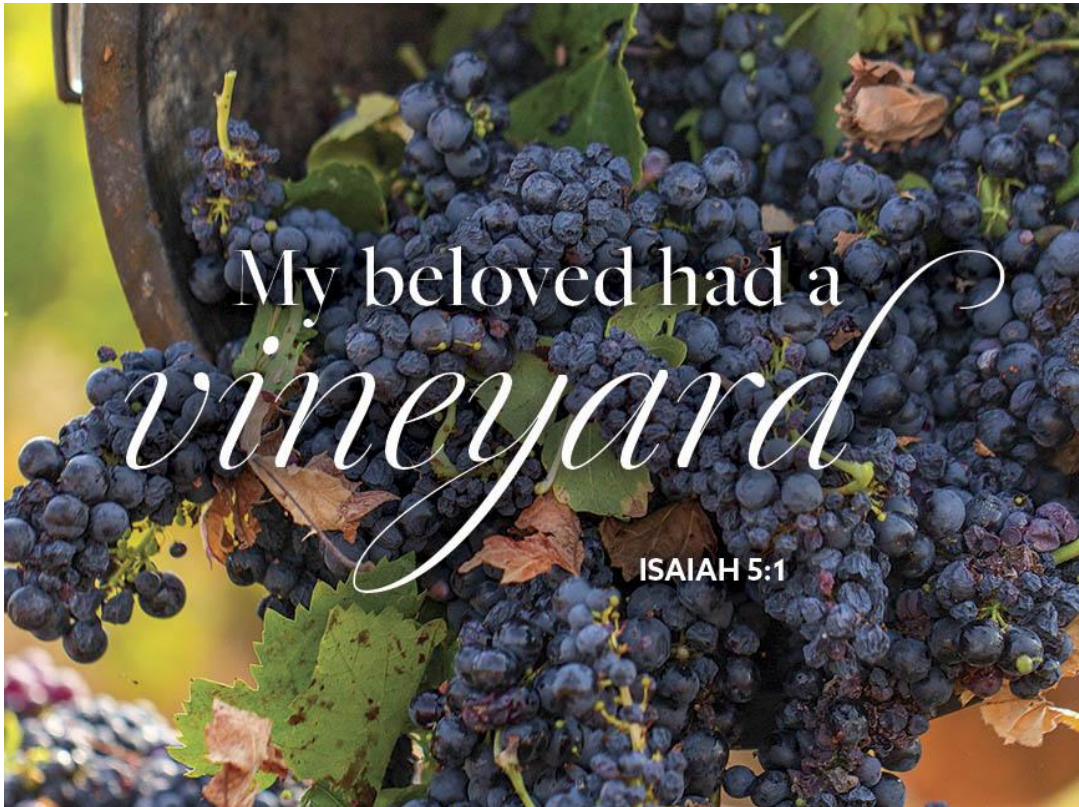


OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 4, 2026



Olsburg Lutheran Church
PO Box 128
Olsburg, KS 66520
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mission Statement:
Become Disciples,
Live as Disciples,
Make Disciples in Christ Jesus

Walsburg Lutheran Church
12351 Union Road
Leonardville, KS 66449
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church phone (785) 293-5367
Mission Statement:
More disciples living more faithfully by
the power of the Holy Spirit

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YOU ARE WELCOME AMONG US! Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or whether you have worshiped with us many times, we are grateful that we can worship together. We pray that God will bless your worship and strengthen you for the week ahead.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN How Firm a Foundation**

ELW 796

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

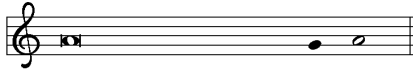
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Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

***GREETING**

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: And also with you!

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



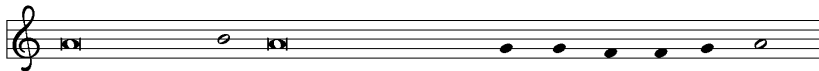
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

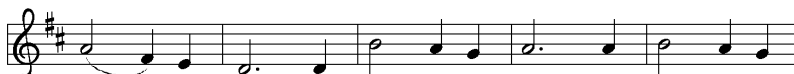


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Beloved God,

C: from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 80:7-15

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

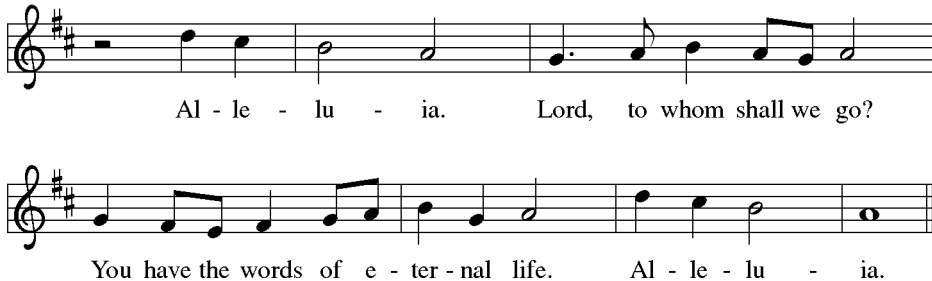
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew 21:33-46

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of our God

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spite, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

*APOSTLES' CREED

P: United as the body of Christ, let us profess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

P: Hear us, O, God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (WALSBURG)

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you!

Please share the sign of peace with one another. The peace can be shared with a handshake, peace sign, a wave, etc.

OUR OFFERING



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of creation,

C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

MEAL

COMMUNION INVITATION

Welcome to Holy Communion! Christ, who is present in bread and wine offering forgiveness and life with God, invites you to eat and drink in this Sacred Meal. To receive the bread, extend an open palm to the server and the bread will be placed in your hand. For those who prefer grape juice instead of wine, glasses of grape juice are located in the inner circle of the tray. If you desire to receive Communion in your seat, inform the usher.

Adults and children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

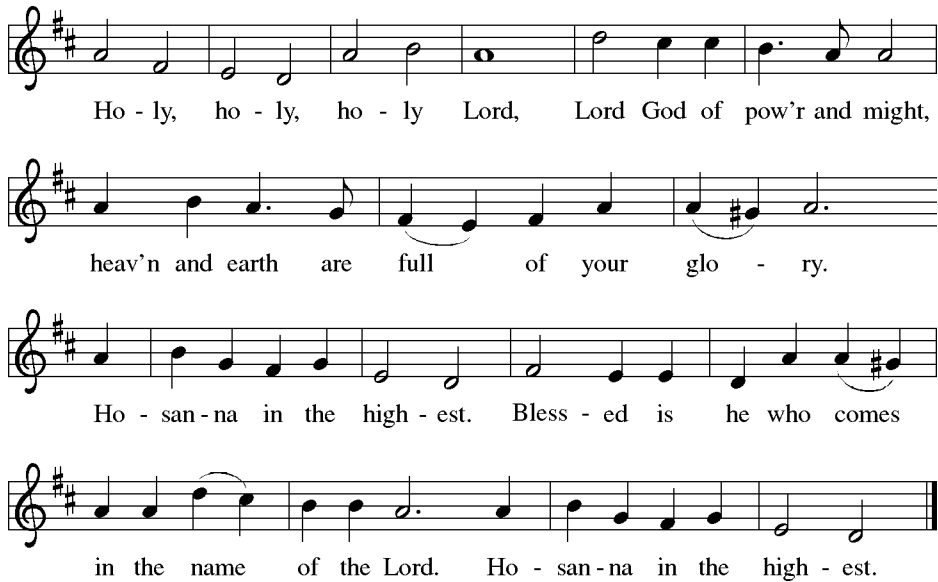
C: We lift them to God.

P: Let us give thanks to our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

***LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry,
come!

Invitation Response (sung): Eat This Bread WOV 709

Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The God of Grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Threefold Amen (sung.)**

*SENDING SONG Standing on the Promises

Standing on the Promises

Ephesians 6:11-17 | 2 Peter 1:4

♩ = 92-112
Capo 3: G

D7(sus4) G

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my King,
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, the Lord,
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I can - not fall,

C Am7 G Dsus4 D

Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His prais - es ring!
When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
Bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

G Am7 G C

Glo - ry in the high - est I will shout and sing—
By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail—
O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword—
Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all—

G D7(sus2) D7 G

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Stand - ing, stand - ing, Stand-ing on the prom-is - es of Christ, my Sav - ior;

Stand - ing, stand - ing— I'm stand-ing on the prom-is - es of God.

The Apostle Paul exhorted us to “stand,” placing our trust in God’s promises (see Ephesians 6:13). As we keep our covenants and rely on God’s word, we will be able to withstand the perils of the latter days.

Text: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1886; arr. 2025 | PROMISES

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Olsburg Announcements

We thank Pastor Kevin Clark, Lutheran Campus Ministry, for leading worship today!

Council will meet Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Olsburg Lutheran Church will hold elections with a Special Congregational meeting, Sunday, October 25, immediately following worship. Please make plans to attend worship and stay for the elections.

If you need Pastoral Care during this time, please contact Shelly at 785-532-9853 or ShellyBurklund@outlook.com and I will put you in contact with the correct person for each church. Thank you. Questions or concerns may be directed to your council members.

GriefShare sessions begin today.

When: Sunday, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. October 4, 2026 – December 27, 2026

Where: New Hope Lutheran Church

219 Lucien Street, Onaga, KS 66521 Contact: Kay Zeit

Countrygirl19@bluevalley.net 785 207-5023

Pulpit supply list for October

10/11 Tom Nelson

10/18 Pastor Janice Hawley, ELCA retired Pastor

10/25 Jan Cooper/Tom Nelson

Please join us on October 11 for a special blessing of the quilts made by the LCW and the kits that have been put together. Several of the items will be on display around the sanctuary.

Walsburg Announcements

We thank Pastor Kevin Clark, Lutheran Campus Ministry, for leading worship today!

Walsburg will host the Leonardville Nursing Home worship service with communion today at 2 p.m. We thank Jan Cooper for joining Ruthie, Tracy and Rhonda to bring the message and assist with communion for our senior friends.

The Walsburg council will meet Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

If you need Pastoral Care during this time, please contact Shelly at 785-532-9853 or ShellyBurklund@outlook.com and I will put you in contact with the correct person for each church. Thank you. Questions or concerns may be directed to your council members.

Pulpit supply list for October

10/11	Keith Wiens/Dennis Peterson
10/18	Pastor Janice Hawley, ELCA Retired Pastor
10/25	Alicia Scofield/Jan Cooper

WELCA will meet Thursday, October 8. Quilting from 10:00 A.M.-Noon. The WELCA Meeting begins at 1:30 P.M. Program will be "Balancing Our Wishes And God's Will" Leader and Hostess will be Linda Toomire.

Walsburg is collecting for the Blessing Box located in Leonardville for the month of October. You may leave non-perishable items in the basket in the narthex. Items to include are canned goods, boxed goods and personal hygiene items. For more information contact Vern Bulk.

The Monthly "Gather" Bible Study will meet Wednesday, October 21. Quilting begins at 10:00 A.M. The Bible Study will begin at 1:30 P.M. Leader will be Linda Toomire. Hostess will be Marlene Jenkins

The October WELCA project is LightMHK. Their mission is to support the lives of people affected by mental health challenges. In pursuit of this mission, they offer resource opportunities to mental health providers, professionals, and community projects in the Greater Manhattan area, including Wamego and Junction City. The *Noisy Offering* for LightMHK will be received on Sunday, October 25.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will be held Thursday, October 22 at St. John's Lutheran, 302 S. 7th, Salina, KS 9:00 A.M. — Noon

A Quilting Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Come when you can, stay as long as you want. Please bring a snack to share and your sack lunch.

Walsburg will hold elections with a Special Congregational meeting on October 25, immediately following worship. Following the elections, please stay for a potluck meal in Memorial Hall.

Food Basket Update: I want to thank Tammy Berry, Ruthie Stone and Jane Larson for helping me serve our northern Riley County neighbors through September. We are open for two hours (10 a.m. - Noon) each Saturday morning and continue to average about 22 families per week. For the month of September, we served 82 families, which accounts for 138 adults, 59 children and 18 seniors. I'll have a holiday basket shopping list next month. Thank you for supporting the Leonardville Blessing Box through October.
Rhonda Baer