

# Life together

Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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## **From the Desk of your Interim Pastor**

Thank you! Yes, I thank you and I thank God for the privilege of serving as your Interim Pastor. What a joy you have been and what a joy you continue to be! The people of Olsburg and Walsburg congregations are great people. It truly is an honor to be part of your lives.

I find that the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians express my thoughts very well. "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6)

God is at work among us! During these hot summer days we continue to gather for worship each Sunday and listen to the words of Scripture so that we may better understand how God is at work among us and in the world. We are now exploring the New Testament book of Ephesians and discovering the rich and powerful message it has for us.

Let me make a brief explanation of how the Bible readings for each Sunday are chosen. We follow a three year Lectionary, which is a systematic way of reading through

much of the Bible over a three year period. The first Bible reading (usually from the Old Testament) and the Psalm are chosen to connect in some way with the Gospel reading. During the Festival half of the year (the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter), the second Bible reading also connects to the Gospel reading. In the non-festival half of the year (the season of Pentecost which runs from late May into November) we read through the New Testament writings book by book. This year the second Bible readings come from 2 Corinthians, Ephesians, James, and Hebrews.

The second Bible reading each Sunday this year, during much of July and August, is from Ephesians. Ephesians is a letter written by the Apostle Paul, around the year 60 AD, to Christians living in the city of Ephesus, a city located in what is now the country of Turkey.

The book of Ephesians boldly sketches the dreams God has for the world, the church, and our lives. God dreams of drawing all people together through Christ. God dreams of a church becoming all that God created it to be. God dreams of a church filled with people who use their gifts and talents and time and energy for the good of all. God dreams of a

church that is bold to live in ways that make a difference in the world. God dreams of a church which is filled with joyful and heartfelt worship. Ephesians also boldly declares that God gives us the help we need to become the church of God's dreams.

Each week the sermons will explore these dreams which God has for us. Let me also suggest that you read Ephesians several times over the next few weeks. It is not very long, only 6 chapters. Listen carefully to what it says. Reflect on its message as it talks about God's plan for the world, the church and our lives. I pray that our time with the book of Ephesians may help us better understand how God is at work among us and in the world.

I look forward to seeing you when we gather for worship!

God's blessings to you,  
Pastor Keith Wiens

### **Congratulations**

- ✠ Bryon Nelson (O) and Kassidy Robbins were married on June 6
- ✠ Rhett Michael Nelson, daughter of Mike and Becky Nelson, was baptized on July 12 during worship at Walsburg.

### **Sympathy**

We extend sympathy to family and friends of Lilyan Oman who died on July 10. Lilyan was a member of Walsburg Lutheran Church.

## **Olsburg Lutheran Church Sunday School News**

Save the Date! Olsburg Lutheran Sunday School will resume August 23 at 10:00 am. There will be classes for children 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Some special activities are being planned for this special Rally Day so keep watching.

The Sunday School Ice Cream Social will be held August 30, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Come and enjoy sandwiches, chips, cake and ice cream. Money received from the free will donation helps support the Sunday School.

The Sunday School will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief school kits. The congregation is invited to participate in this project by either donating items for the school kits or giving a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the back packs.

Items needed for one school kit:  
1 ruler (30 cm or inches and cm)  
1 pencil sharpener  
1 blunt scissors  
1 box crayons (16 or 24)  
1 eraser  
4 70-sheet notebooks

### **Dillons Fundraiser**

The 2nd quarter Dillon's Fundraiser total is in, and the Olsburg Lutheran Church received \$310.96 with 23 households participating. Thank you for your participation!!! Remember anyone can register their Dillon's Plus card online and choose our Church to support this fundraiser to support the Olsburg Cemetery.

## **Walsburg Lutheran Church Outreach and Fellowship Events**

The Fellowship/Outreach Committee will sponsor a **Summer Potluck** immediately following church on August 2. Bring side dishes to share and drinks/table service will be provided.

**Mark your calendar:** The annual ice cream social will be held Sunday evening, August 23rd from 5-7 pm.

# July, August and September birthdays and anniversaries

**If you know of a member whose birthday is not listed, please contact the church office.**

## July Birthdays

- 1 Joan Schweer (O)
- 3 Carl Larson (W)
- 4 Evelyn Larson (W)
- 6 Gregg Gibson (O)
- 7 Blake Vargo (O)
- 8 Sharon Hubbard (O)
- 9 Joshua Cantrell (O)  
Amy Hageman (W)
- 11 Julie Munson (O)
- 11 Richard Gibbs (O)
- 12 Jim Nelson (O)  
Claryce Bohnenblust (W)  
Brett Dawes (W)
- 13 Jana Arellano (W)
- 17 Nicole Holt (O)  
A.J. Berry (W)  
Kristi Hageman (W)
- 19 Monica Kasselmann (O)  
April Brenner (O)
- 21 June Campbell (W)
- 22 Kristi Fronce (O)
- 23 Steve Strauss (W)
- 24 Nancy Whitesell (O)
- 29 Kathleen Sundgren (W)
- 31 Amy Burklund (O)  
Jennifer Miller (W)

## August Birthdays

- 1 Lori Rogge (W)  
Trea Jameson Schultz (W)
- 2 Caleb Cantrell (O)
- 4 Harper Befort (O)
- 6 Kim Gibbs (O)
- 7 Mickey Burklund (O)
- 11 Kathy Ricketts (O)  
Don Nelson (W)
- 12 Erin Stanfield (W)
- 14 Lee Cantrell (O)  
Diana Nelson (O)  
Janice Johnson (W)
- 15 Justin Befort (O)
- 18 Justin Campbell (W)
- 25 Mike Nelson (W)
- 26 Pat Erickson (W)  
Ryan Gibbs (O)  
Jeana Gibbs (O)
- 28 Arlo Peterson (W)  
Devon Sundgren (W)
- 30 Willard Johnson (W)  
Scott Kulp (W)  
Brett Kulp (W)
- 31 Bill Monser (O)

## September Birthdays

- 4 Shirley Strauss (W)
- 5 Jeff Howland (O)
- 7 Codie Webster (O)
- 8 Ramona Johnston (O)
- 9 Amber Befort (O)

- 10 Shelly Burklund (O)  
Richard Strauss (W)
- 12 Gevon Holt (O)
- 15 LeRoy Bohnenblust (W)  
Monica Hargrave Schultz (W)
- 17 Cole Schultz (W)
- 19 Brian Clifton (O)
- 20 Joshua Hagenmaier (W)  
Morgan Vargo (O)
- 22 Steven Johnson (O)  
Jared Fronce (O)
- 25 Mylene Davis (O)  
Chris Deetjen (W)
- 26 Ernest Grater (W)
- 28 Ray Miller (W)  
Donald Cobler (O)
- 30 Kraig Kasselmann (O)

## July Anniversaries:

- 6 Roger and Kathleen Sundgren (W)
  - 10 Justin and Amber Befort (O)
  - 15 Victor and Cindy Olson (W)
  - 17 Kraig and Monica Kasselmann (O)
  - 21 Brett and Stacy Dawes (W)
  - 22 Jessie and Kermit Sundgren (W)
  - 30 Karl and Linda Kasselmann (O)
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## Members in service for July, August and September

Thank you to these members for their service to the parish during July and August and September

### Walsburg

**Ushers and Greeters:** *July:* Raymond & Milly Nelson; Roger & Kathy Sundgren; Sandy McCool. *August:* Brad and Dena Haller; Arlo and Wava Peterson; Ralph & Mary Larson. *September:* Carl and Jane Larson; Dale Larson; Brianna Olson

**Communion Ushers:** *July:* Sandy McCool and Vern Bulk. *August:* Lynne Berry and Norman Johnson. *September:* Aneta Hagenmaier; Bill Johnson

**\*Lay Assistants:** 7/5 Sandy Glessner; 7/12 Linda Toomire; 7/19 Lynne Berry; 7/26 Mary Larson; 8/2 Don Nelson; 8/9 Alicia Scofield; 8/16 Janet Neilson; 8/23 Dennis Peterson; 8/30 Jane Larson. *September:* 9/6 Rita Nelson; 9/13 Harold Storer; 9/20 Diana Hargrave; 9/27 Sandy McCool

**Altar Committee:** *July:* Kathy Sundgren; *August:* Dena Haller; *September:* Mary Kay Henry

**\*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

**Ushers:** *July:* Jim Nelson, Floyd Munson, Gregg Gibson, Tom Nelson; *August:* Marvin Johnson; Nick Cooper; Kraig Kasselmann; Brian Clifton; *Sept.:* Dan Holt; Karl Kasselmann; Bill Monser; Mitch Adams

**Communion Assistants:** 7/5 Gregg Gibson; 7/19 Kraig Kasselmann; 8/2 Kirby Burklund 8/17 Diane Nelson; 9/6 Mary Nelson; 9/20 Becky Avery

**\*Acolytes:** 7/5 Kaden Gutsch; 7/12 Landry Zoeller; 7/19 Kylea Ricketts; 7/26 Brooklynn Zoeller; 8/2 Emma Kasselmann; 8/9 Sykler Zoeller; 8/17 Grady Kasselmann; 8/23 Jace Ricketts; 8/30 Kaden Gutsch; 9/6 Landry Zoeller; 9/13 Kylea Ricketts; 9/20 Brooklynn Zoeller; 9/27 Emma Kasselmann

**\*Lay Assistants:** 7/5 Coleen Esping; 7/12 Jan Cooper; 7/19 Joyce Cantrell; 7/26 Kathy Monser; 8/2 Kraig Kasselmann; 8/9 Kristi Fronce; 8/16 Laura Clifton; 8/23 Patty Nelson; 8/30 Tom Nelson; 9/6 Becky Avery; 9/13 Bill Monser; 9/20 Coleen Esping; 9/27 Jan Cooper

**Altar Committee:** *July:* Joyce Cantrell, Coleen Esping; *August:* Kristi Fronce, Kathy Monser; *Sept.:* Shelly Burklund, April Brenner

## August Anniversaries

- 1 Tim and Sandy Zoeller (O)
- 5 Scott and Jennifer Kulp (W)  
Lynn and Marla Webster (O)
- 9 Richard and Shirley Strauss (W)
- 12 Josh and Tricia Cantrell (O)
- 13 Trenton and Lynn Hargrave (W)
- 14 Jerry and Pat Erickson (W)

## September Anniversaries

- 1 Dallas and Mylene Davis (O)
- 4 Alan and Kristin Bohnenblust (W)
- 5 David and Jeannette Pultz (W)
- 12 Gregg and Alice Marie Gibson (O)  
Rick and Irene Johnson (O)
- 16 Bart and Norma Coutermarsh (W)
- 19 Carl and Jane Larson (W)
- 20 OJ and Monica Schultz (W)
- 26 Ernest and Marjorie Grater (W)
- 30 Kent and Mary Nelson (O)



2015 WALSBURG VBS: EVEREST Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power  
The Walsburg VBS Planning Team, consisting of Alicia Scofield, Kathy Sundgren, Mary Kay Henry, and Sheri Storer, wishes to thank the following people for their work in making the Vacation Bible School program a great success. The leaders, teachers and helpers were Pastor Keith, Alicia Scofield, Mary Kay Henry, Kathy Sundgren, Ruthie Stone, Katherine Sundgren, Roger Sundgren, Lynne Berry, Jan Nielsen, Aneta Hagenmaier, Rosie Johnson, Bill Johnson, Arlo Peterson, Wava Peterson, Don Nelson, Harold Storer, Rob Scofield, Amber Befort, Emma Kasselmann, Monica Kasselmann, Linda Toomire, Sheri Storer, and all those members who donated supplies, food, and/or cash. A special "thank you" for the support of the Church Council.

Twenty-one (21) children attended VBS. The attendees were: Alexzandra A., Mason B., Harper B., Ryker B., Macy B., Dawson D., Emma K., Grady K., Ida K., Avery K., Owen M., Izabel N., Royal N., Teske N., Cole P., Gracie S., Mason S., Rodney T., Logan W., Ragan W., Brody W.

A decision was made to have the Bible School from June 22 – 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch being served. All snacks and lunch food items and supplies were donated.

An offering was taken each day during the opening worship service. The offering for the week was nearly \$135.00. The monies will be given to ELCA's Good Gifts program for the purchase of small animals to be given to those less fortunate.

The VBS closing program was on Friday, June 26, at 1:00 p.m. with over 70 people (children and adults) in attendance. Children sang VBS songs, read Bible points, and a special Spotlight VBS, created by Katherine Sundgren, was shown as part of the program. An ice cream sundae party followed the program.

A special VBS handmade quilt, designed by Lynne Berry and sewn together by Mary Kay Henry, is on display in the Sanctuary. The quilt will be moved to Memorial Hall in the near future.

Thanks to all for a successful 2015 program!