

# Lifetogether

Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

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## From the Desk of Your Pastor

### God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday, September 21, a dozen folks from Walsburg Lutheran Church gathered at the Leonardville Nursing Home for an afternoon of service. They participated with "God's work, Our hands," a coordinated day of service through the ELCA. At latest report, there were over 4,000 congregations throughout the United States who have been involved in service projects this past month.

The group from Walsburg had plenty of lawn tools, energy, laughter and good conversation, as we weeded, mulched, trimmed hedges, pruned trees and got covered in some kind of nettle. The back gardens of the Leonardville Nursing Home (which are used by residence and family) look much better also!

Presiding Bishop Eaton (the ELCA "big" bishop) states this – "When one congregation or a group of congregations gather for service in their local communities, they are the church in that place, taking care of that part of God's vineyard." – We really are the church together, for the sake of the world...

**What next???** There is so much that both Walsburg and Olsburg Lutheran Churches do in their respective communities and around the globe through the

ELCA, Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger, etc... And I am thankful. If you see an opportunity to be "the church together, for the sake of the world," please take some time to pray about that, gather a group together, and spend some time "taking care of that part of God's vineyard..." – Thanks be to God!

### Just What Is "A Month of Tithe?"

In the Old Testament book of Malachi, there is a little known verse that helps to set the foundation. "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down from you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:10) Captured in this verse are a couple of significant tasks and opportunities for the people of God...

First, God says honor me (with a full tithe), then God says "put me to the test," and finally God says trust me... If you are like me, I get a bit anxious when someone suggests putting God to the test.

Yet, in this Old Testament passage God is saying exactly that "put me to the test." It is the only place in scripture where there is a clear and concise call to "put God to the test,"

AND it is very significant that it is centered around the thing throughout all ages that has most gotten in the way of our relationship with God – our stuff (in their culture it was mostly the harvest, and in our culture it is mostly money, both of which are used to get more stuff...)

### **Camp Tomah Shinga Noisy Offering**

This year, both Olsburg and Walsburg will once again be participating in Camp Tomah Shinga's "quarter challenge" during the month of October. These dollars (quarters) raised help make camp more affordable for many young people in the region, and a week of camp changes lives. For some, it's a week of "confirmation camp" where the group lives in committee with others and each participant is affirmed in the truth that God loves them, God matters, and (they) matter to God. For others, it is a week of fun and games, worship and bible study, and an experience of how following Jesus makes a difference in the world.

Regardless of why they might show up for a week of camp, at some point in their life, they will look back to their week at camp and discern if in fact they are participating in the world as a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Also – those counselors who care for and lead discussions during the week of camp, a high percentage of them go on in life to be leaders in the church in some way.

Your change, quarters, dollar and larger gifts, really do make a difference in the Kingdom of God. So, go find some change and fill up those cans each week in this year's "noisy offering" Camp Tomah Shinga "Quarter" challenge.

Thanks in advance for your support!

### **October 26 is Reformation Day**

I look forward to seeing all of you this October 26. Wear **RED** – in honor and recognition of almost 500 years of reformation history.

### **Sunday School at Olsburg Lutheran**

Sunday School has started once again at Olsburg. Gathering after worship each Sunday for singing, learning, fellowship and discipleship, this ministry and learning is vital as we raise up "children of God." When we baptize a child, the congregation promises to support, love, pray for and encourage – not only the parents of these children – but also the child themselves. Sunday School is one of the ways this happens.

If you know of a young person (pre-school – grade 6) who might be interested in Sunday School, be sure to encourage them in their participation as you invite them to be a part of the community. ALSO – be sure to check and see if the Sunday School could use anything as they go about helping our children grow in faith. It might take some of your time, or it might take some of your resources – but, these young people are the church of BOTH today and the future.

### **Speaking of Sunday School –**

The people of Walsburg Lutheran Church have not given up hope of having a Sunday School once again. This fall, we look forward to once again having a small group of young folks gathering in Memorial Hall to learn more about the people of God and how we are better when we "do church together."

If you are interested in finding out how you might be a part of bringing this vital ministry back to Walsburg Lutheran Church, talk to Pastor Gordy. Thanks...

# October and November birthdays and anniversaries

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

## October Birthdays

- 2 Price Oman (W)
- 4 Norma Coutermarsh (W)  
Tori Brenner (O)
- 5 Wava Peterson (W)  
Lindsay Bulk (W)
- 7 Donica Nelson (O)  
Matthew Hagenmaier (W)
- 9 Dennis Peterson (W)  
Jamie Bohnenblust (W)
- 10 Charity Johnson (W)
- 11 Mary Lou Gibbs (O)  
Theresia Hagenmaier (W)
- 12 Jamie Hageman (W)  
Jason Hageman (W)  
Lotta Larson (W)
- 13 Eldon Sundgren (W)
- 14 Patty Nelson (O)  
Lynn Hargrave (W)
- 16 Joseph Hubbard (O)  
Marjorie Grater (W)  
Norman Johnson (W)
- 18 Jan Cooper (O)

- Kim Bulk (W)
- 20 Callie Webster (O)
- 21 Cajsa Larson (W)
- 24 Jean Peterson (W)
- 25 Pam Holt (O)
- 26 Jerry Erickson (W)  
Larry Bohnenblust (W)  
Sheri Storer (W)
- 27 Diana Hargrave (W)
- 28 Debbie Hagenmaier (W)

## October Anniversaries:

- 1 Jeff and Tami Howland (O)
- 6 Mark and Kristi Fronce (O)
- 10 Larry and Sandy Glessner (W)
- 11 Vincent and Marian Smith (O)
- 19 Lee and Joyce Cantrell (O)
- 24 Ryan and Kim Gibbs (O)
- 28 Jacob and April Brenner (O)

## 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)
- 17 Matthew Sundgren (W)  
Tristan Kulp (W)  
Kristin Hageman (W)  
Shane Allen (W)
- 18 Luellen Kasselmann (O)
- 19 Jessica Munson (O)  
Mary Kay Henry (W)
- 21 Jane Larson (W)
- 24 Kyle Clifton (O)
- 25 Pat Gibbs (O)  
Karl Kasselmann (O)  
Forrest Johnson (W)
- 27 Mary Nelson (O)
- 29 Bill Neilson (W)
- 30 Dean Nelson (W)

## November Anniversaries:

- 2 Loren and Lorraine Oman (W)
- 9 Roger & Oneita Bohnenblust (W)
- 19 Raymond & Maxine Anderson (O)
- 22 Floyd and Julie Munson (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 October and November.

### Walsburg

**October Lay Readers:** 10/5 Lynne Berry; 10/12 Jerry Baer; 10/19 Diana Hargrave; 10/26 Sandy McCool

**\*November Lay Readers:** 11/2 Linda Toomire; 11/9 Mary Larson; 11/16 Sandy Glessner; 11/23 Jamie Hageman; 11/30 Mary Kay Henry

**October Greeters and Ushers:** Lynne Berry; Calley Berry; Kermit and Jessie Sundgren

**November Greeters and Ushers:** Sandy and Emma Glessner, Alicia Scofield, Norman, Janice & Charity Johnson

**October Communion Ushers:** Jamie Hageman; Rita Nelson

**November Communion Ushers:** Vern Bulk & Sandy McCool

### Altar Committee:

**October:** Kim Bulk

**November:** Donise Peterson

*\*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.*

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### Olsburg

**October Ushers:** Kirby Burkland, Jacob Nelson, Nick Cooper, Lee Cantrell

**November Ushers:** Casey Nelson, Woody Kasselmann, Jonathan Nelson, Blake Vargo

**October Communion Assistants:** 10/5 Becky Avery; 10/19 Kirby Burkland; 10/26 Laura Clifton

**November Communion Assistants:** 11/2 Ashley Cooper; 11/16 Coleen Esping

**\*October Lay Assistants:** 10/5 Kraig Kasselmann; 10/12 Kristi Fronce; 10/19 Laura Clifton; 10/26 Patti Nelson

**\*November Lay Assistants:** 11/2 Susan Adams; 11/9 Tom Nelson; 11/16 Becky Avery; 11/23 Bill Monser; 11/30 Coleen Esping

**October Altar Committee:** Coleen Esping, Joyce Cantrell

**November Altar Committee:** Kathy Monser, Kristi Fronce

**October Acolytes:** 10/5 Skyler Zoeller; 10/12 Emma Kasselmann; 10/19 Jace Ricketts; 10/26 Brooklynn Zoeller

**November Acolytes:** 11/2 Kylea Ricketts; 11/9 Emma Kasselmann; 11/16 Jace Ricketts; 11/23 Landry Zoeller; 11/30 Skyler Zoeller

# OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

## **Adult Bible Study – 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus**

This fall I have chosen a short study that looks at **The Pastor Epistles**. 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus are highly valued as New Testament writings, and yet they are also among the most discredited... Why the paradox?

They have been valued for a number of reasons. They helped to establish the classic pattern of ministry and church structure (bishop, presbyter, deacon) which was important to the early (Catholic) church in overcoming the severe challenges from Marcionites and Gnosticism, which has enabled the church to endure for two millennia. They also helped to establish a pattern of “the truth,” “the faith,” and “sound teaching” as a yardstick by which to judge and ward off false teaching and heresy. Less obviously, they helped to secure the place of Paul within the NT canon.

If you'd like to find out a little more about these books of the New Testament, show up for this learning and discussion opportunity. We should be able to complete it by the new year...

**Walsburg Lutheran** will gather on the second and fourth Mondays (Oct. 13, 27, etc. )

**I would like to have Adult Study at Olsburg Lutheran.** Let me know if you are interested and we can schedule some time.

## **Walsburg Clean Up Day**

Fall Clean-up day will be **Saturday, November 1** – 9am – Noon. We will have projects both inside and outside. The leaves should be off the trees, the flower beds need trimming, lights need cleaning and the space needs all around sprucing up. Bring your tools,

cleaning supplies and smiles – for the entire morning or a couple of hours.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop at Olsburg**

It might be time for some of our younger folks to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> communion workshop... The Olsburg Lutheran Council has discussed and affirmed a lower age for First Communion. This means that any children who are asking about communion may be ready to participate by receiving the bread and wine each time we celebrate the sacrament.

In order to help get them ready, we would like all interested children and parents to participate in a Saturday morning workshop, **October 6** from 9 – 11:30 AM. Their First Communion would be on November 2.

Receiving First Communion would be with parental discretion (it's what you promised to do at your child's Baptism), and we will make sure there is juice available for those young people who make that choice.

If your young person isn't yet Baptized, this would be a good time to enter into conversation about this Sacrament, and we could have the Baptism anytime in October.

**Please call Pastor Gordy** if you are interested (785-747-7831) in 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Baptism...

## **Annual Congregational Election Meetings**

Olsburg and Walsburg Lutheran will hold their annual congregation meeting for election of leadership on **October 26**, immediately following worship. If you have been asked to serve in a leadership position, please prayerfully consider the opportunity placed before you. We need a quorum in order to conduct this business of the church, so please make every attempt to be present after worship for this short annual meeting for election of new leadership.