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Synod Assembly June 3, 2023

Saturday – June 3, 2023

8:00 a.m. Zoom Session Opens

9:00 a.m. Gathering

Opening Worship - Gathering
Welcome and Introductions
Constitution Amendments
Nominations and elections

10:45 a.m. Word

Churchwide Report
Bishop's Report

11:45 a.m. Offering

Budget Report and vote

12:15 p.m. Meal

Lunch Break
Anniversaries
Bethany Village Annual Meeting
Vice President's Report

1:30 p.m. Sending

Compensation Guidelines
Resolutions
Closing Worship – Sending

3:00 p.m. Assembly concludes

Registration link: [https://reg.learningstream.com/s_reg/
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Assembly Welcome

Welcome to the Central States Synod Assembly. We are gathering under the theme of: **Together: Traveling the way of Jesus.** The word “synod” means “walking together.” As congregations and ministry sites across Missouri and Kansas, we have committed to walking together, and we recognize that together we can do more ministry than we can individually. Understanding the reality that we are **United with Christ in baptism**, we are connected to one another, and together we are **traveling the way of Jesus.** It is all about Jesus. It is in this relationship with **Jesus** that we ground our actions, our ministry, and our purpose as communities of faith.

I know that it may sound a bit ironic to focus on “traveling” the way of Jesus when we gather **online**, and voting members do not actually need to travel across the synod to participate in the assembly. I also know that technology can be challenging for some of us (myself included!). But we are in this together and will provide the assistance you need to participate fully.

The synod assembly provides us with the opportunity to participate in making decisions together that reflect the **ways of Jesus.** And so, we will take this day together to:

- **Gather** – Mindful that it is the Holy Spirit that calls us together as people of God and disciples of Jesus.
- Hear God’s **Word** – Knowing that we hear and see God at work in and through the ministries of the church.
- Respond with our **Offerings** – Affirming the responsibility to use the resources entrusted to us to participate in God’s mission.
- Partake in a **Meal** – Celebrating that God’s table extends into the world to feed those who hunger. And there will be a lunch break!
- And be **Sent** out to serve the Lord, letting love guide our decisions as we continue traveling together.

In other words, we will be gathering for an extended worship service because all our discussions, decisions, and votes are centered in the truth that we are the church, the body of Christ, and as the body of Christ, we want our actions to reflect Christ.

So welcome to worship!

I pray that our assembly will be a blessing to all of us.

The Rev. Susan Candea, Bishop
Central States Synod, ELCA

May birthdays and anniversaries

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

May Birthdays

- 1 Braeden Kraemer (W)
- 2 Cindy Olson (W)
Jessa Kulp (W)
- 3 Zachary Holt (O)
Nathan Wiens (W)
- 4 Cody Simon (O)
Leo Rogers (W)
- 5 Kinsey Hargrave (W)
Trevor Hargrave (W)
- 8 Bryon Nelson (O)
Crystal Strauss (W)
- 10 Dan Holt (O)
Rich Vargo (O)
- 11 Tyler Lane Hargrave (W)
- 12 Cassie Miller (W)
- 13 Kim Bailey (W)
- 14 Jackson Hoehner (W)
- 15 Donise Peterson (W)
Rhett Nelson (W)
- 17 John Lowry (O)
- 18 Knox Campbell (W)
- 20 Kermit Sundgren (W)
Dusty Holt (O)
- 21 Alice Marie Gibson (O)
Sandy Zoeller (O)

- 24 Emily Cook (W)
- 25 Mason Scofield (W)
- 26 Shari Holt (O)
Kathy Monser (O)
- 27 Lynn Burklund (O)
- 28 Wes Holt (O)
- 28 Woody Kasselmann (O)
- 29 Chance Maginness (W)
- 30 Lila Bestwick (W)
- 31 Jordy Nelson (W)
Calley Berry (W)

May Anniversaries:

- 3 Doug and LaRae Kraemer (W)
- 7 Bill and Kathy Monser (O)
- 10 Jim and Diana Nelson (O)
- 14 Russell and Lynne Berry (W)
AJ and Calley Berry (W)
- 15 Donald and Rita Nelson (W)
- 15 Rob and Alicia Scofield (W)
- 16 Alan and Sharon Hubbard (O)
- 26 Jason and Jamie Hageman (W)
- 29 Shane and Loree Allen (W)
- 31 Rich and Jan Cooper (O)

Members in service

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

Walsburg

Walsburg Ushers and Greeters: Bill & Roseanne Johnson; Andy & Valerie Hoehner

***Walsburg Communion Ushers:** Linda Toomire & Ruth Stone

***Walsburg Lay Readers:** 5/7 Izabel Nelson; 5/14 Mason Scofield; 5/21 Mary Kay Henry; 5/28 Jan Neilson

***Walsburg Acolytes:** 5/7 Mason Scofield; 5/14 Koy Nelson; 5/21 Harper Befort; 5/28 Teske Nelson

Altar Committee: Lynne Berry

Olsburg

***Olsburg Ushers:** Kirby Burklund; John Lowry; Skyler Zoeller

Olsburg Communion Assistants: 5/7 Kirby Burklund; 5/21 Jan Cooper

***Olsburg Acolytes:** 5/7 Addison Gibson; 5/14 Witten Ricketts; 5/21 Creed Kasselmann; 5/28 Addyson Gutsch, Brooklyn Rice, Jeremiah Brenner

***Olsburg Lay Readers:** 5/7 Karl Kasselmann; 5/14 Bill Monser; 5/21 Tom Nelson; 5/28 Kathy Ricketts

May Altar Committee: Coleen Esping; Ashley Rice

***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.**

High School Graduation

Baccalaureate is scheduled at Blue Valley High School May 3rd @7 pm.

Blue Valley High School Graduation will be held May 13th at 1:00 p.m in the old Gym.

Volunteer Opportunity at Olsburg

Again this year Olsburg Lutheran Church is asking for volunteers to mow the church lawn and the lot to the east. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex. We hope you take this opportunity to sign up. Thank You!

Walsburg's 150th Anniversary



Preparations are well underway for our anniversary celebration the weekend of October 7-

8. Please consider volunteering for your choice of a committee by signing the list on the bulletin board in the narthex. Committees include Float, Banquet, and Program/Music. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Swedish Breakfast held last month.

Pictures are still needed of the following Veterans for the Walsburg 150th book. Leo Behrens, Tyrus Carlson, Lloyd Bryant, John A. Carlson, Lawrence Davis, Paul Carlson, Lloyd Carlson, Dr. Benjamin Lafene, Elmer Davis, Berney Swenson, Stanley Swenson, and Duane Carlson.

If you or someone that you know would have pictures of any of these men, please e-mail them to Amy Feigley at feigleyfarm@eaglecom.net. Or you can call her at 785-280-1978.