

Holy Week



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

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS 4/10–4/16



SUNDAY- John 12:12-36a
MONDAY- John 12:36b-50
TUESDAY- John 18:1-18
WEDNESDAY- John 18:19-40
THURSDAY- John 19:1-16a
FRIDAY- John 19:16b-30
SATURDAY- John 19:31-42

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4/10 Palm Sunday

9am Fellowship—Youth serving breakfast
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / First Communion
(Fellowship Hall reserved after worship. 11a-2p)

4/13 Wednesday

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

4/14 Maundy Thursday

6:30pm Worship at OSLC

4/15 Good Friday

6:30 Worship @ Balsamlund

4/17 Easter Sunday

9am Fellowship—Youth serving Caramel Rolls
No Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion

Balsamlund Announcements:

* Join us for a Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast after worship on April 10th. Proceeds are for kids to go to camp. Free-will offering.

OSLC Announcements:

* A special "Thank You" to WELCA for hosting and serving their specialty soups last Wednesday during Lent Soup Supper. They were tasty and the vibe was positive, as always.

* First Communion Class is Saturday, April 9th, at 3:00pm

* WELCA Spring Gathering, April 26th. 8am registration/9am Program @ Immanuel Lutheran Church, 403 2nd St SE Wadena. "BE JUST AND KIND" theme. All are welcome to attend.

* **Want to serve as Altar Guild?** Sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship table and/or contact the church office. Months open are: May, June, July, August, September, & November.

* **Please note: Fellowship Hall Reservations:** April 10th (11am-2pm), April 12 (10am-3pm), April 30th (10am-5pm), and May 1st (11am-2pm).

* **We are starting OSLC spring cleaning projects** this weekend. We'll gather on Saturday, April 9, at 9am.

* **The Sebeka Area Food Shelf** is in need of volunteers. To learn more about it, please join their Potluck meeting at 6pm on Friday, April 8th, at the Sebeka Methodist Church.

* **Sunday School days remaining are:** April 10 @ 9am, April 17 none, April 24 @ 9am, May 1 @ 9am (last class).

* **The Cradle Roll position has been filled.** Congratulations to Katie Rasmussen and a "Million Thanks" to Becky Johnson for serving the position well.

A couple weeks ago in our Lent mid-week service, I talked about a Lutheran pastor in Germany during the Nazi regime named Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He has been an incredible influence in my faith and I wanted to use this space to share more about his life and faith as we continue this Lenten season because this Saturday -- April 9th -- is the 77th anniversary of his execution at the Flossenbürg concentration camp in

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a congregational pastor in a number of churches throughout Germany, London, Barcelona, and New York City. He wrote a lot about discipleship and what it meant to be the church. He was particularly interested in what being a disciple of Jesus looked like in the context of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party's rising power in Germany.

The German church's response to Hitler ranged from enthusiastic support to simply ignoring his rise to power. Bonhoeffer couldn't believe this.

He started an underground seminary to train pastors to resist Hitler's power in the mid-1930s. He traveled and preached, continuing to write as a way of sharing his ideas and support for a Christian resistance to Nazis throughout the rest of the decade. He was even a part of a plot to assassinate Hitler at one point, all the while wrestling with the ethics of this in light of the 5th Commandment to not murder.

He has a fascinating story that ultimately led to his arrest in 1943 for conspiring to hide and rescue Jewish friends and neighbors. He was imprisoned in various concentration camps and on April 8th, 1945 was sentenced to death when evidence arose that he was a part of the assassination plot against Hitler.

He was executed at dawn on April 9th.

His words, ideas, and unwavering discipleship to Jesus continue to shine in his writings and correspondence that have been published since his death. His influence continues to move throughout the church and we are better for it.

As we approach the end of Lent, the time when Jesus is arrested and executed because he was a threat to those in power, may we remember the life and death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. And may we embody his faith and passionate following of Jesus no matter what threat may come.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric