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Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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Reflections from Pastor Keith

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1)

Long before Abraham Lincoln established a national day of Thanksgiving in 1863, and long before the Pilgrims gathered with Native Americans for a day of Thanksgiving in 1621, people of faith were giving thanks.

The Psalms in the Old Testament are filled with expressions of giving thanks to God. The New Testament continues this spirit of giving thanks. In 1 Thessalonians 5 we read, *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* The early Christians were most thankful for Jesus! Such gratitude is expressed clearly in 1 Corinthians 15:57, *“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”*

Christians give thanks! That’s what we do!

When Christians gather for worship, the Liturgy for Holy Communion is one great expression of thanksgiving. The pastor says, “Let us **give thanks** to the Lord our God.” And we all respond, “It is right **give our thanks and praise.**” Then the pastor says, “It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all

times and in all places **give thanks and praise** to you, almighty and merciful God!”

We express praise and thanksgiving to God as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might!” Then we give thanks at the table as the pastor leads us:

“In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and **gave thanks**; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, **gave thanks**, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Almost immediately Christians began referring to this Meal as the **Eucharist** which is the Greek word for “giving thanks.” They gathered every Sunday (the weekly remembrance of Easter!) to give thanks as they experienced the presence of the Risen Christ among them and within them.

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They called it their **Eucharist**. It was their Thanksgiving Meal.

The **Eucharist** is our Thanksgiving Meal. For all that Christ has done for us and for the world, we give thanks. For sins forgiven and life with God, we give thanks. For strength and courage for daily living and Spirit-power to help us work for justice and peace, we give thanks. For all who share in this Meal, both now and in ages past and in ages to come, we give thanks. As we eat the bread and drink from the cup we give thanks. This Meal is our **Eucharist**, our Meal of Thanksgiving.

The **Eucharist** shapes our lives. Thanksgiving is a way of life for us who follow Jesus. Thanksgiving for us does not just happen on the fourth Thursday in November. As we say in the Liturgy, "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should **at all times and in all places give thanks and praise** to you, almighty and merciful God!" Thanksgiving is what we do every day!

I am thankful for so very much! God has richly blessed me. I want you to know how thankful I am for each of you. Carol and I often talk about what a blessing you are in our lives. Every day we thank God for you!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving! Not just during these November days, but always!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Keith

Words of Wisdom

"Make a joyful to the Lord, all the earth. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name." (Psalm 100:1, 4)

"Only the one who gives thanks for little things receives the big things. We prevent God from giving us the great spiritual gifts God has in store for us, because we do not give thanks for daily gifts." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

"The eating and drinking of the Lord's Table is not some sort of 'add on' to the reality of being Christian. This eating and drinking is, strictly speaking, not something Christians 'do' at all. It is the means by which Christians *are* Christians and *remain* Christians." William Weinrich

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)
- 3 Joyce Cantrell (O)
- 4 Mark Fronce (O)
- 7 Abigail Hagenmaier (W)
- 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 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)

+ We rejoice with Nickolas Cooper and Mary Alice O'Reilly who were married on October 12, 2019, at Prairiewood Retreat and Preserve, Manhattan, Kansas. Nick is a member at Olsburg Lutheran Church.

Members in service

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

Walsburg

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

Communion Ushers: Trenton Hargrave & Valerie Hoehner

***Acolytes:** 11/3 Mason Scofield; 11/10 Gracie Scofield; 11/17 Dawson Dick; 11/24 Harper Befort

***Lay Assistants:** 11/3 Janet Neilson; 11/10 Gracie Scofield; 11/17 Amber Befort; 11/24 Diana Hargrave

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: Kyle Clifton; Tom Nelson; Woody Kasselmann; David Gibson

Communion Assistants: 11/3 David Gibson; 11/17 Gregg Gibson

***Acolytes:** 11/3 Jordyn Gutsch, Emma & Ida Kasselmann; 11/10 Kylea Ricketts; 11/17 Skyler Zoeller; 11/24 Grady Kasselmann

***Lay Assistants:** 11/3 Jan Cooper; 11/10 Bill Monser; 11/17 Kathy Monser; 11/24 Karl Kasselmann

November Altar Committee: Kathy Monser, Kristi Fronce

OLC Council Highlights from September Meeting

The Olsburg Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. The following items were discussed:

- † On November 3rd, the Bishop will be here for a visit. There will be a potluck at Walsburg following service there. This will be a time to have open discussion with the Bishop.
- † There are church members who have volunteered to do lawn care and landscaping such as fertilizing the grass, putting down landscape rock by the sidewalk, and planting mums in the flower beds. The council is appreciative of everyone who has volunteered to do this work and also those who have mowed throughout the year.
- † Church elections will be held in October. There are three open council positions. The council terms begin December 1st. The date for elections was set for October 20th.
- † Again this year, we will decorate the outside of the church prior to the Swedish Supper. Lights will be purchased with money from the general fund.
- † The Call Committee is currently speaking with a pastoral candidate. The Olsburg and Walsburg councils are interested in further discussion with this individual and will make plans for a visit in the near future.
- † A decision was made to have a joint council meeting on Sunday, September 22nd. Each council needs to examine their budget and determine how we will support a pastor since overall tithing has declined in recent years.

† Discussion regarding the middle aisle flooring will be held during the congregational election meeting. Do we want to leave the wood floor exposed or do we want to put down carpet like we've had in the past? This will give the congregation an opportunity to voice their opinions. The carpet is purchased but we would have to pay for the installation labor.

† The council continued discussion on rock for the Olsburg Cemetery driveway. This is an on-going project that is dependent upon the weather and availability of workers.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

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, 2019. Not sure what you need to turn in? Please see the list below:

From Council Chair: List of 2020 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 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 15th. We hope you
can join us for this special service!

Walsburg Church Christmas Decorating

Walsburg will be decorating the church for
the holidays on Dec. 1, 2019 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, 2019. Thank you!

Walsburg Sunday School Christmas Program

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" is
Walsburg children's Sunday School
program. Mark your calendars to attend
this special program on Sunday,
December 15, during the 11:00 a.m.
worship service. Again, we will hear that
special news that the angels proclaimed of
Jesus' birth!

Walsburg Sunday School News

During November the children will be
practicing for their upcoming Christmas
program. Bible Stories for November
include: David and Solomon, The Lord is
My Shepherd, Jonah, Jeremiah's Call/
Trust in the Lord.

Hayride and Wiener Roast

40 children and adults braved the cold
weather on Sunday, October 27, enjoying
the hayride, games, food, and fellowship!
Thanks to all who helped in any way to
make this a memorable evening for all
those (young and old) who attended!





Photo of Walsburg Lutheran Church available for Purchase

A photo of Walsburg Lutheran Church by Tim Sigle last summer will be available for sale and orders taken on Sunday, November 3. Tim has donated a framed print for our church and it will be on display as well.

Prices are small \$50 and large \$100. Orders will be taken through November 17 and be available for Christmas gifts. Proceeds will go to the window restoration fund.



A Christmas Cookie Walk

Mark your calendars to attend "A Christmas Cookie Walk" on Saturday morning, December 7 from 9-12 at Walsburg Lutheran Church. A baking party will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 5 at the home of Marlene Jenkins. Friday afternoon will also be a time of fun and fellowship as we decorate Memorial Hall and sugar cookies for the sale. Cookies will be sold by the pound on Saturday morning. Free hot chocolate and coffee will be available along with cookie samples. Let your friends and family know about this outreach ministry to the community and welcome them to join us.

Olsburg Lutheran Church

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SWEDISH SUPPER

Saturday, December 7, 2019

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

Adults - \$15.00

Children 6 - 12 - \$7.00

NO WALKINS

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY NOVEMBER 30TH

For Tickets Contact: Luellen Kasselmann

Telephone - 785.565.1240

Or

304 E. Hwy 16 - Olsburg, KS 66520

Or

woodyk@twinvalley.net

Tickets also available at:

Linda's 1st St Salon - Olsburg - 468-2001

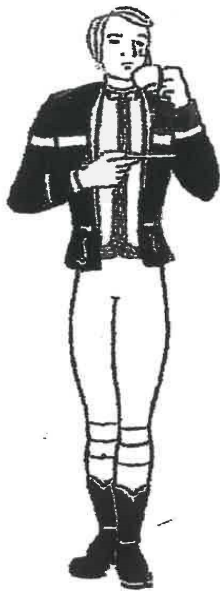
The Farmhouse - Olsburg - 468-3511

Traditions - Olsburg - 468-3344

Union State Bank - Olsburg - 468-3341

Union State Bank - Randolph - 293-5516

Sheryl Toburen - Manhattan - 565 - 3742



Tack så mycket



Var så god

