

# Lifetogether

Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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## Pastor Kaylie's Note

Grace and peace to you all!

Blessings,  
Pastor Kaylie

First, I give God thanks for these wonderful communities who have been working hard in building relationships and enjoying community activities! Both ice cream socials went TREMENDOUSLY and I am filled with joy to be part of this wonderful Church body! Please take sometimes to know you all are wonderful and doing great things!

Second, as summer comes to an end and we begin to pick up the pace with school, work, and all the other busy parts of life; I hope you all continue to take time to dwell with God. To find a moment to commune with God and rejoice in God's joy, either in prayer, journaling, baking, a cup of coffee, with a puzzle, or coloring sheets, may you find time to devote to experiencing God's delight.

As our days grow shorter, it is easier to lose track of time. Keep the faith and keep actively participating in God's love. Know God is as much with us in small and ordinary gestures, as God is with us in the grand and exciting gestures.

Enjoy these last bits of nicer weather, sunshine, and family activities, and may you all know God's peace!

## “Lectio Divina”

As you read through the bible or are looking to newer ways to explore reading the bible, one great way to experience scripture is through a practice called “Lectio Divina.” “Lectio Divina” is a Latin term, that means “divine reading” and describes a way of reading the Scriptures through which we open ourselves to what God wants to say to us.

There are various ways of practicing Lectio Divina, either individually or in groups, but these four moments are the core:

- Moment One: (Lectio) Read the Scripture passage for the first time. Listen with the “ear of your heart.” What phrase, sentence or even one word stands out to you? Begin to repeat that phrase, sentence or one word over and over, allowing it to settle deeply in your heart. Simply return to the repetition of the phrase, sentence or one word, savoring it in your heart.
- Moment Two: (Meditatio) Read and Reflect, relish the words. Let them resound in your heart. Let an attitude of quiet receptiveness spread throughout the prayer time. Be attentive to what speaks to your heart.
- Moment Three: (Oratio) Read and Respond spontaneously as you continue to listen to a phrase, sentence or word. A prayer of praise, thanksgiving or petition may arise. Offer that prayer, and then return to repeating the word in your heart.
- Moment Four: (Contemplatio) Read and Rest in God. Simply “be with” God’s presence as you open yourself to a deeper hearing of the Word of God. If you feel drawn back to the scriptures, follow the lead of the Spirit.

Give Lectio Divina a try this month and see how it helps you explore scripture differently!

## Olsburg’s Ice Cream Social

Despite the heat on 8/20/2023, Olsburg Lutheran Church had a great turnout for the End of Summer Pool Party and Ice Cream Social! Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and volunteered for this fun event!



## Olsburg and Walsburg welcome Rev. Kevin Clark to worship with us on Sept. 24

Be sure to join worship on 09/24, where we will welcome Lutheran Ministry Campus Pastor Rev. Kevin Clark. Pastor Kevin will share the gospel with us and update us on all things campus ministry!

# September birthdays and anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

## September Birthdays

- 5 Jeff Howland (O)
- 7 Codie Webster (O)
- 9 Amber Befort (O)
- 10 Shelly Burklund (O)  
Richard Strauss (W)
- 11 Amy Feigley (W)
- 15 Monica Hargrave Schultz (W)  
Sarah Diamond (W)
- 17 Cole Schultz (W)
- 18 Noah Plummer (O)
- 19 Brian Clifton (O)
- 20 Joshua Hagenmaier (W)  
Morgan Vargo (O)
- 21 Rachael Peterson (W)  
Hedi Racoma (W)
- 22 Steven Johnson (O)  
Jared Fronce (O)
- 25 Mylene Davis (O)
- 26 Sabrina Johnson
- 28 Ray Miller (W)  
Donald Cobler (O)
- 30 Kraig Kasselmann (O)

## September Anniversaries

- 1 Dallas and Mylene Davis (O)
- 5 David and Jeannette Pultz (W)
- 12 Gregg and Alice Marie Gibson (O)  
Rick and Irene Johnson (O)
- 20 OJ and Monica Schultz (W)
- 25 Cody and Becca Simon (O)
- 27 David and Rosie Ahlerich (W)
- 30 Kent and Mary Nelson (O)

## Members in service

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

### Walsburg

**\*Greeters and Ushers:** Rob & Alicia Scofield; Carol Wiens; Nathan Wiens; Amanda Campbell; Linda Toomire

**\*Communion Ushers:** Ruth Stone; Linda Toomire

**\*Acolytes:** 9/3 Izabel Nelson; 9/10 Ryker Befort; 9/17 Jacob Hinkle; 9/24 William Sullivan

**Altar Committee:** Dena Haller

**\*Lay Readers:** 9/3 Lynn Hargrave; 9/10 Dennis Peterson; 9/17 Teske Nelson; 9/24 Jan Neilson

**Altar Committee:** Dena Haller

**\*\* Walsburg volunteers at the Food Pantry during September**

**\*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:** Dan Holt; Kraig Kasselmann; Casey Nelson

**\*Communion Assistants:** 9/3 Jim Nelson; 9/17 Tom Nelson

**\*Lay Readers:** 9/3 Tom Nelson; 9/10 Ashley Rice; 9/17 Becky Avery; 9/24 David Gibson

**\*Altar Committee:** Becky Avery; Kathy Monser

**\*Acolytes:** 9/3 Brooklyn Rice; 9/10 Jeremiah Brenner; 9/17 Ida Kasselmann; 9/24 Kaden Gutsch



## 2023 Walsburg Ice Cream Social

Thanks to all who supported the annual Sunday School ice cream social! It was a great evening of fellowship, food, and fun!



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# QUILT RAFFLE



Full/Queen Size

Embroidery by Lilyan Oman

Completed by Walsburg Lutheran Church Women

Proceeds to Walsburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Drawing to be held October 8, 2023

To purchase tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Jan Neilson 785-293-2139

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## **Olsburg Lutheran Church hosting a Historical Walking Tour of Olsburg on Sept. 17**

Olsburg Lutheran Church is hosting a Historical Walking Tour of Olsburg at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon on September 17th. Please meet in front of the church. This tour is for anyone in the community interested in learning the history of Olsburg, and will be led by Tami Howland. For those who would prefer not to walk, a hayrack ride will be following along with the tour. Refreshments will follow the tour in the church basement. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Join Olsburg Lutheran Church for Breakfast on Sept. 24**

Church Council is hosting a fellowship breakfast before church on September 24th at 8am. The congregation is invited to sign up for breakfast items to bring. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex.

## **Walk to End Alzheimer's**

The 6th Annual Manhattan Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, September 30, in Manhattan's City Park. Activities start at 9:00 a.m. with the Walk at 10:00 a.m. To register to walk with the Walsburg Walkers Team, go to [alzwalkmanhattan.org](http://alzwalkmanhattan.org). In Riley County alone, it is estimated that approximately 850 individuals are living with dementia/Alzheimer's. Working together, we can make a difference!

## **Tickets for Walsburg's Anniversary Banquet**

Tickets for the Anniversary Banquet on October 7 are now available for purchase. Please contact any of the following to purchase your tickets: Lynne Berry, Linda Toomire, Lori Rogge, Rosie Johnson, Alicia Scofield or Marlene Jenkins.

The tickets for adults are \$15.00 and children 12 and under are \$5.00. Payment (cash or check) is due at time of purchase. The menu is: Swedish Meatballs / Potato Sausage (Potatiskorv)  
Cheesy Potatoes  
Green Beans / Corn  
Salad  
Homemade Bread  
Fruit Crisp / Ice Cream

## **Singers Needed**

Help make a Joyful Noise with the Walsburg Anniversary Choir! We will perform two selections during the Sunday, October 8, afternoon service. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, through Oct 4, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Contact Rhonda Baer ([rb@ks4h.org](mailto:rb@ks4h.org) / 785-632-1220) to confirm your participation or if you have questions. 🙏 Thank you!

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