



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2016

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

“No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?” – From My Life Flows on in Endless Song, ELW #763

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

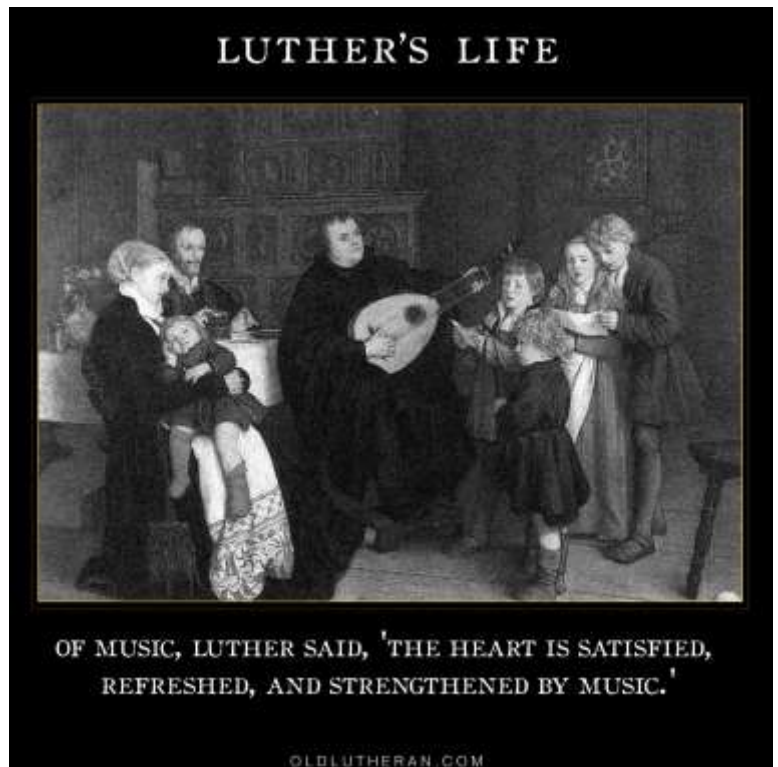
We’re heading into a new season in our life together. During May, we celebrated Confirmation Sunday and the end of the Sunday School year. For many families, this is the time of year where kids are getting out of school for the summer or graduating to begin something different. At church, we’ll be taking a break from some of our regular programs and focusing on some special events for the summer.

In worship, we’ll also be taking a break from the Narrative Lectionary and focusing on a new theme for preaching this summer. The theme for preaching this summer is “Singing Our Faith.” A few weeks ago, I took an informal poll of people’s favorite hymns, and this summer we will take a closer look at those hymns and how they feed our faith. For each hymn, I’ve chosen Scripture readings that are referenced in the hymn or that enrich the meaning.

One of my favorite hymns is “My Life Flows on in Endless Song,” which I’ve quoted at the beginning of this letter. It reminds me of that faith in Christ casts out fear and gives us a reason to sing. If Christ has defeated sin and death and is Lord of all, how can I keep from loving, forgiving, laughing, serving, and singing? Christ truly gives us something to sing about.

Lutherans, in particular, are known for their love of music going all the way back to Martin Luther himself. Luther thought music was a gift of God with the power to proclaim the Gospel. He once said, “Next to the Word of God, music deserves highest praise.” During the Reformation, Luther wrote several hymns, including “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” that proclaimed the message of Christ’s victory. We can see Martin Luther’s legacy in the many Lutheran composers and musicians that have followed in his footsteps, and Lutheran schools and colleges are often known for their music programs.

Orfordville Lutheran also has a history of loving the gift of music. I have spoken to many members about the choir program. I especially enjoyed hearing about how the choir used to walk in singing “Holy, Holy, Holy,



Lord God Almighty!” The gift of music continues to inspire faith in our congregation through the faithful work of our church musicians.

I hope this summer you will learn something about our songs of faith. More importantly, I hope God will move our hearts through the gift of music to greater devotion and greater love.

May God make your heart sing!

Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Andy Twiton

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June Preaching Preview

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

- June 5th – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (Psalm 46; 1 Peter 5:6-11; Mark 4:35-41)
- June 12th – “Amazing Grace” (Ephesians 2:1-10; John 9:13-25)
- June 19th – “How Great Thou Art” (Psalm 121; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 1:1-5)
- June 26th – “In the Garden” (Genesis 3:1-8; Revelation 22:1-2; John 20:11-18)

Sand Volleyball for all ages at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday beginning June 8th

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

Spark House Book Fair at OLC – Ends on June 5th

Check out our Book Fair in the Narthex at OLC. Get Faith-filled bibles, books and videos for your kids. The Book Fair is sponsored by Sparkhouse Family. They are committed to telling stories that help parents instill an open-hearted, lifelong Christian faith in children at every age and stage. During the Book Fair you will save up to 15% plus free shipping on all orders.

Senior Luncheon – Tuesday, June 7th @ 11:30 a.m.

This will be our last Senior Luncheon until October. This month our Senior Luncheon will be held at Purdy Park at 11:30 a.m. Join us for a picnic lunch with brats, hotdogs, chips, salads, and dessert.

Celebrating our Graduates – June 12th

Please join us on June 12th to celebrate our recent high school and college graduates:

Jacey Burns – Beloit Turner High School	Mathew Cronk – Blackhawk Technical College
Nick Ciabatti – Brodhead High School	Jennifer Cronk – Blackhawk Technical College
Megan Draves – Brodhead High School	Dayle Gerber – Lakeland College
	Megan LaVigne – Carroll College
	Kyle Ramquist – Blackhawk Technical College

Silver Campers Day @ Lutherdale – June 22 & July 13

Luthdale 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 three campfire worship services. We will pray, sing some songs, listen to God's Word, eat s'mores, and enjoy some fellowship.

- Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran in Brodhead
- Monday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Orfordville Lutheran
- Monday, August 22nd at Magnolia Bluffs

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, June 14th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's in Footville
- Wednesday, June 15th at 10:30 a.m. at Evansville Manor
- Thursday, June 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at Wood's Crossing in Brodhead

Volunteer Opportunity: Birthday Party at Evansville Manor – Wednesday, June 15th at 2:00 p.m.

During the month of June, OLC furnishes and serves birthday cake for the residents of Evansville Manor Nursing Home. We are looking for people to provide cakes and to serve. Speak with Bernice Amundson or Pastor Andy if you would like to be involved.

Youth Outing to Noah's Ark Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells – Friday, June 17th

Pastor Andy is organizing an outing for junior high and senior youth to Noah's Ark. The cost is \$18 (which includes a hot dog lunch). Please let Pastor Andy (pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org) know if you would like to go by **June 8th** or as soon as possible, so he can register our group.

OLC Youth Brat Sale at the Orfordville Farmers Market – Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Come support OLC youth at the Orfordville's Farmer Market. They'll be selling brats and drinks. Proceeds will help send our confirmation youth to Lutherdale.

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

Our fourth evening meeting to discuss Loving Jesus will be on June 30th at 6:30 p.m.

OLC Foundation Scholarship - Apply before July 1st

The OLC Foundation is currently taking scholarship applications for students from our congregation. First time applicants may pick up an application from the Foundation's mailbox; in the hallway by the church office. Continuing students should request consideration for a scholarship by applying in writing with a letter to the Foundation. The letter should be placed in an envelope in the Foundation's mailbox. Please include a copy of your college transcript/report card. Scholarships will be awarded upon the completion of the 1st semester of the school year. **All applications and letters of request are due by July 1st.**

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 Joanne Hallmark's – July 24th
- Paint Class Fundraiser at OLC – August 7th

Lutheran World Relief - Baby Kits

Please continue to check out those rummage sales! We are seeking the following gently used (or new) 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.

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.

Acolytes for the month of June:

- 6/5/2016 Independence Pautsch & Kailey Frame
- 6/12/2016 Bailey Paulson & Dynally Mould
- 6/19/2016 Max Gerber & Bryce Hammon
- 6/26/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres

Altar Guild Person of the Month: Nancy Dickison

June Birthdays

Stephanie	Johnson	1
Ed	Burtness	2
Nancy	Dickison	2
Tylar	Frame	4
Cassidy	Olson	6
Kathryn	Klassy	9
Joshua	Speich	13
Katrina	Johnson	15
Bob	Hesgard	17
Jackie	O'Neal	18
Olivia	Johnson	21
Pastor Andy	Twiton	22
Bonnie	Hoff	23
Julie	Cronk	24
Chris	Johnson	24
Karl	Stuvengen	25
Betty	Dickison	27
Kristin	Swedlund	27
Debbie	Speich	29



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 Teena Gerber for organizing the Hot Dog stand during Orfordville Rummage Sales; as a fundraiser for our Confirmation Students!
- Thank you to Kathy Demrow and Laurie Dickison for their leadership of Sunday School this year! Thank you to everyone who helped to support our Sunday School children this year!

- Thank you to our confirmation prayer partners, especially to Nancy Dickison, Jackie Gerber and Mike Varilek for being prayer partners for this year's confirmands!
- Thank you to everyone who helped on our Spring Cleaning Day! We had 17 volunteers and were able to get a lot done!
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Highway Clean-up!
- Thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!

Welcoming New Members – May 8th



On Sunday, May 8th we welcomed Patti Wallander (pictured) and also the Pautsch family as new members.

Spring Cleaning Day – May 14th

Fumiyo Stuvengen, Gerry Johnson, Krista Bartelt cleaning the downstairs windows on OLC's Spring Cleaning Day.



Ken Heller



*Kari Peterson
&
Traci Manthey*



Confirmation Sunday – May 15th



Bryce Hammon, Kailey Frame, Bailey Paulson & Pastor Andy Twiton

Confirmand's with Prayer Partners

Mike Varilek with Bryce
Jackie Gerber with Kailey
(Pastor Andy)
Nancy Dickson with Bailey



Roadside Clean-up – May 18th



OLC'S CALENDAR

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am Bible Study	2 8:00 am - Noon Parkview Student Testing 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.	3 8:00 am - Noon Parkview Student Testing 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	4
5 9:00 am Worship <i>Sparkhouse Book Fair (Before & After Worship)</i>	6 9:00 am Quilt Class <i>(Last one until Fall)</i> 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting	7 11:30 am Senior Luncheon @ Purdy Park	8 No Bible Study 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park	9 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.	10 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	11
12 9:00 am Worship Graduation Recognition Sunday	13	14 10:30 am St. Elizabeth Service	15 9:00 am Bible Study 2:00 pm B-day Party/Bingo @ Evansville Manor 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park	16 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.	17 Youth Outing to Noah's Ark Waterpark 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	18
19 9:00 am Worship	20 7:00 pm Campfire Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran in Brodhead	21 9 am – 3 pm Mission Quilting	22 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park	23 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 9:30 am Woods Crossing Service	24 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	25 10:00-1:00 OLC Youth Brat Sale at Orfordville Farmers Market
26 9:00 am Worship <i>Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale</i>	27 <i>Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale</i>	28 <i>Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale</i>	29 7:00 pm Sand Volleyball at Purdy Park <i>Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale</i>	30 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 6:30 pm <i>Loving Jesus Book Study</i> <i>Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale</i>		