



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

February 6, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2/6–2/12



SUNDAY- John 3:1-21  
MONDAY- John 3:22-36  
TUESDAY- John 13:1-20  
WEDNESDAY- John 13:21-35  
THURSDAY- John 14:1-14  
FRIDAY- John 14:15-31  
SATURDAY- John 15:1-17

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## 2/6 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
9am Worship / Holy Communion  
4pm 4H

## 2/9 Wednesday

9am Quilters  
5pm Finance Meeting  
6:30 pm Confirmation

## 2/13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

No Fellowship or Sunday School  
**10am Worship followed by  
Annual Meeting and Potluck**

### 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.
- \* 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.

- \* **Missing!** Did the 50-cup coffeemaker find it's way home? Let the office know. Thank you.
- \* **Offering envelopes:** If you would like envelopes for 2022 please let the office know ASAP.
- \* **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. Many thanks to those who fulfilled the months of January, February, April, and October.
- \* **Fellowship Servers are needed** for the upcoming weeks. If you are interested in signing up for other months and unable to get in to the church to sign up, please leave a message on the church phone. Thank you.
- \* **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.

***Mark your Calendars for our Annual OSLC Meeting and a Potluck  
held after worship on February 13th!***

As we move into Annual Meeting season, our second within the COVID pandemic, I've been thinking a lot about community -- what it is and how we can strengthen it.

I came across a quote from a hero of mine, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor in the 1930s & 40s as the Nazi party was rising to power. He writes a lot about what it means to be a community through difficult times and he has this to say.

*"In a Christian community everything depends upon whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when even the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable. A community which allows unengaged members to exist within it will perish."*

This is something the Apostle Paul gets at in his letter to the Corinthians when he writes about how each part of the body of Christ is essential for the body to exist. Just because different parts of the body have different functions, doesn't mean they aren't essential to making up the whole body.

The same is true of the church and the body of Christ.

No one is dispensable in the body of Christ. Everyone is important and brings unique stories, gifts, and perspectives to the community. The work of the church is about us worshipping together, praying together, reading scripture together, being in fellowship, and community with one another.

This is what's most important about community is that we do it together. Technologies like texting, social media, and Zoom have allowed us to be there for one another in new and important ways in recent years.

My prayer is that we remember this when we look to the year ahead.

No one is dispensable in the body of Christ. Everyone is loved. Everyone is called. Everyone is important.

This is the promise of Jesus calling disciples, as he does this week in our Gospel story.

And it's the promise of Jesus who continually calls us together, come what may, to love God and love our neighbor together.

Grace + Peace,  
Eric