



## ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*

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### NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2015

#### FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and all.” – Ephesians 4:4-6*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the great joys I've experienced in my calling has been welcoming new brothers and sisters into our family through baptism. At OLC, I've been able to take the newly baptized child in my arms and walk him or her down the aisle of our church to introduce them as a new member of our family.

My hope is that when we welcome the newly baptized that they receive a whole network of new caring people in their lives. Baptism unites us with God and with one another and that is why we call each other brothers and sisters.

The month of November is often a time when we gather with our family to give thanks and to spend time together. As a church family, I believe we have a lot to be thankful for. God is at work among us and is ever calling us into greater love and service.

In November, we also spend time with our extended family in the church. On Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll join brothers and sisters from Footville Church of Christ, New Horizons Methodist, and St. Augustine's Catholic Church for a worship service of Thanksgiving. I can't help but feel that we are doing God's will when we are unified in worship. After all, Jesus prayed before his death that his followers would be one (John 17:21).

Too often we Christians have been divided, but, as Ephesians 4 reminds us, there is “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.”

During this season of Thanksgiving, may we remember that we are united in Christ. May we be grateful for our Christian family and our shared mission to love and serve the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Andy Twiton

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ***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).

### ***Updates for the Church Directory***

If you did not have your photo taken for the directory, please submit a photo by November 6<sup>th</sup> to Pastor Andy by email or by providing a physical copy to him. The photo will be returned to you.

### ***Senior Luncheon - Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.***

The Orfordville Community holds a monthly senior luncheon in the fellowship hall at Orfordville Lutheran Church. The meal starts at 11:30 a.m. with an afternoon program; organized by the Orfordville Public Library. OLC is proud to be part of this monthly event. This month's menu consists of Chicken, Broccoli & Rice Casserole and dessert. Dorothy Kruse, author of *Hammer Tacks not Ticks*, will be the speaker.

### ***Cemetery Notice***

New decorations may now be placed in the cemetery.

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Youth Group—Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.***

This month, the Youth group will do an activity at the church. The Youth Group is open to grades 7-12. Friends are always welcome to join.

### ***Confirmation Extravaganza—Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> (Leaving OLC @ 4:45 p.m.)***

This is an event for all of our confirmation students. The ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin's Confirmation Extravaganza is its most popular synod-wide event. Last year, it drew nearly 1,000 youth and adults. Youth will hear a message from Bishop Mary Froiland. Pizza and refreshments will be served. The confirmation students are asked to bring in-kind donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel size deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, body wash and lotion, if possible. Cost for the event is \$10.

### ***Movie Night at New Horizon Methodist Church, Footville – Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>***

New Horizon Methodist Church is hosting Movie Nights on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. These are geared toward middle and high school youth and their families (family movies – rated PG-13). Popcorn will be available. All area families and youth are invited. The program is 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. with the featured movie starting at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 24 @ 7:00 p.m.***

Pastor Andy will be preaching at St. Augustine Catholic Church, in Footville, on November 24. Fellowship with your neighboring congregations for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service; beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring pie to share after the service.

### ***Thirsty: Synod High School Youth Gathering – December 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> in Janesville***

Mark your calendars as more information comes out about this event. Open to all youth in grades 9-12. The event will include the Christian musician AGAPE\* and the preaching of Rev. Steve Jerbi. Youth will also pack over 10,000 meals for *Kids Against Hunger Rock County* as community service. More information can be found at <http://www.scswthirsty.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.

***Acolytes for the month of November:***

11/1/2015 Kailey Frame & Bailey Paulson  
11/8/2015 Dynally Mould & Max Gerber  
11/15/2015 Kailey Frame & Bailey Paulson  
11/22/2015 Bryce Hammon & Dynally Mould  
11/29/2015 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres

***Altar Guild People of the month:***

Kathy Demrow  
Kari Peterson  
Traci Manthey

***Picture from OLC's Pet Blessing on October 4th***

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, OLC celebrated a pet blessing in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. Several dogs were blessed and one turtle.



***Picture from Youth Night at the Corn Maze on October 18<sup>th</sup>***

OLC's Youth conquered the Impossible Maze at Skelly's Farm in Janesville!



*Picture from Sunday School Hay Ride on October 18th*



The Sunday School climbed in the hay mow, drank hot chocolate, visited the farm animals, and enjoyed the fall weather!

Thank you to Ken and Karol!

*Picture of Youth Group and Confirmation Class Carving Pumpkins on October 21<sup>st</sup>*



### ***November Birthdays***

|    |                  |    |                      |
|----|------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Matthew Cronk    | 16 | Colt Peterson        |
| 2  | Patricia Johnson | 17 | Brett Frame          |
| 4  | Doug Dickison    | 17 | Madison Melms        |
| 4  | Dylan Johnson    | 21 | Laurie Hazeltine     |
| 9  | Sarah Lund       | 21 | Cody Scott           |
| 10 | Lucy Strehlow    | 22 | Lee Bohnhoff         |
| 14 | Todd Onsgard     | 23 | Christopher Dickison |
| 16 | Jenna Lund       | 29 | Joshua Strehlow      |

### **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 Ken and Karol Heller for hosting the Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group at their farm and for the hay rides!
- Thank you to Jacey Burns and Katie Sagaitas for arranging for pumpkins for the youth group!
- Thank you to Sue Draves for creating the display for our Sparkhouse Family Resource Fair!
- Thank you to everyone who has pitched in for this year's Norwegian Dinner!
- Thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!

# OLC'S CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2015

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                             | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1<br><b>Remember to Change Your Clocks</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Worship<br><i>All Saints Sunday</i><br><b>10:15</b><br>Sunday School                       | 2<br>Council Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.  | 3<br><b>11:30 am</b><br>Senior Luncheon                 | 4<br>Confirmation Extravaganza<br>(Leaving: 4:45 p.m.)  | 5<br><b>9-11:00 am</b><br>C.U.P.   | 6<br><b>8:00 pm</b><br>AA Meeting  | 7        |
| 8<br><b>9:00 am</b><br>Worship<br><i>Baptism</i><br><i>Brinley Larson</i><br><b>10:15</b><br>Sunday School<br><i>Pastor Andy @ First Call Education</i> | 9<br><b>9:00-3:00 pm</b><br>Quilt Class<br><br><i>Pastor Andy @ First Call Education</i> | 10<br><br><i>Pastor Andy @ First Call Education</i>     | 11<br><b>9:00 am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>Confirmation   | 12<br><b>9:00-11:00 am</b><br>C.U.P.<br><br>9:30 am<br>Pastor Andy @ Wood's Crossing | 13<br><b>8:00 pm</b><br>AA Meeting | 14       |
| 15<br><b>9:00 am</b><br>Worship<br><i>Baptism</i><br><i>Clayton and Camden Elgersma</i><br><b>10:15</b><br>Sunday School                                | 16   | 17<br>Rock County Immunization Clinic<br>2:30 – 5:30 pm | 18<br><b>9:00 am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>Confirmation<br><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds Youth Group | 19<br><b>9:00-11:00</b><br>C.U.P.  | 20<br><b>8:00 pm</b><br>AA Meeting | 21       |
| 22<br><b>9:00 am</b><br>Worship<br><b>10:15</b><br>Sunday School  | 23   | 24  | 25<br><b>9:00 am</b><br>Bible Study<br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>Confirmation   | 26<br><b>9:00-11:00 am</b><br>C.U.P.   | 27<br><b>8:00 pm</b><br>AA Meeting | 28       |
| 29<br><b>9:00 am</b><br>Worship<br><b>10:15</b><br>Sunday School  | 30   |   |   |  |                                    |          |

**Seeking Readers for the following Sunday's: November 15<sup>th</sup> November 22<sup>nd</sup> November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Please sign-up in the Narthex**