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April 2019

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From the Desk of Pastor Keith...

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you!

There is a God!

A story is told of a rabbi in a European village, who one day summoned the townspeople to the village square. He said he had an important announcement. The people gathered, but with much grumbling at the inconvenience. The merchant resented having to close his business. The wife complained because she had so many errands to run. The teacher was upset because she had to leave her students. The blacksmith was angry because he had to shut down his fire. But, out of respect, they all went (unwillingly!) to the town square.

When all were present, the rabbi said, "I wish to announce there is a God in the world." That was all he said. But the people understood. They knew they had been acting as if God did not exist.

Easter Sunday is a time we announce there is a God in the world! In spite of the troubles of the world, the problems we face, the burdens we carry, the heartaches we suffer, the worries we bear, we gather (willingly and eagerly, I assume!) to announce to the world that there is a God. People around us may act as if there is no God. But we know better! On Easter we gaze into the empty tomb and know that God is alive!

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - April 14

Follow Jesus as he enters Jerusalem and prepares to die for you. What a Lord! What grace! This service prepares us for the week ahead, a week that is truly Holy!

Maundy Thursday - April 18

On this night Jesus gave his followers the command to love one another and prepared a special meal called Holy Communion. We gather at 7:00 pm at Walsburg to remember the events of that night and to break bread with our Lord and with one another.

Good Friday - April 19

On this Friday we call Good we gather at 7:00 pm at Olsburg to tell the story which is at the heart and center of our faith. Because of Good Friday, we are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Do not hurry by the cross on your way to Easter joy, for we know the Risen Lord only through the Crucified Christ.

Festival of Easter - April 21

The Easter season begins with the news that Jesus has risen from the dead! Come, share the joy and exhilaration of Easter! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! The Easter SonRise service begins at 6:45 am at Walsburg. The Festival Service of Worship at Olsburg begins at 9:00 am. The Festival Service of Worship at Walsburg begins at 11:00 am.

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Share the Good News!

Holy Week and Easter are great opportunities to invite family, friends and neighbors to come and hear the good news of Christ's death and resurrection. These services are powerful ways of revisiting the events which are at the center of our faith. Extend an invitation! Let them know that there is a place for them at worship throughout Holy Week and on Easter morning!

Why We Give

Recently our two church councils learned that giving to each congregation in 2018 was significantly less than in previous years. In the light of Easter I thought it might be good for all of us to remember why we give.

It starts with Easter! It starts with the fantastic love of God who gives us life - the new life of Easter! It starts with all that Easter opens up for us - joy, love for the Lord, confident hope for the future, a bold and empowering Holy Spirit, eagerness to participate in Christ's work of giving life to the world.

Here are 7 reasons why we give (there are more!).

1. Because of Easter, I know that to love is to give.
2. Because of Easter, I love the Lord and giving is one way I can show my love.
3. Because of Easter, I trust the Lord will take care of me and give me what I need and enough to give to others.
4. Because of Easter, I know I have valuable gifts to give for the life of the world.
5. Because of Easter, I am eager to participate in Christ's mission of bringing Easter's life to the world and I want to do my part.
6. Because of Easter, I love the church and all it does to help me and others experience the joy and the new life of Easter and I want to give my best to my church.
7. Because of Easter, I am thankful for all that God has done for me and all that God has given to me, and I want my giving to express my love and my thankfulness.

Let Us Pray

Please pray with me. *"Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."*

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Keith

Words of Wisdom

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7

A Nigerian pastor visiting a congregation in America said, "The Lord has blessed you so much and you are such a rich people, but you are so spiritually poor. You come to worship when you don't have anything else to do."

God's Sonflowers Spring Cluster Meeting

The Walsburg WELCA will be hosting the annual Spring meeting of "God's Sonflowers" (Cluster II-E) on Saturday, April 13. Cluster II-E consists of 11 churches in the area. The activities for the day will begin with registration at 9:00 A.M., and conclude after lunch. The theme for the meeting is "Rest Content." In-kind gifts will be collected for The Heart of MFB, and Sarah Diamond will have a short presentation about this organization. Sheri Storer will present a Bible study lesson on our theme, "Rest Content." The Olsburg women will be assisting by doing the registration and morning coffee. Suggested items for The Heart of MFB include coloring books (children and adults); puzzles; crayons/colored pencils; activity books (word finds, crossword puzzles); playing cards; children's books; and small Lego sets.

April birthdays, anniversaries, and joys

Birthdays

April

- 6 Lee Hartford (W)
7 Roger Bohnenblust (W)
Travis Hageman (W)
Jarín Brenner (O)
8 Irene Johnson (O)
Roger Sundgren (W)
9 Aneta Hagenmaier (W)
Hunter Gibson (O)
Hayden Gibson (O)
11 Kelsey Nelson (W)
Christopher Hubbard (O)
13 Brian Johnson (O)
15 Ida Kasselmann (O)
19 Russell Peterson (W)
20 Trenton Hargrave (W)
28 Kevin Burklund (O)
Kirby Burklund (O)

Jacob Nelson (O)
Rob Scofield (W)

April Anniversaries

- 11 Kevin and Barbara Burklund (O)
18 Ray and Jennifer Miller (W)
21 Steve and Peggy Johnson (O)

Joys

- † We rejoice with Bill and Jan Neilson who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on March 9. Bill and Jan are members of Walsburg.

- † We rejoice with Preston and Greyson Miller who were baptized on March 10 at Olsburg. Preston and Greyson are the sons of Jared and Christen Miller.

Members in service

Thank you to these members for their service to the parish during April.

Walsburg

Ushers and Greeters: June Campbell; Sandy McCool; Sheri Storer; Ruthie Stone

Communion Ushers: Gary Hargrave & Jeremy Dick

Lay Assistants: 4/7 Jennifer Byarlay; 4/14 Don Nelson; 4/21 Sarah Diamond; 4/28 Diana Hargrave

Acolytes:

April Altar Committee: Carol Wiens

***If you are unable to be present for your assignment, please find a replacement and contact the church office so the correct name will appear in the bulletin.**

Olsburg

Lay Readers: 4/7 Ashley Rice; 4/14 Becky Avery; 4/18 Coleen Esping; 4/21 Jan Cooper; 4/28 Bill Monser

Acolytes: 4/7 Emma Kasselmann, 4/14 Kaden & Jordyn Gutsch, Grady Kasselmann; 4/21 Landry Zoeller, Ida Kasselmann, Jace Ricketts; 4/28 Addison Gutsch

Ushers: Curtis Gutsch; Tom Nelson; Kraig Kasselmann; Blake Vargo

Assist Pastor during Communion: 4/7 Coleen Esping; 4/18 Kraig Kasselmann; 4/21 Karl Kasselmann

April Altar Committee: Coleen Esping; Joyce Cantrell

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WALSBURG VBS – June 24-28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Ages: 3 years (potty trained) - 6th Grade

Registration begins: May 1, 2019

Take an epic adventure to engage the whole herd. At Roar VBS, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. The 5- day VBS experience where kids learn *Life is Wild and God is Good promises to be a great experience for kids and adult helpers.*

Kids learn God is good ...

Day 1: When life is unfair

Day 2: When life is scary

Day 3: When life changes

Day 4: When life is sad

Day 5: When life is good

Volunteers are needed to help throughout the week. If you can help in any way, please contact Sarah Diamond, Alicia Scofield, or Sheri Storer. A list of needed supplies will be posted in the Narthex in early June.

Olsburg Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will soon be here and we are in the process of making plans. With Spring being busy and a lot of activities already scheduled, we decided that we are **NOT** going to have a meal as a fund raiser to help with the expenses of VBS this year. Instead, we decided to ask for donations from everyone in our community.

Please, make your checks payable to **Olsburg Lutheran Church – VBS**. Your donation may be left in a jar at Union State Bank, or The Farmhouse. or you may mail them to: Olsburg Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 125
Olsburg – 66520



Olsburg Lutheran Church is looking for adult and youth volunteers for our Vacation Bible School this year! Please volunteer to help whether you've helped in the past or not. Should you be able to help us out just one or two days that'd be fine too.

For any questions, or to volunteer, please contact Luellen Kasselmann at woodyk@twinvalley.net or 785.565.1240.

Walsburg News

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUNDRAISING.

Do your hobbies include sewing, quilting, baking, photography, jewelry making, painting, or other creative ideas/projects? If so, the Walsburg Women of ELCA and Hope Circle would appreciate your willingness to donate your created item(s) to Walsburg's craft fair booths at the Covenant Church, Clay Center, on Saturday, June 15. All proceeds from Walsburg's craft fair sales will go to our church's Stained Glass Window Restoration project. A sign-up sheet (volunteers/items to donate) is posted in the Narthex. For information, contact Marlene Jenkins, Sheri Storer, Linda Toomire.

SAVE THE DATE! The second annual End Alzheimer's Walk will be in Manhattan's City Park on Saturday, September 14. Join Walsburg's Walk Team or start your own team to support caregivers, increase awareness, and provide funds for increased research for finding a cause and cure for this dreaded disease. For questions, contact Sheri Storer, sheriastorer@gmail.com.

WALSBURG'S WEBSITE IS COMING!

The Website Development Team (Valerie Hoehner, Rita Nelson, Donise Peterson, Sheri Storer) are working with a website developer to design a Walsburg website. Stay tuned for further information about this exciting means of improved communication and outreach for our congregation.

Fellowship/Outreach Committee is coordinating efforts to assist Pastor Keith with a Group Communion at the Leonardville Nursing Home on Wednesday afternoon, April 10 at 3pm. Several volunteers are needed to assist in gathering our members and any other interested persons for communion and fellowship, with light refreshments to follow. Please join us for this very important outreach by signing up on the list on the bulletin board.

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Service Committee #1 is planning a salad luncheon for the Cluster IIE (God's Sonflowers) meeting on Saturday, April 13. A sign-up sheet for salads is posted on the bulletin board, so please sign up for the kind of salad you are able to make for this luncheon. Thank you to all who provide salads.

HELP WANTED! Come on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. to Memorial Hall to share ideas for the upcoming craft fair to benefit Walsburg's Stained Glass Window project. We will be gathering thoughts that will allow us to potentially raise the most funds to help restore our church windows. All members and ideas are welcome! Snacks provided.

Olsburg News

If you would like to share an Easter lily on Easter Day, please bring your lily to the church prior to the Easter service on Sunday, April 21. Thanks for helping create a festive environment for our Easter celebration!"

Olsburg Lutheran Church will hold a Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, April 7, immediately following worship. We will be discussing and voting on purchasing carpeting.

The LCW invites the congregation to bring items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits during Lent. Items needed are:

- **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended;
- **TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping;
- **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*;
- **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging;
- **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging. Items may be left in the box in the Narthex.



Several Olsburg Lutheran Church members enjoyed an evening of food, fellowship, and devotions on World Day of Prayer.

Plant Sale

May 4

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

at Olsburg Lutheran Church

Nice selection of bedding plants and hanging baskets

**Just in time for Mother's
Day and Memorial Day!**

**Proceeds benefit
charitable projects**



Thanks to Thrivent for supporting this project

You're Invited to ...

PASTA with a PURPOSE

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A BENEFIT DINNER FOR WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH
STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION

Saturday, April 13th - 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Where: Walsburg Lutheran Memorial Hall

Menu

Your choice of:

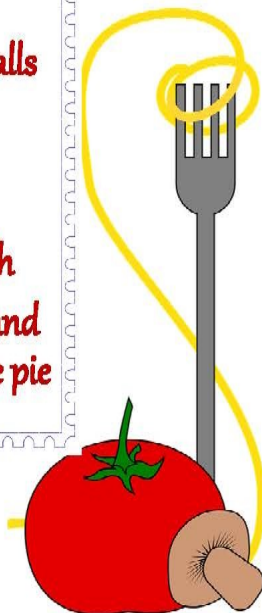
- Spaghetti/Meatballs
- Lasagna
- Chicken Alfredo

All meals served with
salad, garlic bread and
a slice of homemade pie

Adults \$10.00

Children \$5.00

Children Under 3 Free



See you there!





ROAR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

May 28th – May 31st

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Olsburg Lutheran Church

WE WELCOME ALL CHILDREN 3 years old (and potty trained) to those who are completing the 6th grade.

Register your child by May 1st either on line 1st to receive a **FREE ROAR t-shirt.**

EASY to REGISTER on-line at:

<https://www.myvbs.org/olsburglutheran>

Questions - call Luellen Kasselmann at 565-1240