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Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish

## Reflections from Pastor Kaylie

### Fall Theological Conference

There are two major events that a rostered leader (in the Central States Synod) is required to attend: 1. Synod Assembly, 2. Fall Theological Conference (formerly known as Bishop Convocation.) Fall Theological Conference is a week filled with opportunities to dive into the seminar theme, time for fellowship, worship, and conversations with colleagues. This year's conference theme was "How to Wrestle with God's Word." This conference brought in two keynote speakers; The Rev. Dr. Ray Pickett (Rector/President of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary) and The Rev. Laurie Jungling (Bishop of the Montana Synod.)

As a synod the Central States adopted this new mission statement, **"United with Christ in Baptism. Traveling the Way of Jesus. Joining God's reign of justice and radical love for the world."** Most of our time together we unpacked our synod's newest mission statement. We had the opportunity to unpack this mission statement and wrestle with its theological meaning. Some questioned we asked were "how does this reflect the gospel? How does it reflect our understanding of grace? How does this deepen our understanding of faith?" The week was filled with good and challenging questions.

As the Church is ever-changing it is important we take time to discuss those changes and remodel our mission with the changes of the world. Ultimately, this new mission statement hopes to inspire congregations and people to live out our baptismal calling. Which is to be people of God who "live among God's faithful, to hear the word of God and partake in communion, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

### When Peace Like a River-

ELW hymn 785, When Peace Like a River, may be a familiar tune. Hear the first verse and the refrain in your head:

1 When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught  
me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is one of the most honest hymns in that it acknowledges the presence of trouble and sorrows. Troubles and sorrows, though not always present in life, do come into our lives. They can roll in like sea

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billows or like 20ft waves crashing against the shore. It can be heavy rainfall that does not seem to stop or slow down. And while all may not be well in those very moments of sorrows and trouble, it is God's promise that all will be well eventually. When those waves and troubling sea storms enter in our lives may we remember who our God is. Our God promises to never leave our side. We have a God we faces the troubling sea storm and enters into sorrow with us. When life is hard and God feels far off may we remember God clings to us and journeys with us. Until we can find our voice to sing "it is well, it is well, with my soul" may we cling to God the Creator of All. And may we hold onto the love and grace of God who will carry us through until all is well. For all will be well in the arms of God. Amen.

### **Olsburg Office News**

Please turn in all information for the Yearbook to Shelly no later than December 1, 2022. Not sure what you need to turn in? Please see the list below:

From Council Chair: List of 2022 council members and Property Committee. List of Church Officers. Monthly (include date) list of who is assisting Pastor during communion

From Head Usher: Usher and Receive offering monthly list

Lay Reader list

Acolyte list (from altar guild)

LCW committees, officers

Any other information you would like added to the yearbook.

Thank you for helping me meet this strict deadline!

Shelly

### **Walsburg 150th Anniversary Committee Seeking Your Help!**

We are searching for names of Veterans that served from WWI to current that were or are members of the church for the 150th anniversary book. Please send names (and

pictures if you would like) to Amy Feigley at [feigleyfarm@eaglecom.net](mailto:feigleyfarm@eaglecom.net). Thank you.

The Walsburg 150th Anniversary committee is looking for any old pictures of artifacts or of the church, as well as written family histories. Please e-mail either Amy Feigley ([feigleyfarm@eaglecom.net](mailto:feigleyfarm@eaglecom.net)) or Loretta Hoerman at [lhoerman@cox.net](mailto:lhoerman@cox.net), or they can be left at the church.

The Walsburg 150th Anniversary Committee is looking for confirmation class photos - with names - from 2009 forward. Please direct information to Rhonda Baer ([rbaer@kansas4hfoundation.org](mailto:rbaer@kansas4hfoundation.org)). Thank you!



**Mark your calendars: for the 3rd annual "Christmas Cookie Walk"**  
to be held on

Saturday morning, December 3 from 9-12 at Walsburg Lutheran Church. A signup sheet for donations of cookies and candy will be posted soon in the narthex. Your participation is welcome and appreciated!

### **Walsburg News**

The Walsburg Council will be taking action on reappointment of all committee persons and officers as noted in the yearbook to a new term in 2023. If you are unable to continue to serve in your current capacity, please notify a council member no later than November 6 with the name of a proposed replacement for your position. The Council extends a thank you to all who volunteer their time and service to our congregation.

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# November birthdays, anniversaries, joys and sorrows

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

## November Birthdays

- 1 Christopher Deetjen (W)  
OJ Schultz (W)
- 2 Alan Hubbard (O)  
Casey Nelson (O)
- 3 Joyce Cantrell (O)
- 4 Mark Fronce (O)
- 7 Abigail Hagenmaier (W)
- 9 Tristian Kulp (W)
- 10 David Ahlerich (W)
- 11 Mason Cooper Rice (O)
- 17 Matthew Sundgren (W)  
Tristan Kulp (W)  
Kristin Hageman (W)  
Shane Allen (W)
- 18 Luellen Kasselman (O)  
Valeria Rogers (W)
- 19 Mary Kay Henry (W)  
Trinity Meader (W)  
Ava Crain (W)
- 21 Jane Larson (W)
- 23 Thomas Halstead (W)
- 24 Kyle Clifton (O)
- 25 Karl Kasselman (O)

- 27 Mary Nelson (O)
- 29 Bill Neilson (W)  
Ruby Stevens (W)
- 30 Dean Nelson (W)

## November Anniversaries:

- 1 Lee and Roberta Hartford (W)
- 9 Roger & Oneita Bohnenblust (W)
- 11 Dennis and Denise Peterson (W)
- 15 Brad and Ashley Rice (O)
- 29 Dale and Eva Larson (W)
- 30 Russell and Terry Peterson (W)

## Joys and Sorrows

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

## Walsburg

**\*Ushers & Greeters:** Norman & Janice Johnson; Jeremy & Anita Hinkle; Jennifer Byarlay

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

**\*Acolytes:** 11/6 Brody Willimon; 11/13 William Sullivan; 11/20 Macy Berry; 11/27 Izabel Nelson

**\*Lay Assistants:** 11/6 Mary Kay Henry; 11/13 Mason Scofield; 11/20 Izabel Nelson; 11/27 Diana Hargrave

**Altar Committee:** Lynne Berry

**\*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.**

## Members in service

### Olsburg

**Ushers:** Kyle Clifton; Tom Nelson; Woody Kasselman; David Gibson

**Communion Assistants:** 11/6 Kristi Fronce; 11/20 David Gibson

**\*Acolytes:** 11/6 Addyson Gutsch, Jordyn Gutsch, Brooklyn Rice; 11/13 Skyler Zoeller; 11/20 Addison Gibson; 11/27 Kaden Gutsch

**\*Lay Assistants:** 11/6 Tom Nelson; 11/13 Joyce Cantrell 11/20 Kathy Ricketts; 11/27 Ashley Rice

**November Altar Committee:** Kathy Monser; Becky Avery

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## **Walsburg Plans Church Cleanup day**

A church cleanup has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 19 from 9-11 a.m.** Anyone that is available to volunteer for either indoor or outdoor cleaning would be welcome.

## **Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets**

Sign-up for Thanksgiving holiday food baskets is underway at the Community Food Basket Serving Northern Riley County, Saturday mornings through November 12. Needed food items include: fruit cocktail, canned pumpkin and fruit pie fillings, evaporated milk, brownie mixes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, noodles, cream soups (mushroom, chicken), chunky soups, canned yams, canned corn, canned green beans, and tuna. Your support is very much appreciated! Rhonda Baer

## **Olsburg Donates to LWR**

Thanks to donations from the congregation and the work of LCW we have assembled 19 Personal Care Kits, 24 School Kits, and 14 Quilts. These items will be taken to the Lutheran World Relief ingathering at St John's Lutheran Church in Salina on November 3. For more information about the ministry of LWR check out their website at <https://lwr.org>.



## **Walsburg Annual Hayride/Wiener Roast**

Nearly 50 people joined together on October 16 for the annual hayride/wiener roast. A beautiful Fall evening was enjoyed by all with good food and fellowship! Thanks to Roger and Kathy Sundgren for the tractor/hayrack and to Dennis and Denise Peterson for providing the firepit and cooking hot dogs and s'mores! A good time was had by all. Pictures below.

