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From the Desk of Your Pastoral Leaders

*For we hold that a person is
justified by faith apart from works
prescribed by the law.*

Romans 3:28

Theological precision matters. How we understand God and how God is revealed in Scripture matters. This is very much what committed Martin Luther to the cause that eventually enveloped his entire life. It is the reason we have celebrated Reformation Sunday every year for the last 500 plus years. The lens that we put in front of Scripture helps how we understand the living Word that is revealed in Scripture. Theological precision matters.

Let me give you an example. In April 20th of 1999, 15 people from my congregation were inside Columbine High School when the shooting rampage began, leaving one of my youth paralyzed and 13 people, (none from our congregation) dead. The shooting happened during the day yet because there was fear that bombs were still active in the school, the authorities couldn't get to the people who may have still been alive on the floor but unable to move. They couldn't get into the schools for hours. The families waited through the night at the nearby elementary school. They were waiting to hear if their sons and daughters were dead or alive. In this situation, what you believe about God and how you believe in God's grace matters a great deal. What you say in these moments can make or break the faith life of one of God's beautiful children. How do you make God make sense in a situation that is

so confusing? In these situations of tragedy the living Word is incredibly powerful. I invite you to consider carefully how you engage your spoken words. Our witness, or God talk, in these situations is almost always remembered in both good and bad ways.

All ELCA seminary students, Associates in Ministries, Diaconal Ministers and Parish Ministry Associates become intimately familiar with a little book that sheds light on one of the most important theological principles of the Lutheran faith – justification. It is a book by Gerhard Forde called, "Where God Meets Man: Luther's Down to Earth approach to the Gospel." In simple terms, Forde helps the reader identify and align with a theology of the cross versus a theology of glory. He starts with the principle, "God comes down." That sounds pretty simple. What it means is that in our lives of faith, we start with God and God is always the one that does the saving. God is always the one who works the faith in our lives. This is in contrast to a theology of glory that says that there are certain things we need to do in order to earn God's grace and God's glory. For some faith traditions, you have to actually say when you accepted Jesus in order to feel secure in your relationship with God now and in the next Kingdom. That is not Lutheran. As Lutherans we believe that God comes down. God claims you and God works in you whether you know it or not...and God is revealed in different people at different times.

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There is no cookie cutter approach.

With just that very simple explanation, let's go back to our scenario. Which way of understanding God do you want to share with the parents of a child who isn't baptized and didn't participate in religious education and doesn't go to church? As the parents are waiting there at the school, you show up to help. What is your proclamation? Do you have to ask if they gave their life to Jesus and did good works? In that theology, a person has to decide before the community admits them to heaven. That is a theology of glory. Or, do you simply say to them that our God is a God who knows suffering. Our God is a God who is with us in the most awful situations, knowing our pain and our tears. He is the suffering servant who has born our grief and carried our sorrows. Jesus is with each and every child who lays on that floor, holding them close and keeping them in love. And God knows your tears. God will be the strong for you to hold you and sustain you. The next question out of the mouth of any parent who has to watch a child suffer is this..."Why? How come our child has to go through this? Why did this bad thing happen to my wonderful and beautiful child?" And folks let me tell you, the answer to this question is where a lot of damage happens.

Theology of Glory makes sense of this bad thing by putting the responsibility on the child or the parents. In a theology of glory, you will hear things like this: "It was God's will...it happened for a reason." This statement that falls so easily from our lips is very destructive theology. It breeds guilt and shame for the survivors. For those that need comfort, it turns them against God. The one who could offer hope and strength is now tagged as the one who made this bad thing happen. The bad thing that happened is almost always a result of the human condition and sometimes we just bump into it. Blame and shame propagates the brokenness. So what does Forde offer by way of a Lutheran Lens for this scenario? God comes down in baptism and wraps us in promise and surrounds us with community to provide for a life that reflects faith. God comes down and feeds us to nourish us with life giving relationship that can be shared in the world so that others might know this promise of freedom. God gives us boundaries and rules for community living. God commands us to go into the world and gifts us with what we need for that work of faith. So, what if one doesn't grow up in a community of faith that is fashioned with the handles of faith? What do we have to say to those people? We can only proclaim what we know - God comes down and God is love. God is working among us all the time and we don't even know it, and God is a good and merciful God who chastised those who

were not merciful. God is a God of paradoxes that puts the first as the last and the last as the first. We have a God who came not to be served but to serve and although the bodily form of Jesus is not here, the presence of Jesus is with us always – working through our hands and our feet in the world – not to earn salvation and ranking in heaven but to spread the promise and the freedom of life eternal to those who might not know this good news. You see, when we are free from the fear of eternal damnation, we are free to examine those laws and embrace them willingly knowing that they provide for a healthy life in community. I don't have to adhere to the law – I **get to** shape and reflect a life of faith that calls me to surrender my own ego and submit to God who calls me to actions that aren't necessarily popular or powerful – because I want to! The life of faith is not meant to be bondage. The life of faith is an invitation to align and live in a way that provides more opportunity to be in relationship with God.

If it is up to us to save ourselves by our works and our right thinking, our mastery of the text or our beautiful buildings, then frankly, we don't really need Jesus, do we? In those situations, we have decided to save ourselves. The Lutheran understanding is that your salvation is secure. It is a done deal. Jesus has died on the cross and was raised three days later so that all might have life eternally. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. That is our proclamation. Nothing is bigger or stronger than God's promise of eternal life – even the evil one submits to the power of the living God. Yet our human condition of striving, born out of our free will, continues to propagate the insane quest of self-righteousness and glory – working our way to God as if God doesn't want to bother coming to us.

We can talk and argue and pontificate and stand on our deep theological principles, but at the end of the day, it is about relationship. How are we in relationship with God and with other people? There are some days when I have to ask myself, "Do I want to be 'right' or in relationship?" Most days I choose relationship because I honor the work that God is doing on the faith life of each person. I am not interested in being the theological police. Today, I am basking in the glow of Reformation Sunday and the passion out of which this church was born. Today is a "Here I stand!" kind of day. Today my witness and my proclamation is borrowed from the Apostle Paul and the late great theologian, Gerhard Forde: "A person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law."

Thanksgiving Blessings, Sonja

November birthdays and anniversaries

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

Birthdays

- 1 Christopher Deetjen (W)
O.J. Schultz (W)
- 2 Alan Hubbard (O)
Casey Nelson (O)
- 3 Joyce Cantrell (O)
- 4 Mark Fronce (O)
- 13 Connie Larson (O)
- 17 Matthew Sundgren (W)
Tristan Kulp (W)
Kristin Hageman (W)
Shane Allen (W)
- 18 Luellen Kasselmann (W)

- 19 Jessica Munson (O)
Mary Kay Henry (W)
- 21 Lawrence Andersen (O)
Jane Larson (W)
- 24 Kyle Clifton (O)
- 25 Pat Gibbs (O)
Karl Kasselmann (O)
Forrest Johnson (W)
Callie Grater-Combs (W)
- 27 Mary Nelson (O)
- 29 Bill Neilson (W)
- 30 Elaine Olson (O)
Lee Stowell (O)
Dean Nelson (W)

Anniversaries:

- 3 James and Janice Nelson (W)
Kevin and Janet Hensley (W)
- 9 Kenneth and Shawn Neilson (W)
- 11 Dennis and Donise Peterson (W)
- 24 Chris and Carol Deetjen (W)
- 25 Rich and Darnell Vargo (O)
- 30 Steve and Julie Strauss (W)

December 1-8 Birthdays

- 2 Loren Oman (W)
- 3 Willa Erickson (O)
Blake Fronce (O)

Members in service this month

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

Walsburg

Ushers: Vern Bulk, Gavin Hargrave, Alan Peterson, Raymond Nelson

Greeters: Larry and Sandy Glessner, Delores Grater, Raymond and Milly Nelson, Vern and Kim Bulk

Communion Ushers: Travis Hageman, Dena Haller, Christopher Deetjen, Cindy Kulp, Albert Lee

***Acolytes:** 11/1 John Burnett, Alyssa Kulp, Alexis Reed; 11/8 Emma Glessner; 11/15 Cajsja Larson; 11/22 Emily Lee; 11/29 Cassie Miller

***Lay Assistants:** 11/1 Jay Peterson; 11/8 Alicia Scofield; 11/15 Gavin Hargrave; 11/22 Debbie Hagenmaier; 11/29 Jerry Bohnenblust

Flowers for Church: Volunteers (Please contact the Altar Committee)

Altar Committee: Lynne Berry, Alicia Scofield

Olsburg

Ushers: Alan Hubbard, Woody Kasselmann, Bryon Nelson, Blake Vargo

Communion Assistants: 11/1 Laura Clifton; 11/16 Susan Adams

***Acolytes:** 11/1 Kyle Clifton; 11/8 Jonathan Nelson; 11/15 Nick Cooper; 11/22 Kyle Apley; 11/29 Makayla Vargo

***Lay Assistants:** 11/1 Laura Clifton; 11/8 Laurine Catt; 11/15 Lee Cantrell; 11/22 Luellen Kasselmann; 11/29 Madison Vargo

Altar Committee: Sandy Zoeller, Kristi Fronce

Kitchen Committee November/
December: Susan Adams

***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 Lutheran Church 53rd Annual SWEDISH SUPPER

Sat., Dec 5, 2009
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$12.50



Children 6 – 12 \$5.50

For tickets contact Woody Kasselmann
785 – 468 – 3682 or woodyk@twinvalley.net
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Care in
Congregations program is providing up to \$1,020.00
in matching funds for the Olsburg Lutheran Church
53rd Swedish Supper.

Olsburg 2010 Yearbook Deadline

All information for the Olsburg yearbook needs to
be turned into Shelly no later than **December 1, 2009.**

Walsburg 2010 Yearbook Deadline

The deadline for information for the Walsburg
yearbook should be turned into Rita Nelson no later
than **November 20, 2009.**

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Education at Olsburg

*Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and
Generosity*

We will continue our series during the first three
weeks in November and begin a new series in
December. Meet in the front of the church for our
video based study and conversation. Great coffee is
served and the fellowship is fantastic!

Women's Bible Study

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place by, Beth
Moore

This is a five month, ten session program that is
both video and book based. We will gather on the **2nd
and 4th (with variation) Monday at 4:00 PM,**
meeting at the Olsburg Church (**November 9th and
23rd**). Our gatherings will last about 1 ½ hours.
Books (221 interactive pages): \$16 (make checks
payable to Olsburg Lutheran)

*'A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place' is an
in-depth study of the Old Testament tabernacle. This
study is based on two vital themes:*

- *A holy God's persistent desire to dwell among the people.*
- *God's invitation for us to pass through the distant courts of our relationships with God and to enter the intimacy of the holy of holies.*

Walsburg SALT (Stewards of Life Together)

Adult Education and Faith Formation
1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 – 8:30 PM
November 2nd and 16th

We will begin our time together by looking at
Genesis. This time will also include prayer time and
looking at God's promise through the Lutheran Lens.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Luther League Calendars For Sale!

The Luther League will be selling nice calendars
beginning in November. Make sure you pick up a few
copies for Christmas gifts! Many thanks to the
Olsburg Council for purchasing the calendars for the
youth.

Confirmation

November Meeting Location: Olsburg

Wednesday, November 4th 7:00 – 8:15 PM

Defend Truth

Wednesday, November 11th 7:00 – 8:15 PM

Do Not Covet

Wednesday, November 18th 7:00 – 8:15 PM

Commandment Conclusion

Wednesday, November 25th NO CONFIRMATION

- THANKSGIVING

**Confirmation Youth: Remember to fill out your
worship notes. You need 10 for the year! Don't
get caught without them.**

BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

Walsburg Lutheran Church held elections October 18,
2009. Here are the results of that election.

Church Council: Carl Larson, Roger Sundgren and
Gary Hargrave; Audit Committee: Sandy Glessner
and Gary Hageman; Education Committee: Kris
Burnett, Mary Kay Henry and Kathy Sundgren;
Memorial Committee: Milly Nelson, Jessie Sundgren;
Music and Worship Committee: Jan Neilson, Ruthie
Stone and Jessie Sundgren; Fellowship and
Outreach: Carol and Chris Deetjen, Carla and Gary
Hageman, Donise and Dennis Peterson, Sunday
school supt.: Cindy Kulp; Sunday School Treasurer:
Aneta Hagenmaier; Leonarville Pride Reps.: Vern
Bulk and Alicia Schofield; Food Pantry Rep.: Jane
Larson, Julie Strauss; Vacation Bible School: Terry
Peterson, Kathy Ricketts, Alicia Scofield, Kathy
Sundgren; Nursing Home Reps.: Jerome Flohr, Rob
Kulp, Bill Johnson; Central State Assembly: Unfilled;
Assembly Alternates: Unfilled.

Olsburg Election results from Congregational meeting held on October 18:

Area 4 Delegate: Coleen and Wes Esping; Audit Committee: RJ Bokelman, Patty Nelson; Christian Education: Susan Adams, Shelby Adams, Luellen Kasselmann; Council: Jan Cooper, Kristi Fronce, Jim Nelson, Shari Holt, Woody Kasselmann, Coleen Esping; Memorial Committee: Maxine Anderson, Tami Howland, Mary Rosell; Music and Worship: Alice Marie Gibson, Luellen Kasselmann, Kathy Monser; Outreach and Fellowship: Kirby and Shelly Burklund; Kristi Fronce, Patty Nelson; Sunday School Director: Luellen Kasselmann; Synod Assembly: Darlene Larson, Mary Rosell; Vacation Bible School Planning Committee: Erin Gutsch

Prayer Chain Reminders

If you have a prayer concern and would like the people of the church to life up your concern in prayer, please contact one of the following people to get inform all the people who are dedicated to prayer.
Olsburg: Gordy or Sonja Sandquist or Alice Gibson
Walsburg: Gordy or Sonja Sandquist or Beverly Sundgren

MISCELLANEOUS

Many Thanks

Thank you to the ladies group at Walsburg and the congregation at Olsburg for your pastor appreciation gifts and well wishes. We are grateful for all the ways you are being the church in partnership with us.
The Sandquist Family

Olsburg Council Minutes

The Olsburg Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Co-Chairman Jim Nelson called the meeting to order. Pastor Gordy read from the Book of James and then led the group in prayer.
Members present: Kirby Burklund, Jim Nelson, Laura Clifton, Kristi Fronce and Pastor Gordy Sandquist.

Reports

Secretary's Report: Kristi stated that Jan Cooper's name was inadvertently left off the minutes as a member present at the August meeting. Pastor Gordy mentioned it was actually Sonja who suggested the Staff Appreciation Day. He asked that the minutes be corrected. Laura moved to approve the report with the changes. Kirby seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kristi moved to approve the report. Kirby seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

✠ Pastor Gordy read an email from Pastor Bob Shell. He is a pastor from South Dakota State University who sent an email to churches regarding the sexuality statement. Pastor Gordy felt the email offers some wisdom to churches who are struggling. After Pastor read the email, we held further discussion on the subject.

- ✠ Pastor Gordy told us there are currently ten kids in confirmation.
- ✠ The planning for Thanksgiving services has begun. Pastor will have more information on this in October.

Committee Report: Property Committee – Kirby has talked to a roofer and asked them to give us an estimate on roof repairs. The roofer has not been to inspect the roof yet, but will in the next few weeks. Kirby also has someone scheduled to look at our PA system.

Old Business

Council Positions: The council terms for Jan, Jim and Kristi will expire at the end of the year. These three will need to meet to determine if they would like to run for re-election. In addition, there are also three vacant positions we will need to fill. One position was vacated earlier in the year. The second position was recently vacated by Mike Apley. Willis Poppe has asked that he be replaced at the end of the year. Two members have expressed an interest in filling these positions. We need to continue to look for one more person.

Front Doors: Jim will begin the work on the front doors in the next couple of weeks.

Nativity Scene: Luellen Kasselmann forwarded some information to the council on a Nativity Scene that would replace our old one. Luellen had seen the scene at the Leonardville Nursing Home and thought it looked very nice. She had been in touch with them and gotten some information. The group decided to ask the Memorial Committee if there are funds available to purchase a few pieces. Since Luellen has seen the Nativity Scene, we will ask her to follow-up with the Memorial Committee and give them her suggestions.

Sunday School Cabinet: The Sunday School has funds to cover the purchase of a new cabinet. Kristi reported the teachers don't feel they'll need additional funds. They have moved some furniture to make it more conducive downstairs for Sunday School classes. The teachers also cleaned out the old cabinet to make some additional space there.

Christopher Williams Concert: Pastor reminded us the concert will be October 17th and 18th at Peace Lutheran Church.

New Business

Prairie Land Foods: Laura is doing some research and will let us know more at the October meeting. She explained that individuals determine their volunteer hours (community, school, church) and use those hours to get boxed items from the company. We would give the food boxes to those in need.

Noisy Offering: Jim read a letter from Camp Tomah Shinga. The month of October is the month for the noisy offering. Kristi motioned to continue the noisy offering again this year. Kirby seconded.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. As we departed, Pastor Gordy reminded us of the Staff Appreciation Day to be held to honor our church staff: Maxine Anderson, Shelly Burklund and Alice Gibson.

Minutes of Walsburg Church Council Meeting 8 P.M., August 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Lee at 8:03. Members present were: Travis Hageman, Christopher Deetjen, Cindy Kulp, Gene Henry, Jay Peterson, Doug Kraemer, Don Nelson, Dennis Peterson, and Larry Bestwick. Also present were Rita Nelson, treasurer, Terry Peterson, and Debbie Hagenmaier. Pastor Sandquist opened the meeting with devotions from the book of John and prayer.

The minutes from the previous month were read and approved with a motion from Cindy Kulp, second from Jay Peterson. The treasurer's report was read. Council noted that offerings were still running very low. In order to pay expenses for the September joint account, Dennis Peterson moved to use miscellaneous funds from the checking account. Cindy Kulp seconded, with all approved. The treasurer's report was approved by a motion from Dennis Peterson and second from Doug Kraemer.

Pastor's report: Luther League members will lead worship on August 30th. The members will also attend the Area 4 gathering at Peace Lutheran in Manhattan, 5:00-7:00 PM. The service project for the youth will be at the Luther House and Manhattan Emergency Shelter on September 19th.

The Walsburg Sunday School Rally day is scheduled for September 13, with the back to school blessing at 11:00 A.M., large group activities at 10:00 A.M.. Baptisms for August were Haley Elizabeth Neilson and Braeden Douglas Kraemer, performed on August 2, 2009. Funeral for Ethel Flohr was on July 7, 2009. A joint women's retreat, "Living Well", will take place October 16-17, location to be determined.

Music and Worship Committee: none

Education Committee: none

Fellowship and Outreach Committee: Ice Cream Social, 5 to 7, on August the 30th.

Church Property: none

Parsonage: Painting has been completed. We are waiting on the bill. Albert Lee will ask Rob Scofield about submitting a bill. Soffit repairs were made. Fire extinguishers for the parsonage and church were serviced.

Old Business: Terry Peterson and Debbie Hagenmaier addressed the council on concerns over recent ELCA decisions from the annual general assembly gathering. They asked that the council send *Life together*

out letters to church members on the need for a congregational meeting. No decision on the matter was made by the council. The council discussed the state of the ELCA in reference to low weekly offerings. The mower shed provided by Don Nelson is still under consideration.

New Business: Jessie Sundgren has offered to trade a piano bench more suitable to the height needed for the piano used by the Sunday School. The council agreed. The nominating committee will meet before the next council meeting to prepare the ballot for annual elections. The council is looking for volunteers to help with the new church directory. There have been questions about the accuracy of directions on the church signs. Christopher Deetjen will check into this.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

WORSHIP

All Saints Day: November 1st

The festival of All Saints occurs just as the landscape in the northern hemisphere heralds the dying of plants and the quiet of winter rest, In like manner, the readings and liturgy of this day call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come.

As the church year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality.

As the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While both life and death may bring us fear and uncertainty, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death, Christ has claimed us in baptism and nourishes us in the communion of his body and blood. He leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in raise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life. Sundays and Seasons, p. 302

Advent Begins: November 29th

Advent is a time when we look again and anew at how our lives today are tied to both the past and the future of God's presence with God's people. We are drawn, in a heightened way, into the meaning of God's coming to us and being present with us. This image of a God who draws near is at once terrifying and delightful, humbling and hopeful.

Hanging of the Greens Worship Services: November 29th

"Deck the Halls"

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting, a time for adorning our homes and hearts in expectation and celebration of Jesus' birth. Christians throughout the world decorate their homes and churches in preparation for the festive family gatherings and church pageants and services that characterize the Christmas season.

So that today's Christians understand the meaning of Advent and its traditions, this 'hanging of the greens' service focuses on the symbols of Christmas. We will share the origin and meaning of each symbol as it touches our lives today...shedding light on God's gracious gift to his children – the birth of the babe born in Bethlehem so many years ago.

Olsburg Fellowship Team will host pizza lunch for all who wish to stay after lunch (following Sunday School) and complete the decorating process that started during morning worship.

Children's Christmas Program Worship Sunday: December 20th

Please plan to join the community as the children, youth and a couple of adults share the story in their words and music. Rehearsals start soon! If you have questions, please contact a coordinator for more information.

Walsburg Sunday School: Linda Toomire

Olsburg Sunday School: Luellen Kasselmann

Olsburg Altar Guild Highlights

The Olsburg Altar Guild met on October 22, 2009.

- ✚ April Brenner will take Kristi's place
- ✚ We will keep looking for someone to take Sandy's place
- ✚ Colleen is the new Chairman for next year
- ✚ Most people felt that it is better to have 2 people on each month
- ✚ Confirmation Sunday – Kathy will launder the robes, Joyce ordered flowers, Coleen will check with Sonja to see if corsages have been taken care of.
- ✚ Shelly and Kathy will provide training for the new acolytes. We will check with Sonja for a time to do that.

- ✚ We will use disposable cups for communion for both the first and third Sundays to minimize spreading germs.
- ✚ There will be "hanging of the greens" November 29. After church we will decorate the church. Outreach and fellowship will provide pizza for lunch, altar guild members are asked to bring something to supplement the meal.
- ✚ We looked at the large banners and talked about getting one for epiphany.
- ✚ We looked at the advent candles. The large center candle does not fit the candle holder. We will look into finding a way to make it work.
- ✚ There may be 2 Christmas eve services
- ✚ There may NOT be a Thanksgiving eve service

Walsburg 3R Upcoming Events

The Walsburg 3 R's (Reform, Renew, Reaffirm) will meet on Wednesday, November 4 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The meeting will include a Bible study addressing key doctrinal teachings of traditional Lutheran theology, as well as discussion on options Walsburg and other ELCA congregations are considering. Future meeting dates will be announced in bulletins and the parish newsletter.

3R will also host a coffee and conversation time on Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

The purpose of 3R is to research, educate and inform Walsburg members about options available to the congregation, inside and outside of the ELCA. We invite everyone to get involved by participating in 3R gatherings and discussions. Open conversation is healthy for our congregation as we discern what God is calling us to do and where He is leading us.

For more information about 3R, please contact Terry Peterson, Debbie Hagenmaier, Cindy Kulp, Doug Kraemer, Larry Bestwick, or Christopher Deetjen.

Walsburg Fall Clean Up Date

Fall Clean-up is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 7. In the event of inclement weather, the clean-up day will be postponed until Nov. 21.

Walsburg taking orders for Poinsettias

Now is the time to place your order if you wish to share a Poinsettia this Christmas Season. There will be 3 sizes to choose from this year and the prices are listed on the order form located on the board in the Narthex. Please place your order and pay by November 22.

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Walsburg Sunday School News

Beginning on 1 November we will start preparing for our Christmas Program. Sunday School will start at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday through our program which is scheduled for Sunday morning during worship on December 13. We will be having a relatively easy program and parts will be handed out on November 1st. If for some reason your children will be unable to participate in the program, please let us know as soon as possible so we can reassign the parts. We would like to have the Confirmation Class and High School kids do a song using the bells. We will have to schedule some special sessions to practice for this. More information will be coming to those individuals shortly.

We will not have Sunday School on the following Sundays: November 29 (Thanksgiving weekend), December 27 (Christmas weekend) and January 3 (New Year's weekend). Please put this on your calendars.

Also beginning in Advent, we will again be doing the Mitten Tree---bring mittens, hats, scarves, coats, etc for those less fortunate than we are. Additionally, we will bring food items for the local Food Pantry as we have done in the past. I want to thank the teachers who have stepped up to help with Sunday School this year. Parents and students please let them know you appreciate their contribution.

Again thanks to all of you for your support of the Sunday School. If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to give me a call at 785-485-2219 or 785-565-1034 (cell) or e-mail me at Ltoomire@yahoo.com. Have a great day and take care.

Next newsletter items and articles will be due November 23.