

Life Together

Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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Reflections from Pastor Kaylie

From the Synod

“Join Bishop Candea as we travel with Jesus and one another, deepen our relationship with God, be intentional in our discipleship, and live as the Body of Christ caring for God’s beautiful Creation.

Instead of providing a traditional midweek worship service template, we invite congregations to join Bishop Candea for a midweek study and discussion of the ELCA Social Statement on Creation Care via zoom.”

Marching into Lent

Dear Beloveds,
We now enter the season of Lent. We begin forty days in the wilderness. Forty days headed towards the cross. In those forty days we are often challenged to give something up. To take something out of our life that we cling to everyday in hopes we reflect on God more. Some people choose meat, chocolate, caffeine, money. Sometimes that causes us to suffer from guilt when we relapse back to that cup of coffee or snack. We feel this guilt for not honoring God like we promised. God does not wish for us to suffer or starve ourselves. God wants us to be who we are, love, and exercise that love in this broken world.

Perhaps instead of giving something up we remember God by taking on the practice of repentance. When we repent, we honor the season of lent. We recognize that we are human and that we need God. When we practice repentance, we come back to God.

These practices recenter our hearts on love. They help us grow with Christ. Suffering does not have to be the focal point of these next forty days. Our lent should be centered on growing with Christ, keeping our faith, and looking for God in our neighbor.

In this season, may we consider where our treasures and hearts are. Jesus invites us to realign our hearts with God’s heart and to take on ways of repentance. We can practice loving ourselves, our neighbors, and God more these coming days.

So if we are to give up anything this season, may we give up our hearts. Give up our hearts to God, and let God continue to break them and mold them. For the next forty days, challenge yourself to give up your heart to God. Store your treasure in expanding God’s love and see how your heart will be changed.

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May our lenten prayer be:
"Jesus, you have known us from the beginning of time, you have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of our shame, you know us as your beloved.

Help us to own our holiness more and more in this season of repentance and mercy. Give us the rock-solid assurance of your unwavering faith in us as we seek the same in you. Amen."

Lenten blessings,
Pastor Kaylie

Each Wednesday we will gather at 6:00 p.m. for a light supper followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.



- On March 1 we will gather at Olsburg.
- On March 8 we will gather at Walsburg.
- On March 15 we will gather at Olsburg.
- On March 22 we will gather at Walsburg.
- On March 29 we will gather at Olsburg.



April 6, Maundy Thursday, worship at Walsburg Lutheran Church beginning at 7 pm

April 7, Good Friday, worship at Olsburg Lutheran Church beginning at 7 pm

April 9, Easter, Sunrise service at Walsburg Lutheran Church beginning at 6:45 am

April 9, Easter, Festival Worship at Olsburg Lutheran Church beginning at 9:00 am

April 9, Easter, Festival Worship at Walsburg Lutheran Church beginning at 11:00 am

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March birthdays, anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

March Birthdays Birthdays

- 1 Katie Burklund (O)
Raymond Nelson (W)
Jared Henry (W)
Roberta Hartford (W)
- 2 Donna Nelson (W)
Brianna Olson (W)
- 4 Lelanie Hillocks (O)
- 5 Justin Ricketts (O)
- 6 Garrett Nelson (O)
Jenny Plummer (O)
- 9 Taellor Howland (O)
Preston Miller (O)
- 10 Donald Campbell (W)
Rowdy Berry (W)
- 11 Tami Howland (O)
Christy Nelson (O)
- 12 Mike Hagenmaier (W)
- 14 Janet Neilson (W)
- 16 Marla Webster (O)
- 17 Floyd Munson (O)
- 18 Cindy Neilson (W)

- 20 Peggy Johnson (O)
- 21 Richard Gibbs Jr. (O)
Ashley Rice (O)
Carol Wiens (W)
- 22 Joshua Hinkle (W)
- 23 Jonathan Nelson (O)
Brooklyn Rice (O)
- 24 Jacob Hinkle (W)
- 26 Gracie Scofield (W)
- 27 Kent Burklund (O)
- 28 Kylie Gibbs (O)
- 29 Timothy Zoeller (O)
Amanda Esping (O)
Stacy Deetjen-Dawes (W)
- 31 Rich Cooper (O)

March Anniversaries

- 9 William and Janet Neilson (W)
- 22 Dan and Shari Holt (O)
- 23 Don and June Campbell (W)

Members in service

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

Walsburg

***Ushers & Greeters:** Lee & Roberta Hartford; Lynne Berry; Lori Rogge

Communion Ushers: Vern Bulk & Roger Sundgren

***Acolytes:** 3/5 Teske Nelson; 3/12 Brody Willimon; 3/19 Izabel Nelson; 3/26 Ryker Befort

***Lay Reader:** 3/5 Teske Nelson; 3/12 Gracie Scofield; 3/19 Jane Larson; 3/26 Lynn Hargrave

Altar Committee: Diana Hargrave

***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: Karl Kasselmann; David Gibson; Lee Cantrell

Communion Assistants: 3/5 Jacob Nelson; 3/19 Kirby Burklund

***Acolytes:** 3/5 Landry Zoeller; 3/12 Colt Kasselmann; 3/19 Tori Brenner; 3/26 Addison Gibson

***Lay Reader:** 3/5 Ashley Rice; 3/12 Becky Avery; 3/19 Jacob Nelson; 3/26 Kathy Ricketts

March Altar Committee: Becky Avery; Kathy Monser

Walsburg Plans 150th Anniversary Celebration

SAVE THE DATE --- We will be celebrating 150 years of our Walsburg Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 7 with an evening anniversary banquet at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan. Sunday, October 8 will be a day of celebration with worship service, lunch, anniversary service, followed by a memorial service at the cemetery.

Walsburg Swedish Breakfast



Mark your calendar to attend a Swedish Breakfast featuring Swedish pancakes & lingonberries, assorted pastries, coffee and a few other special items on Saturday, April 15, from 8-11 a.m. The public is invited to attend and free will donations will be accepted.



Olsburg Spring Clean-up Date Set

Olsburg Lutheran Church council members have set Saturday April 1 beginning at 9:00 a.m. as a Spring Cleaning Day. Please make plans to come help spruce up the grounds and building!

Olsburg LCW Collecting items for Lutheran World Relief

Olsburg Lutheran Church Women Invite you to collect items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief during Lent. Items may be left in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



x1

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



x2

Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping



x1

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*



x1

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



x1

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Items may be left in the box in the narthex.

You can also support the quilt and kit ministry by donating to LWR's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Donations can be made directly to LWR or to OLCW designated for LWR and it will be sent in.

*Toothbrush multi packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

