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# Reflections by Pastor Kaylie...

# The Importance of Holy Week and Easter:

Easter is an exciting time, filled with family, good food, easter egg finding, and celebrating the resurrection! It is easy to rush out of our 40-day Lenten mindsight and rush over Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday straight to Easter Sunday. The three days of Holy Week can be uncomfortable. Those three days deepen our Lenten Journey. On Ash Wednesday, we started our Lenten journey remember that we are dust, and to dust, we shall return. We marked our humanness and embraced that we will die and return to God. The three days of Holy Week show us that our God, in Jesus Christ, is fully human. It is necessary for our faith to dwell, and embrace the roughness of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday marks the night in which Jesus' closest friends betrayed him and sold him over to the Roman Empire. It marks the beginning of Jesus' crucifixion. Good Friday is a day to commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Holy Saturday is a day of mourning Jesus' death. These three days are crucial to Easter Sunday. After all, without them, there would be no need for the tomb to be emptied- there would be no crucifixion.

Holy Week is necessary for our faith. We must face death and embrace Jesus on the Cross. It is uncomfortable, it is hard to sit in the consequence of hatred against God's love. As Jesus dwelled and wept at Lazarus' tomb before resurrecting him, we too must dwell at Jesus' tomb. Without Holy Week, there is no Good News of Jesus Christ.

The resurrection will hold no power on Easter Sunday if we do not witness and embrace the death of Jesus.

The only reason Easter Sunday is filled with Good News is because our hearts are bound by death. And on that morning, when we rise, Jesus will free us from death and remind us that life is possible-always.

May the remainder of your lenten season be filled with holy dwelling. May we remember to pause during Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and embrace weeping at the tomb of Jesus. Then come Easter Sunday, may we loudly and boldly proclaim CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Christ has risen indeed! Many blessings, Pastor Kaylie

# Holy Week and Easter

Follow Jesus as he enters Jerusalem and takes on our brokenness and prepares to die for you. What a Lord! What grace! This service prepares us for the week ahead, a week that is truly Holy!

# Maundy Thursday - April 6

We gather at 7:00 pm at Walsburg to remember the events of that night and to break bread with our Lord and with one another.

# Good Friday - April 7

On this Friday we call Good we gather at 7:00 pm at Olsburg to tell the story which is at the heart and 6:00 PM—9:00 PM center of our faith. Because of Good Friday, there is healing for our brokenness. Do not hurry by the cross on your way to Easter joy, for we know the Risen Lord only through the Crucified Christ.

# Festival of Easter - April 9

The Easter season begins with the news that Jesus has risen from the dead! Come, share the joy and exhilaration of Easter! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! We have hope! The Easter SonRise service begins at 6:45 am at Walsburg. The Festival Service of Worship at Olsburg begins at 9:00 am. The Festival Service of Worship at Walsburg begins at 11:00 am.

# Stay Connected

If you use email, we would greatly like to add you to our church's email list. In this way you would receive the weekly bulletin, the monthly newsletter, and other congregational announcements.

If you are not currently on this list and would like to be added, or if you know someone who would like to be on the list, give the email address to our parish coordinator, Shelly Burklund. Her email address is sburklun@ksu.edu.

# Please correct your Olsburg Yearbook and records

Please correct your Olsburg Yearbook and records to reflect that Jim Nelson is the Olsburg Financial Secretary. Your offerings may be sent to:

Jim Nelson PO Box 134 Olsburg, KS 66520



Saturday, April 29, 2023

# Salina Country Club

Join us once again for our Annual Auction fundraiser in April. We will be having a semi-formal event at the Salina Country Club while the live auction will be held online April 24th - 29th. We will update this page (https://camptomahshinga.com/ upcoming/2023/4/29/annual-auction) with the auction link and instructions April 12th.

Live music, appetizers and drinks included. Doors open at 6:00p.

\$50 per couple. \$35 for individual. And you now can buy a table of 6 for \$125!

RSVP https://hipaa.jotform.com/230504779586164 - RSVP's are due by April 12th.

We can't wait to see you there! CTS Team, #ForTheKids



Summer Camp Registration at Camp Tomah Shinga is Open!! No April Fools from us prices go back up April 1st. Learn more

about the summer programs we offer and get registered for Summer Camp TODAY!

https://camptomahshinga.com/schedule

# April birthdays, anniversaries, joys and sorrows

# **Birthdays**

- 6 Lee Hartford (W)
- 7 Roger Bohnenblust (W) Travis Hageman (W) Jarin Brenner (O)
- 8 Irene Johnson (O) Roger Sundgren (W)
- Hunter Gibson (O) Hayden Gibson (O)
- 10 Jennifer Halstead (W)
- 11 Kelsey Nelson (W)
  Christopher Hubbard (O)
  Courtney Gibson (O)
- 13 Brian Johnson (O)
- 15 Ida Kasselman (O)
- 17 Tristin Kraemer (W)
- 19 Russell Peterson (W) Kaleb Sullivan (W)

- 20 Trenton Hargrave (W)
- 26 Doug Kraemer (W)
- 28 Kevin Burklund (O)
  Kirby Burklund (O)
  Jacob Nelson (O)
  Rob Scofield (W)
  Emma Bohnenblust (W)
- 29 McAllister Deves (O)
- 30 Ann Ingham (W)

# **April Anniversaries**

- 11 Kevin and Barbara Burklund (O)
- 18 Ray and Jennifer Miller (W)
- 21 Steve and Peggy Johnson (O)

# Members in service

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

### Walsburg

Walsburg Ushers and Greeters: Don & June Campbell; Vern Bulk; Ruthie Stone

\*Walsburg Communion Ushers: Don Campbell & Trenton Hargrave

\*Walsburg Lay Readers: 4/2 Rita Nelson; 4/9 Alicia Scofield; 4/16 Amber Befort; 4/23 Becky Nelson; 4/30 Jerry

\*Walsburg Acolytes: 4/2 Jacob Hinkle; 4/9 William Sullivan; 4/176 Macy Berry; 4/23 Trinity Meader; 4/30 Kade Campbell

**April Altar Committee:** Janice Johnson & Alicia Scofield

\*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**

**Olsburg Ushers**: Kraig Kasselman; Tom Nelson; Grady Kasselman

Olsburg Communion Assistants: 4/2 Jan Cooper; 4/9 Jacob Nelson; 4/16 Jim Nelson; 4/30 Sandy Zoeller

\*Olsburg Acolytes: 4/ Witten Ricketts, Creed Kasselman, Addyson Gutsch; 4/9 Jarin Brenner, Jorydn Gutsch, Brooklyn Rice; 4/16 Jeremiah Brenner, 4/23 Colt Kasselman; 4/30 Tori Brenner

\*Olsburg Lay Readers: 4/2 Joyce Cantrell 4/7 Jan Cooper; 4/9 Tom Nelson; 4/16 Coleen Esping; 4/23 Kraig Kasselman; 4/30 Jacob Nelson

**April Altar Committee:** Kristi Fronce Deb Lowry;

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# **Olsburg Spring Clean-up**

Olsburg Lutheran Church will have a Spring Clean-up day Saturday, April 1 beginning at 9 a.m. We hope you can come help out!

Walsburg Spring-Clean-up

Mark your calendars: We are looking forward to Hunter Mittleider and his platoon with B Company 1st Engineer Battalion coming to Walsburg on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. We so appreciate them coming and providing community service to help us with outdoor clean up and other projects around the church from 9-12 noon. We will then serve them lunch. We invite all who are available and able to come out that morning to join in with the spring clean up.

# You're invited to enjoy "A Little Taste of Sweden" at Walsburg Lutheran Church Saturday, April 15, 2023

Come enjoy a A Little Taste Gwedish breakfast at the of Sweden Walsburg Lutheran Church Saturday, April 15 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Enjoy Gwedish Free Will Donation pancakes, an assortment of Bring your family Swedish members and pastries, and friends! coffee.

Come and enjoy a Swedish breakfast and fellowship! Freewill donation accepted!

# Plant Sale April 29

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

at Olsburg Lutheran Church

There will be a nice selection of flowering bedding plants, hanging baskets and planters.

Proceeds support our outreach projects.



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