



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

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2/27-3/5



SUNDAY- Deuteronomy 6:1-9
MONDAY- Deuteronomy 6:10-25
TUESDAY- Luke 11:1-13
WEDNESDAY- Psalm 51 Ash Wednesday
THURSDAY- Psalm 68:1-18
FRIDAY- Psalm 68:19-35
SATURDAY- Psalm 71

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2/27 Last Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

3/2 Ash Wednesday

9am Quilters
11am WELCA Meeting
NO Worship Mtg or SHYG
6pm Ash Wednesday Worship

3/6 First Sunday in Lent

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

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.
- * March 4th is 'World Day of Prayer'.

- * **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. Months needed are June, July, August, September, November, and December.
- * **Fellowship Servers are needed for March.** If you are interested in signing up for March or other months and unable to get in to the church to sign-up, please leave a message on the church phone. Thank you in advance.
- * **March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6 Wednesday's, join us for the Lent Soup Supper @ 5:30pm and Holden Evening Prayer Service @ 6:30pm.**
- * **The Fellowship Hall is reserved** Saturday March 12th and Saturday April 30th.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most powerful days in the Christian calendar because it's a day that marks the intentional beginning of the journey toward the cross.

It's a day where we gather together to be blessed with an unexpected blessing: to remember that we are made from dust and that one day we will return to dust.

Ash Wednesday is about remembering that so few things in this world are permanent, but God's love is the one thing that holds us when everything else turns to ash.

Remember you are dust. To dust you will return. And you are held in the infinite love of God.

Pastor and theologian Howard Thurman invites us into a time of stillness at the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season for reflection and slowing down. It's a time to be intentional about noticing the presence of God in our lives.

This is the blessing my family takes into Lent and, as we tremble at the beginning of a new season, I'll invite you to do the same.

“Listen to the long stillness:
New life is stirring
New dreams are on the wing
New hopes are being readied:
Humankind is fashioning a new heart
Humankind is forging a new mind
God is at work.
This is the season of Promise.”

Lent is a season of God stirring in the dust.

Lent is a season of God preparing all of creation to be made new.

That includes you too.

May you listen to the long stillness of Lent. And may you see the ways in which God is renewing you each day.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric