

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us



By Pastor Kaylie Ines

The Good News of the "Still More"

Lent often arrives with a heavy visual vocabulary: ashes, desert sands, the wilderness, and the somber silence of self-denial. We are accustomed to a season that begins with Jesus being driven into the wilderness to face temptation. However, the Gospel of John offers us a startlingly different starting point for Jesus' ministry. Instead of a lonely desert, we find ourselves at a crowded, noisy wedding in Cana. Instead of fasting, there is a feast. Instead of scarcity, there is a "lavish" surplus.

Tonight, as we gather in the middle of our first week of Lent, we are invited to reconsider the very nature of the "Good News" we follow. Often, this term has been weaponized, co-opted, or reduced to a brand. But at its core, Jesus' ministry was meant to be beneficial, joyful, and delightful. The miracle at Cana suggests that the good news of God is not just about survival or ritual cleansing—it is about the "playful" and "disruptive" expansion of joy.

Sunday Service

The Good News is...

With Pastor Kaylie Ines

9:00am Olsburg
011:00am Walsburg

Ministries for Children

Be Thankful for Your
Parents and
volunteers!

With Walsburg teachers
Lynn, Valerie, and Andy

10:00am- Walsburg

Ministries for Youth

The Next Generation
Now

Confirmation with Pastor
Kaylie

Contact Pastor for more
info!

In the story of the Wedding at Cana, the party is at a tipping point. The wine has run out, which could have brought shame upon the host and the servants. We see Mary, a woman who knows the "panicked secret" of the empty jars, turning to her son. Whether their exchange was a "playful banter" or a moment of "sassy" insistence, the result is a transformation of the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Jesus instructs the servants to fill six stone water jars, normally used for ritual cleansing under Mosaic Law, with water. He takes vessels meant for "absolution" and turns them into vessels of "abundance". The sheer scale of this miracle is staggering: 180 gallons of the finest wine, the equivalent of roughly one thousand bottles.

This was not a miracle performed to heal a disease or cast out a demon; it was Jesus' "debut act" intended to ensure a party became the best party possible. It tells us that our God "laughs in the face of scarcity" and refuses to let an empty jars have the final word. If the message of Ash Wednesday was "there is still room," the message of this miracle is: "there is still more".

We see this same theme of "surprising good" in the parable of the mustard seed. To Jesus' listeners, the mustard plant might have been viewed as little more than an "unruly weed". Yet, Jesus uses it to describe the "kin-dom" of heaven.

A tiny, "inconspicuous" seed grows into a six-foot-tall shrub. But the surprise isn't just the size; it's the behavior of the plant. Unlike an invasive species that chokes out life, this "weed" becomes a sanctuary, fostering a growing relationship with the creatures around it.

The Good News is like that: it starts small, it looks ordinary, and then it flourishes into something that yields "unexpected results". It is a "plot twist" where God's goodness overflows every single time.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we may encounter teachings that make us uncomfortable or challenge our "internal biases". But we can trust that these teachings are "rooted in love" and "worthy of celebration".

Lent does not have to be a season of grim endurance. It can be a time to look for the "surprising joy" in our own lives. To uncover what has been covered by the world. To take away our doubts and flourish in God's goodness. We are invited to see the world not through the lens of what is missing, but through the lens of a God who saves the "best wine for last"- of what is to come.

As we continue to reflect on how the Good News is surprising, may we carry this question with us- When have you witnessed something flourishing unexpectedly in your own life or community? May we go into the rest of this week looking for the "mustard seed" moments—those small, inconspicuous beginnings that are secretly blooming into God's abundant kingdom.

Your Council Members!

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Lee Cantrell
Jan Cooper- President
Kristi Fronce- Secretary
Coleen Epsing
Tom Nelson- Vice President
Jim Nelson

*Thank you to Jacob Nelson
 (former President) and Sandy
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Dennis Peterson- President
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*Thank you to Roger
 Sundgren and Linda Toomire
 (former Vice President!)*

What is currently taking up the most room in your heart? Is it anxiety, a desire for control, or perhaps a grudge? This season, practice giving up that specific internal weight to God to create space for peace.



OLSBURG LCW-

Ever wondered how a simple piece of fabric becomes a lifeline? Come downstairs to see firsthand how our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilts are lovingly pieced together. These quilts travel the globe to provide warmth, shelter, and dignity to those in need—and we want to show you how the magic happens!

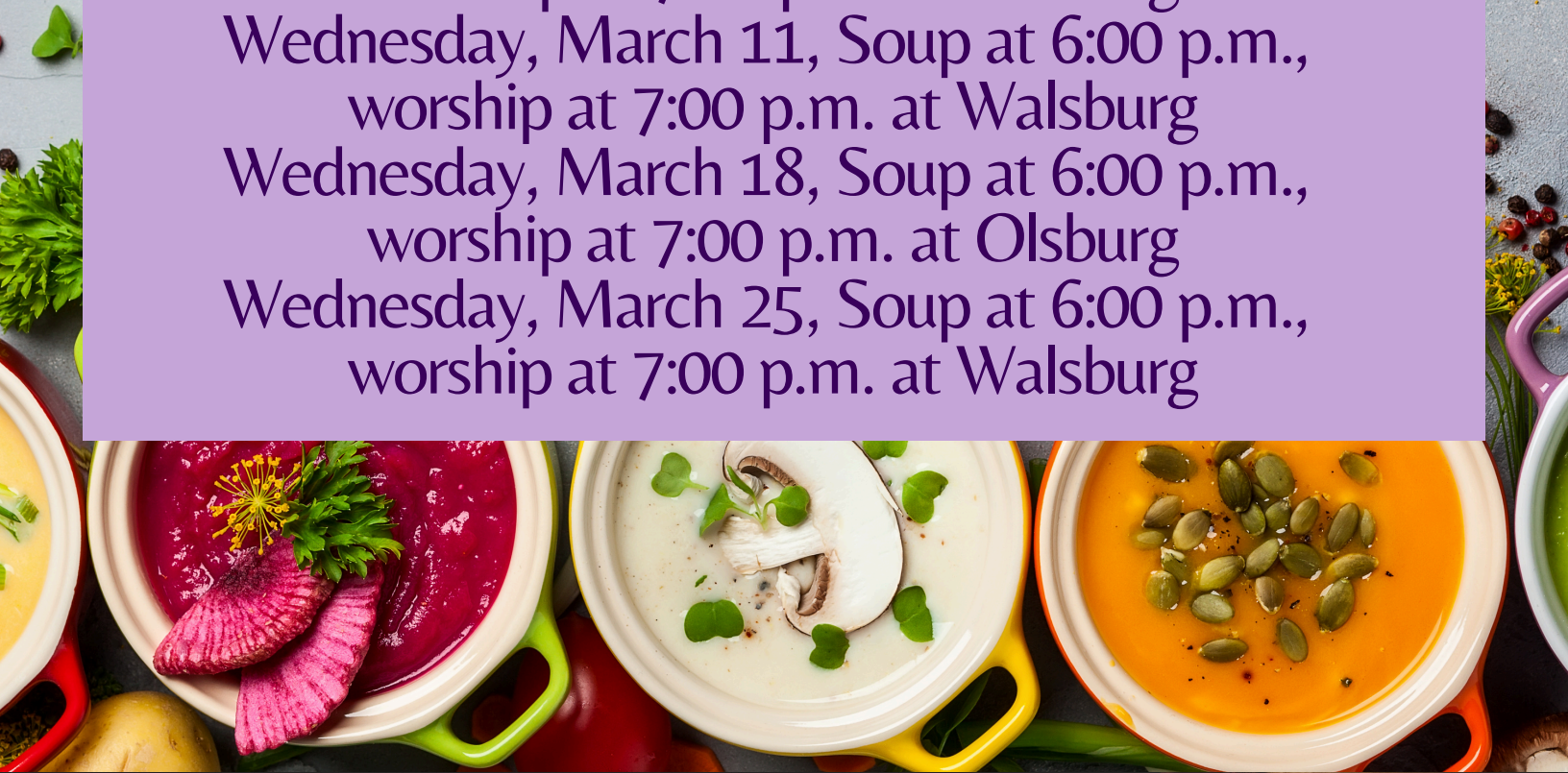
- See the assembly process of our relief quilts!
- Learn more about our Quilt and Kit ministries and how you can get involved (no sewing experience required!)
- Enjoy refreshments and fellowship!

A heartfelt thank you to Thrivent for their generous support in making this event possible. Whether you're a lifelong quilter or just curious about our outreach, there is a place for you at the table.

Come see how we're stitching God's love together, one square at a time!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICES

Wednesday, March 4, Soup at 6:00 p.m.,
worship at 7:00 p.m. at Olsburg
Wednesday, March 11, Soup at 6:00 p.m.,
worship at 7:00 p.m. at Walsburg
Wednesday, March 18, Soup at 6:00 p.m.,
worship at 7:00 p.m. at Olsburg
Wednesday, March 25, Soup at 6:00 p.m.,
worship at 7:00 p.m. at Walsburg



Prayer Requests

Please text or email pastor to have your family or friend included in the Prayers of Intercession. We will read their names during each service throughout the month. Each month the prayer list will reset. You may always include your person each month and you may submit the name(s) at any time during the month.



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29

MAUNDY
THURSDAY
APRIL 2
7PM OLS





**GOOD
FRIDAY
APRIL 3
7PM WALS**



**EASTER
SUNDAY
APRIL 5**

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March Happenings

Walsburg

March 12- Quilting 10am, WELCA meeting 1:30 (World Day of Prayer)

March 18- Monthly "Gather" Bible Study, quilting 10am, bible study 1:30

March 25- Quilting 9am
MONTHLY PROJECT: KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc.

Olsburg

March 1- Soup Supper Bingo Benefit for Jim & Diane Nelson 4-6pm Olsburg American Legion

March 4- Council Meeting
March 15- Installation of Council
March 29-Fellowship breakfast (work committee 1) and Church Cleanup (after service)
BIRTHDAY BANK



March Leaders

Walsburg

Ushers and Greeters: Lee and
Roberta Hartford, Lynne Berry, Lori
Rogge

Communion Ushers:
Trenton Hargrave and Kaleb
Sullivan

Altar Committee: Diana Hargrave

Olsburg

Ushers and Greeters: Lee Cantrell,
April and Jarin Brenner

Communion Ushers:
Tom Nelson (1),
Kristi Fronce (15),
Jan Cooper (29)

Altar Committee: Kathy Monser
and Becky Avery (set-up) Ashley
Rice (clean up)



March Leaders

Walsburg

Lay Readers

- 1- Becky Nelson
- 8- Michelle Sullivan
- 15- Dennis Peterson
- 22- Teske Nelson
- 29- Amber Befort

Acolytes

- 1- Trinity Meader
- 8- Waverly Sullivan
- 15- Rowdy Berry
- 22- Rhett Nelson
- 29- Ryker Befort

Olsburg

Lay Readers

- 1- Patty Nelson
- 8- Ashley Rice
- 15- Becky Avery
- 22- Joyce Cantrell
- 29- Coleen Esping

Acolytes

- 1- Tori Brenner
- 8- Ushers
- 15- Ushers
- 22- Ushers
- 29- Ushers



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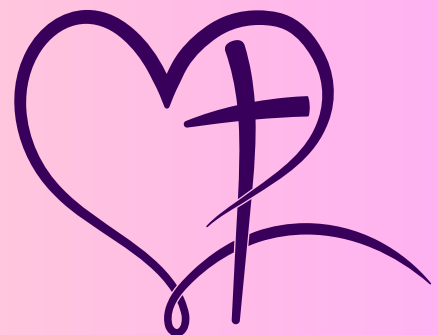
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Team Dennon
fell short on
Championship
Sunday



We shared
many
laughs and
raised
money for
the kids!!



Articles for the
April Newsletter?

Please have
articles to Pastor
Kaylie by March 25