



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2015

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

“For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

– Psalm 100:5

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

October is a special month around OLC. Every year since 1974 our congregation has held a Norwegian Dinner of lutefisk, lefse, meatballs, mashed potatoes, cranberries, coleslaw, rolls, pie, coffee, and milk. One of my first experiences at OLC was enjoying the Norwegian Dinner last year, and we look forward to celebrating the Norwegian immigrants who began our church. In this meal, we remember ancestors who journeyed across an ocean and brought with them traditions from the past and hope for the future.

In worship, as well, we've been remembering the stories of our ancestors in faith. We've recalled the stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Esau, and more. Both in the stories of our biblical ancestors and in the story of our immigrant forefathers and mothers we've witnessed to God's faithfulness to all generations. In Genesis 12, God called Abraham to go to a new land, to leave behind all he knew. And God remained with him. God was faithful. Likewise, when Jacob ran away from his home to escape his brother's fury, he found that God went with him. After encountering God in a dream at Bethel, he exclaimed, “Surely, the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!” (Genesis 28:16). God was with him. God was faithful.

Just as God was faithful to Abraham and Jacob, God has been faithful to the ancestors of OLC. Maybe we too can exclaim, “Surely, the Lord is in this place!” God has been at work among this congregation creating faith, hope, and love among us. God remains faithful to us. Where do you see God calling us to new ventures, to new acts of love for our neighbors?

Our Norwegian ancestors set out with great hope. The model ship that hangs in our balcony is named “Haabet,” which means “Hope.” May God fill us with hope for the future and trust in God's faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor Andy Twiton



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Photo Directory

If you haven't yet had your photo taken, please contact Pastor Andy by phone or email. We want as many people to take part in our directory as possible. You may also submit a photo to Pastor Andy by email or by providing a physical copy to him. The photo will be returned to you.

In Our Community: Boy Scout Troop Annual Chili Dinner- Saturday, October 3rd, 2015

Come out to support our local Troop 651 at Orfordville's Fall Fest at Purdy Park. Served from 10:00am to 3:00pm. All you can eat Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup, Bread, Veggies and Dip, Milk or Soda. Ticket Prices: 4 & Under = Free, Children (5-10) = \$4.00, 11 and up = \$6.00. All carry-outs are \$6.00.

Pet Blessing – Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m.

October 4th 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 October 4th to celebrate. All furry, spiky, slimey, and feathery friends great and small are welcome. Just make sure they are on a leash or secured safely. Free and open to all.

Quilting Class begins - Monday, October 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

Quilting Class will begin on October 5th at OLC. The class runs from October - May (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) A \$5.00 donation is requested. Please contact Pat Burtness, t 608-931-6363, with any questions.

Senior Luncheons Start Again! - Tuesday, October 6th @ 11:30 a.m.

The Orfordville Community holds a monthly senior luncheon. The meal starts at 11:30 a.m. in Orfordville Lutheran's fellowship hall. The Orfordville Public Library organizes these luncheons and an afternoon program. OLC is proud to take part by hosting. This month's menu consists of Pasty, coleslaw, squash and dessert. Joint Health program will be presented by Wes Speer of Monroe Clinic.

Altar Guild Meeting—Thursday, October 8th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Altar Guild will meet to plan for the holidays and to create the schedule for the coming year. If you have questions or will not be able to be there, please speak with Jan Vigdahl. *If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please see Pastor Andy or Jan Vigdahl.*

Cemetery Notice

Please remember that all decorations should have been removed from the cemetery. No new decorations are allowed until November 1.

Sparkhouse Family Resource Fair—Sunday, October 25th @ 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Sparkhouse puts out excellent resources for children and families to learn and share the Christian faith. OLC will be displaying a selection of their books and DVDs. Parents, Grandparent and kids can order these resources through OLC with free shipping.

Youth Night at Skelly's Corn Maze—Sunday, October 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

OLC Youth are invited to get lost in Skelly's Corn Maze! Admission is \$6.00; if we sign up in advance as a group. Please meet at OLC at 6:30 p.m. so that we may drive to the farm together. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Please sign-up in advance so that we may reserve a spot. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or by emailing pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org.

3rd Wednesday Youth Group—Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will eat something sweet, hangout, and carve pumpkins!

Norwegian Dinner - Saturday, October 31st @ 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the Norwegian Dinner. Please contact Terry Gerber, if you are interested in helping. He may be reached at 608-931-6355. If you are unable to help; but wish to make a monetary donation, please send it to the church and indicate ***Norwegian Dinner*** on the memo line of your check or envelope. We are also seeking donations of Apple or Pumpkin pies. (Don't forget to save your Cool Whip containers for packaging leftovers.)

Lutheran World Relief Update

We are very appreciative of all the donations toward our LWR Quilts, Blankets & Kits. We are truly blessed with giving hearts and hands! We will be sending the following quantities to LWR:

Quilts: 40 ~ Baby Care Kits: 31 ~ Personal Care Kits: 25 ~ School Kits: 25 ~ Blankets: 30

All Saints – Sunday, November 1st @ 9:00 a.m. (during Worship)

The first Sunday in November is an occasion for our church family to remember those who have died in the Lord. During worship, we will be remembering those of our congregation who have died in the past year. It is also an opportunity to remember all our loved ones whom we continue to grieve and miss. We will light candles, say prayers, remember our loved ones and cling to our hope in the resurrection.

Confirmation Extravaganza—Wednesday, November 5th

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. This year's theme is "Living Stories". Youth will be exposed to a variety of ways that they can live out their promises to: LIVE among God's faithful people; HEAR his Word and share in his supper; PROCLAIM the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; SERVE all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus; and STRIVE for justice and peace in all the earth. Youth will hear a message from Bishop Mary Froiland. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Cost for the event is \$10.

Thirsty: Synod High School Youth Gathering – December 28th – 30th 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 New Website – 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 October:

10/4/2015 Kailey Frame & Max Gerber
10/11/2015 Bailey Paulson & Bryce Hammon
10/18/2015 Arianna Humphres & Payton Stark
10/25/2015 Dynally Mould & Bryce Hammon

Altar Guild People of the month:

Kathy Demrow
Kari Peterson
Sue Draves

Picture from Rally Sunday – Sunday, September 20th



Thank you to everyone who made Rally Sunday such a fun day!

Picture of LWR Quilts and Blankets Displayed in Sanctuary on Sunday, September 27th



Pictures and Reflections from Tony and Dela Ends's Farmer-to-Farmer Trip:

In this picture, Tony is teaching farmers in Senegal how to use the solar food dryer purchased by OLC's Forks for Sustainability fund.

Tony writes:

"We visited some amazing cooperative gardens of perhaps 5 acres or more in size, being tended and dike irrigated along the Senegal River. We visited some very successful compost making and beautiful personal village gardens, too.

Our particular group has about 35 people. They're a core group of probably 135 more. They're mostly women farmers. They work very hard. Conditions of the soil, the climate, the weather are very difficult. We're finding this group receptive to what we're teaching. They seem willing and happy to learn."



Dela writes:

"The people are lovely and appreciative. They work hard and want to learn. Most are older women. Younger women are busy with children and many men are gone trying to earn money for their families in Dakar or Europe."

Tony writes:

"Problems of hunger – the very unequal distribution of wealth around the world – hit me hard. Those problems weren't big numbers hard to feel, hard to understand. Tens of thousands of children starving to death every day. World population doubling every 50 years. One-fourth of the Earth's 7 billion people suffering from hunger and malnourishment. Teaching school to 250 teens who weren't much younger than me at the time put faces, laughter, voices, hopes, spirit to the numbers, to the problems."



October Birthdays

1	Laura Gramacki	18	Linda Brown
2	Mark Stark	18	Jesse Peterson
3	Mike Hammon	19	Pat Burtness
4	Ruth Smith	19	Jenna Larson
5	Elena McWilliams	20	Mary Speich
8	Sara Burtness	20	Brett Hammon
9	Ken Nelson	21	Jeremy Lund
10	Fred Dickison	24	Stephanie Jacobson
11	Miley Chenworth	24	Kris Stuvengen
13	Grant Melms	26	Taylor Albright
15	Keves Brown	28	Judy Caldwell
16	Davis Dickison	28	Mary Cmar
16	Megan Speich	29	Nicole Smith
17	AJ Johnson	30	Tim Heller
17	Christopher Speich		

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 our quilting group for all their work to make, display, and send quilts for those in need through Lutheran World Relief!
- Thank you to Sue Draves, Megan Draves, Kari Peterson, Toni Ciabatti, and Traci Manthey for assembling school, baby, and health kits for LWR!
- Thank you to Megan Draves for her service of putting together 30 blankets for OLC's LWR shipment!
- Thank you to everyone who helped make Rally Sunday a success! Thanks especially to Jason Draves for arranging for the bouncy castle! Thank you to Laurie Dickison and Kathy Demrow for providing games and all they do for OLC's kids!
- Thank you to Lynette Lund and Kathy Demrow for caring for the kids on our cradle roll!
- Thank you to Teena Monk-Gerber and Brett Frame for providing rides to our confirmation students to our Frisbee Golf Outing!
- Thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!

OLC'S CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				9-11:00 am C.U.P.	8:00 pm AA Meeting	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 1:00 pm Pet Blessing	9:00-3:00 pm Quilt Class 6:30 pm Church Council	11:30 am Senior Luncheon	9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation	9:00-11:00 C.U.P	8:00 pm AA Meeting	
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Orfordville Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2015

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Glen Johnson at 6:34 p.m.
2. Devotions were led by Reverend Erik Jelinek from Beloit.
3. Roll Call
Council Members Present: Racheal Grenawalt, Traci Manthey, Glen Johnson, Pastor Andy Twiton, Jason Burtness, Tony Ends, Ken Heller and Mike Varilek.
Council Members Absent: Violet Renly and Aaron Burns.
4. Approval of Agenda
Jason Burtness made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ken Heller. Motion approved.
5. Approval of the August minutes
Council reviewed the minutes from the July 27, 2015 council meeting. Traci made a motion to approve the July 27, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by Ken. Motion approved.
6. Treasures Report
Mike Varilek provided the treasures report. Ken Heller made a motion to approve the treasure's report. Motion seconded by Traci. Motion approved.
7. Pastors Report
 - I'm looking ahead to the fall and have several plans in the works: joint youth event with Luther Valley on September 16th, a fall prayer chain gathering, a new curriculum for Sunday School and Confirmation, looking into offering some education for adults as well, a singing group, an open house at the parsonage on December 6th.
 - Sue's office hours will likely be changing once school starts to 8:30-10:30am.
 - I will be out-of-town September 7-15 (including Sunday, September 13th). Rev. Emily Tveite from the Lutheran Campus Center will be leading worship and sharing about faith and young adults based on her work with college students. This is a ministry that OLC has supported in the past. Pastor Byron Bunge from Albany Lutheran will be on-call in case of emergency.
 - Thank you to Jason Burtness for providing the new door bells.
 - Looking back at August:
 - *Counseling and Visitation:* I made 7 pastoral visits during the month of August so far. Met with one family for funeral planning.
 - *Special and Community Events:* Wrote 4 "Pastor's Corner" columns for Brodhead Free Press and Ind. Register; August 14th Youth Lock-in; Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball with St. John's in Evansville; Forks for Sustainability presentation in worship; Led worship at St. Elizabeth in Footville, Evansville Manor, and Woods Crossing (Upcoming on 8/27); Upcoming Picture Directory.
 - *Meetings:* Brodhead Pastors' meeting; Clergy Bible Study at St. John's in Evansville; meeting with Lyle and Donna to go through the historical materials in the WELCA closet.
 - Baptism: Carter Fenwick (July 19)
 - No Weddings.
 - Upcoming Funeral: Diana Appel (August 27th)
 - No Transfers In or Out.

8. Old Business

A. Stewardship Goals with Rev. Erik Jelinek

Rev. Erik Jelinek from Beloit shared ideas on stewardship for our congregation. He will forward materials to OLC.

B. Ice Guards

Jason and Glen will find a date in October to put on.

C. Sidewalks

About three yards of concrete is needed to be fix/replace parts of sidewalk. Glen and Jason will take care of this.

D. Update of photo directory

We have about 30 families signed up for the August weekend and will have a make-up date in the fall for those that can't attend.

E. Rally Sunday

September 20th will be Rally Sunday. Pastor would like to tie this in with new member Sunday. Ideas are bounce house, pot luck, games, cake, etc.

F. Forks for sustainability event

Several other community members were interested and a date needs to be set to continue this conversation.

G. Other

9. New Business

A. Sunday School and Confirmation Curriculum

Narrative lectionary will be adopted by the church this fall. Sunday School/Confirmation will also follow these stories which will result in a new curriculum. Pastor Andy will purchase the needed materials.

B. New Members

Council will welcome new members during church service. Kristin Swedlund, Aaron Grenawalt, Michael Fenwick, Jeremy and Maggie Strehlow will become new members during the September 20th worship.

C. Other

10. Next Meeting/Devotions/Treats

Next meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Mike will have devotions. Ken will provide treats.

11. Adjournment

Ken Heller made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion seconded by Mike Varilek. Motion approved.

12. Closing

Glen Johnson led the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Racheal Grenawalt
Council Secretary