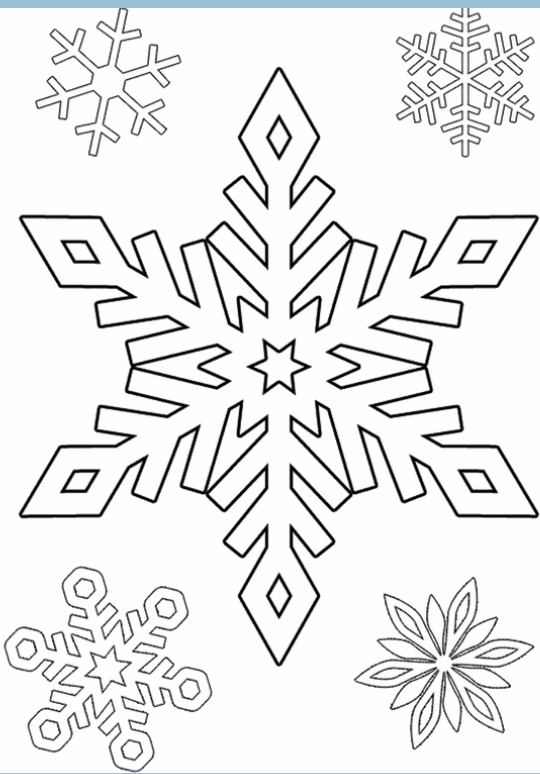
Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News

January 16, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 1/16-1/22



SUNDAY- 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
MONDAY- 2 Corinthians 4:1-15
TUESDAY- 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
WEDNESDAY- 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
THURSDAY- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
FRIDAY- 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
SATURDAY- 2 Corinthians 7:2-16



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1/16 Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

1/19 Wednesday

9am Quilters
5:45pm Council Meeting
6:30pm Youth Group

1/23 Third Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

Balsamlund Announcements :

- Confirmation is every 4th Wednesday of the month.
- Worship time on Jan 30th is being switched to 10:30am, this one time.

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.
- * 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.
- * 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.

* **A special thank you message** to Pastor Eric for visiting and delivering WELCA Christmas gifts to those on our prayer list, including Charlie & Ester Ljungren who also wanted to wish us a Happy New Year. Joyce Limanen, we kindly thank you for your leadership and for all the other members who contribute, without fail.

* **Please consider what month you'd like to serve as Altar Guild.** Sign up sheet is on the Fellowship table. You can leave a message on the office phone to sign up as well. I, Rita, will respond back to you. Many thanks to those who fulfilled the months of January, February, April, and October.

* **Fellowship Servers are needed** for February and beyond. Thank you to those that committed for January. If you are interested in signing up for other months and unable to get in to the church to sign up, please leave Rita a message on the church phone. Thank you.

"There is deep down within all of us an instinct. It's a kind of drum major instinct—a desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade, a desire to be first. And it is something that runs the whole gamut of life. So before we condemn it, let us see that we all have the drum major instinct within us."

This is part of a Sunday sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he served as pastor until he was assassinated in 1968.

Next Monday, we celebrate MLK Day. While the focus on Dr. King is usually (and correctly) on his work as a Civil Rights Leader and protesting racial injustice, he was first and foremost a preacher.

He was the pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama for six years and then at Ebenezer Baptist in Atlanta for eight years, until his death.

Thanks to the modern internet and video sharing sites like YouTube, we can watch many of his sermons as well. It may not be Facebook Live on Sunday morning, but still powerful nonetheless.

The quote at the beginning is from one of my favorite sermons of his because it talks about this instinct we all have toward success and adoration. He uses the text from Mark 10, where James and John approach Jesus and ask to sit at his right hand and left when he enters his kingdom. They want to be great! They want to be noticed and acclaimed.

We all do.

Jesus knows that.

Dr. King knew that.

Later on in his sermon, he says that if we want to be a drum major, let us be a drum major for justice, peace, compassion, and mercy. Let us strive to exceed one another in seeking the well-being of our neighbor.

It's a powerful re-framing of something we all feel.

One of the ways that I celebrate and honor Dr. King each January is by re-committing to be a drum major for something in the church and in our community.

What would it look like to try to be the best at forgiving?

What would it look like to see who can have the most mercy?

What about who could try to do the right thing most often?

It's a powerful way to look at the task of discipleship in our midst. And I'm grateful that this is a way Dr. King's legacy can live on in tangible ways in our midst.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Eric