



Our Saviour's & Balsamlund

Lutheran Church; ELCA

E-News

February 13, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2/13–2/19



SUNDAY- John 15:18-27
 MONDAY- John 16:1-15
 TUESDAY- John 16:16-24
 WEDNESDAY- John 16:25-33
 THURSDAY- John 17:1-26
 FRIDAY- Colossians 1:1-14
 SATURDAY- Colossians 1:15-23

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2/13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

No Fellowship

No Sunday School

10am Worship / Annual Meeting / Potluck

2/16 Wednesday

9am Quilters

*Council Meeting moved to 2/20, after worship

6:30 SHYG

2/20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship

9am Sunday School

10 am Worship / Holy Communion

Brockpahler Baptism

*Council Meeting after Worship

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.

* 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.

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***Annual OSLC Meeting and a Potluck today,
February 13th!***

his past week, on February 4th to be exact, we celebrated the anniversary of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's birth in 1906 in Breslau, Germany. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian who is probably most known for his resistance to the Nazi regime -- even going so far as to be involved with a group that attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

I have a book of devotions that gives little snippets from his writings for each day. These powerful words were for this past Monday.

"The fact that Jesus Christ died is more important than the fact that I will die. And the fact that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead is the sole ground of my hope that I, too, will be raised on the day of judgment.... *I find salvation not in my life story, but only in the story of Jesus Christ.*"

I love that last line. So often we try to hustle to prove our worth. We try say the right prayers or do the right deeds in order to gain God's favor.

But the good news is that God's favor has already been given to us in the love of Jesus.

We find salvation not in our life story, but only in the story of Jesus Christ.

It's through our baptism that we live our shared life together. In the waters of baptism, your life is joined to the life of Christ. Your death is joined to the death of Christ. Your resurrection is joined to the resurrection of Christ.

It's so freeing to remember this. Earning God's love was never meant to be a burden placed on our lives. Rather God's love is a free gift poured out for us day after day in Jesus.

My prayer for each and every one of us this week is that we remember and take hold of this promise.

Have a great weekend living, breathing, and resting in the promises of God.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric