



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2016

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How can faith help hold your family and friends together? How can faith hold our church family together?

This coming year I'm going to be pushing a simple faith practice called the FAITH 5 that I believe can help us build relationships and grow closer to God. (Watch out when your pastor gets an idea stuck in his head! 😊)

The FAITH 5 is a faith practice developed by Dr. Rich Melheim, a Lutheran pastor and found of Faith Inkubators. His premise is simple: faith grows best in our personal relationships, especially in our homes with friends and family. The point is not to come to church, but to **be the church** in our everyday lives.



The practice is simple: at the end of each day (or as often as you are able), huddle with your loved ones to do five things:

1. **SHARE** your highs and lows of the day.
2. **READ** a Bible verse or story from Sunday's preaching/teaching.
3. **TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows asking "What is God saying to my situation?"
4. **PRAY** for one another's highs and lows.
5. **BLESS** one another before turning out the lights on the day.

For families with children and youth, this practice could become part of your bedtime routine. Rich Melheim likes to ask, "Can you imagine if every child went to bed knowing they were loved by God and by their parents?"

This practice may be especially important for kids, but I believe it can work for any age and any life situation. If you're a grandparent, you could try doing the FAITH 5 with your grandkids at Thanksgiving. If you're a single person or live far from family, you could call a friend or get together for coffee to catch up and do the FAITH 5 together.

As an example, our Wednesday morning Bible Study **shares** our highs and lows every week together. Then, we **read** Scripture and **talk** about it. We also **pray** together and often we close with a final **blessing**. Without even knowing it, we've been doing the FAITH 5!

As a church family, I pray that we will grow closer together and closer to God. That begins with knowing what is going on in each other's lives, and sharing our highs and lows can be one way to do that. I long for us to be a community that "Rejoices with those who are rejoicing, and weeps with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). We also grow closer together when we practice connecting the Holy Bible to our daily lives, pray with one another, and speak words of blessing over one another.

May God bless you, and may God help us to grow in faith and love!

Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Andy Twiton

HISTORY CORNER

By Lyle Amundson

Orfordville Lutheran Church will celebrate its 150th 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!

Reverend Claus Friman Magelssen was our first pastor. He was born November 7, 1830 in Davik, Nordfjord, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway. His parents were Rev. Wilhelm Christian Magelssen & Maren Dorthea Kristi Magelssen. He attended Christiania University in Christiania (now Oslo), Norway 1851-1857. He was ordained in 1859. He came to America in 1859, having accepted a call to Luther Valley Lutheran Church.

Rev. Magelssen was a circuit pastor, initially serving parishes in Queen Anne Prairie (4 miles north of Woodstock, IL), Sugar River (rural Albany, WI), Jordan Prairie (west of Monroe, WI), Rock Run (3 miles NE of Davis, IL), as well as Luther Valley. He continued as a circuit pastor, serving also at Long Prairie (.5 miles SE of Capron, IL), Janesville and Beloit. Rev. Magelssen's first call was for five years and at the end of this call he was unanimously re-elected (source: Luther Valley anniversary booklet).

November 9, 1868 the Luther Valley congregation voted to withdraw from the Norwegian Synod, 53 yes, 38 no, to the disappointment of Rev. Magelssen.

June 2, 1869, in a schoolhouse near Ken & Luann Komprood's house, the minority group held a meeting. The meeting opened with singing and prayer. Aadne Aadnesen was elected secretary for the meeting. Pastor Magelssen gave a short report on the reactions of the congregations of Long Prairie and Rock Run to the disagreement and resulting split. The following resolution was made: We the undersigned declare hereby that we do not accept the majority's right to lock us out of the church building. 38 members signed. Other items approved include: services to be held in school near Erik Haugen's home and school near Ellef Anderson Berg's home. (These schools became known as the Haugen School and the Rock Hill School.) Also decided that Pastor Magelssen be authorized to ask the synod if a majority in a congregation can pull a minority within it, out of the synod. The minutes were accepted and the meeting was closed with singing and prayer.

Pastor Magelssen continued to serve Rock Run, Janesville (now First Lutheran), Sugar River, Jordan Prairie and Beloit (now Our Saviors). Pastor Magelssen continued living in the LV Parsonage until November, 1870.



More to come next month!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September Preaching Preview

September 4th will mark the end of our summer preaching series on people's favorite hymns. Starting on September 11th we will return to the Narrative Lectionary for the program year. During the fall, we will work our way through stories from the Old Testament. Here are the upcoming preaching themes and texts for the month of September:

- *September 4th – “Borning Cry” (Psalm 139:1-18, Luke 2:41-52)*
- *September 11th – Creation and Fall (Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8)*
- *September 18th – God’s Promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)*
- *September 25th – God Work’s through Joseph (Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21)*

Financial Update

God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. Orfordville Lutheran is blessed to have many generous givers who support our mission and ministry financially. Thank you all for your commitment and generosity. Your generosity supports our worship life, our educational ministries, and the impact we make in our community. The Church Council wanted to give you an update on our financial situation. Giving tends to go down during the summer months, and picks up again in the fall. Currently, however, we are behind where we usually are at this time of year. Orfordville Lutheran is in good financial shape overall and our spending has been in line with our budget and past years, but we wanted you to be aware of this current gap. Thank you, and may God continue to work through us to bless others!

Paint Nite (Youth Fundraiser)

Thank you to those that attended the Paint Nite fundraiser on August 7th. Everyone had a good time and had some beautiful art to take home with them. The fundraiser brought in \$240 for our youth.

Rally Sunday – September 11, 2016

We'll kick off our Sunday School and Program year on Sunday, September 11th with this year's Rally Sunday. Kids will play games, jump in the bouncy house, and make cards for the veterans at Housing 4 Our Vets. Please join us for a day of celebration!

“God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday – September 11, 2016

OLC is one of nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) participating in “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday on September 11th. For our service project, members of OLC are partnering with Housing 4 Our Vets to serve a Sunday evening cookout at their transitional housing facility. Housing 4 Our Vets is part of the Rock Valley Community Programs facility that can house up to 48 veterans for up to 24 months before transitioning to permanent housing. You can learn more at www.housing4ourvets.org. **The cookout takes place at RVCP located at 203 W. Sunny Lane Rd., Janesville at 5:00 p.m. We plan to serve about 40 people.**

You can help by:

- Praying for our project and for the homeless veterans in our county.
- Donating items for the cookout or from the “wish list.”
- Preparing food beforehand.
- Helping serve the food.

Confirmation Parents’ Meeting on Wednesday, Sept 14th at 6:00pm

Pastor Andy will meet with parents and youth to discuss the Confirmation program activities and expectations. Confirmation classes will meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; during the school year. Questions should be directed to Pastor Andy or the church office.

Lutherdale Quilt Auction Update

The quilt from OLC went for \$67! This will benefit the mission and ministry of Lutherdale Bible Camp, which benefits many young people. Thank you to our quilters!

After Iraq and Afghanistan: The Post 9/11 View for Veterans and Families – September 18th at 4:00pm

Connie Walker, a veteran and family advocate, will speak at Orfordville Lutheran Church (210 N. Main St.) on September 18th at 4:00pm. Her presentation will focus on ways to improve care and outreach to veterans and families in our community. Walker is a retired Captain of the U.S. Navy and is part of the National Veterans and Military Executive Council for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She will give us a look into the challenges facing many 21st century combat veterans and families, including: physical, psychiatric, and moral injury; substance abuse and addiction; unemployment; homelessness; and family and caregiver issues. This presentation will be helpful for veterans, families, churches, community and education leaders, healthcare providers, and prospective employers. Participants will receive resources and information for caring and advocating for our veterans. All are welcome to this public presentation.

Chili Dinner Fundraiser – Sunday, September 18th at 5:30pm

Immediately following the presentation on September 18th, OLC Youth will be serving a chili dinner downstairs at Orfordville Lutheran. They will serve chili, hotdogs, cornbread, desserts, lemonade, and coffee. Proceeds will help send OLC youth to Lutherdale next summer. We hope you can join us both for Connie Walker's talk and for the chili dinner afterwards!

Lutherdale Fish Fry – Sept 30th (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

You are invited to the Lutherdale Fish Fry on September 30th. 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).

Church Council Meeting – October 3rd at 6:30pm

Since the Church Council just met on August 29th, there will not be a meeting scheduled for September. Our next Church Council meeting will take place on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

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. **The official 12-week session kicks off on Tuesday, September 6. Due to the number of interested participants; two (2) classes will be offered. Join us at 4:00 p.m. or 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. Cost for the 12-week session is \$35.00 for new participants and \$30.00 for continuing participants.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Another season of collecting items for our Lutheran World Relief kits is coming to a close. We are only in need of a few items to finish off our kits (see below). Thank you to everyone that donated to the kits. Many less fortunate people will benefit from our congregations generosity! We are truly blessed to have such a giving congregation. The kits will be "blessed" on Sunday, September 18th; during worship service. We will be delivering them to the "in-gathering" trailer in Monroe on Monday September 26th.

- Baby Care Kits - **Long or short sleeved gowns/sleepers** (without feet)
- Personal Care Kits - **Light-weight bath-size towels** (dark colors recommended)
- School Kits - **No Additional Items Needed!**

Save the Date for Upcoming Events:

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.

Acolytes for the month of September:

9/4/2016 Payton Stark & Arianna Humphres
9/11/2016 Independence Pautsch & Dynally Mould
9/18/2016 *To Be Determined*
9/25/2016 *To Be Determined*

Altar Guild Person(s) of the Month: Nancy Dickison & Sue Draves

September Birthdays

Daniel Speich	2
Marilyn Klassy	3
Shannon Klassy	3
Grace Scott	3
Ilene Speich	4
Karrie Pomplum	10
Nancy Thorson	15
Roger Demrow	16
Sue Draves	16
David Reinke	18
Melissa Heller	19
Jed Speich	21
Donna Speich	23
Jacey Burns	23
Aaron Grenawalt	26



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 yous and Thanksgivings

- Thank you to the Frame family for organizing the Paint Nite Fundraiser held at Orfordville Lutheran during August! We raised \$240 for OLC youth to go to summer camp next summer!
- Thank you to everyone who took part in our *Loving Jesus* book study! We had our final meeting in August.
- Thank you to all of our musicians who continue to do a fine job of leading our worship! A special thank you to Stephanie Varilek and Jacey Burns who played nearly every Sunday this summer and will both be at college this fall.
- Thank you to the OLC Prayer Chain for all their prayers! A special thank you to Nancy Dickison for her leadership.
- Thanks be to God for all the blessings of this past month!

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.



*Campfire Worship Service, at
Magnolia Bluff, with
Bethlehem Lutheran Church*

Confirmation Paint Nite Fundraiser



Autumn, Avigail, Serenity & Temperance Pautsch
Ellen Pautsch, Pastor Andy & Nancy Dickison

OLC'S CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class	2 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	3
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18 9:00 am Worship LWR Kit Blessings 4:00 pm Veterans Presentation 5:30 pm Chili Dinner Fundraiser	19	20 9 am – 3 pm Mission Quilting 4:00 & 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class	21 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation	22 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 7:00 pm Strong Women Fitness Class	23 8:00 pm AA/AL-Anon Meeting	24
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