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Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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## Reflections from Pastor Kaylie

At the Bishop's Fall Theological Conference, we hosted Dr. Cheryl Peterson who walked with our synod's rostered ministers discussing Does Church Still Matter? Here are some key takeaways from the week:

### Does Church Still Matter? A Reflection on Our Purpose and Mission

In her compelling article, "Does Church Still Matter," Cheryl reminds us of the fundamental function of the church. She beautifully articulates that the church isn't merely a gathering of individuals but a living embodiment of God's love and mission in the world. Her words resound with the timeless truth that the church remains an indispensable agent of transformation and hope in our communities and beyond.

### Embracing Our Identity:

God's call to the church is not just a summons to gather but an invitation to participate in the divine mission. We, as members of this sacred body, are called not only to be transformed by the Holy Spirit but also to become bearers of God's love and hope to all. Our identity as the church isn't static but dynamic, continuously evolving as we engage in the work of God's kingdom.

### Moving from Survival to Revival:

In these challenging times, it's easy for the church to slip into a

mode of mere survival. However, the call of our faith beckons us toward revival. It's a call to renew our commitment to the vibrant, life-giving mission of the church. As a community, we must embrace this call and work together to revitalize our faith, our outreach, and our impact on the world around us.

### Transcending Fear to Bold Proclamation:

Fear has the power to cripple even the most steadfast among us. Yet, as a church, we are called to transcend fear and embrace a spirit of bold proclamation. This boldness is not rooted in arrogance but in the unwavering belief in the transformative power of God's love. It is a call to share the message of hope, compassion, and reconciliation fearlessly, knowing that we carry within us the divine light that can dispel even the darkest of shadows.

Let us take these powerful insights to heart as we continue our journey as a faith community. May we be inspired to live out our identity as the church, to move from survival to revival, and to transcend fear to bold proclamation. Together, let us reaffirm the timeless truth that the church indeed matters, now and always.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Kaylie

## Olsburg Office News

Please turn in all information for the Yearbook to Shelly no later than December 1, 2022. Not sure what you need to turn in? Please see the list below:

From Council Chair: List of 2023 council members and Committee members. 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

mashed potatoes, noodles, cream soups (mushroom, chicken), chunky soups, canned yams, canned corn, canned green beans, and tuna. Your support is very much appreciated! Rhonda Baer



### Mark your calendars: for the 4th annual "Christmas Cookie Walk"

to be held on Saturday morning,

December 2 from 9-11 a.m. at Walsburg Lutheran Church. A signup sheet for donations of cookies and candy will be posted soon in the narthex. Your participation is welcome and appreciated!

### Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets

Sign-up for Thanksgiving holiday food baskets is underway at the Community Food Basket Serving Northern Riley County, Saturday mornings through November 11. Needed food items include: canned peaches, canned pineapple, canned pumpkin and fruit pie fillings, evaporated milk, brownie mixes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed

# November birthdays, anniversaries

**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)  
William Sullivan (W)
- 2 Alan Hubbard (O)  
Casey Nelson (O)
- 3 Joyce Cantrell (O)
- 4 Mark Fronce (O)
- 7 Abigail Hagenmaier (W)
- 9 Tristian Kulp (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)  
Valeria Rogers (W)
- 19 Mary Kay Henry (W)  
Trinity Meader (W)  
Ava Crain (W)
- 21 Jane Larson (W)
- 23 Thomas Halstead (W)
- 24 Kyle Clifton (O)

- 25 Karl Kasselmann (O)
- 27 Mary Nelson (O)
- 29 Bill Neilson (W)  
Ruby Stevens (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)

## Members in service

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

### Walsburg

**\*Ushers & Greeters:** Norman & Janice Johnson;  
Jeremy & Anita Hinkle; Kaleb and Michelle Sullivan

**Communion Ushers:** Vern Bulk & Roger Sundgren

**\*Acolytes:** 11/5 Harper Befort; 11/12 Teske Nelson;  
11/19 Brody Willimon; 11/26 Izabel Nelson

**\*Lay Assistants:** 11/5 Izabel Nelson; 11/12 Amber Befort; 11/19 Lori Rogge; 11/26 Don Nelson

**Altar Committee:** Jan Neilson

**\*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:** Jim Nelson; David Gibson; John Lowry

**Communion Assistants:** 11/5 Kirby Burkland; 11/19 Jan Cooper

**\*Acolytes:** 11/5 Jordyn Gutsch, Ida Kasselmann; Colt Kasselmann; 11/12 Mason Rice; 11/9 Addison Gibson; 11/26 Witten Ricketts

**\*Lay Assistants:** 11/5 Jacob Nelson; 11/12 Bill Monser; 11/19 Gregg Gibson; 11/26 Kathy Ricketts

**November Altar Committee:** Coleen Esping; Ashley Rice

## Olsburg Donates to LWR

Thanks to the generous contributions from the congregation and many helping hands the Olsburg LCW took 32 school kits, 25 personal care kits, and 20 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering in Salina. These items will go on to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis to be distributed where needed in the US and around the world.



## 150th Anniversary News

Thank you to everyone who attended our 150th anniversary weekend and those who contributed to this joyous celebration and reunion with family, friends, former pastors, past and current members. As we have celebrated this milestone in 2023, we will continue to Celebrate God's Love. History of the last 150 years in a beautiful book entitled **"Built on a Rock"** written by Loretta M. Hoerman is now available for \$25. Contact Loretta by email at [lhoerman@cox.net](mailto:lhoerman@cox.net) or by phone at 785-408-0237. A commemorative pictorial and musical history on a souvenir flash drive is also available for a suggested donation of \$5 by contacting Rita Nelson by email at [dnrw71@kansas.net](mailto:dnrw71@kansas.net) or by phone at 785-770-0321. We also continue to sell cookbooks and Christmas ornaments upon request. Orders for any item can also be placed by emailing [walsburglutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:walsburglutheranchurch@gmail.com). Checks should be made payable to Walsburg Lutheran Church and mailed to 12351 Union Road, Leonardville, KS 66449.



A special "thank you" to members of the Olsburg Lutheran Church for the gift of the fall wreath which is now displayed on our front door.

## Walsburg Donates to LWR

Thank you to the Walsburg congregation for making it possible to donate 103 Quilts, 40 Personal Care Kits, and 42 Baby Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief this year. These were delivered to the Ingathering in Salina on October 26.



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## Pictorial History of Walsburg Lutheran Church

On a USB Flash Drive – watch on TV or Computer

Pictures compiled by Don & Rita Nelson  
Set to music and video by Jenny Anderes  
All music is by Walsburg local talent  
More than 200 pictures  
36 minutes  
Suggested Donation - \$5.00  
Contact Don or Rita Nelson to purchase  
785-293-5304

# Olsburg Lutheran Church

## *SWEDISH SUPPER*

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

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

Tickets - \$20.00

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY NOVEMBER 27**

***NO WALK-INS***

For Tickets Contact: Luellen Kasselmann

Telephone - 785.565.1240

Or

[woodyk@twinvalley.net](mailto:woodyk@twinvalley.net)

**Tickets also available at:**

Traditions - Olsburg - 468-3344

The Farmhouse - Olsburg - 468-3511

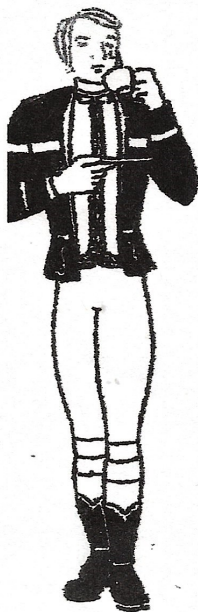
Union State Bank - Olsburg - 468-3341

Sheryl Toburen - Manhattan - 565-3742

Union State Bank - Randolph - 293-5516

Linda's 1<sup>st</sup> St Salon - Olsburg - 313-1371

Justin Ricketts - Gavan Ford - Clay Center - 770-7473



*Tack så mycket.*



*Var så god*