

Lifetogether

Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

inside...

page 2

*Camp Tomah Shinga
Noisy Offering
New Evangelical
Lutheran Worship
(ELW) Hymnals &
Reformation Day*

page 3

*October and
Novemberbirthdays
and anniversaries
Members in service*

page 4

Worship News

page 5

*Lutheran Campus
Ministries*

page 6

*Outreach
Opportunities
Olsburg Council
Minutes for August*

page 7

*Olsburg Council
Minutes for August*

From the Desk of Your Pastor

Stewardship Season?

In many congregations around the country, the month of October brings in the season of Stewardship. It is a season when the stewardship committee rolls out their program or campaign to encourage people who participate in the congregation to make their annual pledges, hopefully striving each year to come closer to giving a tithe (a 10% pledge of the gross income of the family) to the work of God through the church. And at the end of the stewardship program, which might include a sermon series, bible studies, temple talks, testimonies, printed appeal brochures and such, -- the goal is for everyone in the congregation to fill out a pledge card (or a promise of intent) for what the plan to give in the coming fiscal year.

This is all good and fine, but what most churches are finding out is that talking about stewardship for a couple weeks a year isn't really what stewardship is about. It is about talking and living faith and finances throughout the year. AND it is about focusing more on giving as a faithful act of discipleship rather than getting enough money to get the church's bills paid. We as follower of Jesus Christ, MUST have generosity at the very core of our being. This is what makes for healthy stewards and faithful

followers of Jesus.

So, I have a confession to make. Sonja and I have been generous beyond a tithe in other congregations and seasons of our life. I began tithing when I was back in Minnesota at the age of 25. Sonja and I talked about tithing to our congregations before we got married AND, for the past six years, while one or both of us have been in seminary, paying tuition bills four times a year of \$2,000 to \$5,000 each quarter (depending on the course load we took), I have not been at all faithful in my giving to the ministry of God through the work of the church. It is time for me to move more intentionally toward a tithe so that I can be a better witness (with integrity) of all that God has given. If you haven't considered your giving lately, will you join me?

Thanks for reading, and may God bless you in this stewardship season!

Thanks be to God...
Gordy

Camp Tomah Shinga Noisy Offering

This year, both Olsburg and Walsburg will once again be participating in Camp Tomah Shinga's "quarter challenge" during the month of October. These dollars (quarters) raised help make camp more affordable for many young people in the region, and a week of camp changes lives. For some, it's a week of "confirmation camp" where the group lives in committee with others and each participant is affirmed in the truth that God loves them, God matters, and (they) matter to God. For others, it is a week of fun and games, worship and bible study, and an experience of how following Jesus makes a difference in the world.

Regardless of why they might show up for a week of camp, at some point in their life, they will look back to their week at camp and discern if in fact they are participating in the world as a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Also – those counselors who care for and lead discussions during the week of camp, a high percentage of them go on in life to be leaders in the church in some way.

Your change, quarters, dollar and larger gifts, really do make a difference in the Kingdom of God. So, go find some change and fill up those cans each week in this year's "noisy offering" Camp Tomah Shinga "Quarter" challenge.

Thanks in advance for your support!

New Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Hymnals & Reformation Day

The new hymnals have arrived and all the book plates honoring the people who have gone before us have all been printed and placed inside. All we have left is to place them in the pews and begin to use them each week in worship.

October 27 is Reformation Day, and to celebrate the work and events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church in its day, we will dedicate our new ELW hymnals (the new cranberry or lingonberry Worship Book) AND, use them in worship for the first time.

The liturgical setting we will use is the same one we always use (yes, it is in the new hymnal), so don't let that deter you from being here. We will bring in some new liturgies as the year progresses and we become more comfortable with this new book.

I look forward to seeing all of you this October 27. Wear **RED** – in honor and recognition of almost 500 years of reformation history, in honor and recognition of all those who have gone before us and made the purchase of these new hymnals a financial possibility, AND – to match in style with the new hymnal cover...

A huge thank-you to all the folks who made gifts so that we can more fully participate with all the other Reformation celebrants (Lutherans) around the country.

November and December birthdays and anniversaries

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

October Birthdays

- 2 Price Oman (W)
- 4 Norma Coutermarsh (W)
Tori Brenner (O)
- 5 Wava Peterson (W)
Lindsay Bulk (W)
- 7 Donica Nelson (O)
Matthew Hagenmaier (W)
- 9 Dennis Peterson (W)
Jamie Bohnenblust (W)
- 10 Charity Johnson (W)
- 11 Mary Lou Gibbs (O)
Theresia Hagenmaier (W)
- 12 Jamie Hageman (W)
Jason Hageman (W)
Lotta Larson (W)
- 13 Eldon Sundgren (W)
- 14 Patty Nelson (O)
Lynn Hargrave (W)
- 16 Joseph Hubbard (O)
Marjorie Grater (W)
Norman Johnson (W)
- 18 Jan Cooper (O)

- Kim Bulk (W)
- 20 Callie Webster (O)
- 21 Cajsja Larson (W)
- 24 Jean Peterson (W)
- 25 Pam Holt (O)
- 26 Jerry Erickson (W)
Larry Bohnenblust (W)
- 27 Diana Hargrave (W)
- 28 Debbie Hagenmaier (W)

October Anniversaries:

- 1 Jeff and Tami Howland (O)
- 6 Mark and Kristi Fronce (O)
- 10 Larry and Sandy Glessner (W)
- 11 Vincent and Marian Smith (O)
- 19 Lee and Joyce Cantrell (O)
- 24 Ryan and Kim Gibbs (O)
- 28 Jacob and April Brenner (O)

29

November Birthdays

- 1 Christopher Deetjen (W)
OJ Schultz (W)
- 2 Alan Hubbard (O)
Casey Nelson (O)
Loren Oman (W)
- 3 Joyce Cantrell (O)

- 4 Mark Fronce (O)
- 17 Matthew Sundgren (W)
Tristan Kulp (W)
Kristin Hageman (W)
Shane Allen (W)
- 18 Luellen Kasselmann (O)
- 19 Jessica Munson (O)
Mary Kay Henry (W)
- 21 Lawrence Andersen (O)
Jane Larson (W)
- 24 Kyle Clifton (O)
- 25 Pat Gibbs (O)
Karl Kasselmann (O)
Forrest Johnson (W)
- 27 Mary Nelson (O)
- 29 Bill Neilson (W)
- 30 Elaine Olson (O)
Lee Stowell (O)
Dean Nelson (W)

November Anniversaries:

- 2 Loren and Lorraine Oman (W)
- 9 Roger & Oneita Bohnenblust (W)
- 19 Raymond & Maxine Anderson (O)
- 22 Floyd and Julie Munson (O)
- 29 Dale and Eva Larson (W)
- 30 Russell and Terry Peterson (W)

Members in service

Thank you to these members for their service to the parish during October and November .

Walsburg

October Greeters and Ushers: Lynne Berry; Calley Berry; Norman, Janice and Charity Johnson

November Greeters and Ushers: Vern, Kim and Lindsay Bulk, Sandy and Emma Glessner, Alicia Socfield

October Communion Ushers: Gary Hargrave; Jamie Hageman

November Communion Ushers: Carl Larson, Vern Bulk

***October Lay Assistants:** 10/6 Lynne Berry; 10/13 Jerry Baer; 10/20 Diana Hargrave; 10/27 Sandy McCool

***November Lay Assistants:** 11/3 Kim bulk; 11/10 Sandy Glessner; 11/17 Jane Larson; 11/24 Rita Nelson;
Altar Committee: October: Alicia Scofield
November: Dena Haller

***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

October Ushers: Kirby Burklund, Jacob Nelson, Nick Cooper, Lee Cantrell

November Ushers: Casey Nelson, Woody Kasselmann, Jonathan Nelson, Blake Vargo

October Communion Assistants: 10/06 Ashley Cooper; 10/20 Laura Clifton; 10/27 Diane Nelson

November Communion Assistants: 11/3 Mary Nelson
11/17 Julie Munson

***October Lay Assistants:** 10/6 Laura Clifton; 10/13 Patty Nelson; 10/20 Susan Adams; 10/27 Becky Avery;

***November Lay Assistants:** 11/3 Bill Monser; 11/10 Coleen Esping; 11/17 Jan Cooper; 11/24 Joyce Cantrell

October Altar Committee: Coleen Esping, Joyce Cantrell

November Altar Committee: Kathy Monser, Kristi Fronce

Calendars

Each year, the Senior High Youth of Olsburg and Walsburg sell calendars as a fund raiser. If all the calendars sell, they make \$150 to help with different expenses through the year. The calendars are here and available for purchase.

Get your 2014 calendar for **only \$6**. Each month has a gorgeous photo and short scripture passage which can help remind you each day that God has gifted you, and blessed you to be a blessing for others.

They make a great simple gift or “stocking stuffer” for Christmas. Get them while they last. We have 25 per congregation.

Senior High Youth Ministry

Starting in September 2013, we started a new group called “Flinthills Lutheran Youth Ministry.” It includes Olsburg, Walsburg and St. Mark Lutheran Church Youth and Friends. All of our gatherings are an effort to help us make space for our relationship with God and with the community, SO THAT we can serve God in the world. As we regularly practice our faith in small ways, we are more ready and equipped when God calls us to serve in big ways...

First Sunday of the Month – October 6, November 3, December 1,
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study, God sightings and fellowship at the Parsonage...

October 16 – Serve at St. Mark Soup Supper (after practice – 7:30)
December 7 – Serve at Olsburg Swedish Supper & Bake Sale
5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

November 14: Buffer Week Bowling in Marysville. Meet in Randolph at 5 pm.
Cost -- \$8

January 4: Ice Skating in Manhattan. Meet in Randolph at 2 pm.
Cost -- \$6

Adult Bible Study

I’m looking forward to beginning a regular time of study, conversation, learning, discipleship and fellowship with the “adults” at Walsburg and Olsburg.

October 21 – 7:00 P.M. (Walsburg)

October 28 – 7:00 P.M (Olsburg)

We will take the first Monday evening to have conversation about group interests, hopes, prayer, and fellowship.

I hope to see you on these Monday evenings as we discern together our time of learning. Gordy

Walsburg Clean Up Day

November 2 – 9 AM – Noon (or so)
It’s time to put everything to sleep for the year and do some indoor projects and cleaning before Advent. In case of inclement weather – Clean up will be Nov. 9

New Members

We will be receiving NEW MEMBERS at Walsburg on October 13 during worship. If you have been connected with either church and are ready to find out more about a stronger relationship with the church and community, please contact Pastor Gordy.

Lutheran Campus Ministry 75th Anniversary Celebration



You are cordially invited to join the
Kansas State University family
for the
75th anniversary celebration
of
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Sunday, November 17, 2013

12:30 p.m. Fellowship
1:00 p.m. Lunch
Program will follow

First Lutheran Church
930 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, Kansas

Tickets \$25.00
Students \$12.50

RSVP by Friday, November 1
Please Register on the website – www.ksulcm.org

Bishop's Convocation

ELCA World Hunger

Nearly 1 billion of our neighbors – one in eight people in our world today – live in poverty. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to respond.

Working with other churches in the United States and in nearly 50 countries around the world, ELCA World Hunger stats by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas to break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Then, we work alongside them to make those dreams a reality.

From microloans to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovation solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. And your giving doesn't stop there. ELCA World Hunger also engages Lutherans in advocacy and hunger education to act and speak in ways that can make a difference.

This year, ELCA World Hunger has a goal of raising \$19 million to support programs in the United States and around the globe. The World Hunger appeal each year, is funded solely by gifts from people like you and congregations like ours. Over the years, the work and ministry of ELCA World Hunger has saved and changed countless lives, families and communities around the globe. Your gift continues to matter AND, make a difference.

Olsburg Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 21, 2013

The Olsburg Lutheran Church Council met on August 21, 2013.

Members present: Coleen Esping, Julie Munson, Diane Nelson, Ashley Cooper, Woody Kasselmann, Mary Nelson, Laura Clifton, Kirby Burklund and Pastor Gordy Sandquist. Coleen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Diane led with prayer.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was reviewed. Laura moved to approve the report as presented. Ashley seconded and the report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Julie moved to approve the report as presented, Woody seconded and the report was approved.

Pastor Report: The new communion table will be ordered soon. Thank you cards were received from Shane Adams, Pastor Kevin Clark (Lutheran Campus Ministry), Blue Valley and Rock Creek after prom parties, Hillside Community Church and Central States Synod (Pastor Lapochenko's ministry in Russia)

Committee Reports:

Property Committee

- ✦ The mowing list is lost and a new one will be put up.
- ✦ Tom Nelson and sons will take care of the partially fallen tree north of

the church.

- ✚ Sidewalk south of the church is in bad shape. Marvin Johnson will be asked to look at this for possible repairs or replacement.
- ✚ Bush by front entry steps is overgrown and needs to be trimmed back.

Old Business:

- ✚ The search for a permanent organist continues.
- ✚ Diane brought up the issue of numerous interior cracks in church walls. Other issues of church maintenance were also discussed. Kirby will check on possibilities for repairs.

New Business:

- ✚ The status of the office computer was discussed. It was discussed that it was probably outdated but also not used much. Will talk about this issue more at Sept. meeting.
- ✚ The purchase of the new ELW books was discussed. Monies would come from the Memorial Fund. Diane made a motion to purchase them. Julie seconded and the motion was approved.
- ✚ A bill for the Snapper lawnmower repairs was presented (\$126.00) from Kenny Johnson. Mary motioned to pay the bill, Ashley seconded and the motion was approved.
- ✚ Julie moved for Laura to purchase propane for the winter from the area propane company with the lowest per gallon rate. Woody seconded and the motion was approved.
- ✚ The salary for the church organist was discussed. Julie made a motion to pay \$50.00 per Sunday and Ashley seconded. Motion was then amended to include substitutes at

same rate. Motion was then approved as amended.

- ✚ Julie made a motion to pay the organist mileage for incurred trips at the current federal rate of \$.55 per mile with the amount not to exceed \$15.00 per trip. Ashley seconded and the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned by council members reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Life *together*

Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish
12410 Union Road
Leonardville, KS 66449-9617

Address Service Requested

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage PAID
Olsburg, KS 66520
Permit No. 2

Worship Schedule

Olsburg Lutheran Church	Sundays	9:00 AM	Sunday School 10:00 AM
Walsburg Lutheran Church	Sundays	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM

Life Together is published bi-monthly by the Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish.
Deadline for calendar and other items is the last Monday of each month.

Editor/Parish Coordinator

Shelly Burklund
Cell 785-532-9853
Home 785-468-3370
sburklun@ksu.edu

Pastor

Gordon Sandquist
Home 785-293-5603
Gordy cell: 785-747-7831
gsandquist001@luthersem.edu

Parish Information

Olsburg 468-3500
olc@olsburglutheran.org
Walsburg 293-5367