

# Life Together

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## Reflections by Pastor Kaylie...

<sup>6</sup>But [the angelic messenger] said to them,

"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Christ has risen, alleluia!

Happy Easter Season, Beloveds!

We have made it through the wilderness. We have witnessed the betrayal, death, and crucifixion of Christ. We have seen the empty tomb. The divine messenger told us Christ has been raised and is not here! And what joyous news that is to our ears. As (hopefully) the weather stays warm and the green blade rises beneath our feet, spring (new life) is coming into our world!

We were told on Easter morning to go away from the tomb, this place of death and endings, and go into the world to find Christ. For in this resurrection, it became the beginning of the very Good News of Jesus Christ. An empty tomb proves that God's love conquered death and beat the power of sin and violence. Easter means that God has exposed human violence (through the cross) and overcame it with Love. Easter means that God has taken the brokenhearted and gathered them together into the body of Christ. Easter means that God has taken our despair and guilt

and drawn us deeper into God's arms. Easter means that we are not alone in this broken world.

God has suffered through loneliness, despair, grief, and even the pain of death. Christ has gone ahead of us in death. And if Jesus goes ahead of us in death, can there be *any* doubt that Christ will be there ahead of us wherever life takes us? Wherever life takes us (through anxious times, hard times, lonely times, etc.) God takes those tombs and empties them for *us*. So when we get to what feels like the end, like our world is ending, God sends a messenger to tell us to *go away*.

For there is no life in the tomb. It is emptied. Christ has already beaten sin and death. So run from here, run back to God, and experience new beginnings. Easter reminds us that we are people of hope. We believe that in the end, all will be well. And if it is not well, then it is not the end. For death was just the beginning for Christ. New life is *always* possible.

So, in this new season, may we remember that Christ is ahead of us. Waiting for us and pulling us out of death and into new life. May you remember to hang onto the hope of God, trust in God's promises, and believe in the Love that overcame death. God is far greater than our struggles and our world. Holdfast to hope, beloveds! For Christ has risen, Jesus has risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Alleluia! Alleluia!

With hope and love,  
Pastor Kaylie

## Summer Camp Registration at Camp Tomah Shinga is Open!!

Visit <https://camptomahshinga.com/>  
To see camp options and register.



Join Camp Tomah Shinga's Annual Auction fundraiser. There will be a semi-formal event at The Farm & The Odd Fellows, in Minneapolis, KS. while the auction will be held online April 22nd - 27th.

Entertainment, appetizers and drink ticket included. Doors open at 6:00p.

\$50 per couple. \$35 for individual. \$90 for table of 4.

# April birthdays, anniversaries, joys and sorrows

## Birthdays

6 Lee Hartford (W)  
7 Roger Bohnenblust (W)  
Travis Hageman (W)  
Jarín Brenner (O)  
8 Irene Johnson (O)  
Roger Sundgren (W)  
9 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 Kasselmann (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 Baer

**\*Walsburg Acolytes:** 4/2 Jacob Hinkle; 4/9 William Sullivan; 4/16 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 Kasselmann; Tom Nelson; Grady Kasselmann

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

**\*Olsburg Acolytes:** 4/2 Witten Ricketts, Creed Kasselmann, Addyson Gutsch; 4/9 Jarín Brenner, Jorydn Gutsch, Brooklyn Rice; 4/16 Jeremiah Brenner, 4/23 Colt Kasselmann; 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 Kasselmann; 4/30 Jacob Nelson

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

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**“A Taste of Sweden” Breakfast**

Saturday, April 13, 2024  
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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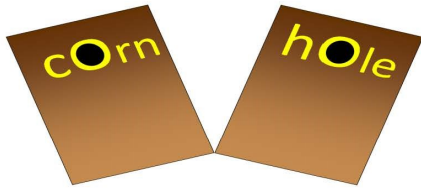
Walsburg Lutheran Church  
12351 Union Road – Leonardville, KS

*Featuring*

- ◆ Swedish pancakes and lingonberries
- ◆ Link sausages
- ◆ Pickled herring
  - ◆ Pastries
  - ◆ Juice
  - ◆ Coffee

Everyone welcome to attend – free will donation

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kansas State University  
1810 Todd Road  
Manhattan, KS 66502



### Casual Cornhole

In the backyard for those who wish  
to conserve brain power!

**You are Invited to  
A Campus Ministry Celebration!**  
Featuring  
**Team Trivia Contest**  
& Backyard Cornhole  
For Lutheran Campus Ministry  
At Kansas State University

**When: Sunday, April 28th, 2024**

Doors Open:	<b>2:30pm</b>
Trivia Contest:	<b>3:00pm</b>
Free “Taco Bar” Meal:	<b>5:00pm</b>
Worship with Students:	<b>6:00pm</b>



### Get your Team Ready!

Bring your own Trivia Team of 3 to 5 persons,  
or let us place you on a team when you arrive.

Invite your congregation, friends, or family to form a team.

**All Are Welcome!**

**Entry Fee: \$5 per Team Member**

**Great Prizes for the Top Finishers!**

E-mail [THEREVKEV@ATT.NET](mailto:THEREVKEV@ATT.NET)  
To RSVP, or with any questions

**Olsburg Lutheran Church**

# **Plant Sale**

**April 27**

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

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

Proceeds support our outreach projects.



Thanks to Thrivent for supporting this