

# Life Together

July 2022

Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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## Reflections by Pastor Kaylie

Grace and peace to you all!

I hope you are taking care, enjoying the sun, and finding time to be at peace.

The Apostle Paul writes, *“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.” (Galatians 5:13)* Through Christ, we have been set free to serve one another in love! The Greek term “doulos” is translated as “slaves.” Doulos is the same term from which we derive our English word “doula.” A doula is a trained companion that helps birth children into the world. They provide continuous physical and emotional support to a mother before and after birth. When Paul writes that we are slaves to one another, we can think of him saying we are one another’s doula in love! Paul is calling us to be in service to one another. God calls us to act as doulas to help bring love into our world!

To be in service to one another means that we bear one another’s burden and love one another as Christ has loved us. In Jesus, we witness God’s love for this world. As Jesus travels around talking to strangers, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and providing care for his disciples, we see the

multitude of God’s love. The same love that said the only law is “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” And we are called to follow in those footsteps- *to love one another.*

In these times, may you know the grace of God and feel God’s love shine upon you. May you go out into your community (at home, in the store, at work, wherever you are) and seek to share God’s love. As a community, may the Spirit live in us and guide us to be God’s love doulas!

Many blessings,  
Pastor Kaylie.

## CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 9-11 the Central States Synod Churches gathered together in Olathe, Ks for our annual Assembly. It was a time filled with business, dancing, singing, worshipping, learning, and being in community. Our theme for the Assembly was "United with Christ: All Creation Groans. All Creation Sings." We focused on caring for creation and welcomed our keynote speaker: Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda (Ph.D., Lutheran ethicist, and professor at both Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Church Divinity School of the Pacific.) It was a fulfilling time where we dove into learning how God loves all of creation and how we can help better love creation.

For more information about Synod Assembly, you can see daily summaries here: <https://www.css-elca.org/assembly> or you can ask Pastor Kaylie!



The **150th Anniversary Cookbook** Committee is now ready to gather your favorite recipes through July 31. You may submit recipes (no limit) in

person to Rosie Johnson, Linda Toomire, Jan Neilson, Lori Rogge or Donise Peterson. Recipes can also be emailed to any of the following: [Linda Toomire - l\\_toomire@yahoo.com](mailto:l_toomire@yahoo.com); [Jan Neilson - neilson@twinvalley.net](mailto:neilson@twinvalley.net); [Lori Rogge - lori@genefrancis.com](mailto:lori@genefrancis.com); or [Donise Peterson - petersond53@gmail.com](mailto:petersond53@gmail.com). Please be sure you receive a reply email that your recipes were received. Recipes may also be left in the church narthex. You may indicate on the recipe what section it should be located in and also if it is in memory of a family member. The committee will also be pulling numerous recipes from our previous cookbooks, so if you have a special request, please indicate the recipe and page # you would like in the new cookbook. Anyone sharing a connection or history with our church is welcome to submit recipes.

# July birthdays, anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

27 Keith Wiens  
29 Kathleen Sundgren (W)  
31 Amy Burklund (O)  
Jennifer Miller (W)

## July Birthdays

1 Joan Schweer (O)  
3 Carl Larson (W)  
4 Evelyn Larson (W)  
6 Gregg Gibson (O)  
7 Blake Vargo (O)  
8 Sharon Hubbard (O)  
9 Joshua Cantrell (O)  
Amy Hageman (W)  
11 Julie Munson (O)  
Richard Gibbs (O)  
Alexis Plummer (O)  
12 Jim Nelson (O)  
Brett Dawes (W)  
Owen Dick (W)  
13 Jana Arellano (W)  
Jeremy Dick (W)  
16 Jennifer Braylay (W)  
17 Nicole Holt (O)  
A.J. Berry (W)  
Kristi Hageman (W)  
19 Monica Kasselmann (O)  
April Brenner (O)  
21 June Campbell (W)  
22 Kristi Fronce (O)  
23 Steve Strauss (W)  
Ella Simon (O)

## July Anniversaries:

6 Roger and Kathleen Sundgren (W)  
10 Justin and Amber Befort (O)  
12 Keith and Carol Wiens  
15 Victor and Cindy Olson (W)  
17 Kraig and Monica Kasselmann (O)  
21 Brett and Stacy Dawes (W)  
22 Jessie and Kermit Sundgren (W)  
30 Karl and Linda Kasselmann (O)

## Members in service for July

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

### Walsburg

**Ushers and Greeters:** Sheri Storer; Mike & Becky Nelson; David Ahlerich

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

**\*Lay Readers:** 7/3 Carol Wiens; 7/10 Jane Larson; 7/17 Jerry Baer; 7/24 Diana Hargrave; 7/31 Amber Befort

**\*Acolytes:** 7/3 Teske Nelson; 7/10 Ryker Befort; 7/17 Brody Willimon; 7/24 William Sullivan; 7/31 Macy Berry

**Altar Committee:** June Campbell

**\*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; Gregg Gibson; Jon Nelson ; Tom Nelson

**Communion Assistants:** 7/3 Jacob Nelson; 7/17 Karl Kasselmann; 7/31 Kristi Fronce

**\*Acolytes:** 7/3 Tori Brenner; 7/10 Grady Kasselmann; 7/17 Witten Ricketts; 7/24 Creed Kasselmann; 7/31 Addyson Gutsch

**\*Lay Readers:** 7/3 Bill Monser; 7/10 Joyce Cantrell; 7/17 April Brenner; 7/24 Jacob Nelson; 7/31 Becky Avery

**Altar Committee:** Kristi Fronce, Deb Lowry