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## Reflections by Pastor Kaylie

October 4th is the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, or the Day of Animal Blessings!

Francis of Assisi is known as the Patron Saint of Animals, Merchants, and Ecology. Born into a rich family, he abandoned his luxurious life after hearing God's voice. It is said that the voice told him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. St. Francis is said to have done several miracles through the help of God, and for his compassion for the vulnerable, poor and sick people, and animals. He was said to have healed a person with leprosy, prayed with birds, and tamed a wild wolf attacking a community. St. Francis of Assisi devoted his life to serving people, the land, and animals.

On the 4th may we remember St. Francis, his works, and his missions. May we step outside to appreciate the land below our feet and the animals in our lives. May we walk together with more compassion and kindness for our neighbor, ourselves, and all living creatures!

Together we can pray the "Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: the Prayer for Peace"

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

As the Church and the ELCA are everchanging, our Synod has asked the question "what does it mean to be Church today?" In part to answer this question, our synod adopted a new mission statement "United with Christ in baptism. Traveling the way of Jesus. Joining God's reign of justice and radical love for the world." There are many ways we can be the Church today, the body of Christ, through various activities and various ways of giving. The ways we are the Church today, at Olsburg and Walsburg, will look a little different than our sibling Churches in Wichita. The hope with this new mission statement is that we continue to stay united with Christ in baptism, to remember that we are born from the same tradition and faith ancestors. That we believe in Christ Jesus, his life and ministry, and death and resurrection. In Jesus' baptism we were made dead to sin and

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washed in love. We were sealed with the mark of the cross and given the holy spirit forever and ever. While the Church may change and start to look different may we trust in the Holy Spirit and God's promises. May we know we are deeply loved and held by the Creator. May God give us ears to listen, eyes to witness, voices to proclaim God's radical love, and hearts to burn brightly for God's mission- to love neighbor, ourselves, God, and all of this world.

My alma mater, Bethany College, recently invited me to lead the campus in a Communion Service. While I was preparing for this service, I came across Psalm 103 again. A psalm that is of thanksgiving, one that reminded me of the goodness of God, and showed me how far God's love goes to surround us. May we mindfully read through Psalm 103 said to be written by David, May the God of All bless you and keep you in all the days to come. May you feel God shine brightly on you when the sun touches your face. May the words of David enter into your soul and fill you with gladness. May you know you are a beloved child of God, deeply loved, and may you share this gladness and love with all those around you. Amen!

Psalm 103 By David

1 Bless YHWH, my soul!  
All that is in me, bless God's holy Name!  
2 Bless YHWH, my soul,  
and remember all God's kindnesses!  
3 the One who forgives all your sins  
is the One who heals all your diseases;  
4 the One who ransoms your life from the Pit  
is the One who crowns you with love and tenderness.  
5 the One who fills your years with prosperity  
also gives you an eagle's youthful energy.  
6 How you love justice, YHWH!  
You are always on the side of the oppressed.  
7 You revealed your intentions to Moses,

your deeds to Israel.  
8 You are tender and compassionate,  
YHWH—  
slow to anger, and always loving;  
9 your indignation doesn't endure forever,  
and your anger lasts only for a short time.  
10 You never treat us as our sins deserve;  
you don't repay us in kind for the injustices we do.  
11 For as high as heaven is above the earth,  
so great is the love for those who revere you.  
12 As far away as the east is from the west,  
that's how far you remove our sins from us!  
13 As tenderly as parents treat their children,  
that's how tenderly you treat your worshipers, YHWH!  
14 For you know what we are made of—  
you remember that we're nothing but dust.  
15 We last no longer than grass,  
live no longer than a wildflower;  
16 one gust of wind and we're gone,  
never to be seen again.  
17 Yet your love lasts from age to age  
for those who revere you, YHWH,  
as does your goodness to our children's children,  
18 and to those who keep your covenant  
and remember to obey your precepts.  
19 You have established your throne in the heavens,  
and your reign extends over everything.  
20 Bless YHWH, you angels,  
you powers who do God's bidding,  
attentive to every word of command!  
21 bless YHWH, you heavenly host,  
you faithful ones who enforce God's will!  
22 bless YHWH, all creation,  
to the far reaches of God's reign!  
bless YHWH, my soul!

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 1384-1385). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition

# October 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 Tori Brenner (O)
- 5 Lindsay Shorter (W)
- 7 Donica Nelson (O)  
Matthew Hagenmaier (W)
- 9 Dennis Peterson (W)  
Jamie Bohnenblust (W)
- 10 Charity Johnson (W)  
David Ahlerich (W)
- 11 Mary Lou Gibbs (O)
- 12 Jamie Hageman (W)  
Jason Hageman (W)  
Lotta Larson (W)
- 13 Creed Kasselmann (O)
- 14 Patty Nelson (O)  
Lynn Hargrave (W)
- 16 Joseph Hubbard (O)  
Norman Johnson (W)
- 18 Jan Cooper (O)
- 20 Callie Webster (O)
- 21 Cajsa Larson (W)
- 22 Stefan Hillocks (O)
- 23 Deb Lowry (O)
- 25 Pam Holt (O)
- 26 Larry Bohnenblust (W)

- Sheri Storer (W)
- Jacob Brenner (O)
- Wesley Simon (O)
- 27 Diana Hargrave (W)
- 28 Debbie Hagenmaier (W)

## October Anniversaries:

- 1 Jeff and Tami Howland (O)
- 6 Mark and Kristi Fronce (O)
- 15 Morgan and Lindsay Shorter (W)
- 10 Larry and Sandy Glessner (W)
- 19 Lee and Joyce Cantrell (O)
- 28 Jacob and April Brenner (O)

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## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

## Members in service Olsburg

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

### Walsburg

**Walsburg Greeters and Ushers:** A. J. & Calley Berry; Richard & Shirley Strauss; Gary & Diana Hargrave

**\*Walsburg Communion Ushers:** Donise Peterson & Rita Nelson

**\*Walsburg Acolytes:** 10/2 Izabel Nelson; 10/9 Harper Befort; 10/16 Mason Scofield; 10/23 Teske Nelson; 10/30 Ryker Befort

**\*Lay Readers:** 10/2 Jan Neilson; 10/9; 10/16 Amber Befort; 10/23 Alicia Scofield; 10/30 Mary Kay Henry

**Altar Committee:** 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.**

**\*Ushers:** Kirby Burklund; Jon Nelson; Jacob Nelson; Lee Cantrell

**\*Communion Assistants:** 10/2 John Lowry; 10/16 Jacob Nelson; 10/30 Karl Kasselmann

**\*Lay Readers:** 10/2 David Gibson; 10/9 Kristi Fronce; 10/16 Coleen Esping; 10/23 Becky Avery; 10/30 Kraig Kasselmann

**\*Acolytes:** 10/2 Jeremiah Brenner; 10/9 Colt Kasselmann; 10/16 Tori Brenner; 10/23 Witten Ricketts; 10/30 Jarin Brenner, Grady Kasselmann, Ida Kasselmann

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

## **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, 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](mailto:sburklun@ksu.edu).

## **Walsburg is supporting the Leonardville Blessing Bins**

Walsburg is collecting for the Blessing bin located in Leonardville for the month of October. You may leave donations in the box at our church. Items to include are personal hygiene items, infant needs, mittens and hats. For more information, contact Vern Bulk.

## **Do you have Old Pictures of Walsburg Lutheran Church?**

The Walsburg 150th Anniversary committee is looking for old pictures of the church, as well as written family histories or stories that could be included in the 150th anniversary book. If you have any of these that you would like to share, please e-mail them to either Amy Feigley ([feigleyfarm@eaglecom.net](mailto:feigleyfarm@eaglecom.net)) or Loretta Hoerman ([lhoerman@cox.net](mailto:lhoerman@cox.net)). Thank you!



# Walsburg Hayride & Wiener Roast

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**4 p.m. - Dark**

**Walsburg Lutheran Church**



**Roasted Hot Dogs | S'mores | Drinks**  
**Bring a dish to share!**  
**Tableware Provided**

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**Invite family, friends, and neighbors.**