



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2017

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

- Romans 6:3-4

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent and Holy Week has been a season of preparation for baptism since the early church. It's fitting then that OLC has had a series of baptisms come up during the months of March and April.

Baptisms are one of my favorite parts of ministry. Not only are they fun, but each baptism reminds us of God's great love for this world and for each one of us.

That love is revealed most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As Romans 6 says above, our baptisms unite us with Christ in his death and resurrection. Therefore, we also “walk in newness of life.”

I think this is why there is such a strong connection between baptism and this season. The new life Jesus accomplished on Easter is the gift of new life we receive in baptism. We die to our old ways of sin and death and are raised into new life in Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther once said, “In baptism, every Christian has enough to study and practice all his or her life.” Maybe during this Holy Week you can reflect on God's love and promises to you in your baptism or maybe, if you or someone you know has yet to be baptized, you will hear an invitation to come to the font.

This year you are invited to hear the story (once again or for the first time) of God's great love for us in Jesus Christ. The story of Holy Week is at the heart of our faith and so it's important we make time each year to be shaped by it again.

Here a brief description of each service during Holy Week for your reflection:

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. on April 13th

“Maundy” derives from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. On this night, we remember the new commandment that Christ gave his disciples during his final days. In John 13, Jesus says to his disciples, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” We read the story of Christ's final meal with his disciples where he washed their feet as an act of loving service and instituted the Lord's Supper. At the end of the service, the altar and sanctuary are stripped as we remember that Christ's love leads to the cross.

Good Friday – 7:00 p.m. on April 14th

In John 12, Jesus says, that when he is lifted up on the cross, he will draw all people to himself. On Good Friday, we hear the story of Jesus' death and experience the strange paradox that Christ's cross means life for us. We look to the cross and say, "Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior of the whole world."

Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday – 7:00 p.m. on April 15th

The Easter Vigil can be one of the most dramatic (and most fun!) services of the entire year. On the night before Easter day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from death to life. The service begins outside with the lighting of the new fire. With this we mark the transition from darkness to light. Next, we read several stories from the history of salvation. This always reminds me of telling stories around the dinner table with family or around the camp fire with friends and, in fact, that is exactly what we are doing: we are telling the stories of our ancestors and about all those times God has saved us. The service also includes a celebration of the gift of baptism and of Christ's Holy Supper. This is one of our most festive worship services.

Easter Sunday – 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on April 16th

On the day of Christ's resurrection, we celebrate with unrestrained joy. We loudly proclaim, "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

May we all walk in newness of life with our Savior!

Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Andy Twiton



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April Preaching Preview

During the month of April, we'll continue our journey through the Gospel of Luke. Here are the upcoming preaching texts:

- Sunday, April 2nd – Zacchaeus (Luke 18:31-19:10)
- Palm Sunday, April 9th – Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:29-44)
- Maundy Thursday, April 13th – Last Supper (Luke 22:1-27)
- Good Friday, April 14th – Crucifixion (Luke 23:32-47)
- Easter Sunday, April 16th – Resurrection (Luke 24:1-12)
- Sunday, April 23rd – Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-35)
- Sunday, April 30th – Stephen's Witness (Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60)

Senior Luncheon - Tuesday, April 4th - at 11:30 a.m.

The Orfordville Community will be holding their monthly senior luncheon on Tuesday, April 4th. The meal will start at 11:30 a.m. in OLC's fellowship hall. This month's menu will be a potato bar, salad and dessert. A representative from the Rock County Health Department will be presenting information on Benefits for Seniors and also speaking on ways to combat memory issues.

Soup Suppers Continue through April 5th

Wednesday, April 5th will be our last Simple Soup for the Season of Lent. We'll gather at 6 p.m. for the simple supper of soups and bread. The Lenten Service will follow at 7:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for some soup and fellowship.

Wednesday Worship during Lent – “This is Most Certainly True”

2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation began by Martin Luther. During Lent, Pastor Andy will be preaching on the Apostle’s Creed with particular attention to Martin Luther’s explanations of the Creed in his Small Catechism. He ends each one of his explanations with “This is Most Certainly True.”

- Wednesday, April 5th – “... the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”

Fundraiser for Vacation Bible School - Thursday, April 6th

Papa Murphy’s, on Humes Road in Janesville, will donate up to 20% of their sales on April 6th to the Luther Valley/OLC Vacation Bible School. Purchase pizza 4-7 p.m. on April 6th and help out the Vacation Bible School.

Communion Class for Sunday School Kids – Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 at 3:15pm

Is your child curious about Holy Communion? If your child is interested in receiving communion at OLC, Pastor Andy is offering a class for Sunday School kids on Wednesday, April 12th after school. Kids who come to the class will be recognized and given communion at the *Maundy Thursday service on April 13th at 7:00pm*. Please contact Pastor Andy if you have questions or would like to sign your child up for this. All are welcome at the Lord’s table!

Easter Garden

You are invited to bring a plant to church on the Friday or Saturday before Easter (April 14 or 15). The Altar Guild members will be doing altar work on Saturday, April 15; so plants should be at the church by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

The plant may be given in memory, honor or thankfulness. Suggested plants are Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips or Daffodils.

We would like a list of those who brought in plants. A form is available in our weekly church bulletin or may be picked up from the Narthex. The forms are due to the church office; no later than Sunday, April 9th.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES APRIL 13-16

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13 - 7:00 p.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

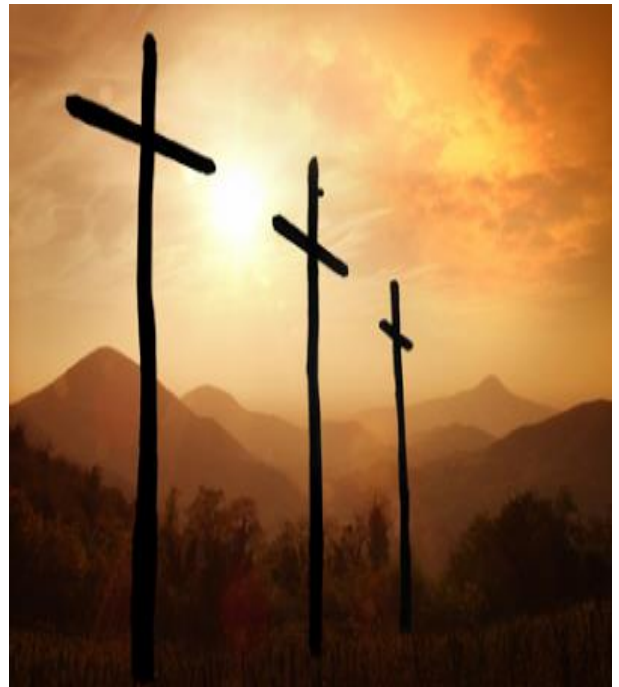
April 14 - 7:00 p.m.
Worship

HOLY SATURDAY

April 15 - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil with Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16
7:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion



Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 16th at 8:00 a.m. (between Easter services)

Join us on Easter morning for breakfast at OLC. The Easter breakfast raises money for our confirmation students to attend Lutherdale Bible Camp.

Go with Pastor Andy to Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop – Saturday, April 22nd

One of the most important things we do as a church is take care of one another. If you're interested in becoming involved with the ministry of care at OLC or in learning more about it, you are invited to go with Pastor Andy to a half-day workshop with Stephen Ministry at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton. The workshop will go from 9:00am to 1:00pm and will cover topics including: Ministering to Those Experience Grief, An Introduction to Stephen Ministry, and How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way. Please speak with Pastor Andy if you are interested in attending or learning more.

Sunday School Sings in Church and Noisy Offering – April 23rd

Our Sunday School kids will sing in church on Sunday, April 23rd. Check those couch cushions and cars for your loose coins and bring to church on that day. We'll be collecting a "noisy" offering to benefit OLC's kids.

Planning Meeting for 150th Anniversary – Sunday, April 23rd after worship

Join us after worship for a discussion of how best to celebrate our 150 years of ministry in 2018!

Synod Assembly – April 29 & 30

Mike Varilek, Ellen Pautsch, Charysmna Mould and Pastor Andy will be representing OLC at this year's Synod Assembly in Middleton on April 29-30. The Synod Assembly is a time to celebrate and give thanks for our partnership in Christ's mission. The assembly includes meaningful worship, fellowship opportunities for learning and spiritual growth and decision-making on how we will use our resources and gifts to be partners in Jesus' work in the world. The keynote address by Mark Tidsworth, Author of "SHIFT: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church" who will bring a message about the letting go of church-as-we-have-known-it and shifting toward a more hopeful future.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist Pastor Andy with Nursing Home Services

Pastor Andy leads services at our area nursing homes. Please consider helping him prepare & distribute communion. Check the monthly newsletter calendar for dates/times. The nursing home residents love to have visitors!

Coming Soon: AED Training by Orfordville Fire Department

In the Narthex, OLC has an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) in case of emergency. The Fire Department has offered to come after worship on an upcoming Sunday to give a training on how to use it. Please watch for more details and a specific date coming soon.

Confirmation Fundraiser: Team Scoopie Event at Culver's – Sunday, May 7th

The OLC Confirmation class will be holding a fundraiser at the Culver's on West Court St. in Janesville from 10:30-2:00. Come have lunch after church and support our youth going to camp!

Thank yous and Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to Lee Bohnhoff for filling in on short notice on Ash Wednesday!
- Thank you to Sarah Varilek, Teena Gerber, and Kristin Swedlund for singing during Holden Evening Prayer!
- Thank you to everyone who has brought soup, bread, desserts, and beverages to our Wednesday night soup suppers!
- Thank you to the OLC Council for setting aside a few hours for this year's council retreat (and during the Badger game too)!
- Thank you to everyone who met with Marcia Galvan as we continue our relationship with Housing 4 Our Vets!
- Thanks be to God for the many blessings of the past month!

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!

ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH THROUGH THE YEARS

OLC Pastors

1844 - 1851	Claus	L	Clausen
1851 - 1859	Gustav	F	Dietrichson
1859 - 1880	Claus	F	Magellsen
1889 - 1894	Lars	O	Sherven
1893 - 1894	George	A	Gullixson
1894 - 1917	Ole	J	Kvale
1913 - 1914	William	K	Nasseth
1918 - 1938	Lars	M	Gimmestad
1938 - 1944	Paul	S	Reque
1945 - 1949	Stanley	V	Gjervik
1950 - 1956	Eldred	J	Nesset
1956 - 1962	Alvin	O	Skibsrud
1962 - 1969	Ronald	A	Nowland
1969 - 1977	Carmen	O	Thronson
1977 - 1987	LeVerne	S	Nielsen
1987 - 1992	William	A	Mains
1992 - 1995	Richard	L	Thickpenny
1992 - 1995	Larry	F	Froemming
1995 - 1997	Vacant		
1997 - 1999	Rodney	K	Nygren
1999 - 2002	Vacant		
2002 - 2004	Jeanette	M	Thompson Hillesland
2004 - 2007	Robert	A	Vetter
2008 - 2009	Richard	L	Thickpenny
2009 - 2014	Eric	H	Jones
2014 - Present	Andrew	R	Twiton

Church Cookbook - All proceeds will go toward OLC's 150th Celebration

Please start submitting your recipes to the church office. They may be copied/scanned, typed or *Neatly* Handwritten. You may drop them off in the purple envelope on the church office door or send via U.S. mail to the church. You may also send via email to office@orfordvillelutheran.org or you may sent to Sue Draves' personal email at gsdraves@gmail.com. Please make sure you put your name & phone number on the item(s) you submit; so that the church office may contact you with any questions.

April Birthdays

1	Kylie Stark	16	Bruce Johnson	<p>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</p> 
1	Jean Stowell	17	Ashley Vanderhei	
3	Phil Vigdahl	18	Peg Burtness	
4	Ron Nelson	18	Savanna Grayless	
5	Dan Klassy	19	Jason Burtness	
6	Terry Gerber	21	Courtney Vanderhei	
6	Kevin Speich	22	Mary Hammon	
7	Delores Nelson	23	Dayle Gerber	
9	Traci Manthey	24	Barb Klund	
10	Gracin Speich	25	Shirley Johnson	
10	Jordyn Speich	25	Serenity Pautsch	
12	Ayden Klund	28	Carter Fenwick	
12	Janice Ramquist	29	Gage Pomplum	
13	Caylor Burns	30	Makenna Nolan	

Acolytes for the month of April:

- 4/2/17 Ashley Vanderhei
- 4/9/17 Indie Pautsch & Autumn Pautsch
- 4/16/17 (7 a.m.) Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres
- 4/16/17 (9 a.m.) Dynally Mould & Ashley Vanderhei
- 4/23/17 Max Gerber & Ashley Vanderhei
- 4/30/17 **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Altar Guild Person(s) of the Month:

Jan Vigdahl & Traci Manthey

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.



Baptism of Rae Burns

***Pastor Andy
Corey Burns
Breanna Ryan***

***Sponsors:
Jacey Burns
Caylor Burns***



OLC'S CALENDAR

APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 9 am – 3 pm Quilt Class	4 11:30 am Senior Luncheon 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	5 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service No Confirmation	6 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	7 8:00 pm AA Meeting	8
9 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	10 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	11 10:30 am St. Elizabeth Service 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	12 9:00 am Bible Study 3:15 p.m. Communion Class No Confirmation	13 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class <u>NO 6:00 pm</u> <u>Class</u> 7:00 pm Maundy Thurs Worship	14 <u>No AA Meeting</u> 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	15 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
16 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 am Worship Service 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Worship Service <u>No Sunday School</u>	17	18 9 am – 3 pm Mission Quilting 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	19 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Evansville Manor Service 6:00 pm Confirmation	20 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	21 8:00 pm AA Meeting	22 9 am – 1 pm Stephen Ministry Workshop
23 9:00 am Worship Sunday School sings in Church & Noisy Offering 10:00 am 150 th Planning Meeting 10:15 am Sunday School	24	25 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	26 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation	27 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 9:30 am Wood's Crossing Service 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	28 8:00 pm AA Meeting	29 <i>Pastor at Synod Assembly</i>
30 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School <i>Pastor at Synod Assembly</i>						