



# Our Saviour's & Balsamlund

## Lutheran Church; ELCA

### E-News

April 17, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 4/17–4/23



SUNDAY- John 20:1-18  
MONDAY- John 20:19-31  
TUESDAY- John 21:1-14  
WEDNESDAY- John 21:15-25  
THURSDAY- Romans 9:1-18  
FRIDAY- Romans 9:19-33  
SATURDAY- Romans 10:1-21

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#### 4/17 Easter Sunday

9am Fellowship—Youth serving caramel rolls  
No Sunday School  
10am Worship / Holy Communion

#### 4/20 Wednesday

9am Quilters  
5:45pm Council Meeting

#### 4/24 Second Sunday of Easter

9am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
10am Worship / Senior Quilts

#### Balsamlund Announcements:

##### OSLC Announcements:

\* **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.

\* **We are happy to announce that we are resuming regular Holy Communion practices.**

\* **We started some spring cleaning projects on April 9th.** Special thanks to all who helped on the 9th! No sign-up sheet has been set out as of yet. Please watch bulletins for future cleaning projects and dates.

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

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

\* **Sunday School days remaining are:** April 24 @ 9am, May 1 @ 9am (last class).

\* **Potato Booth 2022 - It is time to start planning potato booth.** With the Sebeka All School Reunion being held in conjunction with Red Eye River Days we need to decide now if we will be open both Friday and Saturday. Since there are many of us that graduated from Sebeka and would like to participate in our own Class get togethers, it may be hard for some to volunteer their time. There may also be some All School Reunion activities beyond our individual class gatherings.

Sign-up sheets for times will be posted in the Fellowship Hall and we will be looking at having these spots filled by the middle of May so that we can determine how to move forward. It is a lot of hard work that goes into this and the money it brings in helps fund OSLC and helps us with outreach to the community. I enjoy the work, the fellowship we have while working and seeing how our hard work helps us reach out to others.

In Faith - Janet Eckman

\* **Thank you to everyone who ordered Easter Flowers. Please pick them up after worship 4/17.**

\* **A special "Thank you" to Elmer Schoon** for gracing the narthex with a lovely Easter Lily.

As we continue to move through what we in the church call Holy Week -- those days where we gather for worship to remember the last hours of Jesus' life, his death, and ultimately his resurrection -- there's one day that doesn't get the same kind of attention, but goes a long way to help us see the presence of God in our lives.

We call it Holy Saturday.

It's that day in between. The bad thing has already happened, and we haven't seen the fruit of new life that is on its way. So we live in between.

In the Scriptures, there's a gap on Saturday. We hear the heartbreaking, world-shaking story of Jesus dying on the cross, then the story goes right to Mary walking to the tomb on Sunday morning.

But what happened on Saturday?

My hunch is we probably know the answer to that question better than we may first assume. Because we spend most of our lives in continual Holy Saturdays.

Something bad happens in our life -- a loved one dies, we get a difficult diagnosis, relationships are strained or outright broken, a global pandemic throws the world upside down for years at a time -- and we don't quite know when the good news of resurrection will arrive.

So we wait and we hope.

I think that's probably what the disciples were doing too. They were in the upper room. Their lives had taken an unexpected and tragic turn. They didn't know the next right move.

And yet it was in their faithfulness in the waiting, that they discovered the empty tomb.

There was a group of women who didn't know what to do. So they did what they would when anyone in that time would die. They went to the tomb with spices to anoint the body of the one who died.

It was in their everyday faithfulness to the ritual aspects of life and faith that they discovered the good news that changed the world. The tomb was empty.

All of this is to say that if there is unresolved hurt or grief in your life, if there are things that didn't turn out how you wanted and you are still mourning those losses, know that there is a place in the church for you. Not only is there a place for you, but that this is a part of the journey of a faithful disciple because of what happens on Holy Saturday -- the day in between.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Eric