



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER – JULY 2015

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. – Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of our most important callings as a church family is passing on our faith to the next generation. As these verses from Deuteronomy state, we are to keep the words of God in our hearts and teach God's Word to our children.

The spiritual growth of children begins at home, and our most important teachers are our immediate families – parents, grandparents, aunt, uncles, brothers, and sisters. A recent study by the Fuller Youth Institute surveyed nearly 4,000 teens and their parents to find out what had the greatest impact on the faith of children and youth. They found that “the most important social influence in shaping young people's religious lives is the religious life modeled and taught to them by their parents,” as Dr. Christian Smith put it.

As a church family, we love and support parents and children by providing educational opportunities to nurture spiritual growth. We all benefit as we teach the faith, worship, and serve together. Children and youth are a blessing to us. And in our service of Holy Baptism, we make a promise to support and pray for one another in our life in Christ. Our education ministry grows out of the waters of baptism.

In addition to this, we partner with key people and organizations to foster spiritual growth in our community. One of OLC's key partners is Lutherdale Bible Camp. We will see this especially during the coming month of July. During July 6th-9th, we will welcome four Lutherdale counselors to our community for our joint Vacation Bible School with Luther Valley. Then, during the week of July 19th-24th, OLC will send four of our junior high youth to Lutherdale for a week of confirmation camp.

The ministry of Lutherdale has made an impact on several lives at OLC. I know this from talking to some of our older youth. I also know from my own experience as a camp counselor the impact camp can have on lives and on faith in Jesus Christ.

As they say, it takes a village to raise a child. Likewise, it takes a whole community of parents, mentors, friends, congregations, camps, and more to raise a child in the Christian faith. Most importantly, the Holy Spirit works in these relationships creating in us faith in God and love for each other.

May God be with all of us as we grow in faith together this summer.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Andy Twiton

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church Email Addresses

Pastor Andy's new email address is: pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org. This is a confidential email address – only accessible to Pastor Andy Twiton. All other correspondence may be sent to office@orfordvillelutheran.org.

Church Council Minutes

OLC's council minutes will be sent out electronically at the end of the month with the newsletter. We will also place a few paper copies in the narthex outside of the sanctuary for people to pick up. If you would like us to mail you a paper copy of the minutes, please contact the church office at 879-2575. We're happy to send the minutes to whoever wants to see them, but we hope this will save expense on postage.

OLC Joint Vacation Bible School with Luther Valley

There is still time to register for Vacation Bible School taking place July 5 – July 9, 2015 at Luther Valley Church. Orfordville Lutheran Church is partnering with Luther Valley to bring Lutherdale camp counselors to our area. They will lead our youth in activities of faith and fun (3-5 year olds & Grades K-6).

OLC Provides Lunch at VBS – Wednesday, July 8th

OLC is in charge of providing & fixing lunch for approximately 45 kids during VBS on Wednesday, July 8th. We are looking for people to donate items for the lunch; as well as individuals to prepare & serve at Luther Valley Church. Please contact the church office at 608-879-2575 if you are able to help in any way.

OLC/Luther Valley – Joint Youth Event – Wednesday, July 8th

OLC and Luther Valley Youth are joining together with the Lutherdale (VBS) Counselors for a pizza party and sand volleyball at Purdy Park, Orfordville on Wednesday, July 8th. Meal at 6:00 p.m. and Volleyball at 7:00 p.m. Junior and Senior High youth are invited.

OLC Foundation Meeting – Sunday, July 12th after Worship

The OLC Foundation Board will meet after worship on July 12th to decide on scholarship applications.

Family Fun Day at Joanne Hallmark's Place in Edgerton – Sunday, July 12th @ Noon

People of all ages are invited for a day of family fun at Joanne Hallmark's place at the Rock River Leisure Estate in Edgerton. The fun will include a swimming pool, shuffleboard, volleyball, bocce ball, tennis courts, board games and more. We'll eat and have fun together. Please sign up at the back of the church or speak with Pastor Andy or Joanne Hallmark to let us know you're joining in on all the fun.

Silver Campers Day @ Lutherdale – July 15th

Lutherdale invites all senior adults to spend a day at camp this summer! This day will awaken your inner child. Fun and safe activities have been designed just for you. Experience Lutherdale when it truly comes alive with the energy of summer. Cost \$12 – Please RSVP to the Lutherdale Office at (262) 742-2352.

Spoke Folk – Tuesday, July 21st at Purdy Park

OLC will be hosting the Spoke Folk group on the evening of July 21st. A potluck dinner will take place at Purdy Park at 6:00 p.m. (under the pavilion). Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass. Following dinner, at 7:00 p.m., the Spoke Folk group will share their Christian faith as they present their program that includes music, drama and puppets. All ages are welcome to attend.

Volunteer Opportunity: Assist Pastor Andy with Nursing Home Services

Pastor Andy will be leading services at Wood's Crossing nursing home in Brodhead on July 23rd at 9:30 a.m. Please speak with Pastor Andy if you are interested in helping him prepare and distribute communion. The residents always love to have visitors.

Sand Volleyball – July 19th at 7:00 p.m.

OLC reserved the sand volleyball court, at Purdy Park in Orfordville, on Sunday, July 19th. The youth group meets at the court, but all ages are invited to come play. *You're invited to come hangout even if you don't play volleyball.*

Ecumenical Youth Kickball and Bonfire in Brodhead – Sunday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m.

Youth from the Methodist, UCC Bethlehem Lutheran, Living Word, Luther Valley and OLC will gather for a game of kickball and a bonfire on Sunday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m. The location, in Brodhead, is to be determined. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee with St. John's in Evansville – Sundays, in August, at 7:00 p.m.

- Sunday, August 2nd – Ultimate Frisbee in Evansville
- Sunday, August 9th – Volleyball in Orfordville
- Sunday, August 16th – Ultimate Frisbee in Evansville
- Sunday, August 23rd – Volleyball in Orfordville
- Sunday, August 30th – Ultimate Frisbee in Evansville

Summer Children and Youth Calendar

We have a number of youth activities planned for the summer. Please help us spread the word. Friends and family are always welcome.

- Vacation Bible School (for grades K-6, Youth are encouraged to volunteer) – Sunday, July 5th-9th
- Family Fun Event at Joanne Hallmark's place in Edgerton – Sunday, July 12th (Begins at Noon)
- Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale – July 19th-24th
- Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park, Orfordville – Sunday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Spoke Folk Event at Purdy Park – Tuesday, July 21st (Potluck at 6:00 p.m. / Program at 7:00 p.m.)
- Ecumenical Kickball Game and Bonfire in Brodhead – Sunday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m.
- Faith, Fun, and Fitness with St. John's in Evansville – Sundays in August at 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Lock-In – Friday, August 14th

Fish Fry Friday at Lutherdale – July 31st

Cost: \$12 for Adults - \$7 for Youth (age 12 and under). Served 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Acolytes for the month of July:

7/5/2015 Dynally Mould & Payton Stark
 7/12/2015 Bryce Hammon & Arianna Humphres
 7/19/2015 Kailey Frame & Dynally Mould
 6/28/2015 Payton Stark & Bryce Hammon

Altar Guild Person of the month:

Jackie Gerber

July Birthdays

2	Eric Burtness	18	Robert Bladorn
2	Catherine Hazeltine	20	Zach McManus
2	Laurie Speich	21	Aaron Burns
3	Taylor Onsgard	22	Debbie Davis
5	Tammy Hesgard	23	Robert Plantikow
6	Ralph Balch	25	Kyle Ramquist
7	Payton Stark	27	Hannah Stuvengen
14	Rachael Grenawalt	29	Derek Gerber
16	Joanne Hallmark	30	David Draves
17	Sarah Varilek	31	Levi Stuvengen

Note:

Please help us keep our birthday lists up-to-date. If you see an error or if we missed someone, send us an email at office@orfordvillelutheran.org.

OLC Volunteers at Evansville Manor on June 17th

Orfordville Lutheran volunteers went to Evansville Manor to help celebrate the June birthdays. They served birthday cake and spent the afternoon with the residents playing Bingo.



***Megan Draves, Pastor Andy Twiton, Eric LaVigne, Jan Vigdahl and Bernice Amundson
Peg Burtness (front) at Evansville Manor***



***Youth Group at Noah's Ark Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells
Sarah Varilek, Pastor Andy, Tyler Ramquist, Jacey Burns
and Stephanie Varilek***

Collecting Items for Lutheran World Relief

OLC will again be assembling Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Below is a list of items that we are collecting. Any questions may be directed to Sue Draves, in the church office, at 879-2575 or via email at office@orfordvillelutheran.org.

Personal Care Kits	School Kits	Baby Care Kits (Sizes 6 - 24 months)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light-weight bath size towels (Dark Color Recommended)• New Bars of Soap (4-5 oz.)• Toothbrushes (Adult Size) in original packaging• Comb• Nail Clippers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled)• 30-cm ruler (or ruler with cm and inches)• Pencil Sharpeners• Blunt Scissors• 2 ½" pink eraser• #2 Pencils (unsharpened)• Black or Blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)• Box of 16 or 24 crayons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light weight cotton t-shirts• Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)• Receiving blankets (cotton, flannel, crocheted or knitted)• Cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)• Jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts with a hood (or include a baby cap)• Hand towels (dark colors recommended)• New Bars of Soap (4-5 oz)• Diaper pins or large safety pins

Guidelines: Please give newer looking items only. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols or messages; items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces; including camouflage.

Fleece Tied Blankets for Lutheran World Relief

One of our youth members, Megan Draves, is currently working on her "Senior Project" for Brodhead High School. She has chosen to make fleece tied blankets to donate to Lutheran World Relief. Megan would appreciate any coupons from JoAnn Fabrics or Hobby Lobby to enable her to purchase the needed fabric; at a discounted price. You may also donate fleece fabric (58" - 59" wide x 72 - 80" long). *Please keep in mind the guidelines above.*

Thank yous and Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to Sue Draves for her hard work in the church office! Sue is doing excellent work and it's only her first month!
- Thank you to Sarah Varilek for assisting Pastor Andy at the Evansville Manor Holy Communion service in June!
- Thank you to Bernice Amundson, Jan Vigdahl, Eric LaVigne, Megan Draves and Pastor Andy Twiton for organizing and serving cake for the birthday and bingo celebration at Evansville Manor. Also, thank you to Jan, Megan, Ann Olson and Debbie Speich for providing the Birthday cakes.
- Thank you to Glen Johnson, Lyle Amundson, and Ken Heller for setting up the air conditioners at church!
- Thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!

OLC'S CALENDAR

JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am Bible Study	2 9-11:00 am C.U.P.	3 8:00 pm AA Meeting	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group at Volleyball Courts	6 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting 9 am-2:30 pm VBS @ Luther Valley	7 9 am-2:30 pm VBS @ Luther Valley	8 9:00 am Bible Study 9 am-2:30 pm VBS @ Luther Valley (OLC Provides Lunch) 6:00 p.m. OLC/Luther Valley Joint Youth Event	9 9:00-11:00 C.U.P 9 am-2:30 pm VBS @ Luther Valley	10 8:00 pm AA Meeting	11
12 9:00 am Worship 10:00 a.m. OLC Foundation Board Meeting 12 Noon Family Fun Day @ Joanne Hallmark's	13	14	15 9:00 am Bible Study	16 9:00-11:00 C.U.P	17 8:00 pm AA Meeting	18
19 9:00 am Worship <i>Stuvengen Baptism</i> 7:00 pm Youth Group Confirmation Camp	20 Confirmation Camp	21 9:00-3:00 Mission Quilting 2:30-5:30 pm Immunization Clinic 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Spoke Folk Potluck & Program Confirmation Camp	22 9:00 am Bible Study Confirmation Camp	23 9:00-11:00 C.U.P 9:30 a.m. Pastor Andy Service at Wood's Crossing Confirmation Camp	24 8:00 pm AA Meeting Confirmation Camp	25
26 9:00 am Worship 3:00 pm Youth Kickball & Bonfire in Brodhead	27	28	29	30 9:00-11:00 C.U.P	31 8:00 pm AA Meeting	Aug. 1

Orfordville Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2015

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Glen Johnson at 6:30 p.m.
2. Devotions were led by Traci Manthey and Pastor Andy Twiton.
3. Roll Call
Council Members Present: Racheal Grenawalt, Traci Manthey, Glen Johnson, Aaron Burns, Pastor Andy Twiton, Mike Varilek, and Jason Burtness.
Council Members Absent: Tony Ends, Violet Renly, and Ken Heller.
4. Approval of Agenda
Jason Burtness made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mike Varilek. Motion approved.
5. Approval of the April minutes
Council reviewed the minutes from the May 4, 2015 council meeting. Motion made by Mike Varilek to accept the minutes from the May 4, 2015 council meeting. Motion seconded by Jason Burtness. Motion approved.
6. Treasures Report
Motion made by Aaron Burns to approve the treasures report. Motion seconded by Jason Burtness. Motion approved.
7. Pastors Report
 - May was a good month. We celebrated Confirmation Sunday, the end of the Sunday School year, and we're getting ready to celebrate our graduates. Sue Draves started this month as our office assistant and is doing a great job.
 - During May, I completed a day long continuing education event called "Boundaries 201" through the Wisconsin Council of churches.
 - Mike Varilek, Sarah Varilek, and I attended the Synod Assembly for the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.
 - Update on Music: Since our last meeting, a few musicians have come forward to help out after Taya's departure. Tim Speich and Laurie (Hallmark) Gianitsos have both played for us.
 - Looking back at May:
 - *Counseling and Visitation:* I made 11 pastoral visits during May to people's homes and in the hospital; met with a family for funeral planning and grief support; met with a family about an upcoming baptism.
 - *Special and Community Events:* Volunteered at Rock County 1 Million Meals event, led prayer at Senior Luncheon, led invocation and benediction at Orfordville's Memorial Day Service, led worship at Woods Crossing in Brodhead
 - *Meetings:* Brodhead Area Pastor's Group, South Rock County Conference Text Study, Monthly Spiritual Direction
 - Funerals during May: Norman Geister
 - Transfers out: Rosemary Wilke to Nazarene Church of Brodhead.
 - Confirmed: Jayce Reilly, Caylor Burns, Charysma Mould, and Taylor Stark
 - No baptisms, transfers in.

8. Old Business

A. Steeple

A congregational meeting will be held to determine what to do with the steeple. Meeting time/date will be decided soon.

B. Resurfacing the Parking Lot

Glen Johnson will check with Rock Road to look into bid for repaving parking lot.

C. VBS

July 5-9, 2015 will be dates of VBS. Time will be about 8-2:30. Host church will be Luther Valley. Pastor will meet with Luther Valley to see what they need from us.

D. Other

9. New Business

A. 150th Committee and Timeline

We will begin with choosing a date (month, 2018) and then planning will begin.

B. Recognizing Graduates

Council will purchase books and provide cake for graduates this Sunday, June 7th.

C. Hosting Spoke Folk

July 21 or 22, 2015 they will be in the area. They will provide a program on church grounds. In return, they will need to sleep at church and have meals provided.

D. Other

10. Next Meeting/Devotions/Treats

Next meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2015. Mike will have devotions. Jason will provide treats.

11. Adjournment

Jason Burtness made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Mike Varilek. Motion approved.

12. Closing

Glen Johnson led the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Racheal Grenawalt
Council Secretary