



## ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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### NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2015

#### FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we near the end of summer, we have a lot to be thankful for. I know I am thankful to God for this community and for the ways we support one another in ministry. I am grateful for each of you.

This time of year we are also transitioning into fall and the beginning of a new program year at church. On Sunday, September 20th, we'll be kicking off our Sunday School year with Rally Sunday. We'll celebrate with a potluck and fun for people of all ages. Confirmation classes will also resume that week on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If I had to name one goal for myself and for our community in the coming year, I would choose to focus on a deeper and deeper engagement with God's Word for us in the Bible. Of all the things we could focus on, knowing and dwelling in God's Word has the potential to bear the most fruit in our lives. This is foundational for who we are as God's people, and yet it is easy to be distracted from it by other concerns.

In order to know who you are, you have to know your story. In our families, we learn who we are by telling stories around the dinner table and listening to the stories of our ancestors. Likewise, in our Christian family, we learn who we are by learning the biblical story. In the Bible, we learn the stories of our ancestors, we learn who God is, and we learn of God's great love for us in Jesus Christ. We learn who we are in the eyes of God and what God desires for us and for this world.

In the verse above from John 15, Jesus reminds us that we can do nothing apart from him. We only grow and bear fruit when we are connected to Christ, the true vine. The Bible is our primary source for staying connected to Jesus. This I believe: the more we make ourselves at home in Holy Scripture, the more we will grow and bear fruit as a church.

This fall especially we will refocus again on knowing our story, teaching it to our children, and staying connected to Jesus through Holy Scripture. One of the ways we will do this is by adjusting our weekly readings in Sunday worship to give us a better sense of the overall narrative of the Bible. During the fall months, the preaching texts will begin in the book of Genesis and move through some of the most important stories of the Old Testament. Beginning in December, we will have a sustained reading of the Gospel of Mark. From Easter to Pentecost, we will focus on the stories of the early church in the book of Acts and Paul's letters.

This sequential reading of Scripture will help us get an overall look at the biblical narrative. It's the story of our ancestors in faith from Adam and Eve to Jesus' disciples and beyond. Our Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study will focus on the same stories each week to help foster conversation between generations. My hope is that this renewed focus will deepen our faith and continue to strengthen our church family.

May God be with us as we journey together into this fall. May we grow in our relationship with Christ as we dwell in God's Word.

Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Andy Twiton

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

OLC's Office Assistant, Sue Draves, has new hours. Sue 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).

### ***Rev. Emily Tveite from Lutheran Campus Ministry preaches at OLC on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>***

OLC and the OLC Foundation have both supported the work of the Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) in Madison. LCM is a ministry of the ELCA serving the communities of UW-Madison, MATC, and Edgewood College. Rev. Emily Tveite, the new Director and Campus Pastor, will be leading us in worship on September 13th, sharing an update about the work of LCM, and sharing her expertise on reaching young adults.

### ***Pastor Andy will be out-of-town from September 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>***

While Pastor Andy is away, Pastor Byron Bunge of Albany Lutheran will be on call in case of an emergency. You can reach Pastor Bunge at 608-837-3768. Any other questions can go to Sue at the church office.

### ***Rally Sunday and Potluck - Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>***

We'll kick-off our Sunday School year on Sunday, September 20th during worship and a celebration to follow. Parents and children will learn more about our Sunday School program for the year. Everyone is invited to a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to pass.

### ***New Members Sunday - Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>***

As part of our Rally Sunday, we will welcome new members to our congregation. Please join us for a special service of welcome and potluck celebration. If you are interested in joining OLC as a member, speak with Pastor Andy. We'd love to welcome more members!

### ***Confirmation Classes Start on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm***

OLC's confirmation program will start on Wednesday, September 23rd. We'll have a meeting with our youth and their families about the program's activities and expectations. Confirmation will meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm during the school. Please speak with Pastor Andy if you have questions.

### ***Youth Group Ice Cream and Planning Party – Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm***

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to come talk about the year ahead. We will talk about fun activities and opportunities for service. Also, there will be ice cream! Confirmation students are invited to stay after class for this.

***C.U.P. Annual Meeting – Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm***

It's that time of year! Time to celebrate the service we've provided to our neighbors in the Parkview District and gear up for our work in the coming year. Treats will be provided. You can reach Sheila DeForest at 608-290-6592 or deforestsheila@yahoo.com.

***Pet Blessing – Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm***

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of animals. OLC will host a pet blessing in the church courtyard on Sunday afternoon to celebrate. All furry, spiky, slimey, feathery friends great and small are welcome. Just make sure they are on a leash or secured safely. Free and open to all.

***Norwegian Dinner - Saturday, October 31st from 11:00-3:00***

The date for OLC's Norwegian Dinner has been set for Saturday, October 31st. Please mark your calendars and spread the word!

***Check Out our New 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.

***Lutherdale Quilt Auction Update***

The OLC Quilting Circle donated a quilt to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction that was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The quilt sold for \$175.00. Many thanks to all those involved in this worthy cause.

***Photo Directory Make-Up – Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:00***

Dean from City Lights Photography will be at OLC after worship on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to take pictures. Please call or email Pastor Andy if this date does not work for you.

***New Piano!***

For the next 1-3 years, Orfordville Lutheran will be hosting a baby grand piano in our sanctuary. It's pictured right. Rev. Larry Froemming fixed this piano up for a family member who is unable to house it at present. Until they are ready to have it, OLC will use to lead our singing during worship. We are grateful to Pastor Froemming for the opportunity to house it in the meantime.



***Acolytes for the month of September:***

- 9/6/2015 Kailey Frame & Arianna Humphres
- 9/13/2015 Payton Stark & Bryce Hammon
- 9/20/2015 Dynally Mould & Kailey Frame
- 9/27/2015 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres

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

- Nancy Dickison
- Debbie Speich
- Sue Draves

***September Birthdays***

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Daniel Speich   | 16 Sue Draves      |
| 3 Marilyn Klassy  | 18 Bernice Keeseey |
| 3 Shannon Klassy  | 18 David Reinke    |
| 3 Grace Scott     | 19 Melissa Heller  |
| 4 Ilene Speich    | 21 Jed Speich      |
| 10 Karrie Pomplum | 23 Donna Speich    |
| 15 Nancy Thorson  | 25 Jacey Burns     |
| 16 Roger Demrow   | 26 Aaron Grenawalt |
|                   | 26 Carter Butler   |

**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).*

***Collecting Items for Lutheran World Relief***

We are continuing to seek donations for Lutheran World Relief kits. Below is an **UPDATED** list of items that we are still needing. Any questions may be directed to Sue Draves, in the church office, at 879-2575 or via email at [office@orfordvillelutheran.org](mailto:office@orfordvillelutheran.org).

Personal Care Kits	School Kits	Baby Care Kits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Light-weight bath size towels (Dark Color Recommended)</li> <li>➤ New Bars of Soap (4-5 oz.)</li> <li>➤ Toothbrushes (Adult Size) in original packaging</li> <li>➤ Combs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ruler with cm &amp; inches – <b>18 needed</b></li> <li>➤ Blunt Scissors – <b>10 needed</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This will complete 25 School Kits!</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)</li> <li>➤ New Bars of Soap (4-5 oz)</li> </ul>

**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.

***Update - Fleece Tied Blankets for Lutheran World Relief***

Megan Draves continues to work on her “Senior Project” for Brodhead High School. She has completed 25 fleece tied blankets to donate to Lutheran World Relief. She only has five (5) more to make in order to complete her goal of 30 blankets. Thank you for the many donations of money, fabric and JoAnn Fabric coupons.

***Other Local Church Events (Please see church bulletin board for more information)***

- ***Saturday, September 12 – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.***  
***Brodhead's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual UCC Fish Boil – UCC Church, Brodhead***  
***\$10 – Before Friday, Sept. 11 (Call UCC @ 897-2917 for tickets) or \$12 – At the Door***
  
- ***Sunday, September 13 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.***  
***Fall Festival - St. Augustine Parish, Footville***  
***Beef & Ham Dinner***  
***Adults: \$11 Children (5-12): \$5 Preschoolers: Free***  
***Arts & Crafts ~ Candy/Bake Sale ~ Children's Games ~ Cake Walk ~ Afghan/Quilt Raffle ~ 50/50 Raffle***
  
- ***Saturday, October 3 – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.***  
***Scandinavian Dinner – Faith Lutheran Church, Janesville***  
***Pre-Order Tickets at 754-0261 \$12 (13 yrs & up) \$6 (6-12 yrs) Free (5 yrs & under)***  
***Tickets purchased at the door: \$1.00 additional (Limited quantity)***

***Thank yous and Thanksgivings***

- Thank you to our youth and adult leaders for a fun summer of sand volleyball and ultimate frisbee!
- Thank you to Glen Johnson, David Draves, Megan Draves, David Hoff, and Chris Peterson for helping to move the new piano into the sanctuary!
- Thank you to Kyle Ramquist and Stephanie Varilek for their help planning and preparing for our youth lock-in during August! Thank you also to Aaron, Jacey, and Caylor Burns for hosting us at their pool!
- Thank you to Tony and Dela Ends for their presentation on Forks for Sustainability! Many blessings on their trip to Senegal!
- Thank you to our Quilters for supporting Lutherdale Bible Camp by donating a quilt and for representing OLC so well!
- Thank you to Terry Gerber, Glen Johnson, and everyone who met to start planning for the Norwegian Dinner!
- Thank you to everyone who helped with Diana Appel's funeral. Thank you especially to the Vigdahls and Hoff's for cleaning and tidying the fellowship hall and to Nancy Dickison and Service Group 3 for serving the luncheon afterwards.
- Thanks be to God!

# OLC'S CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Sue's New Office Hours Begin</i> <b>Tues.-Fri. 8:30-10:30</b>	2 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Bible Study	3 <b>9-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.	4 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	5
6 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship	7  Pastor Andy on Vacation	8  Pastor Andy on Vacation	9 No Bible Study  Pastor Andy on Vacation	10 <b>9:00-11:00</b> C.U.P.  Pastor Andy on Vacation	11 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting  Pastor Andy on Vacation	12  Pastor Andy on Vacation
13 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <i>Luth. Campus Center Update from Rev. Emily Tveite</i> Pastor Andy on Vacation	14  Pastor Andy on Vacation	15 <b>9:00-3:00pm</b> Quilting Circle <b>2:30 – 5:30 pm</b> Rock County Immunization Clinic Pastor Andy on Vacation	16 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study	17 <b>9:00-11:00</b> C.U.P.	18 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	19
20 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <i>Rally Sunday Potluck and Sunday School Kickoff</i>	21	22  <b>6:00-8:00 pm</b> C.U.P. Annual Meeting	23 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation Begins <b>7:00 pm</b> Youth Group Ice Cream and Planning	24 <b>9:00-11:00</b> C.U.P.  <b>9:30 am</b> Woods Crossing Worship	25 <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	26
27 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <i>Blake Speich Baptism</i> <b>10:15</b> Sunday School <b>10:30-12:00</b> Photo Directory	28	29	30 <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation			

**Orfordville Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 27, 2015**

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Glen Johnson at 6:34 p.m.
2. Devotions were led by Pastor Andy Twiton.
3. Roll Call  
Council Members Present: Racheal Grenawalt, Traci Manthey, Glen Johnson, Pastor Andy Twiton, Jason Burtness, Tony Ends, and Aaron Burns.  
Council Members Absent: Mike Varilek, Violet Renly, and Ken Heller.
4. Approval of Agenda  
Jason made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Aaron. Motion approved.
5. Approval of the April minutes  
Council reviewed the minutes from the July 6, 2015 council meeting. Traci made a motion to approve the July 6, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by Tony. Motion approved.
6. Treasures Report  
No treasures report given as Mike was absent.
7. Pastors Report
  - July has been a fun-filled month: VBS, Family Fun at Joanne Hallmark's, Spoke Folk, Confirmation Camp, sand volleyball, Amira's baptism, and more. I hope these events will draw us closer together as a church family. "Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)
  - One of my goals for the couple of months is to reach out to members I have yet to meet. A couple of meetings ago I talked about having "listening sessions," but I've decided to start by reaching out to people I haven't met specifically. I met with a few members who helped me go through the directory and identify people to reach out to.
  - Two things I'm thinking about for fall:
    - Involving new people.
    - Growing the way we welcome small children and their families.
  - I will be gone this upcoming Sunday. Rev. Gloria Stubitsch will be preaching and presiding in worship. Gloria is a chaplain at Agrace in Fitchburg. While I'm gone, Pastor Peder Johannson in Brodhead will be our emergency contact.
  - Remaining vacation time:
    - July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 4th (including Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>)
    - August 10-12
    - September 7-15 (including Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - Looking back at July:
    - *Counseling and Visitation:* I made 7 pastoral visits during the month of July. Led one session of premarital counseling, and met with a family about baptizing their child.
    - *Special and Community Events:* Taught Vacation Bible School for 3-5 year olds; Pizza and Volleyball party with Luther Valley and OLC Youth;
    - *Meetings:* Met with Larry Froemming about his grand piano; Brodhead Pastors' meeting; met twice with Luther Valley education committee about VBS; meeting with congregational leaders about inactive members; meeting with Lyle and Donna to go through the historical materials in the WELCA closet; meeting with Laurie to practice Chicago Folk Service.
    - Baptism: Amira Grace Stuvengen (July 19)
    - Wedding: Hannah Dean and Sebastian Wallner (The Armory in Janesville – July 25<sup>th</sup>)
    - No Funerals, Transfers In or Out.

8. Old Business

A. Next steps on steeple

The only part of the steeple that will be saved will be the cross on top.

B. Next steps on parking lot

We will begin a fund for resurfacing the parking lot. The estimates have been approximately \$45,000.

C. Updates for Insurance Company

Railing has been put on parsonage. Glen will get an estimate on concrete in order to replace a few parts of the sidewalk/make handicap accessible as the insurance company requested.

D. Door Bells

Jason will order wireless doorbells for each door at church (2 total).

E. Ice Guards for Parsonage/Church

Jason will order them and a group of guys will install.

F. Update on Picture Directory

City Lights Photography in Brodhead will photograph for a 2015 church directory. Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> (evening) and Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> (day) will be the day/time we will photograph at church. Each participant will get a free directory and 8x10. Any additional photographs will be at an additional cost.

G. Rally Sunday

September 20<sup>th</sup> will be the kick-off for the Sunday School year.

H. Norwegian Dinner

October 31<sup>st</sup> will be the date for the Norwegian dinner. We will have a meeting the beginning of September to start planning.

I. Other

A grand piano will be placed in the church for about three years from Larry Froemming. This will not be a problem with the insurance company and we will sign a contract with Larry. A trailer needs to be borrowed to move it.

9. New Business

A. Church Maintenance

A mention was made for new tile in the basement (near the kitchen) and new carpet in the sanctuary. Council members will think of any other items to put on "fix it" list.

B. Community Event for Congo

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> Orfordville Lutheran Church will host an event to bring awareness to the work done in this region. Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> we will have an event coincide with confirmation.

10. Next Meeting/Devotions/Treats

Next meeting will be Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Mike will have devotions. Tony will provide treats.

11. Adjournment

Aaron Burns made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Tony Ends. Motion approved.

12. Closing

Glen Johnson led the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Racheal Grenawalt  
Council Secretary