



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2016

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! And thanks be to God!

Every month we try to include a list of the people and events we're thankful for in our "Thank yous and Thanksgivings" portion of our newsletter. I always hope that I'm remembering to thank everyone, but I'm sure that there is always more we can be grateful for.

This verse from 1 Thessalonians reminds us to give thanks in all circumstances. The month of November is a good month to remember to give thanks as we all celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

At OLC, we have a lot to be thankful for. I'm in awe when I think of all the volunteers and generous givers who make the Norwegian Dinner possible each year. OLC is a generous congregation.

We are blessed to be a blessing, and God has richly blessed Orfordville Lutheran Church. This month let us give thanks to God for all our blessings but also in all circumstances.

Please know that I thank God for each one of you.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Andy Twiton

HISTORY CORNER

By Lyle Amundson

Orfordville Lutheran Church will celebrate its 150th Anniversary as a congregation in 2018. In the coming months, we will include snippets of our church's history. Together we will celebrate God's faithfulness to us and our ancestors in faith!

A Brief History of the OLC Parsonages

November 7, 1870, Knud Thon et al purchased Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Block No. 15 and Lots 1 & 2 of Block 16 in Orfordville from Charles & Lydia Dunn for \$1,200 on behalf of the congregation. There was a house on this property which became the church parsonage. In 1879, an addition was built onto the house which basically doubled its size. The new addition was 32 ft. long, 16 ft. wide and 18 ft. high. The first floor had 2 rooms and the second floor had 3 rooms. The new addition was built by members of the congregation at a cost of \$720.

The present parsonage was built in 1902 at a cost of \$3,500 by Julius E. Ledell, Beloit. At that time, Reverend O. J. Kvale purchased the parsonage and Lots 1 & 2 of Block 16, which was the east 8 rods of the church property, from the church August 24, 1902 for \$1,100. He also purchased the barn for \$15. Lots 1 & 2 of Block 16 are currently the first 3 lots north of Church Street, on Mowe Street, across from the church parking lot. The congregation paid \$18 to move the barn. The parsonage was separated, with the original structure, as well the 1879 addition, moved to the Kvale property. Both structures are still being lived in today. The original house is located just east of the church parking lot, 206 Mowe Street. Gene & Joy Shoemaker own and live in the house. The 1879 addition sits on the NE corner of Mowe & Church Streets, just south of the Shoemaker house. It has had an addition built on the north of the original structure.

The following pastors and their families lived in the original parsonage: Rev. C. F. Magelssen, Rev. C. K. Thorvilsen, Rev. Lars. O. Sherven and Rev. O. J. Kvale.

Electricity was installed in the present parsonage in 1915. The following pastors and their families have lived in the present parsonage: Rev. O. J. Kvale, who served us 1894-1917; Rev. L. M. Gimmestad, 1918-1937; Rev. Paul S. Reque, 1937-1945; Rev. Stanley V. Gjervik, 1945-1949; Rev. E. J. Nettet, 1950-1956; Rev. A. O. Skibsrud, 1956-1962; Rev. Ronald A. Nowland, 1962-1969; Rev. C. O. Thronson, 1969-1977; Rev. LeVerne S. Nielsen, 1977-1987; Rev. William Mains, 1987-1992; Rev. Rodney Nygren, 1997-1999; Pastor Jeanette Thompson, 2002-2004; Rev. Eric Jones, 2009 - 2014; and Rev. Andy Twiton, 2014 - Present.

We plan to continue writing of the history of the present parsonage and the families who lived there. If you have information to share about the parsonage or any of the families, please contact Pastor Andy or Lyle Amundson. If you have photos of the interior of the parsonage that you would share with us it would be greatly appreciated.



The Original Parsonage



The 1879 Parsonage Addition

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senior Luncheon – November 1st

The Orfordville Community will be holding their monthly senior luncheon on Tuesday, November 1st. The meal will start at 11:30 a.m. in OLC's fellowship hall. This month's menu includes roast beef, potatoes, carrots, rolls and dessert. Following the meal; there will be a "Question & Answer" session on Gardening and Plants.

Confirmation Extravaganza – Wednesday, November 2nd

OLC's Confirmation Class will be taking part in this year's synod-wide confirmation extravaganza! This year they will examine the real history behind the reformation and not only what took place but how what Martin Luther did 500 years ago informs youth in ways that will inspire them to "Nail" their ideas of "reforms" they want to bring back to their own congregation. Rooted in worship, this year students will have the unique opportunity to learn about what worship was like in the pre-reformation era, have small group conversations with their congregations about what they see as need "reform" in the church today and celebrate worship together with over 800 other youth from across south-central Wisconsin.

Remember to Change Your Clocks – Sunday, November 6th

Our clocks "fall back" an hour on November 6th, so be sure to change your clocks. Otherwise you'll be an hour early for church! ☺

All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 13th at 9:00 a.m.

All Saints is a day where we remember those in the Christian faith who have died in the Lord. During worship we will be remembering those in our congregation who have died in the past year by name. We will also have a time when everyone can light candles for their loved ones. In prayers, songs, and candle light we will remember our loved ones and cling to our hope in the resurrection. We hope you will join us for this special day.

Sunday School Sings in Church and Noisy Offering – Sunday, November 13th

The Sunday School will sing in church on Sunday, November 13th. Check your couch cushions and bring your coins to church on that day. We'll be collecting a "noisy" offering to benefit OLC's kids.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m.

The Church Council meeting was moved from the first Monday to the third Monday this month.

Community Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Footville Church of Christ

OLC will join Footville Church of Christ, St. Augustine's Catholic Church and New Horizons Methodist for a community Thanksgiving Service on November 22nd. There will likely be pie afterwards, but more details will be coming soon.

Church Cookbook

Start thinking about which recipes you'd like to submit for our church cookbook. We'll start collecting recipes beginning in January 2017. All proceeds will go toward OLC's 150th Celebration. (*We would like to have a special section of Norwegian Recipes.*) More detailed information will be in the December Newsletter.

Save the Date for Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Budget Meeting – Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. after worship**
- **Potluck and Sunday School Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 a.m. after Annual Budget meeting**

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

In 2018, Orfordville Lutheran Church will celebrate the 150th Anniversary as a congregation. This will be a very exciting time for our congregation and community. The official date for celebrating the anniversary is September 29-30, 2018. **We are still looking for volunteers to be part of the planning committee for our celebration.** If you're interested in volunteering, please speak with Pastor Andy.

Acolytes for the month of November:

11/6/2016 Dynally Mould
11/13/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres
11/20/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres
11/27/2016 Max Gerber

Altar Guild Person(s) of the Month: Kari Peterson & Kathy Demrow

November Birthdays

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



Thank yous and Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to everyone who brought their animals to this year's pet blessing! We had a blast!
- Thank you to all the members of our Altar Guild! We met during October to plan the year, and it's amazing all that our Altar Guild does to keep our worship life moving!
- Thank you to Ken and Karol Heller for arranging for a hay ride for both our Sunday School Kids and for our older youth! Thank you also for all the delicious food you provided!
- Thank you to the volunteers at the CUP food shelf! CUP had their annual volunteer meeting in October, and we learned about how they are able to help feed 50-60 families each month!
- Thank you to the confirmation kids and families who provided concessions for the Luther movie night! Thank you especially to David, Sue and Jason Draves for bringing the popcorn maker and supplies to turn our fellowship hall into a movie theater! Thank you to everyone who came and supported our youth by eating popcorn and other treats!
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- Finally, thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated towards the Norwegian Dinner!
- Thanks be to God for all the blessings of this past month!

Office Assistant Hours – Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 -10:30 a.m.

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 and 608-879-2575. You can reach Pastor Andy on his cell phone 608-886-0546 or by email at pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org.

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 or on his cell phone at 608-886-0546.



Pet Blessing



***Sunday School Kids Playing
In the Hay at Heller Farm***



***Youth Hayride
Ken & Karol Heller's Farm***

OLC'S CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:30 am Senior Luncheon 4:00 & 6:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class <i>Pastor Andy on Vacation</i>	2 No Bible Study Confirmation Extravaganza <i>Pastor Andy on Vacation</i>	3 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class <i>Pastor Andy on Vacation</i>	4 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting <i>Pastor Andy on Vacation</i>	5 <i>Pastor Andy on Vacation</i>
6 9:00 am Worship <i>Pastor Andy on Vacation</i>	7 9 am – 3 pm Quilt Class	8 4:00 & 6:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class	9 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation	10 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class	11 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	12
13 9:00 am Worship <i>All Saints Sunday</i> Noisy offering Sunday School Sings in Church	14 <i>Pastor Andy At First Call Theological Education</i>	15 4:00 & 6:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class <i>Pastor Andy At First Call Theological Education</i>	16 No Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation <i>Pastor Andy At First Call Theological Education</i>	17 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class	18 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	19
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