



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2015

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” – Romans 12:15

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The end of May and the beginning of June mark a transition time for many people. For those in school, this is graduation season. Students and teachers are wrapping up their school years and transitioning to summer. Others of us are reveling in the beginning of summer weather. As a newcomer, I know I have enjoyed watching more people walk around the village and seeing people out mowing their lawns or tending gardens.

At church, we are also transitioning to summer. Our Sunday School and Confirmation classes are on break until fall. We celebrated the end of our confirmation for four of our students during May. In front of church, we've had to adjust to the construction on N. Main St. (which is another sign of summer).

Summer can be a time of rest and renewal. For some, including construction workers, summer is a busy season, but for many of us it has a different pace and different activities than during the rest of the year.

Summer can also be a time for fun, and I hope we will have lots of fun together as a church family this summer. In my five months at OLC so far, I have enjoyed especially the good humor, caring spirit, and laughter we've shared together.

Having fun together is, in my experience, an underrated activity in many religious circles. There seems to be this idea that faith and spirituality are serious business only undertaken by serious people. But I believe fun, joy, and laughter are important parts of the Christian life and our life together as a church family.

Certainly, there are times of grief and times that call for seriousness. After all, we are called to “weep with those who weep.” But we are also called to “rejoice with those who rejoice,” as Paul reminds us in Romans 12:15. In another letter, the Apostle Paul takes it even further, saying, “Rejoice always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

I'm not saying that we should pretend to be happy all the time, but I do believe that a community that laughs together will, when the time comes, be ready to weep with one another as well. Furthermore, people who are humble enough to laugh at their mistakes are often willing to extend grace and forgiveness to others. And if we can't crack a smile after shouting “Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!” I don't know what we can smile about. In other words, I'm saying we should take fun, laughter, and joy more seriously. ☺

We have several fun activities planned for this summer, including, a youth outing to Noah's Ark, campfire worship, Vacation Bible School, sand volleyball, a Senior Luncheon at Beckman Mill, a visit from the Spoke Folk, and more.

I pray that God is with us in both our joy and sadness, in our weeping and in our laughing. May God bless our community with fun, joy, and laughter this summer.

With love and joy,



Pastor Andy Twiton

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT!

This past month we welcomed a familiar face to the church office. At the May meeting, our church council voted to hire Sue Draves as our new office assistant.

Sue has been involved with OLC's ministry in a variety of ways over the years – helping with the church's finance committee in the past, serving as one of the co-directors of Sunday School for a time, and serving on two different call committees during times of pastoral transition. She is married to David Draves and has two kids, Jason and Megan, who have also been a part of this church family since around 2000. Outside of church, Sue has worked for the Parkview School District for 18 years. From her experience at the District Office, Sue brings many administrative skills to OLC.

As office assistant, Sue's responsibilities will include: maintaining our church's records, handling phone and other communication, assisting Pastor Andy with the weekly worship bulletin, and producing this monthly newsletter. Delores Nelson, who graciously volunteered as our office assistant for most of the past year, also met with Sue to pass on some of her experience. (Thank you, Delores!) You can reach Sue at the church office by phone at 608-879-2575 and by email at office@orfordvillelutheran.org. Our office assistant hours over the summer will be Tuesday-Friday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please join Pastor Andy and our church council in welcoming Sue to her new role.

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 emails/correspondence may be sent to office@orfordvillelutheran.org.

Church Council Minutes

Going forward, 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.

Senior Luncheon Outing to Beckman Mill – Tuesday, June 4th Tour at 9:30 and Picnic Lunch 11:30

Every month the Orfordville Library hosts a Senior Luncheon at OLC. This month the group is taking a special outing to Beckman Mill (11600 Co. Hwy H, Beloit, WI). We will meet at 9:30 for a tour and a picnic lunch follows at 11:30.

Celebrating our Graduates - June 7th (During Worship)

If you have recently graduated from high school or college, please inform the church office at 879-2575 or via email at office@orfordvillelutheran.org. We want to make sure that everyone is recognized for their accomplishments. This is an excellent time to bless those taking the next step in their lives!

Youth Group – Noah’s Ark Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells – June 12th

Any youth interested in participating in this fun event may contact Pastor Andy via email, at pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org or leave a message at the church office (879-2575). We will plan on meeting at the church at 9:00 a.m. and returning at around 5:30 p.m. Friends are welcome to join us (as long as we have enough drivers). Cost: \$18.50 includes Admission and Complimentary Hot Dog Lunch. Participants may want to bring additional money for drinks & snacks.

Summer Volleyball Starts Sunday, June 14th 7:00-8:00 p.m.

OLC reserves the sand volleyball court every Sunday night during the summer. 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.

Campfire Worship Service – Sunday, June 14th at 8:00 p.m.

After volleyball on the 14th, Pastor Andy will lead a campfire worship service outside the church. Everyone is welcome.

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.

- Graduation Recognition – Sunday, June 7th (during worship)
- Outing to Noah’s Ark – Friday, June 12th from 9:00-5:30
- Summer Volleyball Starts – Sunday, June 14th at 7:00pm
- Campfire worship – Sunday, June 14th at 8:00pm
- Vacation Bible School (for grades K-6, Youth are encouraged to volunteer) – Sunday, July 5th-9th
- Family Fun Night at Joanne Hallmark’s place in Edgerton – Sunday, July 12th
- Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale – July 19th-24th
- Spoke Folk Event – Either Tuesday, July 21st or Wednesday, July 22nd (TBD)
- Youth Lock-In – Friday, August 14th

Salad Luncheon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead – June 18th at 12:30 p.m.

The women of the church are invited to a salad luncheon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The theme of the day is aprons. All are invited to bring or wear a special apron. Please RSVP by June 12 at 608-897-2341.

Volunteer Opportunity: Assist Pastor Andy with Nursing Home Services

Pastor Andy leads services at three local nursing homes: St. Elizabeth Manor in Footville, Evansville Manor, and Woods Crossing in Brodhead. Volunteers could help Pastor prepare and distribute communion. Plus the residents always love to have visitors. Please speak with Pastor Andy if you’re interested. The next Footville service is June 9th at 10:00am. The next Evansville service is June 17th at 10:30am.

Fish Fry Friday at Lutherdale – June 19th

Cost: \$12 for Adults - \$7 for Youth (age 12 and under). Served 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Check the Church Bulletin Board for more information)

OLC Joint Vacation Bible School with Luther Valley

Mark your calendars – July 5 – July 9, 2015. Orfordville Lutheran Church is partnering with Luther Valley to bring Lutherdale camp counselors to our “neck of the woods”. They will lead our youth in activities of faith and fun. More info will be coming soon!

OLC Foundation Scholarship – Apply before July 1st

The OLC Foundation is currently taking scholarship applications for students from our congregation. First time applicants may pick up an application from the Foundation's mailbox in the hallway by the church office. Applications should be returned by the July 1st due date. Continuing students should send a letter to Delores Nelson to request consideration for a scholarship. Please include a copy of your college transcript/report card; prior to July 1st. Scholarships will be awarded upon the completion of the 1st semester of the school year.

Collecting Items for Baby and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Please continue to keep an eye out for items for the kits we assemble for LWR to benefit those in need. Any questions may be directed to Sue Draves, in the church office, at 879-2575 or via email at office@orfordvillelutheran.org.

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.

These are the items we're collecting:

- **Baby Kits:** Two lightweight cotton t-shirts. Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet – if possible). Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square. Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred. One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap. Two pairs of socks . One hand towel, dark color recommended. Two bath-size bars (8 to 9 oz.) of gentle soap in original wrapping. Two diaper pins or large safety pins. (*Tips: Sizes 6 to 24 months may be used. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted. Onesies can be cut & hemmed/serged to make a simple t-shirt. Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.*)
- **Personal Kits:** One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27") Dark color recommended. Two bath-size bars (8 or 9 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping. One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. One sturdy comb. One metal nail clippers (attached file optional).

Acolytes for the month of June:

6/7/2015 Bryce Hammon & Arianna Humphres
6/14/2015 Kailey Frame & Dynally Mould
6/21/2015 Payton Stark & Bryce Hammon
6/28/2015 Arianna Humphres & Kailey Frame

Altar Guild Person of the month:

Nancy Dickison

June Birthdays

1	Stephanie Johnson	21	Olivia Johnson
2	Ed Burtness	21	Tanya Johnson
2	Nancy Dickison	23	Bonnie Hoff
4	Tylar Frame	24	Julie Cronk
6	Cassidy Olson	24	Chris Johnson
9	Kathryn Klassy	25	Karl Stuvengen
13	Joshua Speich	27	Betty Dickison
15	Katrina Johnson	29	Debbie Speich
18	Jackie O'Neal		

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 the Million Meals event in Janesville on May 3rd

The over 1 million meals that were packaged will help those in need, here in Rock County, as well as Minneapolis, Haiti and Central America.



Confirmation

On May 17, the congregation was able to share in celebrating with our confirmands in the affirmation of their baptism. We are truly blessed to be a witness to their journey in faith.



Taylor Stark, Caylor Burns, Pastor Andy, Jayce Reilly and Charysma Mould

Thank yous and Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to our Sunday School teachers, parents, and all who celebrated the end of our Sunday School year at last month's ice cream social!
- Thank you to Katie Sagaitis for providing the cake on Confirmation Sunday!
- Thank you to our prayer partners for praying for and supporting our confirmation students!
- Thank you to Aaron Burns, Racheal Grenawalt, and Glen Johnson for their work in the hiring process of our new office assistant!
- Thank you to Mike Varilek and Sarah Varilek for representing OLC at the Synod Assembly!
- Thanks be to God!

OLC'S CALENDAR

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31 SYNOD ASSEMBLY 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group	1 6:30pm Church Council	2 9:30 am Senior Tour at Beckman Mill <u>Senior Picnic</u> <u>Lunch follows</u> 11:30 am	3 No Bible Study	4 9:00-11:00 C.U.P.	5 8:00 pm AA Meeting	6
7 9:00 am Worship <i>Graduate Recognition</i> 7:00 pm Youth Group at Volleyball Courts 8:00 pm Campfire Worship	8 9:00-3:00 Quilt Class	9 10:00 am Pastor Andy leads service at St. Elizabeth Manor - Footville	10 9:00 am Bible Study	11 9:00-11:00 C.U.P	12 9 am – 5:30 pm Youth Group Noah's Ark 6:30 pm AA Potluck 8:00 pm AA Meeting	13
14 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group	15	16 9:00-3:00 Mission Quilting	17 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Pastor Andy leads service at Evansville Manor 2:00 pm OLC serves birthday cake at Evansville Manor	18 9:00-11:00 C.U.P	19 8:00 pm AA Meeting	20
21 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group	22	23	24 9:00 am Bible Study	25 9:00-11:00 C.U.P	26 8:00 pm AA Meeting	27
28 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group	29	30 OLC Foundation Scholarship Applications Due	July 1 9:00 am Bible Study	July 2 9:00-11:00 C.U.P	July 3 8:00 pm AA Meeting	July 4 <i>Independence Day</i>

Orfordville Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015

1. Call to order: Treasurer Mike Varilek called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Devotions were led by Aaron Burns and Pastor Andy Twiton.
3. Roll Call
Council Members Present: Racheal Grenawalt, Traci Manthey, Ken Heller, Aaron Burns, Pastor Andy Twiton, Mike Varilek, and Jason Burtness.
Council Members Absent: Tony Ends, Violet Renly, and Glen Johnson.
4. Approval of Agenda
Aaron Burns 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 April 6, 2015 council meeting. Motion made by Mike Varilek to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2015 council meeting. Motion seconded by Ken Heller. Motion approved.
6. Treasures Report
Motion made by Aaron Burns to approve the treasurers report. Motion seconded by Traci Manthey. Motion approved.
7. Pastors Report
I've been thinking about some goals for the coming months. What is God calling us to do? Two goals I keep coming back to:
 - Continuing to deepen and focus on our congregation's ministry of care. Jesus says in John 13, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Our love and care for each other is one of our most important forms of witness to others. To work on this, I see praying for and visiting our homebound members and responding to members in crisis as particularly important. I wonder how we can involve more people in our ministry of care.
 - Focus on our congregation's welcome of children and their families. Jesus says in Matthew 18:5, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." How might we strengthen our welcome of children into our worship and life together?I'm attending workshop with Pastor Matt from Evansville and other area pastors on May 19th called "Boundaries 201." This will be part of my continuing education for the year.
I've been asked to preside over my cousin Matt's wedding on September 12th in Girdwood, Alaska. I wanted to mention this now, because I'd like to take some vacation time around that date to make the trip.
Looking back at April:
 - *Counseling and Visitation:* Made eight visits to homebound and members in the hospital with home communion; met for counseling with two families; met with one couple for premarital counseling for a wedding in Janesville in July.
 - *Special and Community Events:* Led prayer at Senior Luncheon; led worship and served communion at St. Elizabeth, Evansville Manor, and Woods Crossing; took youth to South-Central Synod Youth Group at St. John's in Evansville; Roadside Clean-Up with confirmation class and other volunteers; volunteered at Footville Rummage Sale with Neighbors Helping Neighbors; attended Lutherdale Fish Fry with 4 OLC members and Kristin.

- *Meetings:* Brodhead-Area Pastor group at Kay's Outback; David Box from Lutherdale at OLC; First-Call Colleague group at St. Martin's in Cross Plains; two meetings with Office Assistant Hiring Committee; went to monthly Spiritual Direction in Madison.
- Funerals during April: Jim Long and Ann Hammell
- No baptisms, transfers in or out.

8. Old Business

A. Office Assistant

Aaron Burns and Racheal Grenawalt recommend Sue Draves for the office assistant position. Ken Heller made a motion to approve Sue Draves as the office assistant at \$11 per hour with 90-day probationary period. Motioned seconded by Aaron Burns. Motion carried.

B. Steeple Meeting

Invite anyone interested in keeping the steeple and/or ideas on what to do with it come to the next meeting June 2, 2014. Then the council will be better prepared when approaching the congregation.

C. Insurance Update

We switched to Acuity Insurance last month. A few concrete items and one parsonage item need to be fixed. We will address these items over the summer and report to Acuity Insurance.

D. Resurfacing the Parking Lot

Glen needs to follow up with the company completing the Main Street project to see about a price.

E. VBS

Luther Valley Church has asked us to join them in their Bible study this summer. They have hired Lutherdale counselors to help with VBS. It would be the week of July 5, 2015. They would still need volunteers from the congregation. Pastor Twiton received support from the council to go forward with this.

F. Music for Worship

Taya is now taking a break from playing piano for the next few months. Pastor Twiton presented the idea of starting a Music and Worship Committee to join musicians, schedule music for the month, and reach out to other musicians in the area. Council agreed that he could move forward with this.

G. Other

9. New Business

A. Parking for Neighbors during Construction

Council agreed to allow church neighbors (North Main Street) to park in our parking lot during construction. Pastor Twiton will contact the village to let the neighbors know they are able to park along the back of the parking lot when needed.

B. Pastor Parties or Listening Sessions

Pastor would like to organize get-togethers to get congregation members together, talk, have fun, and get ideas for OLC. Pastor Twiton will organize and begin this summer and lead through Christmas time.

C. Synod Assembly Delegates

Mike Varilek will attend with Pastor Twiton.

D. 150th Committee and Timeline

Council decided to postpone at this time, but noted that a conversation needs to happen soon.

E. Confirmation Sunday

Council will purchase a cake for Sunday, May 17 for confirmation students. Pastor will check into this.

F. Other

Ken Heller donated a lawn mower for the parsonage.

10. Next Meeting/Devotions/Treats

Next meeting will be Monday, June 1, 2015. Traci will have devotions. Aaron Burns will provide treats.

11. Adjournment

Ken Heller made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Aaron Burns. Motion approved.

12. Closing

Mike Varilek led the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Racheal Grenawalt
Council Secretary