

Lift *together*

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Reflections by Pastor Keith

Who is Jesus? What did he say? Did he mean what he said? Does he have something to say to us today? Can his words shed light not only on our personal lives, but also on what is happening in the world these days?

These are questions people are asking today. They would like to know more about what this first-century, brown-skinned Jewish rabbi born in what is now Palestinian territory has to say. They still want to listen to him. And so do we!

The season of Lent is a time to ask ourselves, are we listening to what Jesus said? Are we watching what he did? Are we following what he said and what he did? Are we wanting, needing, longing to reconnect with Jesus in a time like this?

It seems to me that many people today have become disconnected from Jesus. Many are no longer following his teachings, living with his values, seeking the Kingdom of God which he came to bring us. If the followers of Jesus are not acting like the "salt" and the "light" that he intended us to be, it is no wonder that society can easily unravel and polarize around fear and divisions. When we fail to be the "yeast" or the "leaven" a culture needs, we should not be surprised when individualism,

selfishness, power, and wealth predominate over any commitment to serve each other and the common good.

This Lent we want to go back to Jesus himself and explore some of the questions he asked or the questions which he provoked. The midweek Lenten services will seek to engage Jesus through these questions. Questions such as these: "What is truth?" (John 18:38). "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). "What is greatness?" (Luke 22:24-28). "Why are you afraid?" (John 6:20). "When did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison?" (Matthew 25:37-39).

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26. On that day, each congregation will observe Ash Wednesday with evening services. The service at Olsburg will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the service at Walsburg will begin at 7:15 p.m. The following five midweek services will alternate between the two churches, with Walsburg hosting on March 4. On these five Wednesdays a soup supper will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. with worship following at 7:00 p.m. The Holden Evening Prayer service will be sung at these services.

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The season of Lent is a special time for us who are Christians. It is a time to quiet our lives, to step back from the chaos of the world around us, to reconnect with Jesus. It is a time to re-focus our thinking, to re-direct our lives, to re-discover Jesus and why we choose to follow him.

Come, be part of the Lenten experience each Wednesday evening beginning on February 26.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Keith

Words of Wisdom

“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2:6

“For you, O God, have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless till they rest in you.” St. Augustine

Simon Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6:68-69

“Lord, grant that I may find you and give my whole heart to you. Let no one deceive me or distract me, but speak to me as a lover speaks to a beloved, as friend to friend. This is what I pray for - that I may be united completely with you and that you may fill my whole being.”
Thomas a Kempis

Lenten Worship Schedule

A soup supper will be served each Wednesday evening before our Lenten worship service.

March 4—6:00 p.m. at Walsburg
March 11—6:00 p.m. at Olsburg
March 18—6:00 p.m. at Walsburg
March 25—6:00 p.m. at Olsburg
April 1—6:00 p.m. at Walsburg
Each soup supper will be followed by a worship service.

When we first started our soup suppers, they were simple: bread and soup. This simple meal reminded us of what Jesus did for us as he fasted for forty days, suffered through humiliation and beatings, and was crucified on the cross. This was a time for reflection and contemplation along with fellowship. During our Lenten season this year, we will once again return to a simple meal before our Wednesday night worship: soup and bread and a time for discussion and contemplation with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The location for the five mid-week services will alternate between the two churches. Walsburg will host three services, with In-Service committees providing the simple meal. Olsburg will host two services, for which sign-up sheets will be available for volunteers to provide the soup and bread.

Walsburg Sunday School

In February, the Sunday School children will be hearing the following Bible stories:

- Feb. 2 - Nicodemus
- Feb. 9 - The Woman at the Well
- Feb. 16 - Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
- Feb. 23 - Jesus Feeds 5,000

Additional activities of the children include creating Valentine's for Walsburg members who reside at Leonardville Nursing Home, singing at the nursing home worship service on February 16, learning new songs, and enjoying Bible story videos and activities that increase their love for Jesus.

February birthdays and anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

February

- 1 Helen Wieters (W)
- 2 Julie Higgins (O)
- 4 Nicholas Allen (W)
- Dick Flohr (W)
- 4 Lynn Webster (O)
- 5 Dale Larson (W)
- 5 Daniel Higgins (O)
- 6 Lynne Berry (W)
- 7 Roseanne Johnson (W)
- 9 Becky Holt (O)
- 10 Phillip Monser (O)
- 13 Alicia Scofield (W)
- 16 Jessie Sundgren (W)
- 17 R.J. Bokelman (O)
- 20 Brody Willimon

- 21 Adam Plummer (O)
- 23 Loretta Hoerman (W)
- 24 Brad Haller (W)
- 28 Makayla Vargo (O)
- Madison Vargo (O)
- Valerie Hoehner (W)

February Anniversaries:

- 14 Dean and Donna Nelson (W)

Joys and Sorrows

✠ We rejoice with Bee Erickson who celebrated her 100th birthday on January 30. Following her marriage to Glen "Joe" Erickson in 1948, she moved to the Olsburg area and has been a long time member of the Olsburg Lutheran Church. She is the mother of Glen Erickson of Wichita and Patty Nelson of Manhattan.

✠ We sorrow with Walsburg members, Dena and Brad Haller on the death of Dena's brother Harlin Henton.

Members in service

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

Olsburg

Ushers: Casey Nelson; Marvin Johnson; Floyd Munson; Kevin Burklund

Communion Assistants: 2/2 Karl Kasselmann; 2/16 Sandy Zoeller; 2/26 David Gibson

***Acolytes:** 2/2 Kylea Ricketts; 2/9 Landry Zoeller; 2/16 Ida Kasselmann; 2/23 Grady Kasselmann; 2/26 Jace Ricketts

***Olsburg Lay Assistants:** 2/2 Bill Monser; 2/9 Coleen Esping; 2/16 Ashley Rice; 2/23 Joyce Cantrell; 2/26 Becky Avery

Altar Committee: Kristi Betsy Avery, Donica Nelson

Walsburg

Ushers and Greeters: Marlene Jenkins; Jerry Baer; Don & Rita Nelson

***Communion Ushers:** Marlene Jenkins; Lee Hartford

***Lay Assistants:** 2/2 Jane Larson; 2/9 Don Nelson; 2/16 Gracie Scofield; 2/23 Becky Nelson

Acolytes: 2/2 Gracie Scofield; 2/9 Harper Befort ; 2/16 Izabel Nelson; 2/23 Dawson Dick

Altar Committee: Callie Berry

***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.**

Reminder

Our LifeTouch Mobile Directory is available online at <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/201152/walsburg-lutheran-church>. The access code needed to get in to the directory is 18wlc.

Noah, The Musical

Save the Date for Noah The Musical, showing in Walsburg's Memorial Hall on Sunday, February 16. Musical starts at 5:00 p.m. Noah The Musical, produced at a Sight and Sound theater, is an accurate re-telling of the story of Noah and the Ark from the Bible. Noah presented in such grand fashion, complete with on-stage ark, live animals and overall intricate set design. Noah the Musical will bring the story of Noah to life like never before. Bring an appetizer/snack to share at intermission. There is no admission charge. Invite family and friends!

Walsburg Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights

The Walsburg Council met on January 9, 2020. Below are some highlights from the meeting.

- Pastor Keith announced the synod assembly will be in St. Louis this year June 4-6, 2020.
- Bishop, Rev. Susan Candea reviewed our submitted church constitution and had a few items for the council to review. The council made the changes and will present to the congregation at the annual meeting for approval.
- The church grounds committee is proceeding with the installation of new exterior lighting in the front and out back of the church.
- The council reviewed all year-end reports submitted in preparation for the annual meeting.
- Fellowship and Outreach is coordinating the "Souper Bowl" soup lunch February 2, 2020. They will be accepting donated food or money for the food pantry.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Receive The Newsletter

We want you to get our church newsletter - either by email or by postal mail. If want to receive the newsletter by email, send your email address to Shelly at sburklun@ksu.edu. If we already have your email address, but you want to receive the email by postal mail, please inform Shelly.

Save the Date...



Building Dedication for Lutheran Campus Ministry at K-State
Sunday, April 19th, 2020
Late afternoon/evening
Dedication Celebration will include a Meal and Worship Service

Change of Address...

Please be sure to change our address for any future communication!

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Thanks

For your Prayers and support!