



## ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2016

Help us spread the word about Holy Week at Orfordville Lutheran!  
All are invited to hear again; or for the first time, the story of Christ's love for the world.



# HOLY WEEK

## AT ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN

210 N. MAIN ST., ORFORDVILLE

**Maundy Thursday** (March 24th)  
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**Good Friday** (March 25th)  
7:00 p.m. Worship

**Holy Saturday** (March 26th)  
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil with Holy Communion

**Easter Sunday** (March 27th)  
7:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
*8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast*  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

## FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

*“Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

– Ephesians 6:24

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this season of Lent, I’ve been dwelling on our relationship with Jesus Christ. Ephesians 6:24 is the final verse in the letter to the church in Ephesus. In this verse, Christians are pretty much defined as those who have “an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In my preaching, I have said several times that I want Orfordville Lutheran to get a reputation for our love for Jesus. I figure if we focus on that pretty much everything else will fall into place. If we focus on loving Jesus, Jesus will lead us to be a people of mercy, forgiveness, peace, and service.

In the coming weeks, a couple of small groups will be discussing *Loving Jesus* by Mark Allan Powell. This is one of my favorite books about Christian spirituality. Powell writes, “The Christian faith is not just a religion (a system of rituals and beliefs), but a *relationship* – a relationship of love with Jesus Christ who is risen from the dead.

My question for each of you: how can we grow in our love for Christ during this season of Lent and Holy Week?

Each of us will have our own answer and our own journey. But as a church family, this March will be a time where we can focus on the story of Jesus. Especially during Holy Week, I pray we will grow in our love for Christ.

Here is a brief preview of Holy Week where we will dwell on the story of Christ’s love for the world:

- **Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm on March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
On this night, we remember Christ’s final night with his disciples. That night, he gave his disciples a new commandment: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples” (John 13:35).
- **Good Friday – 7:00pm on March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Next, we remember the story of Jesus death on the cross. We experience the strange truth that Christ’s cross means life for us. We look to the cross and say, “Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.”
- **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday – 7:00pm on March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
This is my favorite service of the whole year. On the night before Easter day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ’s passage from death to life.
- **Easter Sunday – 7:00am and 9:00am on March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
On this day, we celebrate with unrestrained joy. “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

Loving Jesus is our whole mission as God’s people. Holy Week draws us into the story of God’s great love for us. I pray that we will grow in our love for Christ in this holy time.

Peace be with you,



Pastor Andy Twiton

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ***March Preaching Preview***

During the month of March, Pastor Andy will continue preaching about loving Jesus by focusing on the story of Jesus' life from the Gospel of Mark. Here are the upcoming preaching texts for the month of March:

- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-44)
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – End of the Age (Mark 13:1-8, 24-37)
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Triumphal Entry (Mark 11:1-11)
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Lord's Supper (Mark 14:22-42)
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Crucifixion (Mark 15:16-39)
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Resurrection (Mark 16:1-8)

### ***Theme for Lent 2016 – Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism***

The season of Lent started in February and continues this month. We continue our tradition of Wednesday night worship at 7:00 p.m. with a soup supper beforehand at 6:00 p.m. Our Wednesday night worship includes music from Holden Evening Prayer. Our theme is “Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism,” which focuses on the promises we make at baptism and at affirmation of baptism (a.k.a. confirmation). Listed below are the remaining Lent 2016 topics:

- Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – “To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed”
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – “To serve all people, following the example of Jesus”
- Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – “To strive for justice and peace in all the earth”

### ***Soup Suppers During Lent Continue – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm before Evening Services***

On Wednesdays during Lent, we gather at 6:00 pm for a simple supper of soups and bread. We hope you'll join us for some warm soup and conversation on 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16.

### ***Foundation Committee Meeting – Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>***

The Foundation Committee will be meeting, immediately following worship service, on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Sunday School Goes to Collinwood – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am***

Our Sunday School will play bingo and visit with the residents at Collinwood on Sunday, March 13th. The residents really appreciate our visits.

### ***No 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Youth Group in March***

Since our midweek Lenten services take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, we won't be meeting for youth group on Wednesday night this month.

### ***Seekers Group – Book Study of Loving Jesus by Mark Allan Powell***

There is still room to join in our study of *Loving Jesus* by Mark Allan Powell! We will likely have a daytime group and a nighttime group. Contact Pastor Andy ([pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org)) if you're interested.

### ***Festival Choir on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday***

Pastor Andy is organizing a choir for Maundy Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>) and Good Friday (March 25<sup>th</sup>). We will have four rehearsals times:

- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm (after worship)
- Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm (after worship)
- Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (before worship)
- Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (before worship)

**Easter Breakfast – Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. (between services)**

Join us on Easter morning for breakfast at OLC. The Easter breakfast raises money for our confirmation students to attend Lutherdale Bible Camp.

***Quilt Raffle Drawing Winners***

OLC's Quilt Raffle was held on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The quilt and wall hangings were made and donated by Pat Burtness. Proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of Orfordville Lutheran Church. Congratulations to our winners:

- † First Place - Queen size quilt & vertical wall hanging - Rebecca Suyder
- † Second Place - \$100 - Walter Humy
- † Third Place - Wall Hanging - Deb Hudson

***Mark Your Calendars – Confirmation Sunday is May 15<sup>th</sup>***

***OLC's 150th Celebration – September 29-30, 2018***

In 2018, Orfordville Lutheran Church will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation. This will be a very exciting time for our congregation and community. At our annual meeting in February, we set the official date for celebrating the anniversary as September 29-30, 2018. We are still in the process of trying to form a committee to be in charge of planning our celebration. If you're interested in volunteering, please speak with Pastor Andy.

***Thrivent Action Team***

We are putting together a Thrivent Action Team to make fleece tie blankets for donation to local hospitals. Everyone is invited to help cut and tie the fleece blankets on April 2 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Even if you have never made a fleece tie blanket; you are invited to help with this worthy cause. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in joining us for a day of fun; please sign-up in the Narthex.

***Office Assistant Hours – Tuesday-Friday, 8:30-10:30 am***

OLC's Office Assistant, Sue Draves, will be in the office Tuesday-Friday from 8:30-10:30 am. You can reach her by email at [office@orfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:office@orfordvillelutheran.org) and 608-879-2575. You can reach Pastor Andy on his cell phone 608-886-0546 or by email at [pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org).

***Check Out our Website – [www.orfordvillelutheran.org](http://www.orfordvillelutheran.org)***

The website has a new look and new content. Check it out and check back for frequent updates.

***Pastoral Care and Prayer***

If you're facing a surgery or a crisis or if you just need someone to talk to, please let Pastor Andy know by contacting him or by calling the church office (608-879-2575). If you would like to be supported in prayer by our prayer chain, please contact Nancy Dickison (608-879-2638) or Pastor Andy. Pastor Andy may be reached by email at [pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org) or on his cell phone at 608-886-0546.

***Acolytes for the month of March:***

- 3/6/2016 Kailey Frame & Bryce Hammon
- 3/13/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres
- 3/20/2016 Dynally Mould
- 3/24/2016
- 3/25/2016
- 3/27/2016 Bryce Hammon (Early Service @ 7:00 a.m.)  
Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres (Late Service @ 9:00 a.m.)

***Altar Guild Person(s) of the month:*** Phyllis Balch & Bonnie Hoff

### ***March Birthdays***

Deanna Vanderhei	3
Cole Ryan	4
Paige Gerber	11
Ann Renly	11
Charles Nolan	12
Megan LaVigne	16
Seth Pautsch	16
Yvonne Gunderson	21
Julina Brown	22
Katie Sagaitis	23
Taylor Stark	24
Kathy Demrow	25
Glenville Johnson	25
Karol Frame	27
Jason Draves	27
Justin Speich	28
Taya Larson	29



### **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](mailto:office@orfordvillelutheran.org).*

### ***Thank you's and Thanksgivings***

- Thank you to everyone who helps with our funeral groups! Thanks especially to Nancy Dickison and our phone callers!
- Thank you to Glen Johnson, Sue Draves, and everyone else who helped prepare for our annual meeting!
- Thank you to Taya Larson and Kristin Swedlund for getting us started with Holden Evening Prayer during February!
- Thank you to Teena Gerber for heading up the confirmation fundraiser at Mac's Pizza! Thank you to everyone who helped and came to support our confirmation students go to Lutherdale!
- Thank you to Laurie Dickison and Kathy Demrow for organizing our Sunday School's Valentine Bingo Day!
- Thanks to everyone who has brought soup for our Wednesday night soup suppers!
- Thank you to our cemetery board! Thank you especially to Lyle Amundson for his work as treasurer!

### ***Sunday School Class***





OLC's Confirmation Class held a fundraiser at Mac's Pizza in Janesville. Proceeds will help our confirmation class go to Lutherdale Bible Camp this summer. Thanks to everyone who came to support our kids!

Congregation members enjoying our traditional "Simple Soup Supper" held on Wednesday's during Lent.



### ***Service Groups***

Our service groups prepare salads and desserts for funerals at OLC. During February, we met to assess and update our lists; since it had been awhile. New people were added and others were removed. Please let us know if you do not see your name or if you would like to be removed. We decided to include every family in one of the service groups, but everyone is welcome to "opt-out" at any time without explanation. We can all practice saying "no" without guilt and "yes" without resentment. Traditionally, these groups have consisted of the women of the congregation, but it can really be any member of the household. For example, Pastor Andy is listed as the representative for the Swedlund/Twiton household. Please contact Sue Draves, via email, at [office@oxfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:office@oxfordvillelutheran.org) if you would like to be removed from the serving list.

<b><u>SERVICE GROUP 1</u></b>		<b><u>SERVICE GROUP 2</u></b>	
Kathy Demrow – Caller - <b>295-0285</b> Laurie Hazeltine – Co-Caller - <b>879-9988</b>		Mary Ann Cramer – Caller --- <b>879-2794</b> Joanne Hallmark – Co-Caller --- <b>879-2331</b>	
1. Albrecht, Sharon	897-4397	1. Case, Jill	295-2268
2. Brown, Linda	879-2291	2. Cramer, Mary Ann	879-2794
3. Brown, Julina	879-2213	3. Cronk, Julie	756-4405
4. Dailey, Sue	290-5710	4. Dickison, Laurie	876-6478 / 289-3985
5. Demrow, Kathy	295-0285	5. Dickison, Nancy	879-2638 / 289-0888
6. Dickison, Betty	879-2314	6. Grenawalt, Racheal	879-2374
7. Ends, Dela	897-4288	7. Gilbert, Marlene	876-2286
8. Fletcher, Terilee	879-9987	8. Hallmark, Joanne	879-2331
9. Frame, Karol	882-5084	9. Johnson, Stephanie	931-1255
10. Hazeltine, Laurie	879-9988	10. Nelson, Delores	449-3476
11. Kitelinger, Donna	879-2439	11. Nolan, Donna	751-2543
12. Mulno, Sue	295-6268	12. Socwell, Jackie	879-9077
13. Pautsch, Ellen	921-8089	13. Speich, Donna	897-2854
14. Peterson, Kari	295-1197	14. Speich, Mary	879-2217
15. Ramquist, Janice	365-8678 / 290-5030	15. Vigdahl, Janice	879-2154
16. Saigitis, Katie	365-4793	16. Weis, Cindy	876-6755
17. Taylor Knudson, Kay	879-2213	17. Wuthrich, Leanne	289-2021
18. Twiton, Pastor Andy & Kristin Swedlund	608-886-0546	18. Yaun, Debra	931-2682
<b><u>SERVICE GROUP 3</u></b>		<b><u>SERVICE GROUP 4</u></b>	
Gerry Johnson – Caller -290-3457 or 879-9494		Ilene Speich – Caller - <b>879-2738</b>	
1. Amundson, Bernice	879-2704	1. Atkinson, Kathy	879-2641
2. Gempeler, Sheila	879-2221	2. Balch, Phyllis	879-2959
3. Gerber, Jackie	289-6700	3. Burtness, Pat	931-6363
4. Gramacki, Laura	879-9475	4. Burtness, Sara	879-3887
5. Grayless, Ruth	879-2832	5. Caldwell, Judy	876-6141 / 921-9409
6. Hillison, Janet	879-2692	6. Ciabatti, Toni	897-3920 / 289-8579
7. Johnson, Gerry	879-9494 / 290-3457	7. Tina Gerber	
8. Klund, Barbara	879-2901	8. Heller, Karol	879-2180
9. Klund, Claudia	879-2901	9. LaVigne, Kim	879-2972
10. Klund, Mary	756-9174	10. Lund, Judy	879-2697
11. Komprood, LuAnn	879-9239	11. Manthey, Traci	879-9218
12. Lange, Becky	879-9417	12. Milam, Donna	876-6734
13. Larson, Taya	290-8747	13. Monk, Clarice	876-6855
14. Lund, Lynette	879-2383	14. Olson, Karin	879-2297
15. Olson, Ann	879-9380	15. Pautsch, Sara Lynn	290-7897
16. Palombi, Terilee	879-9057	16. Renly, Violet	359-5674
17. Smith, Ruth	921-8747	17. Speich, Ilene	879-2738
18. Smith, Tori	931-8747	18. Stuvengen, Fumiyo	879-3325
19. Stapelmann, Dawn	728-2078	19. Vanderhei, Deanna	931-3211
20. Stark, Stephanie	208-1803		
<b><u>SERVICE GROUP 5</u></b>			
Marilyn Klassy – Caller --- <b>879-2485</b>		Debbie Speich – Co-Caller --- <b>295-6329</b>	
1. Bomkamp, Misty		9. Larsen, Kim	751-2194
2. Draves, Sue	608-558-6418	10. O'Neal, Jackie	295-4835
3. Ehle, Mary	879-2155	11. Paulson, Ellen	608-235-1354
4. Hammon, Mary	897-2396	12. Speich, Debbie	295-6329
5. Hoff, Bonnie	879-2228	13. Speich, Nicole (Josh)	879-3856 / 289-0411
6. Hudson, Debbie	295-0690	14. Speich, Nicole (Justin)	290-6957
7. Klassy, Marilyn	879-2485	15. Speich, Lorrie	921-3798
8. Klassy, Shannon	879-9540	16. Varilek, LuAnn	876-6062

# OLC'S CALENDAR

## MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>11:30 am</b> Senior Luncheon	2 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 pm</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 pm</b> Lenten Worship	3 <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P	4 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	5
6 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship New Members Welcome <b>10:00 am</b> Foundation Meeting <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School	7 <b>9:00-3:00 pm</b> Quilt Class	8	9 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 pm</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 pm</b> Lenten Worship <b>7:45 pm</b> Festival Choir Practice	10 <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P	11 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	12
13 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School @ Collinwood <b>1-3 pm</b> OLC Council Retreat	14	15 <b>9 a.m. – 3 pm</b> Mission Quilting	16 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 pm</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 pm</b> Lenten Worship <b>7:45 pm</b> Festival Choir Practice	17 <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P	18 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	19
20 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School	21  <b>Office Assistant Vacation</b>	22  <b>Office Assistant Vacation</b>	23 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>Office Assistant Vacation</b>	24 <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P <b>6:30 pm</b> Festival Choir Practice Maudy Thurs. Service @ 7pm <b>Office Assistant Vacation</b>	25 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> Festival Choir Practice <b>7:00 pm</b> Good Friday Service <b>Office Assistant Vacation</b>	26  7:00 pm Easter Vigil
27 <b>7:00 am</b> Easter Early Service <b>8:00 am</b> Easter Breakfast <b>9:00 am</b> Easter Late Service <b>No Sunday School</b>	28	29	30 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study	31		