



## ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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### **NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2016**

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

*Jesus said, "You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." – John 13:13-15*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our church council has been reading these verses from John 13 at the beginning of everyone council meeting this year. These words of Christ remind us as we begin our meeting that we are called to be servants just as Christ was a servant. Each one of us is called to follow Christ's example. If Christ would humbly wash our feet, then we too should serve one another.

In the past month, I've been so proud of our church family for the many acts of service we've shared. Service seems to be at the heart of who we are as Orfordville Lutheran Church and as disciples of Christ. And we make a big impact for our size. God has richly blessed us and is working through us in so many ways.

For example, you served 25 homeless veterans a joyous cookout on a beautiful day. Our quilters and kit makers served people all over the world by providing them with warmth and supplies for the most basic needs. Our confirmation kids and families put on a Chili Dinner that's going to help kids grow their faith at camp. We had several people step up to teach Sunday School. Then, there are the many servants who keep things running on the council, the property committee, the prayer chain, with the finances, in worship, and more. Wow!

In the coming month, we have one of our biggest events of the year in our Norwegian Dinner. In advance, I'd like to thank you for all you do to serve this congregation and the wider community. May God continue to grow our hearts for service!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Andy Twiton

# HISTORY CORNER

By Lyle Amundson

*Orfordville Lutheran Church will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation in 2018. In the coming months, we will include snippets of our church's history. Together we will celebrate God's faithfulness to us and our ancestors in faith!*

Many discussions, letter exchanges and negotiations took place between the "minority group" and the "majority group" following the vote November 9, 1868 to leave the Norwegian Synod. In the end, prior to disagreements going to court, an out of court settlement was reached, in brief; the majority group maintains possession of the church properties, pays the minority 1/3 the value of these properties, and the two groups become separate congregations. Rev. Magelssen served Luther Valley Lutheran Church until April 14, 1869. The minority group became Luther Valley Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Orfordville. It continued as such until 1947 when it was renamed Orfordville Lutheran Church. The Orfordville church remained in the synod, whereas the majority group was not affiliated with a synod until 1915.

October 25, 1870

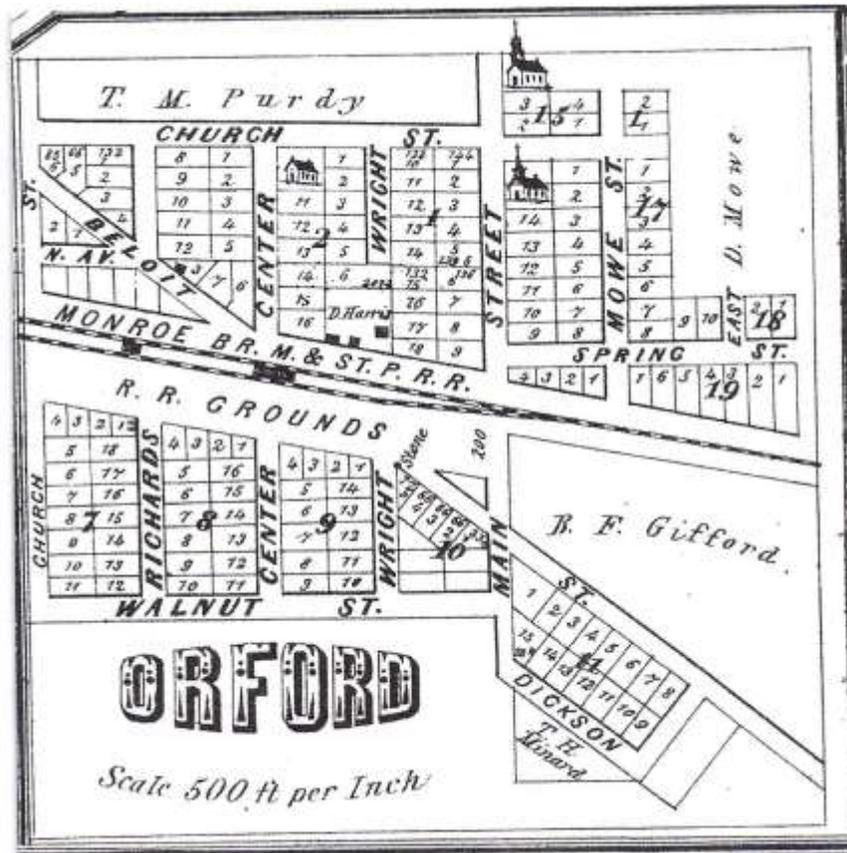
The congregation named a committee to purchase a house for a parsonage in Orfordville.

October 30, 1870

The elected committee, named to purchase a parsonage, reported that they have purchased a house and Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 of Block No. 15, and Lots 1 & 2 of Block 16 (2 1/5 acres) in Orfordville from Charles & Lydia Dunn for \$1,200. The congregation unanimously decided that a barn, 18' x 39', be built on the land of the purchased parsonage.

December 30, 1870

The congregation approved builder Anderson's plan for a new church to seat 300 people, 50' x 34' wood structure, on NW corner of newly purchased property.



This is copied from the 1873 plat book of Rock County.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Pet Blessing – October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00pm

JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL

**Blessing  
of the Pets**

ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN  
210 N MAIN ST

SUN.  
OCT. 2

1:00  
P.M.

Next week we commemorate Saint Francis of Assisi who was known for his love of animals. On Sunday afternoon, OLC will host a pet blessing in the church courtyard to celebrate. All furry, spiky, slimy, feathery friends great and small are welcome. Just make sure they are on a leash or secured safely.  
Free and open to all.



### *Quilting Class Begins – October 3<sup>rd</sup>*

The Quilting Class will meet, in the church basement, beginning on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The class runs from October through May on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Please contact Pat Burtness, at 931-6363, with any questions.

### *Senior Luncheon – October 4<sup>th</sup>*

The Orfordville Community will be holding their monthly senior luncheon, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, beginning in October and continuing through June. The meal starts at 11:30 a.m. in OLC's fellowship hall. The Orfordville Public Library organizes the luncheons; along with an afternoon program. This month's menu includes lemon butter chicken with noodles, California mixed vegetables, rolls and dessert. Janesville author, Jerry Peterson, will talk about his books (*Early's Fall*, *Early's Winter* and *The Watch*). The books will also be available to check out at the Orfordville Public Library.

### **Noising Offering for Sunday School – Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday School will sing in church. Check your couch cushions and bring your coins to church. We'll be collecting a "noisy" offering to benefit OLC's kids.

### *Altar Guild Meeting – October 4<sup>th</sup>*

The Altar Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex. We will be planning for the holidays and creating the schedule for the upcoming year. If you have any questions (or are unable to attend), please contact Jan Vigdahl. The Altar Guild welcomes new members. *Training will be provided.* If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please see Pastor Andy or Jan Vigdahl.

### *Sunday School Hay Ride – October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15a.m.*

Sunday School kids and families are invited for a Hay Ride out to Ken and Carol Heller's farm. We hope you can join us!

**“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday Debrief – Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

If you were involved with “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday this year or if you’d like to be in the future, we’d like your input. We’ll celebrate our successes, see what we can learn, and dream about next year.

**Youth Event: Hay Ride and Bonfire – Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a bonfire out at Ken and Carol Heller’s farm. We’ll meet at church at 6:00pm and head out from there.

**C.U.P. Volunteer Meeting – October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.**

The C.U.P. Volunteers will be holding their annual meeting, at Orfordville Lutheran Church, on October 18 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Movie Night: Luther – Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

2017 will be the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther’s Reformation. Youth and adults are invited to a movie night to watch *Luther*, which tells the story of Martin Luther’s life.

(Note for parents: This movie is PG-13 for some scenes of violence and some cuss words. Speak with Pastor if you have questions.)

The movie is free. Concessions will be for sale and proceeds will benefit OLC youth going to confirmation camp next summer.

**Norwegian Dinner – Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



Join us for Orfordville Lutheran's annual

# Norwegian Dinner

Oct. 29, 2016  
11 am - 3 pm



Orfordville Lutheran Church  
210 N Main St  
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Serving:  
Lutfisk, Lefse, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberries, Coleslaw, Rolls, Pie, Coffee & Milk

Adults \$15    Children 5-12 \$5    Children under 5 FREE  
Church is fully handicapped accessible

The Norwegian Dinner is approaching quickly. If you are available to help with the Norwegian Dinner, please contact Terry Gerber at 608-931-6355. There are many ways to be part of this annual event. Anyone donating pies should have them to the church on October 28<sup>th</sup> or the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Donations to the dinner may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Please make sure you indicate *Norwegian Dinner* on the memo line of your check and/or envelope.

**Cemetery Reminder**

All decorations should already have been removed from the cemetery (by the end of September). Please do not place any new decorations until November 1<sup>st</sup>. This allows time for clean-up of the cemetery. Thank you

**Save the Date for Upcoming Events:**

**OLC’s 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Acolytes for the month of October:***

10/2/2016 *Volunteers Needed*  
10/9/2016 Dynally Mould  
10/16/2016 Max Gerber  
10/23/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres  
10/30/2016 *Volunteers Needed*

***Altar Guild Person(s) of the Month: Kari Peterson & Kathy Demrow***

**October Birthdays**

1	Laura Gramacki	18	Linda Brown
2	Mark Stark	18	Jesse Peterson
3	Mike Hammon	19	Pat Burtness
4	Ruth Smith	19	Jenna Larson
5	Elena McWilliams	20	Mary Speich
8	Sara Burtness	20	Brett Hammon
9	Ken Nelson	21	Jeremy Lund
10	Fred Dickison	24	Stephanie Jacobson
11	Miley Chenworth	24	Kris Stuvengen
13	Grant Melms	26	Taylor Albright
15	Keves Brown	28	Judy Caldwell
16	Davis Dickison	28	Mary Cmar
16	Megan Speich	29	Nicole Smith
17	AJ Johnson	30	Tim Heller
17	Christopher Speich		

**Note:**

*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 yous and Thanksgivings:**

- Thank you to Lyle Amundson for contributing this month's history corner!
- Thank you to everyone who was involved with the 9/11 Cookout for Housing 4 Our Vets. We had a great group of volunteers and several people who donated items and funds for the event. A special thank you to Greg Manthey for his work to ask for donations from local businesses.
- Thank you to Teena Gerber for organizing the Chili and Hot Dog dinner on September 18<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to Ken and Carol Heller for donating the beef for the chili.
- Thank you to Krista Bartelt, Jackie Gerber, and the Strong Women Fitness class for their service to the community and for their \$115 donation to OLC! (Plus, it's fun to see the cars in the parking lot on Tuesday and Thursday evenings!)
- Thank you to Service Group 3 for their help with the funeral service for Carol Lintvedt!
- Thank you to our quilters and everyone who helped with kits this year! God is working through your hands!

***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](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.

*Fun in the Bounce House  
on Rally Sunday – 9/11/2016*



Cookout for the Veterans  
“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday  
9/11/2016

Confirmation students prepared  
for the Chili Dinner following our guest  
speaker on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>





Putting Together School Kits  
for Lutheran World Relief

Display of quilts for Lutheran World Relief



Leading Bible Study With Violet Renly



# OLC'S CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship  <b>1:00 pm</b> Pet Blessing	<b>9 am – 3 pm</b> Quilt Class  <b>6:30 pm</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>11:30 am</b> Senior Luncheon  <b>4:00 &amp; 6:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class  <b>7 pm</b> Altar Guild Meeting	<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.  <b>4:00 &amp; 7:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AL-Anon Meeting	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship Noisy offering <b>10:00 am</b> “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Debrief  <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School Hayride		<b>4:00 &amp; 6:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class	<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Hayride & Bonfire	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.  <b>4:00 &amp; 7:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AL-Anon Meeting	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship		<b>4:00 &amp; 6:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class  <b>5:00 pm</b> C.U.P. Volunteer Meeting	<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.  <b>4:00 &amp; 7:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AL-Anon Meeting	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship		<b>4:00 &amp; 6:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class	<b>9:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:30 pm</b> Luther Movie Night	<b>9:00-11:00 am</b> C.U.P.  <b>4:00 &amp; 7:00 pm</b> Strong Women Fitness Class	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AL-Anon Meeting	<b>11 am – 3 pm</b> Norwegian Dinner
30	31					
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship						