



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2016

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every year the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the denomination of which we are a part, has a national day of service called “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. “God’s work. Our hands.” is the motto of the ELCA that speaks to the way of service Christ calls us to. As Presiding Bishop likes to say, we are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

This year, I’d like for us to participate in this day of service that falls on Sunday, September 11th. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We are reminded: “Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

Since the date falls on the 15th anniversary of September 11th this year, I’ve reached out to Housing 4 Our Vets in Janesville which runs a shelter for homeless U.S. veterans. They said we could provide a cookout as an act of service on September 11th. More information will be coming out about this, but I wanted to take this opportunity to start talking about it.

I’ve noticed that service is a core value of Orfordville Lutheran Church. Thank you for the many ways you are serving your neighbor in your family, workplace, and community. Together we can do God’s work with our hands.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Andy Twiton

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August Preaching Preview

The summer preaching theme is “Singing Our Faith.” During August, Pastor Andy will be preaching on some of OLC’s favorite hymns. Here are the upcoming preaching themes and texts for the month of August:

- *August 7th – “Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace” (Psalm 136, Luke 23:32-43)*
- *August 14th – Guest Preacher: Rev. Larry Froemming “The Music of Marty Haugen”*
- *August 21st – “On Eagle’s Wings” (Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 91, Matthew 13:43)*
- *August 28th – “Borning Cry” (Psalm 139, Luke 2:41-52)*

THANK YOU! – We reached our goal for repairing the sidewalk!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the sidewalk fund! Several people gave, and we exceeded our goal of \$1,500. Thank you to all our generous donors! This will help us fix our sidewalk and make it safer for everyone!



THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR PAINT NITE
AUGUST 7 AT OLC
SIGN UP ANY TIME BEFORE SUNDAY

Where: Orfordville Lutheran Church

When: Sunday, August 7th at 10:30 a.m.

Why: To make an impact in the lives of our youth & to have fun painting

How: Register now at: <https://paintnite.com/events/1094734.html>

You can sign up anytime before Sunday, but registrations must be done online.

At Paint Nite events, a local artist will guide us through a painting while we socialize and enjoy one another’s company. No art experience needed!

This will help send future kids to summer camp and potentially to the National Youth Gathering.

Church Council Meeting – August 29th at 6:30pm

Since the Church Council just met on July 25th, we will not be meeting the first week in August. The September meeting date falls on a holiday; so our next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29th.

Summer Youth Ministry (Purdy Park) on Wednesday’s (1 - 3 p.m.)

OLC, Luther Valley and New Horizons Churches have joined together for a Summer Youth Ministry (Grades 7-12). It takes place on Wednesday’s at 1-3 p.m. in Purdy Park. All are welcome! Free Food! **For information, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.**

Sand Volleyball, for all ages, continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday evening during the summer we’ll gather at Purdy Park for sand volleyball and fellowship. We hope you can join us! All friends and spectators are welcome!

Strong Women – OLC (Fitness Program) – 12 week session on Tuesday’s & Thursday’s

This is a community exercise and nutrition program targeted to midlife and older women. Krista Bartelt & Jackie Gerber will be leading this program. **Join us on Tuesday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.** Please bring a set of hand weights, yoga mat (or plush throw rug) and a bottle of water to class with you. Due to the large number of interested participants; we will be offering a second class at 4:00 p.m.; starting on August 9. Cost for the 12-week session is \$35.00 for new participants and \$30.00 for continuing participants.

Lutherdale Quilt Preview & Fish Fry – August 12th (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

You are invited to the Lutherdale Fish Fry on August 12th. Lutherdale will be serving traditional baked or fried cod, choice of potato, coleslaw, bread & butter, applesauce, beverage and dessert for \$12 (Adults) and \$7 (Youth – 12 and under). Check out the quilts and silent auction baskets before the big Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction on the following day.

Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction – August 13th (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

This year marks the 30th year of the Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction. Bring the whole family. There is something for everyone. Admission and parking are free. There will be food concessions, baked goods, home-made pies, crafts, fall mums and garden produce to purchase. Lutherdale will also be offering pontoon rides; as well.

Campfire Worship Service at Magnolia Bluff – August 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Join OLC and Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a campfire worship service on Monday, August 22nd at Magnolia Bluff. We will pray, sing some songs, listen to God's Word, eat s'mores, and enjoy some fellowship.

Book Study of Loving Jesus – August 18th from 6:30-8:30pm

Our Book Study group will be meeting on Thursday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. to continue our discussion on the book *Loving Jesus*. We will be discussing the last two sections so we will be meeting for two hours instead of one.

Save the Date for Upcoming Events:

Mark Your Calendars— “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday –Sunday, September 11th

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has an annual day-of-service called “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. This year OLC will join congregations from around the country in serving. We are partnering with Housing 4 Our Vets to serve a cookout to homeless veterans in Janesville. Sign-up in the Narthex to let us know you can help. ***More information coming soon!***

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

In 2018, Orfordville Lutheran Church will celebrate the 150th 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.



ART, THEATER, AND THE REFORMATION:

TRAVEL TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS, MN, NOVEMBER 3-5

Five hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, *traveling outside Germany for the first time ever*. Luther used art and the newly invented printing press to challenge Europe's leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural, and societal change. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper—as well as Luther's personal possessions and recent archaeological finds—that shed new light on an explosive era and the man who ignited it.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville is organizing this trip and has invited members of Orfordville Lutheran Church to go with them. In addition to our time at the Luther Exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, we'll tour Luther Seminary and enjoy good dining. Friday night we have tickets at the renown Guthrie Theater for *The Parchman Hour*, a captivating play with music that celebrates the hope and resilience of a community that joined together to stand against segregation.

Cost is \$359/person for double occupancy and includes round trip motor coach transportation; lunch at the Norske Nook (in Osseo); two nights lodging at the Residence Inn at the Depot, downtown Minneapolis, with hot breakfast; tickets to the Luther Exhibit; and theater tickets. We will depart from St. John's at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 3, and return at 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 5. **Registration forms are in the narthex. Talk to Pastor Andy if you have questions.**

Lutheran World Relief - Baby Kits

We are seeking the following new or gently used (no stains) items: baby gowns/sleepers (without feet), t-shirts (no onesies), receiving blankets, cloth diapers, jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts (with or without hoods) and baby caps. We are also looking for hand and/or bath towels.

Lutheran World Relief – School Kits

The sales on school supplies usually come out toward the end of July. We are seeking the following items for our Lutheran World Relief School Kits: 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled), rulers (must have centimeters on one side), pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoints pens (no gel ink), boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, 2 ½" eraser.

Lutheran World Relief – Personal Care Kits

The Personal Care Kits contain only a few items: light-weight bath-size towels (dark color recommended), bath-size bars of soap (in original packaging), adult-size toothbrushes, sturdy combs, metal nail clippers. Any items that you are able to donate would be appreciated.

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.

Acolytes for the month of August:

8/7/2016 Bailey Paulson & Max Gerber
8/14/2016 Dynally Mould & Kailey Frame
8/21/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres
8/28/2016 Independence Pautsch & Bryce Hammon

Altar Guild Person(s) of the Month: Jackie Gerber & Jan Vigdahl

August Birthdays

Dalton Peterson	1
Mary Ehle	3
Collin Burtness	5
Jim Dickison	6
Jackie Gerber	11
Janice Vigdahl	13
Hillary Hazeltine	19
Sheldon Brown	20
Alex Burtness	21
Connie Johnson	27



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 you's and Thanksgivings

- Thank you to Katie Sagaitis for arranging for tickets to the Beloit Snappers game! Thanks to everyone who came for the fun day!
- Thank you to the donors who are helping us repair the sidewalk!
- Thank you to everyone who helped provide lunch during Vacation Bible School!
- Thank you to Krista Bartelt & Jackie Gerber for beginning the new Strong Women fitness program at OLC!
- Thank you to Laurie and Joanne Hallmark for hosting such a fun church picnic!
- Thanks be to God for all the blessings of this past month!



July 10th - Church Outing to Beloit Snappers

2016 Vacation Bible School with Luther Valley

Left: VBS Kids prayed for Orfordville Lutheran and Luther Valley

Right: OLC provided lunch on Wednesday of VBS.



2016 Church Picnic at Laurie Hallmark's

Left: Pastor Andy playing with the musicians.

Right: Celebrating Joanne Hallmark's birthday.



OLC'S CALENDAR

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00 – 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class <i>Pastor Out of Town</i>	9:00 am Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Soul Fire Youth at Purdy Park 7:00 pm Ultimate Frisbee @ St. John's Lutheran in Evansville	9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.	8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	
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