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From the Desk of Pastor Keith

We are now in the “dog days” of summer. “Dog days” is the name the ancient Romans gave to the hottest, most humid days of summer. The name came about because they associated the hottest days of summer with the star Sirius. Sirius was known as the “Dog Star” because it was the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog).

During the days of July and August, Sirius, the Dog Star, rises at the same time as the sun. Some people believed that the summer swelter was due to the combined heat from Sirius and the Sun. It is interesting that in the Greek language, Sirius means “scorching.”

From ancient times the “dog days” of summer were marked by lethargy, inactivity, or indolence. Still today, we usually don’t have much energy or desire to do anything when it is hot and humid outside.

So what should we be doing during these days? Some words from St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians can help us. First, keep the faith! What counts is faith, says St. Paul. Keep looking to Jesus Christ. Keep listening to him. Keep on following him.

Second, just as plants keep on growing during these “dog days” of

summer, so should we. St. Paul says, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” These are days for growing the fruits of the Spirit.

The heat can sap our energy and cause us to grow weary. St. Paul says, “Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

We may be in the “dog days” of summer, but these are good days for living our faith and growing in our love for others and doing what is right.

Turning from the “dog days” of summer to our search for a new pastor, the call committee reports that our third candidate has taken a call to another congregation. So it is back to the search. Our call committee is doing good work! Now is the time for patience, as we wait for the Lord to give us a new pastor. Let’s remember what the Lord says in Isaiah 60:22, “When the right time comes, I will make this happen quickly. I am the Lord!”

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The “dog days” of summer take us to the beginning of another school year. So also in the church, Sunday school is about to begin. Now is the time to reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them to Sunday school and worship. And when they come, let’s be sure to truly welcome them into our midst and include them in our fellowship and activities.

Pastor Keith Wiens

Walsburg Annual Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Walsburg Lutheran Church ice cream social on Sunday, August 19. Sloppy Joes, ham sandwiches, chips, homemade ice cream and pie will be served from 5-7 p.m. A Freewill offering will be taken. The public is invited to enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be posted on Sunday, July 30.



August 19—Blessing of the Backpacks

9:00 a.m. Olsburg Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Walsburg Worship Service

Join us for “Blessing of the Backpacks” on Sunday, August 19th, during regular worship service. Children of ALL AGES are encouraged to bring their backpack or work bag for a blessing for the new academic year.



Sunday School Begins Soon!

Walsburg Sunday School begins on Sunday, August 19, at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall. Classes will be available for children from 3 years of age (must be potty trained) - 6th Grade. Notify Sheri Storer if you are able to teach or help in any way with teaching, assisting, or providing supplies.

Life together

Olsburg Announces Sunday School start date and rally day!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - AUGUST 19TH - SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS! August 19th will be our Rally Day and we have some special activities planned. We are very excited about this coming year of Sunday School and are really looking forward to what fun we’re going to be having as we learn more about Jesus and His love for us. All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join us. Kids invite your friends and neighbors to join us this year!

Keep watching your bulletin for the upcoming date of Olsburg’s Ice Cream Social.

Olsburg LCW collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

During the month of August the LCW will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

Items to be included in each kit are:

- **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8” x 10 1/2”; no loose leaf paper
- **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **ONE** pencil sharpener
- **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **ONE** 2 1/2” eraser

Items may be left in the box in the narthex. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

August birthdays and anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

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)
- 13 Jeremy Dick (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)

- 1 Tim and Sandy Zoeller (O)
Jeremy Dick and Sarah Diamond (W)
- 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)

Sorrows

- † We sorrow with the family and friends of Kimberly Bulk who joined the saints in the Kingdom of Heaven on July 25, 2018. Kim was a member of Walsburg Lutheran Church.

Joys

- † We rejoice with Trenton and Lynn Hargrave on the birth of their son, Tyler.
- † We rejoice with Andy and Valerie Hoehner on the birth of their son, Braeden.

- † We rejoice with Jordan and Katie Hagenmeier on the birth of their daughter, Adelaide.

August Anniversaries

Members in service for August

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

Walsburg

Ushers and Greeters: Brad and Dena Haller; David Ahlerich; Amber Befort.

Communion Ushers: Alicia Scofield; Gary Hargrave

***Lay Assistants:** 8/5 Jennifer Byarlay; 8/12 Don Nelson; 8/19 Amber Befort; 8/26 Sarah Diamond

Altar Committee: Kathy Sundgren

Olsburg

Ushers: Marvin Johnson; Nick Cooper; Kraig Kasselmann; David Gibson

Communion Assistants: 8/5 Mary Nelson; 8/19 Ashley Rice

***Acolytes:** 8/5 Jordyn Gutsch; 8/12 Kylea Ricketts; 8/19 Skyler Zoeller; 8/26 Grady Kasselmann

***Lay Assistants:** 8/5 Joyce Cantrell; 8/12 Kathy Monser; 8/19 Kraig Kasselmann; 8/26 Ashley Rice

Altar Committee: Kristi Fronce, Kathy Monser

***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.**

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2018 Walsburg VBS: "Shipwrecked"

Forty-two (42) children and 13 staff members joined together in a fun week (June 25-29) of Vacation Bible School participating in a theme, "Shipwrecked" and learning how Jesus rescues us when we are lonely, when we worry, when we do wrong, when we struggle, and when we are powerless.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way (teaching, helping, donating supplies, cash, and time), making this a fun, exciting week at Walsburg where all were touched by the "love of Jesus".



Olsburg Vacation Bible School

