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Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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Pastor Kaylie's Note

Wow! August certainly has moved fast! It is hard to believe we are already nearing September. School has started, Sunday School has kicked off, youth programming is underway, and so much more is happening! Our lives are less vacation-y and more focused on business as usual now. In this time of all the things starting up again, know that you are enough!

It is easy to be consumed by working, keeping up with the house, spending time with family, and trying to find time for yourself. In it all, know that you are enough and you are doing enough. Take time to breathe and relax. Do one small thing that brings you joy every day, whether taking a walk, stepping into the sign, feeling the grass beneath your feet, watching a show, reading a book, or whatever. Enjoy each day in little ways, and focus on your now. All that you are doing is enough and so are you!

Church Wide Assembly

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly met August 8-12th at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. While I did not physically attend, I caught snippets and updates online. The gathering met under the theme "Embody the Word." Rostered leaders, lay leaders, and chosen congregants worshiped together in

services of eucharist and lament, participated in liturgy rooted in indigenous tradition, and witnessed a public apology to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina for the harm experienced by the Sierra Pacific Synod.

The assembly took several key actions. Most notable for us following our Central State Assembly are:

"Authorized revisions to the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*; approved exploration of reconsideration of the four stated positions of 'bound conscience.'"

"Reaffirmed the commitment of this church to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, directing the churchwide organization to set a goal of a 50% reduction of net greenhouse gas pollution by 2030, with a long-range goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050."

These actions were discussed and moved to our Synod floor in June. The hopes of approving resolutions are these points are helping the Church create a better tomorrow *and* today. In revisiting the *Human Sexuality: Gifts and Trust*, further education will be provided to continue to make the ELCA a better space for LGBTQIA+ clergy, leaders,

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congregants, and visitors. As well as, the reaffirmation to commit to reducing greenhouse emissions keeps our denomination accountable. It holds us accountable to be better stewards of God's creation. Both actions help us lean into loving our neighbor, God, and self more. Both create a more just opportunity within the church and hold all of creation in God's love.

Eucharist, Communion

Communion, as Martin Luther says, "is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink." In common day terms, eucharist (communion) is God's forgiveness and love in the presence of bread and wine. While Jesus was God's love enfleshed, communion is also God's love. In partaking in communion, we are reminded that we have died to sin and been raised with Christ. We are forgiven, and we are given new life every day.

We are part of a denomination that believes all are welcomed at God's table. Every person can be offered communion. Whether we are members, visitors, friends, family, believers, non-believers, questioning believers, curious people, or people from other faith traditions; *all are invited to God's table, to take and eat, to drink, to be forgiven, and loved.*

While we offer first communion classes to children, it is still important for us adults to be reminded of God's love in communion. When we take communion, it is a beautiful reminder that we are *always* forgiven. Thanks be to God for such love!

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, "Pastor Keith's Reflections," the monthly

newsletter, and other congregational announcements.

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

A Reminder

If you are not able to make it to our worship gatherings on Sunday morning, you may mail your offering to your respective congregation.

Olsburg people may send their offerings to the financial secretary at:

Becky Avery, 6015 Hwy 16, Olsburg, KS 66520

Walsburg people may send their offerings to the financial secretary at:

Lynne Berry, 14180 Crooked Creek Rd., Leonardville, KS 66449.

We are very grateful for your support which enables us to do the work of Christ in many ways!

Youth Ministry

On Sunday, September 18, at 4:00 p.m., the youth of Olsburg and Walsburg will gather at Walsburg for a 7th-12th grade gathering activity. Walsburg is inviting the youth from Olsburg for a fun activity of movie and pizza. For questions, contact Sheri Storer, 785.770.6506.



September birthdays and anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

September Birthdays

- 5 Jeff Howland (O)
- 7 Codie Webster (O)
- 9 Amber Befort (O)
- 10 Shelly Burklund (O)
Richard Strauss (W)
- 15 Monica Hargrave Schultz (W)
- 17 Cole Schultz (W)
- 18 Noah Plummer (O)
- 19 Brian Clifton (O)
- 20 Joshua Hagenmaier (W)
Morgan Vargo (O)
- 22 Steven Johnson (O)
Jared Fronce (O)
- 25 Mylene Davis (O)
- 28 Ray Miller (W)
Donald Cobler (O)
- 30 Kraig Kasselmann (O)

September Anniversaries

- 1 Dallas and Mylene Davis (O)
- 4 Alan and Kristin Bohnenblust (W)
- 5 David and Jeannette Pultz (W)
- 12 Gregg and Alice Marie Gibson (O)
Rick and Irene Johnson (O)
- 19 Carl and Jane Larson (W)
- 20 OJ and Monica Schultz (W)
- 25 Cody and Becca Simon (O)
- 27 David and Rosie Ahlerich (W)
- 30 Kent and Mary Nelson (O)

Members in service

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

Walsburg

***Greeters and Ushers:** Rob & Alicia Scofield; Amanda Campbell; Linda Toomire

***Communion Ushers:** Ruth Stone; Linda Toomire

***Acolytes:** 9/4 Ryker Befort; 9/11 Brody Willimon; 9/18 William Sullivan; 9/25 Macy Berry

Altar Committee: Dena Haller

***Lay Readers:** 9/4 Alicia Scofield; 9/11 Dennis Peterson; 9/18 Becky Nelson; 9/25 Lynn Hargrave

**** Walsburg volunteers at the Food Pantry during September**

***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:** Dan Holt; Kraig Kasselmann; Casey Nelson; Curtis Gutsch

***Communion Assistants:** 9/4 Kirby Burklund; 9/18 Coleen Esping

***Lay Readers:** 9/4 Gregg Gibson; 9/11 Karl Kasselmann; 9/18 April Brenner; 9/25 Jacob Nelson

***Altar Committee:** Coleen Esping, Joyce Cantrell

***Acolytes:** 9/4 Addison Gibson; 9/11 Ida Kasselmann; 9/18 Kaden Gutsch; 9/25 Landry Zoeller

Worship and Picnic in the Park

Olsburg/Walsburg Lutheran Churches are celebrating 50 years of being a joint Parish. The churches joined together back in 1972 and called Pastor Ken Carmichael to be our Pastor.

Sunday, September 18, 2022

10:00 A.M. Joint Worship Service at Randolph City Park
(inclement weather plan is the Randolph VFW)

11:00 A.M. The children will join together for Sunday School

12:00 noon Potluck meal in the park

Please mark your calendars to attend this special service!

