



## ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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### NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2016

#### **FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:**

*The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. – Mark 16:6*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! After the 40 days of Lent and the stories of Holy Week, we enter the joyous season of Easter. Even though Easter Sunday is past, the party is not over. We celebrate the season of Easter for 50 days leading up to the festival of Pentecost. So don't be surprised if we're still singing Easter hymns well into May!

Easter changed everything. The women at the tomb would never be the same. The disciples would never be the same. The world would never be the same. And, if we let this story come close enough to our lives, we will never be the same.

One of the constant refrains of Holy Scripture is "Be not afraid." Whenever a messenger from God comes to deliver good news, the first words tend to be "Be not afraid." Likewise, when the messenger appeared to the women on Easter morning, his first words were "Don't be alarmed!"

Perhaps that's God's message for you this Easter season: Be not afraid. We live in a world with a lot of fear. We fear our neighbors so we build fences and walls. If you watch the news, it seems like we're given something new to be afraid of every day. Or perhaps you fear failure in your personal life.

The Lutheran pastor Walt Bouman likes to say: "Now that you know that death doesn't have the last word, there's more to do with your life than preserve it." Meaning, if Jesus is risen from the dead, we don't have to worry about dying any more. We can risk failure because God has already won the victory for us. We can risk loving our enemies because they cannot separate us from God's love even if they should threaten our lives. Death does not get the last word so that we are freed to walk in the ways of Jesus without fear.

The Easter story empowers us Orfordville Lutheran to live with joy and courage. We carry a long tradition with us, but God also calls us to new adventures. May we continue to listen for God's calling for us.

How is the good news of Easter transforming your life this season?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Andy Twiton

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### ***April Preaching Preview***

During the month of April, we will read the stories of the early church from the book of Acts and the letters of Paul. Here are the upcoming preaching texts for the month of April:

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – You Shall Be My Witnesses (Acts 1:1-14)
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Peter Heals in Jerusalem (Acts 3:1-10)
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Church at Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Church at Corinth (Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

### ***Thrivent Action Team – Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.***

We are putting together a Thrivent Action Team to make fleece tie blankets for donation to local hospitals. Everyone is invited to help cut and tie the fleece blankets on April 2 (9:00 a.m. – until finished.) Even if you have never made a fleece tie blanket; you are invited to help with this worthy cause. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in joining us for a day of fun; please sign-up in the Narthex.

### ***Senior Luncheon – Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.***

Our monthly Senior Luncheon is held in the fellowship hall at OLC at 11:30 a.m. This month's luncheon will consist of a baked potato and salad bar and dessert. Following the luncheon will be a program put on by Dennis Pace, from Pacesetter Alpaca Farm. He will also bring along some items from his store so that people can see what is done with the alpaca's fiber.

### ***Sunday School Goes to Collinwood – Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am***

Our Sunday School will play bingo and visit with the residents at Collinwood on Sunday, April 10th. The residents really look forward to our visits. Congregation members are welcome to join us.

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Youth Group – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm***

This month we will be gathering to play games or watch cat videos on YouTube. (Whichever one sounds more fun!) We hope you'll join us.

### ***Special Musical Guests – Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> during Worship***

#### ***Rev. Larry Froemming, Steve Christophersen and Danielle Olstead – Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>***

Rev. Larry Froemming, previously a pastor at Orfordville Lutheran and science teacher at Parkview, will be bringing his band on April 24<sup>th</sup> to lead us in worship. The baby grand piano in the sanctuary was refurbished by Rev. Froemming, so this will be an opportunity for him to play it for us!

### ***Book Study of Loving Jesus Meets on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm***

Our second evening meeting to discuss *Loving Jesus* will be at the end of this month. There is still time to join this group as we have a couple extra copies of the book. Please speak with Pastor Andy if you are interested.

### ***South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Annual Synod Assembly – Saturday, April 30 – Sunday, May 1***

Pastor Andy Twiton, Mike Varilek, Sarah Varilek and Jason Burtness will be representing OLC at this year's synod assembly in Wisconsin Dells. 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 as well as decision-making on how we will use our resources and gifts to be partners with Jesus' work in the world. This year's keynote speaker is the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Elizabeth Eaton.

### ***Mark Your Calendars – Confirmation Sunday is May 15<sup>th</sup>***

**Volunteer Opportunities: Assist Pastor Andy with Nursing Home Services**

Pastor Andy leads services at our area nursing homes. Please speak with Pastor Andy if you would be willing to help him prepare & distribute communion. The residents love to have visitors. Dates and Locations:

- Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at St. Elizabeth’s in Footville
- Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at Evansville Manor
- Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at Wood’s Crossing in Brodhead

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

In 2018, Orfordville Lutheran Church will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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](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).

**Check Out our 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.

**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](mailto:pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org) or on his cell phone at 608-886-0546.

**Acolytes for the month of April:**

4/3/2016	Bailey Paulson & Kailey Frame	4/10/2016	Max Gerber & Bryce Hammon
4/17/2016	Dynally Mould & Independence Pautsch	4/24/2016	Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres

**Altar Guild Person(s) of the month:** Jan Vigdahl & Traci Manthey

**April Birthdays**

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

### ***Thank you's and Thanksgivings***

- Thank you to everyone who provided soup for our Lenten soup suppers!
- Thank you to Kristin Swedlund, Sarah Varilek, and Taya Larson for leading our Holden Evening Prayer services on Wednesday night!
- Thank you to Phyllis Balch, Lynette Lund, Ellen Pautsch, Jacey Burns, Bernice Amundson, and Kristin Swedlund for singing in our Festival Choir on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday!
- Thank you to our confirmation parents for putting on this year's Easter Breakfast! A special thank you goes to Mike and Mary Hammon for making the eggs at 5:00am on Easter morning!
- Thank you to Sue Draves for all she did behind the scenes to make Holy Week happen!
- Thank you all the readers and musicians who helped lead worship during Holy Week!
- Thank you to the Altar Guild for their service during Lent and Holy Week, especially Bonnie Hoff!
- A special thank you goes to Jacey Burns, Tyler Ramquist, Brenna Rosser, Sarah Varilek, and Stephanie Varilek for telling the stories at our Easter Vigil. Thank you also to Jason Draves for bringing wood for the fire and to the Amundsons for helping us track down an evergreen branch.
- Thank you to Kathy Demrow for delivering flowers as a sign of care for the Easter season!
- Thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!



***Joanne Hallmark joins Pastor Andy in welcoming our new members: Olivia, Dan, Ellen & Bailey Paulson.***

## *Easter Altar Garden*

### *Plants Given in Memory of...*

Donald "Pete" Olson	by his Family
Glenville Johnson, Sr. and Gerald Sullivan	by Glen & Gerry Johnson
Loved Ones	by Ilene Speich
Elsie Swain	by Ellen Pautsch
Harold "Pudge" Cramer	by Mary Ann Cramer
Melissa Speich	by Mary Speich
(would be 31 on April 9 <sup>th</sup> )	
Thomas & Alice Knudson	by Rob, Taya & Brinley Larson
Bainard & Carole Smith	by Rob, Taya & Brinley Larson
Douglas Lee	by Rob, Taya & Brinley Larson
Duane Monk	by The Monk Family
Pete & David Klassy	Marilyn Klassy
Tom & Berna (Parents)	Marilyn Klassy
Roger (Brother) Simonson	Marilyn Klassy
Our Dads, Brother & Grandparents	Jed & Deb Speich
Our Parents & Brother Ronnie	David & Bonnie Hoff
Thomas & Alice Knudson/Bainard & Carole Smith	Tom & Ruth Smith
Julie Wilke	Tom & Ruth Smith
Bernice & Ken Keeseey	Kathy Atkinson
Jim Hansen	Chris & Kari Peterson
Our Loved Ones	Lyle & Bernice Amundson
Ted Speich	Donna Speich
Our Parents	Delores Nelson



### *Plants Given in Honor of...*

John & Emma Grenawalt	Aaron & Racheal Grenawalt
Jason Draves (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)	David, Sue & Megan Draves

### *Plants Given in Thankfulness...*

For Our Family	by Fred and Nancy Dickison
Brinley Larson	by Grandma & Grandpa Smith
Family & Friends	David, Sue, Jason & Megan Draves
Our Family	Ralph & Phyllis Balch
Prayers	Delores Nelson

Youth Serving During Easter Breakfast



## OLC'S CALENDAR APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					<b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>9 am-4 pm</b> Thrivent Action Team
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship  <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School	<b>9:00-3:00 pm</b> Quilt Class  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>11:30 am</b> Senior Luncheon	<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship  <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School  Goes to Collinwood		<b>10:30 am</b> St. Elizabeth Service	<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation  <i>Pastor Andy is Out of Town</i>	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P  <i>Pastor Andy is Out of Town</i>	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting  <i>Pastor Andy is Out of Town</i>	<i>Pastor Andy is Out of Town</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship Guest Preacher: David Keese- Berg <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School  <i>Pastor Andy is Out of Town</i>	<i>Pastor Andy is Out of Town</i>	<b>9 am – 3 pm</b> Mission Quilting  <i>Pastor Andy is Out of Town</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30am</b> Evansville Manor Service <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation <b>7:00 pm</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Youth Group	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship Special Music by Larry Froemming's Band <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School			<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P  <b>9:30 am</b> Woods Crossing Service	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	

**Orfordville Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2016**

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Glen Johnson at 1:40 p.m.
2. Devotions were led by Pastor Andy Twiton.
3. Roll Call  
Council Members Present: Glen Johnson, Traci Manthey, Tony Ends, Racheal Grenawalt, Pastor Andy Twiton, Jason Burtness, Aaron Burns, and Mike Varilek.  
Council Members Absent: Ken Heller.
4. Approval of Agenda  
Jason Burtness made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Aaron Burns. Motion approved.
5. Approval of the February Minutes  
Council reviewed the minutes from the February 1, 2016 council meeting. Aaron Burns made a motion to approve the February 1, 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Traci Manthey. Motion approved.
6. Treasures Report  
Mike provided the treasures report. Offering increased in the month of February. We are about \$800 behind our proposed budget for the year. Jason Burtness made a motion to approve the treasures report. Motion seconded by Tony Ends. Motion approved.
7. Pastors Report  
A few updates:
  - Sue Draves will be out of the office March 21st-25<sup>th</sup>.
  - I'm planning to take some time off after Easter – March 30-April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor David Keesey-Berg will be preaching on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Peder Johanson and Pastor Jack Way have agreed to be on call for pastoral care.
  - I've invited Rev. Larry Froemming to come lead us in music. He will (tentatively) be bringing his band to lead worship on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Synod Assembly Weekend – Do we want a supply preacher or lay-led service?
  - I've been talking to Jack from Luther Valley about VBS. We're looking at the week of July 10-14.
  - A pastor in Madison has invited Kristin and I to go on a trip to the Holy Land for the first week of November this year. We are excited by the opportunity and strongly considering it. We would be visiting Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.
  - Kristin and I did some painting in the parsonage during February.

Looking back at February:

- No baptisms.
- No Weddings.
- Funerals: Glen Vigdahl and Roger Mulno. In addition, I performed a graveside committal service for Janice Smith.
- We welcomed the Paulson family on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

8. Old Business

A. Memorial Wall

Council will keep researching this idea and bring back to next meeting.

B. Performance Evaluation

We discussed ways in which Pastor Andy can do more, less, and keep the same.

Council is very pleased with Pastor Andy and his additions to Orfordville Lutheran Church.

C. Other

9. New Business

A. Follow Up from the Annual Meeting

Gas meter was taken care of.

B. Laptop

Pastor Andy needs a new laptop. The other one is very old and the power cord is broken.

Jason Burtness made a proposal to replace the church laptop with a new one for no more than \$600.

Seconded by Traci Manthey. Motion approved.

C. Registering for Synod Assembly

Mike, Jason, Sarah, and Pastor Andy will attend Synod Assembly.

D. Confirmation Sunday and Graduation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday will be May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Andy will talk to the parents of graduates about celebrating their accomplishments sometime late May or early June.

E. Volleyball/Softball & Other Summer Activities

Softball will be Sunday evenings and volleyball will be Wednesday evenings. Snapper/Madison Mallards game will also be arranged for the summer. JoAnne Hallmark would also like to have another event similar to last year.

F. TechMax

TechMax gave us a proposal on printing in color/black/white each month for \$124. Our current printing cost is much cheaper than this. We are not going to pursue this at this time.

G. Other

First Sunday after Labor Day is ELCA service work day. Pastor Andy was wondering if OLC would be interested in participating in this. We will think of ideas about a service project to do.

Pastor Andy will talk to the Synod about a new sign in Orfordville. It has become faded and difficult to read.

10. Next Meeting/Devotions/Treats

Next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Glen Johnson will have devotions. Mike Varilek will provide treats.

11. Adjournment

Mike Varilek made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Jason Burtness. Motion approved.

12. Closing

Glen Johnson led the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Racheal Grenawalt  
Council Secretary