



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER – JULY 2016

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

"Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong."
- From *Jesus Loves Me!* ELW #595

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our children and youth have something to teach us all about faith and what it means to be in relationship with God. I've been reminded of this as summer has begun. During June, I got to accompany some of our youth and young adults to Noah's Ark Waterpark. Later in the month, we sent five confirmation youth to Lutherdale Bible Camp where they are learning about the summer's theme – The Jesus Way. Our children and youth are a blessing to our congregation.

Jesus reminds us that all of us are to have a child-like faith. In Matthew 18:3, Jesus says, "I promise you this. If you don't change and become like a child, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven." And even Martin Luther talked about remaining like a child in his prayer life. In his *Large Catechism*, he writes, "Each morning, and whenever else I have time, I do as a child who is being taught the catechism and I read and recite word for word the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Psalms, etc."

What have you learned from the children and youth in your life?

There's something to be said for keeping things simple and child-like faith keeps us focused on the basics. In a couple of weeks, I'll be preaching on the hymn "Jesus Loves Me!" I am amazed by how this simple song speaks good news to both young and old. I've sung it with three-year olds and with ninety-year olds. Maybe we simply need to hear the message of Christ's love for us.

In a couple of weeks we will be welcoming counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp for this summer's Vacation Bible School. We will sing songs, play games, make crafts, and remember God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

I pray that our congregation will continue to learn from our children and youth about the love of God. I pray that God will bless us all with childlike faith.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Andy Twiton

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July Preaching Preview

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

- July 3rd – Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Deuteronomy 34:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)
- July 10th – Jesus Loves Me (Jeremiah 31:3-6, 1 John 4:7-21, Matthew 18:1-5)
- July 17th – Be Thou My Vision (Philippians 3:1-11, Mathew 6:19-21)
- July 24th – Blessed Assurance (Psalm 71:15-19, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 6:43-47)
- July 31st – There is a Balm in Gilead (Jeremiah 8:18-9:2, Luke 4:16-21)

No Council Meeting on July 4th

Since the first Monday falls on a holiday this month, the council meeting has been moved to Monday, July 25th.

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

OLC, Luther Valley and New Horizons Churches are partnering 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! Bring a Friend!

Strong Women Fitness Program - July 7th (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

This is a community exercise and nutrition program targeted to midlife and older women. Krista Bartelt & Jackie Gerber will be presenting this program; in the church basement on July 7, July 12 and July 19 (6:00-7:00 p.m.).

Beloit Snappers Game - Sunday, July 10th @ 2:00 p.m.

We are planning a church outing to the Beloit Snappers Game on July 10th. *The tickets are free.* If you are interested in joining us for this fun event, please sign up in the Narthex or email Pastor Andy at pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org.

Vacation Bible School– July 11-14 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

OLC is again partnering with Luther Valley this summer for Vacation Bible School. It is open to kids going into PreK - 5th grade, with a shorter section for 3-5 year olds. The Registration Packets are available in the Narthex.

OLC Provides Lunch at VBS—July 13, 2016

OLC is in charge of providing & fixing Lunch for the kids during VBS on Wednesday, July 13 at Luther Valley Church. We are looking for people to donate items for the lunch; as well as individuals to prepare & serve. Please stop by the table, in the Narthex, to sign-up.

Silver Campers Day @ Lutherdale – July 13, 2016

Lutherdale invites all *Senior* adults to spend a day at camp this summer! This day will awaken your child inside. Fun and Safe activities have been designed just for you. Experience Lutherdale when it truly comes alive with the energy of the summer. Cost: \$15. Please R.S.V.P. at the Lutherdale Office (262-742-2352)

Campfire Worship Services with Bethlehem Lutheran and Orfordville Lutheran

Over the summer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church and OLC will be gathering for campfire worship services. We will pray, sing some songs, listen to God’s Word, eat s’mores, and enjoy some fellowship.

- Monday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Orfordville Lutheran
- Monday, August 22nd at Magnolia Bluffs

Book Study of Loving Jesus – July 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

Our Book Study group will be meeting on Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m. to continue our discussion on the book *Loving Jesus*.

Save the Date for Upcoming Summer Events:

- Vacation Bible School with Luther Valley - July 10th-14th
- Church Outing to Beloit Snappers Game – July 10th
- Church Picnic at Joann Hallmark's – July 24th
- Paint Class Fundraiser at OLC – August 7th

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.

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.



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.



PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THIS FUN EVENT
AUGUST 7 AT OLC

This August we're hosting a painting class through a company called Paint Nite. We are raising money for OLC Youth. We wanted to let you know about it now, so that you can help us spread the word to others in our community.

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>

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.

Please help us spread the word to the wider community about this event. RSVP and register now at:
<https://paintnite.com/events/1094734.html>

Acolytes for the month of July:

7/3/2016 Independence Pautsch & Max Gerber
 7/10/2016 Bailey Paulson
 7/17/2016 Bryce Hammon & Kailey Frame
 7/24/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres
 7/31/2016 Independence Pautsch & Dynally Mould

Altar Guild Person of the Month: Bernice Amundson

July Birthdays

Eric Burtness	2	
Catherine Hazeltine	2	
Laurie Speich	2	
Taylor Onsgard	3	
Tammy Hesgard	5	
Ralph Balch	6	
Payton Stark	7	
Rachael Grenawalt	14	
Joanne Hallmark	16	
Sarah Varilek	17	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
Robert Bladorn	18	
Zach McManus	20	
Aaron Burns	21	
Robert Plantikow	23	
Kyle Ramquist	25	
Hannah Stuvengen	27	
Derek Gerber	29	
David Draves	30	
Levi Stuvengen	31	



Thank you's and Thanksgivings

- Thank you to Sue Draves for her work in setting up and facilitating the SparkHouse book fair during June!
- Thank you to Aaron Burns for his help with Wednesday night sand volleyball!
- Thank you to Jason and Sara Burtness for helping us get gifts for our graduates!
- Thank you to Bernice Amundson for leading the Birthday Celebration and Bingo day at Evansville Manor!
- Thank you to Luann Varilek for letting us use her van for our youth outing to Noah's Ark! And for the treat! Thank you also to Stephanie Varilek for driving!
- Thank you to Teena Gerber and Mary Hammon for leading the Brat Stand at the Farmers Market!
- Thanks be to God for all the blessings of this past month!

OLC has a Bible Study that meets every Wednesday at 9:00am in people's homes. We pray, visit, drink coffee, eat treats, and dwell in God's Word. All are welcome to join us!



Graduation Sunday

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., during the summer, OLC youth and adults gather at Purdy Park to play sand volleyball. All ages and skill-levels are welcome to join us!





Birthday Celebration & Bingo at Evansville Manor



Left:
Bryce Hammon
and Max Gerber
sell brats at the
Orfordville
Farmer's Market

Right:
OLC sent 5
confirmation
youth to
Lutherdale Bible
Camp this year!



OLC'S CALENDAR

JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Pastor Vacation</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am Worship <i>Pastor Vacation</i>			9:00 am Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Soul Fire Youth at Purdy Park 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park	9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 6:00 – 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness	8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Beloit Snappers Game	9 am – 2:30 pm Vacation Bible School	9 am – 2:30 pm Vacation Bible School 6:00 – 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness	9 am – 2:30 pm Vacation Bible School (OLC Provides Lunch) 1:00-3:00 Soul Fire Youth at Purdy Park 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park	9 am – 2:30 pm Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. Vacation Bible School Closing Program	8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 am Worship	7:00 pm Campfire Worship at OLC	9 am – 3 pm Mission Quilting 6:00 – 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness	9:00 am Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Soul Fire Youth at Purdy Park 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park	9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.	8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 am Worship <i>Church Picnic TBD</i>	6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting	<i>Sue – Vacation (Office Asst.)</i>	9:00 am Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Soul Fire Youth at Purdy Park 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park <i>Sue – Vacation (Office Asst.)</i>	9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 6:30 pm <i>Loving Jesus Book Study</i> <i>Sue – Vacation (Office Asst.)</i>	8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting <i>Sue – Vacation (Office Asst.)</i>	
31						
9:00 am Worship						

**Orfordville Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016**

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Glen Johnson at 6:30 p.m.
2. Devotions were led by Pastor Andy Twiton.
3. Roll Call
Council Members Present: Glen Johnson, Traci Manthey, Tony Ends, Pastor Andy Twiton, Jason Burtness, and Violet Renly.
Council Members Absent: Ken Heller, Mike Varilek, Racheal Grenawalt, and Aaron Burns.
4. Approval of Agenda
Jason Burtness made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Violet Renly. Motion approved.
5. Approval of the March Minutes
Council reviewed the minutes from the March 13, 2016 council meeting. Tony Ends made a motion to approve the March 13, 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Jason Burtness. Motion approved.
6. Treasures Report
Mike was absent and not able to provide treasures report.
7. Pastors Report
 - I will be out of town April 13th-19th. Pastor David Keesey-Berg will be preaching on April 17th. Pastor Peder Johanson and Pastor Jack Way have agreed to be on call for pastoral care.
 - Update on laptop: I found a new laptop for church for \$480. Jason Burtness helped me get it set up with Microsoft Office. Jason also found a replacement cord for the old church laptop.
 - Attendance on Easter Sunday was up this year. We had 141 people this year and 121 last year.
 - Looking back at March:
 - *Counseling and Visitation*: Delivered 40 flowers with Kathy Demrow to shut-ins, people grieving a loss, and people facing health issues. Made 10 additional pastoral visits. Counseled three families during funeral preparations.
 - *Special and Community Events*: Led prayer at Senior Luncheon;
 - *Meetings*: Brodhead Pastor's Meeting, Spiritual Direction, Foundation Board, First Call Colleague Group.
 - No Baptisms
 - No Weddings
 - Funeral: Glen Vigdahl and Roger Mulno. Graveside service for Janice Smith (community member).
 - No Transfers in or out.
8. Old Business
 - A. Memorial Wall-Traci will get a picture after school of the one located at Parkview. May have church member head this task.
 - B. TechMax
Took another look and this is not needed now.
 - C. Other
Talked about getting price on carpet squares. Discussed if bids were coming in yet.

9. New Business

A. Spring Cleaning Day

Saturday, May 14th. Chore cards will be available before this date.

B. Weekly Cleaning Assistance

C. Forks for Sustainability

a. Donation from St. Sebastain (Milwaukee Church)

Pastor Andy will write a thank you.

b. Diarra Soumaila (Student from Mali)

Tony discussed this and they need to ask for 2nd student visa.

10. Next Meeting/Devotions/Treats

Next meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Tony Ends will have devotions. Traci will provide treats.

11. Adjournment

Jason Burtness made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Violet Renly. Motion approved.

12. Closing

Glen Johnson led the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Racheal Grenawalt

Council Secretary

Orfordville Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016

13. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Glen Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

14. Devotions were led by Pastor Andy Twiton.

15. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Traci Manthey, Racheal Grenawalt, Glen Johnson, Pastor Andy Twiton, Aaron Burns, Ken Heller, and Mike Varilek.

Council Members Absent: Violet Renly, Jason Burtness, and Tony Ends.

16. Approval of Agenda

Aaron Burns made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mike Varilek. Motion approved.

17. Approval of the April Minutes

Racheal has not formally typed April minutes and will approve at next meeting.

18. Treasures Report

Mike provided the treasures report for March and April. April offering was down for two straight weeks. Youth added to their fund with the pizza fundraiser and Easter breakfast.

19. Pastors Report

- We had several fun events during April, including the Thrivent Action Team service project and the visit by Rev. Larry Froemming's Band. The tie blankets from the April service project go to Janesville and Beloit hospitals.
- I believe we are making good use of our church building for the sake of the community. Parkview School District has been using our basement for testing during the week. There is a new Al-Anon group that would like to use our building. Krista Bartelt is planning to host a fitness class for women at OLC over the summer. God has blessed us with this building and we are using it to be a blessing to others!
- Synod Assembly was good this year. I've printed a couple of copies of the assembly summary for you to look at. The assembly is a good reminder of the larger Christian family of which we are a part. We are connected to God's larger work in the world!
- The *Loving Jesus* book study is going well. We have 6 adults taking part in it. I am personally enjoying these conversations about our faith.
- We have a number of things to look forward to in May and during the summer, including:
 - Confirmation Sunday – May 15th
 - Graduation Sunday – June 12th (tentative)
 - Summer Volleyball on Wednesdays – Starting June 1st
 - Noah's Ark – Probably on June 10th
 - Beloit Snappers Baseball Game – Probably July 10th
 - Vacation Bible School with Luther Valley – July 10-14th
 - Church Picnic at Joanne Hallmark's Trailer – Late July/Early August
 - Youth Lock-In – Sometime in August
- Looking back at April:
 - *Counseling and Visitation*: Led services of Holy Communion at Evansville Manor, St. Elizabeth Manor, and Woods Crossing. In addition, I made 8 pastoral visits.
 - *Special and Community Events*: Thrivent Action Team Service Project; Special Musical Guests at Worship on April 24th.
 - *Meetings*: Synod Affinity Group, Narrative Lectionary Text Study, Meeting with Connie Walker about Caring for Veterans, and Synod Assembly.

- No Baptisms.
- No Weddings.
- No Funerals.
- We welcomed Seth and Sara Pautsch and their children as members on Sunday. We also welcomed Patti Wallander. No transfers out.

20. Old Business

D. Spring cleaning Day

Saturday, May 14th from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Donuts and coffee provided.

E. Memorial Gifts

Pastor has been working on a list of memorial gift ideas and will be presented to families wishing to donate.

F. Carpet Update

We will continue to get bids for carpet upstairs and the tile in the basement.

G. Other

21. New Business

D. Confirmation Sunday

Church will purchase a cake for fellowship after church.

E. New Member

We welcomed Patti Wallander as a new member this past Sunday.

F. NHN Clothes Closet

Traci Manthey will talk to a few members about options with keeping this open and updated.

G. Compensation for Office Assistant

Sue Draves has been employed at the church one year. We discussed the option of a raise for her efforts. Ken Heller made a motion to increase Sue's compensation pending the treasurer. Motion second by Aaron Burns. Motion approved.

H. Email Spoofing

Emails are being sent with Pastor Andy's email but it is not from him. Beware of these emails and we may look into taking our email off the church website.

I. Summer Fun and Fellowship

Volleyball, Noah's Ark, Beloit Snappers Baseball, VBS, Church picnic, youth lock-in, etc. are a few events Orfordville Lutheran will host this summer.

J. Vacation Bible School

July 10th-July 14th will be the week for VBS held at Luther Valley Church.

K. Ministry with Veterans, Military Personnel and Families

- a. "God's Work; Our Hands" Sunday will be September 11, 2016. An idea was brought forth about housing for homeless vets. Cookout that evening. Kids could make cards and collect donations.

- b. Community Presentation by Connie Walker—September 18, 2016.

Connie is a retired Navy Captain. She gives presentations about helping families caring for military personnel and how we can reach out to our neighbors around us.

L. Other

Ask congregation members to join us for a council meeting to see what it is about. Aaron will look into this.

22. Next Meeting/Devotions/Treats

Next meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Mike Varilek will have devotions. Aaron Burns will provide treats.

23. Adjournment

Ken Heller made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Aaron Burns. Motion approved.

24. Closing

Glen Johnson led the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Racheal Grenawalt
Council Secretary