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Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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## **From the Desk of Your Pastoral Leaders...**

The Spirit is stirring and subtle changes begin to take shape as the people of God listen for how God calls each person and each church into a particular future of ministry for the sake of the world.

This process of becoming everything God has called us to be is hard work. It takes discipline, focus and commitment

from everyone. It isn't driven by one person or a small group of pastors but rather is embraced by all so that it authentically reflects God's work through the people. The gift in the midst of this work is joy – a joy in knowing that each person is working in tandem with God in the world for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Does it happen just by showing up to worship every Sunday and occasionally taking on a service project or hosting a luncheon? I don't know. What I do know is that "just going through the motions" won't be enough for us to be the church that God had in mind. It isn't about buildings, counting service projects or having the best dinners. It is about being in living

relationship with God and with God's people and listening for how we all can share God's love in the world – not just in the church. Maybe your specific gifts and calling will involve a luncheon or a

service project, but keep in mind these are avenues to reflect your faith, they aren't the end of the line. The part we often forget is that all we do is "for the sake of the world." The church in itself is a gathering place and also a sending place so that the bulk of ministry happens Monday through Saturday. It is living the question, "What is God up to and how might I participate?"

These are my reflections as I learn more about the Partnership for Missional Church. As we continue to discern our future vision, my hope is that these golden nuggets of learning and leading can guide us along the way.

May all the places that you are sent this June reveal opportunities for you to share the promise of Jesus Christ.

Blessings and Hope,  
Sonja

*For God so loved **the world** that he gave his only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him will never perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

# Vacation Bible School/

Welcome to crocodile dock, where fearless kids shine God 's light! Get ready for an exciting adventure, discovering God 's presence, power, love, life, and care.

Crocodile Dock is buzzing with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. Everyone involved in this VBS will explore God' s Word...and never be the same again! Not only do kids experience amazing Bible adventures, they 'll also watch for God in everyday life through something we call God Sightings. Kids discover that God is active in our lives and that God 's fingerprints are everywhere!

Kids start each day by forming small groups called Bayou Crews. All the Bayou Crews gather at Sing and Play Swamp to sing and do fun motions to upbeat Bible songs that introduce kids to the concepts they will be learning that day. The Bayou Crews will visit the stations during the rest of their time together. They will sample tasty Snack Shack treats, go on adventures at Bible Bayou, make crazy creations in Crawfish Crafts and Missions, race around at Gator Games, and meet Chadder Chipmunk on DVD! Then everyone comes together for the closing, Firefly Finale. Plus the kids will work on a special project called, Operation Kid to Kid. This mission project allows participants of all ages to provide disaster relief to kids in North America.

Plan to get swamped with fun at Crocodile Dock!



**Olsburg VBS**  
**June 22-26**  
**6:00—8:30 PM**  
**Olsburg Elementary School**  
**Cost: \$5**  
**Registration form attached!**  
**Volunteers of all ages are needed!**  
**Please contact Sonja Sandquist with**  
**your interest!**

**Walsburg VBS**  
**July 13-17**  
**9:00 AM—noon**  
**Walsburg Lutheran Church**  
**Volunteers are needed. Please**  
**contact Terry Peterson with your**  
**interest!**



## Council Highlights

**T**he Olsburg Church Council met at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Vice Chairman Jim Nelson called the meeting to order. Pastor Gordy led the group in prayer. Members present: Laura Clifton, Kirby Burklund, Jan Cooper, Jim Nelson, Pastor Gordy Sandquist, Joyce Cantrell, Willis Poppe, Mike Apley, and Kristi Fronce.

We opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1. A short group discussion followed the reading.

### Reports

**Secretary's report:** Jan moved to approve the report. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer, Laura Clifton, presented the report. Laura will check on renewing the parsonage CD for six more months. She has visited with an insurance agent regarding coverage options. The agent needs to know specific details about the church, such as the age of the roof, etc. After a brief discussion on these topics, Jan moved to approve. Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Gordy reported we had some great numbers in attendance for our Easter services. Easter morning there were 130 present for the service.

### Committee reports:

**Property committee** – Kirby mentioned there are problems with the PA system. It is possibly a wiring issue. We need someone to take a look at it.

### Old Business

**Parsonage funds:** Two individuals have volunteered to be on the committee. We will continue to look for a few more.

**Annual Performance Review of the Pastor:** A committee needs to be established to complete a review once Gordy has been here a year. We will discuss in a future meeting.

**Community Committee:** Mike Apley is organizing the cemetery work for this group. We discussed the planting of grass in one area and what type of grass might be best. Mike is going to discuss with a turf expert to get some suggestions.

**Council Member Replacement:** We will continue to look for a council member to replace Donica.

**Floor Repairs:** There is some wear on the wood flooring. We tentatively scheduled a work day for both inside and outside projects. The date is May 3<sup>rd</sup> following church.

### New business

**Vacation Bible School:** Sonja is our coordinator for VBS.

**Prayer Partners:** Council members from the Olsburg and Walsburg churches have been assigned prayer partners. Pastor Gordy encouraged us to be in contact with our partners from Walsburg.

**Worship Review:** We discussed our Lenten services. The council had very positive feedback and felt a similar format should be used again next year. We also discussed worship services in general.

**Contemporary Worship:** There has been some interest expressed in a contemporary worship - possibly a service held once a month. We would need to consider several factors such as music needs, etc. This is not something we're planning for the immediate future, but we need to keep dialog going regarding this topic. This might be something that would attract others to our church. We discussed how the church should be about mission and outreach.

**Worship Folders:** The council is looking at the possibility of using worship folders. We also discussed moving to a new hymnal. The newer hymnals are progressive and timely; however, they are also traditional.

**Projection System:** The council discussed the need for a projection system. We should explore the possibilities of how this system might be useful to the church.

**Partnership for Missional Church:** Pastor Gordy informed the group about this partnership. There are three meetings a year to work as a team throughout a five year process. It involves being a part of a cluster with other congregations. An informational meeting is coming up on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested is welcome to join Gordy at the meeting.

**Sexuality Statement:** There was a discussion held on this with regard to the National Church Convention.

**Upcoming Events:** The Luther League plant sale is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Vacation Bible School will be June 15-19. The youth gathering in New Orleans is July 22-26.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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# June birthdays and anniversaries

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

## Birthdays

- 2 Barbara Burklund (O)  
Jordan Hagenmaier (W)
- 4 Nicki Beadle (O)
- 5 Diane Lee (W)
- 6 Marvin Johnson (W)
- 7 Gary Hargrave (W)
- 8 Kiffnie Holt (O)
- 9 David Gibson (O)  
Robert Berggren (W)  
Travis Bohnenblust (W)  
Trevor Bohnenblust (W)
- 12 Dorothy Johnson (O)

- 14 Laurine Catt (O)
- 15 Coleen Esping (O)
- 17 Deanna Barnes (O)
- 18 Nettie Classon (W)  
William Johnson (W)
- 19 Erin Nelson (O)  
Ruthie Stone (W)
- 20 Brooklynn Zoeller (O)  
Lorraine Oman (W)  
Cindy Kulp (W)
- 21 Destinee Cantrell (O)  
Dena Haller (W)
- 22 Nick Cooper (O)
- 22 Adam Larson (W)
- 23 Josie Stone (W)
- 24 Tyson Strauss (W)
- 27 Eva Holt (O)

- 28 Linda Toomire (W)  
Jacob Hagenmaier (W)

## July 1-8

- 1 Joan Schweer (O)
- 2 Carl Larson (W)  
Delores Grater (W)
- 6 Gregg Gibson (O)
- 7 Blake Vargo (O)
- 8 Sharon Hubbard (O)

## Anniversaries:

- 1 Don and Ardie Holt (O)  
Woody and Luellen Kasselmann (O)  
Tom and Donica Nelson (O)
- 6 Lee and Beverly Stowell (O)
- 7 Daniel and Julie Higgins (O)
- 9 Raymond and Milly Nelson (W)
- 10 Kirby and Shelly Burklund (O)  
Roger and Ruthie Stone (W)  
Gary and Diana Hargrave (W)
- 11 William & Roseanne Johnson (W)
- 13 Brandon and Lori Rogge (W)
- 15 Vincent and Jeanette Alstatt (W)  
Robert and Fern Berggren (W)
- 17 LeRoy & Claryce Bohnenblust (W)
- 20 Rabern and Aneta Hagenmaier

## Members in service this month

**T**hank you to these members for their service to the parish during June.

### Walsburg

**Ushers:** Jamie Hageman, Alan Nelson, Trenton Hargrave, Ray Miller

**Greeters:** Jamie & Kristi Hageman; Jill Reynard; Rusty & Lynne Berry; Alan & Kim Nelson

**Communion Ushers:** Travis Hageman, Gene Henry, Dena Haller, Christopher Deetjen, Cindy Kulp

**\*Acolytes:** 6/7 Rachel Rheaume, Monique Sandquist; 6/14 Symone Sandquist; 6/21 John Burnett; 6/28 Emma Glessner

**\*Lay Assistants:** 6/7 Rita Nelson; 6/14 Cindy Kulp; 6/21 Larry Bestwick; 6/28 Kris Burnett

**Flowers for Church:** Volunteers

**Altar Committee:** Lynne Berry; Alicia Scofield

### Olsburg

**Ushers:** Shane Adams, Bryon Nelson, Dan Holt, Mike Apley

**Communion Assistants:** 6/7 Kirby Burklund; 6/21 Joyce Cantrell

**\*Acolytes:** 6/7 Kyle Clifton; 6/14 Madison Vargo; 6/21 Byron Nelson; 6/28 Shane Adams

**\*Lay Assistants:** 6/7 Nick Cooper; 6/14 Patty Nelson; 6/21 Shane Adams; 6/28 Shelby Adams

**Altar Committee:** Kathy Monser, Shelly Burklund

**Funeral Meals Committee** (serve on a rotation basis)

Committee #1: Maxine Anderson, Jackie Frintrup

Committee #2: Mary Rosell; Ramona Johnston

Committee #3: Mary Lou Gibbs; R.J. Bokelman

Committee #4: Darlene Larson; Laurine Catt

### Kitchen Committee

May and June: Kathy Monser

July and August: Luellen Kasselmann

Sept. and Oct.: Laura Clifton

Nov. and Dec.: Susan Adams

**\*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.**

### From the office

Gordy and Sonja would like to have updated phone numbers, mailing addresses, etc. for everyone.

We are also trying to get all the birthdays, anniversaries, addresses, and phone numbers for everyone up to date and correct. In the narthex of each church, you will find the OWLs info sheet that Pastor Eric put together. Not many filled them out on the first go around. **PLEASE, PLEASE** grab one (even if you did it before), fill it out and put it in Shelly's box. If you have children living in your household, please be sure to include them on that sheet. If you have grown children that should be getting a newsletter, please fill out a form for them, or make sure that you give them one to fill out.

Names, addresses, birthdates, anniversaries records have been entered into a computer program called Church Windows by several Pastors and possibly 3 Parish coordinators. It is probable that current information has not been entered. I am requesting that if you have a birth, baptism, confirmation, change of address, that you contact Shelly. Each outdated address costs the church 75 cents! I would like to have the birthdays and anniversaries correct in the newsletter too!



## Ordination of Amanda Esping at Olsburg Lutheran Church

Friday, June 5, 7:30 PM  
Reception following the service.

Please plan to attend this once in a life-time event for a young pastor raised up in the Olsburg Community of faith. She will be making promises to serve as a pastor and abide by the teachings and rules of the church, living in the promises of Jesus Christ. The services will be officiated by her soon-to-be Bishop from South Dakota where she will serve at a multi-point parish.

A special thanks to Mary Rossel and Kathy Monser for preparing the banner in honor of this wonderful occasion.

## Lutheran Church Women Host Worship

On June 7 at both congregations, the LCW will host worship, allowing the pastoral staff to attend all of Synod Assembly. A special thanks to all the ladies who are serving.

## Synod Assembly *Changed by love...Sent in love...To serve.*

June 4-7, 2009  
Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas



For all who would like a preview of what the work of the church will look like at the Synod Assembly in June, check out this website:

<http://www.css-elca.org/assembly2009.html>

The two delegates from each congregation will engage in the voting process using the voting machines that were tested last year. In addition to the formal work, there will be worship, bible study, communication about the new directives of the synod and amazing music by Peter Mayer. Your delegates will report back in the next newsletter and possibly in person following worship one Sunday.

## Leonardville Nursing Home Worship

The Lutherans will host worship at the Leonardville Nursing Home on Sunday, June 21 at 4:00 PM. All are welcome.

## Contemporary Worship Meeting

All are welcome to gather for a time for learning and discerning about the future of contemporary worship for the parish. Interested parties from both churches are encouraged to meet at the Walsburg Memorial Hall on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM. Call Sonja Sandquist if you have questions.

## Walsburg Church Restoration

As you might have notice this past Sunday, the building of Walsburg Lutheran Church is under repair. After many years of use, the bell tower has been showing wear and needed attention so that it can be of use for many years to come. The repair crew will spend about three weeks making the necessary repairs and then they will paint the entire building. If you would like to vote on the color...just kidding. The building will continue to be as it has in the past – historical white.

## Prayers of the People

Loving Lord, we lift to you all who are in need of your care and your promise of new life: Pat Gibbs, Mary Kay Henry, Kermit Sundgren, Arlene Peterson, Rene Parks, Ralph Bergren, Doug Knight, Valerie Buelle, Kathy Edwards Moore,



Christian Bohnenblust, those in nursing home care, those in hospital care, those in harms way, those who have lost a job or income. We lift up the family of Myron who completed his baptismal journey back into your arms on May 14 of this year. Continue to surround his family and friends as they get used to this new way of being. We give thanks for all the ways that your mercy and tender care have been revealed: for a successful surgery and recovery for Rene Parks and Garrett Hageman, for continued recovery of those with replacement hips and knees, for the growth of the crops that surround us, for endurance during these economic times. Help us to be your people for the sake of the world so that all might know your promise of new life and love. Amen.

# Olsburg Community Vacation Bible School

*Sponsored by Olsburg Lutheran Church*



**June 22-26, 2009, 6:00 - 8:30 PM**

Parents' Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>'09 Grade Size**</u>	<u>T-Shirt</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

\*\* T-Shirt sizes : S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), and AM (Adult Medium)

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If you would like your child to be paired with a friend (in the same age group) please list them below.

Friend's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- ♥ Friends must list each other on their forms
- ♥ We will attempt to accommodate all grouping requests

Are there any allergies/medical conditions/behavioral conditions we should be aware of? If so, please indicate with which child and describe:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you or any teenagers (finishing grade 5 in May) in your home like to be contacted regarding volunteer opportunities? \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested Donation is \$5 per child.**  
Checks can be made payable to Olsburg Lutheran Church.

*CD Music soundtrack is available for purchase for \$10 each. If desired, please check the line below and enclose an additional \$10 per CD.*

CD \_\_\_\_\_

Registration forms and payment may be turned in to the Olsburg VBS box or mailed to:

Olsburg Lutheran Church VBS  
104 N. First St.  
Olsburg, KS 66520

If you have any questions, please call Sonja Sandquist at #785-293-5603.

# We are looking forward to having a blast at VBS this year!

Office Use: Pd \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CD Pd \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CD Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_





22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the  
Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA  
“Gift of Grace”

July 24-26, 2009

Clarion Hotel, Manhattan, Kansas

Place in-kind gifts and afghan squares in the box in the narthex.

For more information or to download a registration form go to

<http://www.css-elca.org/WELCA.html>

In-kind Gifts for  
Help us Learn...Give us Hope!

- \*Pens, Pencils, sharpeners, erasers.
- \*Notebooks, coloring books, paper.
- \*Crayons, glue, scissors, rulers.
- \*Calculators, tape, chalk/erasers, staplers.
- \*Back packs or book bags
- \*Small toys (Beanie babies, cars, jump ropes, Frisbees, chess, checkers, soccer balls, etc).
- \*Tooth brushes, tooth paste.
- \*Books. Basic English 1-5 grade.
- \*Dollars for shipping.

Warm up America!  
Knit or crochet 7"x9"  
rectangles that will be put  
together at the convention.  
Completed afghans will be  
sent home with those who  
know of a need for them.



## Pastor Gordy's Seminary Schedule

Pastor Gordy will be on the road engaging in seminary studies at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota May 28 – June 13. While he is gone, Sonja will serve as your primary pastoral leader. So, please note the change and use the following numbers if you need to reach her if needed:

Home: 785-293-5603

Cell: 785-747-8084

Synod Assembly will also fall in this time frame so during June 4-7 she will be in Lindsborg at Synod Assembly but will be reachable by phone.



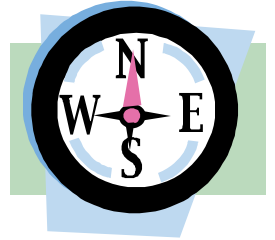
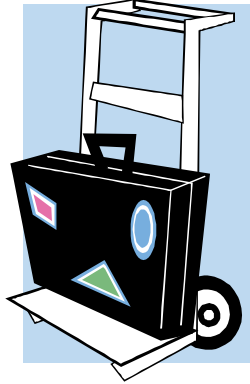
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## Blessing for Travelers

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation,  
And whose presence we find wherever we go:  
Preserve us/those who travel;  
Surround us / them with your loving care;  
Protect us / them from every danger;  
And bring us / them in safety to our / their journey's  
end;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



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