



## ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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### NEWSLETTER – MAY 2016

#### FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

*Jesus said to his disciples, "I have told you these things while I am still with you. But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you."*

– John 14:25-26

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have a lot to be thankful for this spring. In May, we will celebrate confirmation Sunday, the Sunday School year will come to an end, and many families are looking forward to graduations. And for all of us, the sun is shining longer into the evening, the trees and grass are green again, and flowers are beginning to bloom.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We will read the story of how the Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers and gave the power to tell the story of Jesus in many languages. In many ways, Pentecost is the birthday of the church. On this day, we celebrate the ways the Spirit continues to call us together and work in our lives.

Pentecost, Easter, and Christmas are the three most important festivals of the Christian year, but Pentecost is often overlooked. Pentecost doesn't have the stockings, presents, carols, lights, or Santa Claus of Christmas. Pentecost doesn't have Easter egg hunts or the Easter bunny. Families often get together for Christmas and Easter, but I don't know any families who gather for a Pentecost meal.

What if we celebrated Pentecost with the energy and joy of Christmas or Easter? I'm not suggesting we hang Pentecost stockings or create a Pentecost bunny. But I do believe the day of Pentecost and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are worth celebrating in our lives. As Jesus says in John 14, the Holy Spirit leads us to Christ and teaches us his ways. If we look around, we will see the fruits of the spirit in our lives and congregation: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control (see Galatians 4:22-26).

I'm inviting everyone to **wear red** this May 15<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate and remember the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our midst. We will also celebrate the confirmation of three of our young people – Bryce Hammon, Kailey Frame, and Bailey Paulson. It's appropriate to celebrate confirmation and Pentecost on the same Sunday because both are celebrations of the Holy Spirit. When Bryce, Kailey, and Bailey come forward, we will pray: "Stir up in them the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen."

May the Holy Spirit lead Orfordville Lutheran Church in all we do!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Andy Twiton

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### *May Preaching Preview*

During the month of May, Pastor Andy will continue preaching about loving Jesus by focusing on the story of Jesus' life from the Gospel of Mark. Here are the upcoming preaching texts for the month of May:

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Faith, Hope and Love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Death Swallowed in Life (1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Gifts of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

Stay tuned for Summer Preaching!

### *Thrivent Action Team Update*

Our Thrivent Action Team consisted of 19 individuals. We joined together on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to make 25 fleece tie blankets. Half of the blankets were donated to Mercy Hospital, in Janesville. The other half will be donated to Beloit Memorial Hospital. A big thank you to all those that donated their time to this worthy cause.

### *Senior Luncheon – Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.*

Our monthly Senior Luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall at OLC at 11:30 a.m. Join us for Chicken Condon Bleu Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and Dessert. Our guest speaker this month will be Lachel Fowler. She is the *Elder Benefits Specialist* for Rock County.

### *Confirmation Class Fundraiser - Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> (During Orfordville Rummage Sales)*

The Confirmation class will be selling hot dogs, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Their stand will be located in front of Jason's Cards & Collectibles at 201 W. Beloit St., in Orfordville. Stop by to re-energize during the Orfordville Rummage Sales.

### *Lutheran World Relief - Baby Kits*

It is that time of year...Rummage Sales! This would be a good time to start gathering items for our baby kits. 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.

### *Church Council Meeting Moved to May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.*

The Church Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (instead of May 2<sup>nd</sup>).

### *Church Spring Cleaning - May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 –11:00 a.m.*

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The more volunteers we can get...the quicker the work will get done. Some of the jobs include: wiping up floors, cleaning windows, putting in air conditioners, dusting, cobwebs, etc.

### *Confirmation Sunday - May 15<sup>th</sup>*

Please join us in confirming the baptism of our confirmands on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you wear "RED" to recognize that it is also Pentecost Sunday.

### *Sunday School Ice Cream Social - May 15<sup>th</sup> - Following Worship Service*

The Sunday School will be hosting an Ice Cream Social to mark the end of Sunday School for the summer and also to celebrate our confirmands. Please join us for the celebration, after worship, on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited!

### *Spring Planting Service - Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.*

The Brodhead Ecumenical Community is hosting a Spring Planting Service at the Jerry and Barb Daniels Farm located at N1495 Cty OK, Juda, WI. Join us for a celebration of the wonders of spring and the blessing of new growth. Come and share some moments to open our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us. **Please bring your own lawn chair for this simple service.**

***Roadside Clean-up - Wednesday, May 18th @ 5:30 p.m.***

Join the confirmation class in cleaning up OLC's adopted stretch of road on Hwy 11. We will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please bring gloves with you.

***Spark House Book Fair at OLC - May 22 - June 5***

Summer's coming! 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. More information will be available in the Narthex on May 22 through June 5. During the Book Fair you will save up to 15% plus free shipping on all orders.

***Book Study of Loving Jesus - May 26th @ 6:30 p.m.***

Our third evening meeting to discuss Loving Jesus will be on May 26th at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please speak with Pastor Andy. He can help you catch up to the rest of the group.

***Celebrating our Graduates in June (Date to be Determined)***

If you have recently graduated from high school or college, please inform the church office at 879-2575 or via email at [office@orfordvilllutheran.org](mailto:office@orfordvilllutheran.org). We would like to make sure that everyone is recognized for their accomplishments. This is an excellent time to bless those taking the next step in their lives!

***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 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the school year. **All applications and letters of request are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

***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).

***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 May:***

5/1/2016	Bailey Paulson & Dynally Mould	5/8/2016	Independence Pautsch & Kailey Frame
5/15/2016	Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres	5/22/2016	Dynally Mould & Max Gerber
5/29/2016	Bailey Paulson & Bryce Hammon		

***Altar Guild Person of the month:*** Debbie Speich

## May Birthdays

Heather	Dickison	5
Tim	Speich	5
Violet	Renly	13
Kim	LaVigne	18
Chesney	Speich	18
Sabrina	Johnson	20
Remington	Stark	20
Stephanie	Varilek	21
Tori	Smith	22
Katelyn	Frame	24
Tyler	Rachow	24
Steve	Hazeltine	26
Bill	Kummer	26
Cheryl	Ryan	26

A colorful illustration of a two-tiered pink birthday cake with white frosting and a blue base. The cake is topped with several lit candles. Above the cake, the words "Happy Birthday!" are written in a playful, bubbly font.

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](mailto:office@orfordvillelutheran.org)

### Thank you's and Thanksgivings

- Thank you to Pat Burtness, Megan Draves, Sue Draves, and everyone who volunteered at our Thrivent Action Team event!
- Thank you to Bernice Amundson for helping Pastor Andy at the communion service at Evansville Manor!
- Thank you to Ilene Speich for assisting at the service at Woods Crossing!
- Thanks be to God for all the blessings of this past month!

### Special Musical Guests at our April 24<sup>th</sup> Worship Service



*Rev. Larry Froemming  
(Previous Pastor at OLC)*

*Steve Christophersen and Danielle Olstead*



*Thrivent Action Team*



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# OLC'S CALENDAR MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship  <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School	2  <b>8:00 am - Noon</b> Parkview Student Testing	3  <b>11:30 am</b> Senior Luncheon	4  <b>8:00 am - Noon</b> Parkview Student Testing  <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation	5  <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.	6  <b>8:00 am - Noon</b> Parkview Student Testing  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	7  Orfordville Rummage Sales  <b>9 am – 2pm</b> Confirmation Fundraiser
8  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship  <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School	9  <b>8:00 am - Noon</b> Parkview Student Testing  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting	10	11  <b>8:00 am - Noon</b> Parkview Student Testing  <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation	12  <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.	13  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	14  <b>9 am – 11 am</b> Church Spring Cleaning
15  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>Confirmation</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School Ice Cream Social	16	17  <b>9 am – 3 pm</b> Mission Quilting	18  <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>5:30 pm</b> Confirmation Highway Clean-up	19  <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.	20  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	21
22  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Sparkhouse Book Fair (Before &amp; After Worship)</i>	23	24	25  <b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study	26  <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.  <b>6:30 pm</b> <i>Loving Jesus</i> Book Study	27  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA Meeting	28
29  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Sparkhouse Book Fair (Before &amp; After Worship)</i>	30	31				