

# Lifetogether

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Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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## **From the Desk of Your Pastoral Leaders...**

### **WORSHIP**

Worship has been and always will be one of the primary ways that we love God. It's importance and it's resulting effects are often times so vast and powerful that there just aren't words to capture the countless facets of an experience that affect people in so many different ways. That may be one of the reasons that such care and concern goes into the planning and preparing for worship. Worshipping God is one the main things we do as Christians. This month has been an especially exciting time as worship teams from both Olsburg and Walsburg have gathered to plan worship for the upcoming four months which involve no less than three different church seasons (Epiphany, Lent, and Easter – for those of you who are counting). Holy Week alone captures our energy and attention in a ways that can't compare to any other time in the church year. So, in an effort to invite you in to the excitement, please consider how you might want to participate this year. Do you have a musical talent that might be shared during the Easter season? Do you want to work on the

background of our Maundy Thursday congregational drama? Do you have skills in creating a somber atmosphere during our Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows)? Maybe you appreciate dramatic reading and can offer a strong voice to read the Scriptures. Do you have a special knack for hospitality or inviting those in the community? What about marketing – do you like to write copy for our community newspapers or make signs for the community bulletin boards? What is your gift? How might you use it this season? Just a few thoughts as we continue to share our light of promise in the world during Epiphany and prepare for the journey of Lent – a journey that begins with ashes.

### **Ash Wednesday Services**

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Olsburg Lutheran Church  
8:15 PM  
Walsburg Lutheran Church  
The service will include confession and forgiveness, the imposition of ashes and full table communion.

*Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter...During Lent people will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really in invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come. – Sundays and Seasons*

## **Sonja's Book Review "Just Who Will You Be?" by, Maria Shriver**

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*I've learned that asking ourselves not just what we want to be, but who we want to be is important at every stage of our lives, not just when we're starting out in the world, That's because in a way, we're starting out fresh in the world every single day.*

As we head into the season of (at least planning for) Lent, I'm struck at the profound wisdom in this little book. Lent is typically a time when we take stock of our inward journey and how it matches up with the work of our lives on the outside. As Christians we are immersed in the identity of "Child of God." We have a promise that dwells in the depths of our souls – even if it is not conscious or revealed in our lives.

Maria Shriver shares her own experience of taking stock of what she values and how her actions reflect those values. Her opportunity for reflection comes to her through an invitation to speak at the graduation ceremonies of her nephew – to launch a bunch of eager young adults into the world to be what they can be. The experience proved to be both entertaining and thought provoking as the countdown to graduation approached. Some might say she had an experience of transformation.

## **Children's Ministry First Communion Preparation Family Meeting – Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> following all worship services**

All families who have a child who is ready to begin receiving communion are invited to help design the schedule for classes so that families can get the most out of this important formational time. So, please bring your calendars. We can do a one-shot retreat. We can do 5 evenings. We can do 2-4 Saturdays. We can do Friday nights. Please remember that one parent will need to attend with each child so we can create a common language of faith.

### **First Communion Celebration – Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM Olsburg**

**8:15 PM Walsburg**

**Please invite Godparents and special family members to this service to celebrate with your child.**

**Walsburg Little Ringers will be sharing their music during Holy Week. Don't miss their debut!**

### **Thank you Walsburg members!**

On behalf of the Walsburg Council, a big thank you to everyone who responded so generously at the end of 2008. Because of these contributions, we were able to meet all the financial obligations, and had enough carry-over to meet the beginning obligations for 2009. Complete details will be included in the annual reports. May God richly bless everyone. Rita Nelson, Walsburg Treasurer

# February birthdays and anniversaries

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

## Birthdays

- 1 Helen Wieters (W)
- 2 Julie Higgins (O)
- 4 Dick Flohr (W)  
Nicholas Allen (W)  
Lynn Webster (O)
- 5 Dale Larson (W)  
Daniel Higgins (O)
- 6 Lynne Berry (W)
- 7 Roseanne Johnson (W)
- 9 Becky Holt (O)
- 10 Phillip Monser (O)
- 12 Shane Adams (O)
- 13 Alicia Scofield (W)

- 14 Vincent Smith (O)
- 15 Wes Esping (O)
- 16 Jessie Sundgren (W)  
Emily Lee (W)
- 17 R.J. Bokelman (O)
- 23 Loretta Hoerman (W)  
Grace Lee (W)  
Lukas Kulp (W)
- 24 Brad Haller (W)
- 28 Ebba Nelson (O)  
Makayla Vargo (O)  
Madison Vargo (O)

## Anniversaries

- 14 Dean and Donna Nelson (W)
- 15 Robert and Cindy Kulp (W)

## March 1-8

- 1 Katie Burklund (O)  
Raymond Nelson (W)  
Jared Henry (W)
- 2 Donna Nelson (W)  
Brianna Olson (W)
- 4 Marian Smith (O)  
Jeanette Pultz (W)  
Jennifer Kulp (W)
- 6 Garrett Nelson (O)

## Members in service this month

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

### Walsburg

**Ushers:** Rob Kulp, Don Nelson, Roger Sundgren, Jordan Hagenmaier

**Greeters:** Rob and Cindy Kulp, Roger and Kathy Sundgren, Don and Rita Nelson

**Communion Ushers:** Rob Kulp, Albert Lee, Don Nelson, Kim Nelson, Jay Peterson

**\*Acolytes:** 2/1 Emma Glessner; 2/8 Rachel Peterson; 2/15 Cajsja Larson; 2/22 Rachel Rheaume

**\*Lay Assistants:** 2/1 Jamie Hageman; 2/8 Brianna Olson; 2/15 Jay Peterson; 2/22 Alicia Scofield; 2/25 (Ash Wednesday) Gavin Hargrave

**Flowers for Church:** Volunteers (Please contact the Altar Committee) (No flowers during Lent)

**Altar Committee:** Lynne Berry, Alicia Scofield, Diana Hargrave

### Olsburg

**Ushers:** Alan Hubbard, Marvin Johnson, Nick Cooper, Kevin Burklund

**Communion Assistants:** 2/1 Willis Poppe; 2/15 Mike Apley; 2/25 (Ash Wednesday) Kirby Burklund

**\*Acolytes:** 2/1 Jonathan Nelson; 2/8 Shane Adams; 2/15 Nick Cooper; 2/22 Codie Webster; 2/25 (Ash Wednesday) Shelby Adams

**\*Lay Assistants:** 2/1 Bryon Nelson; 2/8 Codie Webster; 2/15 Douglas Apley; 2/22 Jackie Frintrup; 2/25 (Ash Wednesday) Jonathan Nelson

**Altar Committee:** Kristi Fronce, Sandy Zoeller

**Kitchen Committee:** January and February—Kristi Fronce

**\*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.**

## Walsburg – Olsburg Council Prayer Partners

The Holy Spirit is on the loose. The council members from Olsburg and Walsburg will be matched together as prayer partners for the year. Why? The two churches have partnered together for business purposes for more than 35 years. That is good, but what happens if one church encourages, empowers and prays for another for the sake of ministry? What if one church has the “back” of another church as a partner in faith? Please pray with us.

### Walsburg Annual Congregational Meeting

Walsburg Lutheran Church will hold its annual Congregational meeting February 8th. Hope to see you there!

## **Graceways Bible Study**

Graceways continues to meet the first three Mondays of the month at Walsburg Lutheran Church. The group will begin an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark. Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact Pastor Gordy for more information.

## **Walsburg Altar Guild Meeting**

Walsburg Altar Guild will meet Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

## **Walsburg Education Committee**

The Walsburg Education Committee will meet Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

## **Luther League**

### **Bowling at Zucky Bowl**

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Cost: \$9 (includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes and a 20 oz. soda)

Meet at Blue Valley High School for a ride.

Adults are needed to drive!

All National Gathering Participants will gather at the school at noon for an online glimpse of the hotel.

### **Second Sunday Luther League**

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Stay tuned for details.

**National Youth Gathering Participants:** Bryon Nelson, Jacob Nelson, Bailee Howland, Brianna Olson, Garrett Olson, Nick Cooper, Shelby Adams, Cayssa Larson, Cassie Miller, Charity Johnson, Blark Vargo, Blake Fronce, Melissa Deetjen, Christopher Deetjen, Tom Nelson, Donica Nelson and Sonja Sandquist. Our group will also include Pastor Jeremie Vore and two youth from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waterville.

### **National Youth Gathering Fund-Raiser Update**

The following opportunities support the participants of the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans during the end of July:

## **Baked Goods from Alma Bakery**

Contact any Gathering Participant to order baked goods from the Alma Bakery.  
The cinnamon rolls are to die for!  
Delivery will happen prior to Easter.

## **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs**

A box of 4 bulbs is \$15.

Because these bulbs are so energy efficient, they will pay for themselves!

Boxes are available at both churches. Contact a Gathering participant to purchase.

## **The Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner**

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$8 per dinner

Reservations needed.

Beat the crowds and treat your sweetheart to an incredible home-cooked ham meal that will be complimented by impeccable table service and fine dining décor, provided by our high school youth. Tickets are available from Gathering Participants.

## **Olsburg Brunch**

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM in the church basement at Olsburg Lutheran Church

## **Olsburg Cemetery News**

Olsburg Lutheran Church is coordinating a community work morning at the Olsburg Cemetery within the next couple of months. There is a lot of work to be done at the cemetery. Many areas need leveled so that they can be mowed efficiently and safely, and many of the grave markers need leveled. We are inviting the Olsburg Community to join us in honoring our ancestors and our community. We will tackle the first piece of the project by adding and leveling soil on the east end of the cemetery in preparation for leveling grave markers in the very near future. There will also be planting of grass and mulching in some areas. Dates are being finalized, but if you want to help by coming in person, or if you can help financially, please contact either Jim Nelson at 468-3664 or Mike Apley ([mapley@vet.ksu.edu](mailto:mapley@vet.ksu.edu) or 468-3448). You can sponsor a Luther League worker (plus some of the soil and expenses) for the morning by donating \$50.00. We will announce the final date, but you can get on the list to make sure we let you know by contacting us right now!

## Confirmation

Confirmation is an intentional time for middle school youth to engage the stories of our faith and the theology that shapes how we understand God. We not only learn the stories of faith, we learn to walk the talk that is given through those stories. Anything can happen when we invite God to work in our lives.

Confirmation has taken on some exciting directions during the past month. Born out of a service project to provide food for families that are dealing with illness or crises, the Confirmation youth are planning a "Fish for Food" Fishing Derby in partnership with the men of both congregations. Our middle school kids will be raising funds, preparing meals, listening to the community needs and then delivering meals to those who could use a concrete gesture of care and prayer. Not only that, we have had a few more kids join us for classes on Wednesday nights, bringing our group total of kids to 13 with another 4 adults investing in the process.

## Lenten Family Movie Nights

All families are encouraged to participate in Ash Wednesday services (February 25). There will not be Confirmation Classes on this night. We will gather every Wednesday Evening during Lent (beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>) for worship followed by family movie night. Families (mom, dad, kids and any other family member) will gather in the fellowship area where we will view portions of the story of Jesus and then have some Table Talk. We want you to both know the story and wrestle with the story as you consider your own discipleship journey.

## February Confirmation Meeting

### Location

Walsburg Lutheran Church  
Contact Kathryn Apley if you need a ride from Olsburg.

### Confirmation Schedule:

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM - "Fish for Food" Work Night  
Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM - The Good Samaritan  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Family *Mardi Gras* Pool Party at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan  
Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Services

7:00 PM at Olsburg  
8:15 PM at Walsburg

## Family *Mardi Gras* Pool Party at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Kid Cost: \$8

Includes: pool time, ping pong, party room and putt-putt golf...and maybe a King's Cake  
Adults can attend for free and check out the hot tub!

Eat supper before you arrive. Snacks will be available for the evening.

## Confirmation Camp

March 1<sup>st</sup> Early Bird Registration Deadline for Camp Tomha Shinga

Contact Sonja or Gordy if you are in need of scholarships for camp.

## Bethany Christian Youth Days

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Registration Deadline: February 19<sup>th</sup>!

Meet at Randolph Sr. Center at 7:15 AM

We will spend the day at Bethany College.

Events for the day include worship, games, time with the basketball players of Bethany College, scavenger hunt, and more. Pre-registration is required.

## From the Office

Thanks to everyone for their help and cooperation in getting annual reports turned in. The copy machine is glad to get a break!

I will be having a knee replacement on Feb. 24. I will have some help for a couple of weeks preparing the bulletins. Please continue to send your announcements via email. For those of you who turn in your announcements by leaving them in my box, that is fine too. I will be available by phone at 532-9853 or 468-3370. Thank you for your understanding during this time! It is my goal to be on my feet within a couple of weeks following the surgery. ~~Shelly

## Lent Worship Schedule

### Wednesday Night Lenten Services & Family Confirmation Gathering beginning March 4

#### “Voices of Hope” with Holden Evening Prayer

6:15 PM Soup Supper

7:00 PM Worship

7:30 PM Family Confirmation Movie Clip Table Talk

February 25—Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Olsburg, 8:15 at Walsburg

March 4—6:15 p.m. at Olsburg

March 11—6:15 p.m. at Walsburg

March 18—6:15 at Olsburg

March 25—6:15 at Walsburg

April 1—6:15 at Olsburg

March 5— Holy Communion  
Palm Sunday services, 9:00 am at Olsburg, 11:00 am at Walsburg.



April 9—Maundy Thursday

April 10—Good Friday

April 12—Easter Services

Easter Sunrise service at Walsburg

9:00 am Holy Communion Easter service at Olsburg

11:00 am Holy Communion Easter service at Walsburg

We hope that you are able to join us during these opportunities!

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