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Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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From the Desk of Pastor Keith

In November we observe a Day of Thanksgiving. Actually, every day is a day of Thanksgiving for us who follow Jesus! November, though, is a time to give special attention to living as thankful people.

A cartoon in a newspaper showed a picture of a living room in a typical home. A brightly decorated Christmas tree was in one corner. A ten-year old boy stood in the middle of a wide assortment of toys he had just unwrapped.

There was an electric train on one side of him, a brand-new bike leaning against the wall, a catcher's mitt at his feet, and in his hands a model airplane. The room all around him was strewn with expensive toys and gifts and wrapping paper. Under the cartoon was the caption: "You mean this is all I get?"

What a spoiled child! His parents had spent hundreds of dollars on toys, gadgets and playthings. Instead of being awed and grateful, he complained because there wasn't more. Instead of complaining, his eyes should have been shining and his lips saying, "You mean I get all this!"

The truth is that all of us have more in common with this child than we like to think. We have been unbelievably blessed in material things, yet we stand in the

midst of plenty and ask, "Is this all I get?"

God is so good to us! Should not our hearts be overflowing with gratitude? Should we not be seeking ways to thank our generous God? Should we not want to share our abundance with others? How can we faithfully live as disciples of Jesus in a world of plenty? Something to ponder and pray about!

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More thoughts on thanksgiving. When we have a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness we cannot help but look outward - to God and to others. When we do not have a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness we look inward - to ourselves.

It seems to me that more and more people are looking inward these days. Instead of embracing "the other" and loving "the other," we fear "the other" and tend to ignore, shun, put down, or even try to destroy "the other." But doesn't God call us to a life of love, and not just loving a few people, but opening ourselves to loving all people? Jesus said we are to love our neighbors. Who are our neighbors? Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to teach us that our neighbors are whoever needs our help.

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The New Testament book of First John says, *“We know love by this, that he (Jesus) laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”* (1 John 3:16-18)
It all starts with God - with God’s love for us! For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. This is where a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness begins! And when we are filled with a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness we can’t help but look outward - to God and to others.

Our world needs a change of heart. Our world needs more people who are willing to take the risk of loving others. It seems to me that we are called to lead the way.

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And speaking of thanksgiving, I am thankful for you - for each and every one of you! I am thankful for your faithfulness to Christ and his mission. I am thankful for your welcoming spirit. I am thankful that you strive to be a caring community of Christians. I am thankful for your passion for children’s ministries. I am thankful for the ways you reach out and serve the community, especially those in need. I am thankful that you want to make a difference in the lives of people.

I am thankful that you are a people of hope. I am thankful that you look to the future with confidence. I am thankful that when the challenge is great, you give extra to meet the challenge. I am thankful for your “can do!” attitude.

I am thankful for the privilege of serving the congregations of Olsburg and Walsburg. I am thankful for the rich opportunity of working with you in the Kingdom of God! Yes, thanks be to God!

Pastor Keith Wiens

Update On The Call Process

The call committee reports that our fourth candidate withdrew from call process in September. So we continue to wait and search for our new pastor. Meanwhile, the call committee is revising the Ministry Site Profile and putting together an Information Packet to send to candidates. They are also reviewing the interview questions and seeking ways to help candidates learn more about our two churches.

Reminder

Our LifeTouch Mobile Directory is available online at <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/201152/walsburg-lutheran-church>. The access code needed to get in to the directory is 18wlc.

November birthdays, anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

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)
- 10 David Ahlerich (W)
- 11 Mason Cooper Rice (O)
- 17 Matthew Sundgren (W)
Tristan Kulp (W)
Kristin Hageman (W)
Shane Allen (W)
- 18 Luellen Kasselmann (O)
- 19 Jessica Koch (O)
Mary Kay Henry (W)
- 21 Jane Larson (W)
- 24 Kyle Clifton (O)
- 25 Karl Kasselmann (O)
Forrest Johnson (W)
- 27 Mary Nelson (O)
- 29 Bill Neilson (W)
- 30 Dean Nelson (W)

November Anniversaries:

- 1 Lee and Roberta Hartford (W)
- 9 Roger & Oneita Bohnenblust (W)
- 11 Dennis and Donise Peterson (W)
- 15 Brad and Ashley Rice (O)
- 29 Dale and Eva Larson (W)
- 30 Russell and Terry Peterson (W)

saints in the Kingdom of Heaven on October 10, 2018. Willis was a member of Olsburg Lutheran Church.

+ We rejoice with Adelaide who was baptized on October 14 at Walsburg. Adelaide is the daughter of Jordan and Katie Hagenmaier.

+ We sorrow with the family and friends of Donald Holt who joined the saints in the Kingdom of Heaven on August 5, 2018. Don was a member of Olsburg Lutheran Church.

+ We sorrow with the family and friends of Wava Peterson who joined the saints in the Kingdom of Heaven on October 7, 2018. Wava was a member of Walsburg Lutheran Church.

+ We sorrow with the family and friends of Willis Poppe who joined the

Members in service

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

Walsburg

***Ushers and Greeters:** Norman, Janice & Charity Johnson; Sarah Diamond & Jeremy Dick; Lori Rogge

Communion Ushers: Trenton Hargrave & Valerie Hoehner

***Acolytes:** 11/4 Gracie Scofield; 11/11 Harper Befort; 11/18 Mason Scofield; 11/25 Harper Befort

***Lay Assistants:** 11/4 Amber Befort; 11/11 Jennifer Byarlay; 11/18 Diana Hargrave; 11/25 Sheri Storer

Altar Committee: Lynne Berry

***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: Casey Nelson; Jon Nelson; Woody Kasselmann; David Gibson

Communion Assistants: 11/4 Kristi Fronce; 11/18 David Gibson

***Acolytes:** 11/4 Skyler Zoeller, Kaden Gutsch, Emma Kasselmann; 11/11 Grady Kasselmann 11/18 Brooklynn Zoeller; 11/25 Emma Kasselmann

***Lay Assistants:** 11/4 Jace Ricketts; 11/11 Ashley Rice; 11/18 Luellen Kasselmann; 11/25 Patty Nelson

November Altar Committee: Kathy Monser, Kristi Fronce

**Olsburg Sunday School and Outreach and Fellowship
Team-up to collect food for the Food Pantry**

The Olsburg Sunday School and Outreach and Fellowship Committee invite you to share food with the local food pantry.

Your donation during November and December can make a BIG difference! There will be a box in the narthex for you to drop off your donation. Food will be delivered to the local food pantry in late December. Thank you!

Olsburg Office News

Please turn in all information for the Yearbook to Shelly no later than December 5, 2018. Not sure what you need to turn in? Please see the list below:

From Council Chair: List of 2019 council members and Property Committee. List of Church Officers. Monthly (include date) list of who is assisting Pastor during communion

From Head Usher: Usher and Receive offering monthly list

Lay Reader list

Acolyte list (from altar guild)

LCW meeting dates, committees, officers

Any other information you would like added to the yearbook.

Thank you for helping me meet this strict deadline!

Shelly

Olsburg Sunday School Christmas Program

The Olsburg Sunday School Christmas program will be during the regular church service on December 16th. A brunch will follow the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex. We hope you can join us for this special service!

Walsburg WELCA is selling Calendars

Walsburg Women of ELCA will be selling **2019 God's Creation Wall Calendars** for \$7.00 each. These calendars are great for personal use and also a great Christmas gift.

Walsburg Church Christmas Decorating

Walsburg will be decorating the church for the holidays on Dec. 2, 2018 immediately following church service. Sloppy Joes, drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone else is being asked to furnish a side dish of either a salad, chips, cheese, relish or dessert.

Walsburg Office News

Please turn in all information for the Yearbook to Rita Nelson no later than December 2, 2018. Thank you!

Thank You to the Walsburg Quilters and Friends!

A big thank you to everyone who has donated their time and talent to make quilts and other items that have been donated for gifts to hospital patients while they are receiving treatment for congenital heart defects. Numerous quilts have been given to Sarah Diamond who manages The Heart of MFB, a non-profit that offers awareness and support for families impacted by congenital heart defects. For nearly two years, many quilters of Walsburg and the community have graciously donated beautiful baby and child blankets, quilts, and hats that have been sent to families who are hospitalized. These generous gifts are very much appreciated by so many and bring smiles during difficult times. Thank you so much!

Walsburg Sunday School News

THANK YOU, ACOLYTES!

What a joy to see Walsburg's first communicants trained as acolytes and serving during our worship services.

CHILDREN SING AT LEONARDVILLE NURSING HOME

On Sunday, November 11, the Walsburg Sunday School children joined in the Leonardville Nursing Home Sunday services by singing three songs ("Jesus Loves Me", "He's Got the Whole World", "This Little Light of Mine").

WALSBURG'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

During worship service on Sunday, December 16, the children will present their annual Christmas program, "The Party". The children will be retelling the Christmas story through Christmas ornaments, gifts, and searching the Scriptures. Invite your family and friends to hear the wonderful Christmas story!

CHILDREN'S BIBLES

At the beginning of 2018 Sunday School, Walsburg Sunday School children were presented a bible during worship service. These bibles (coordinated with Sunday School curriculum materials) are used by the children each week during Sunday School time and taken home each week for reading throughout the week. Thanks to those who supported this with your prayers and donations!

WALSBURG'S CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

It has been an exciting start to another Sunday School year! Opening worship time begins in the Sanctuary with children singing familiar songs, an introductory video to the weekly Bible story, a Bible story and a snack. Bible stories this Fall have included: In the Beginning, God's Covenant with Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and His Brothers, Joseph in Egypt, Deborah, Elijah and Elisha, Esther, Daniel, and Jonah. Thanks to all the volunteers who willing help with Sunday School!



**Bridal Shower for Brianna Olson
will be held December 2,
Walsburg Memorial Hall**

A bridal shower will be held for Brianna Olson on Sunday, December 2 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Service Committee #3 will be handling the arrangements. Brianna and Max are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon. Kitchen items and homemade items are welcomed.

**Walsburg Special Congregational
meeting scheduled**

Walsburg will be holding a special congregational meeting January 6th following worship to discuss the stain glass windows.

**Christmas Season will soon be
upon us!**

Olsburg Lutheran Church will hold service a special Christmas Eve Celebration service, Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 at 9:00 p.m.

Walsburg Lutheran Church will hold a traditional Julotta service Christmas morning at 6:00 a.m.

Olsburg Lutheran Church

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SWEDISH SUPPER

Saturday, December 1, 2018

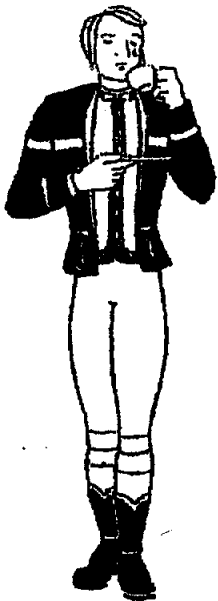
Serving 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Adults - \$15.00

Children 6 - 12 - \$7.00

NO WALKINS

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY NOVEMBER 28TH



Tack så mycket

For Tickets Contact: Luellen Kasselmann

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Or

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Or

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Tickets also available at:

The Farmhouse - Olsburg

Union State Bank - Olsburg & Randolph



Var så god

