



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2018

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

“For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

– Romans 5:19-21

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the past month, we’ve been having a big conversation about GRACE on Sunday mornings, on Wednesday nights, in our weekly Bible study, and in a book study.

We’ve wondered together: What is grace? What does it mean for our lives? How do we extend grace to others in a world that runs on ungrace?

Near the beginning of Lent, the Rev. Dr. Lee Bohnhoff got us started with some background about how the word “grace” comes to us through Greek and Hebrew. I thought this was so helpful that I asked Lee if I could reprint some of what he said here. I like his definition of grace: “unmerited loving kindness.”

From Lee’s sermon:

This word “grace” is a Christian word, not an American English word. It’s very “churchy” as we use it.

Can you imagine if you turned to a classmate in school and said to them: “By grace we are saved for eternal life” -- what would your classmate(s) say? Would they think you had gone bananas?

But that’s the point: ordinary Americans do not know this meaning of “grace” -- so where in the world did this meaning come from? The answer is: from Greek & Hebrew, and it tells our story: it tells who we are.

Let’s have some fun: the 2 words I’m referring to: 1) Hebrew חֶסֶד means “goodness, kindness, mercy”. 2) Greek χάρις means “gracious care or help, or goodwill”.

Both of these words finally mean unmerited loving kindness. These are now Christian words, trying to explain how God loves us without us being such good people!

We are so self-centered, so me-first oriented, right? Me, me, me! That’s what sin is all about: Me first!

But Jesus says: God first, and God loves us anyway!

There’s nothing we can do to earn God’s love. God loves us as a free gift. As the verse from Romans 5 above says, where our sin increases, grace abounds all the more. We are “justified” (meaning that we are made right with God) on account of Christ’s righteousness on our behalf. It’s as if we come to God with an insurmountable

debt, but Christ exchanges our debt for his riches. Our debts are forgiven. Our prison doors are unlocked. Our stains are washed clean. Grace abounds.

What would it look like for us to rest in this promise? What would it look like to share the “unmerited loving kindness” of God with others?

May God’s grace and peace be with you.

Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Andy Twiton

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Easter Sunday and Holy Week Services



- Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, March 31st - 7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil with Holy Communion
- Easter Sunday, April 1st at 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 1st at 8:00 a.m. (between Easter services)

Join us on Easter morning for breakfast at OLC. The confirmation families will be serving Ham, eggs, cinnamon rolls, milk, juice & coffee. The Easter breakfast raises money for our confirmation students to attend camp.

A Charlie Brown Easter – A Five-Week Sermon Series

For nearly 50 years, Charles Schulz drew a daily and Sunday comic strip called *Peanuts* featuring Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and a gang of young children characters. He took only one break (for his 75th birthday) and wouldn’t allow anyone else to take over the strip. The last *Peanuts* strip ran a day after Schulz’s death with a letter announcing his retirement. In the end, 17,897 *Peanuts* strips were published. At its height, the strip reached 355 million people a day in 75 different countries in 21 different languages.



Through comics, merchandise, and TV specials, the characters of *Peanuts* have worked their way into our cultural consciousness.

With an Easter season beginning on April Fool’s Day, we’ll turn to the “funny papers” to explore the joy of the gospel message. For six weeks starting in April we will read the stories of the early church as the good news spread. Like the characters of *Peanuts*, the news of the resurrection would reach into nations all over the world and share its message of joy in many languages.

Pastor Andy and Pastor Matt Pooch from Evansville are working together on this series.

- April 8th – Charlie Brown (John 20:19-31)
- April 15th – Lucy (Acts 9:1-19a)
- April 22nd – Marcie and Peppermint Patty (Acts 16:16-34)
- April 29th – Linus (Acts 17:16-31)
- May 6th – Synod Assembly (Message from Bishop)
- May 13th – Snoopy (Philippians 2:1-13)

Quilting Class - Monday, April 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.

Quilting Class will meet at OLC on Monday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Any questions may be directed to Pat Burtness at 931-6363.

Senior Luncheon - Tuesday, April 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for the Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, April 3rd. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. This month a Baked Potato and Salad Bar will be on the menu; along with a delicious Dessert. Tamara, from Azura Memory Care, will be presenting the program “Boost Your Noodle”.

Next Progress Meeting for 150th Celebration – Sunday, April 8th after Worship

We are continuing to meet to plan for our 150th Celebration. Our progress meeting will take place on Sunday, April 8th; following worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. Future progress meetings will take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month.



Movie Night: AMAZING GRACE – Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00pm

Join us for a movie night at OLC to watch the 2006 film *Amazing Grace*. All ages are invited but parents should be aware this movie is rated PG. We will gather in the fellowship hall. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or pillows for comfort.

Mission Quilting – Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m.

The Mission Quilting group will meet on Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to join and you do not need to know how to sew. There are plenty of other tasks to be done! Questions may be directed to Pat Burtness or Mary Ehle.

Roadside Clean-up - Wednesday, April 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.

Stewards of Children Training at OLC for parents, teachers and community members – Thursday, April 19th 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Please Sign-up by March 30th)

Orfordville Lutheran Church takes the safety of our children and youth seriously. We want our Sunday School, Confirmation, and other programs to be safe, fun, and Christ-centered. In 2015, we instituted a Child and Youth Protection policy. As part of that policy, we wanted to provide a training for our Sunday School teachers, volunteers, parents, and community members about preventing abuse.

On Thursday night, April 19th we’ll be hosting a Stewards of Children training in partnership with Care House Rock County – a child advocacy group.

Stewards of Children® uses real people and real stories to show you how to protect children. The framework of the training is built off the foundation of *The 5 Steps to Protecting Children*™.

PLEASE SIGN UP BEFORE MARCH 30th SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TRAINING PACKETS TO ORDER.

We’re planning to open this training up to other churches and community group. Help us spread the word.

Food will be provided.

May Newsletter Deadline - Friday, April 20th

If you would like to submit an article, announcement and/or pictures for the May newsletter; please turn in your items to the church office by Friday, April 20th.

Sunday School Sings in Church & Noisy Offering – Sunday, April 22nd

On April 22nd, the Sunday School kids will sing in Church. We'll also be collecting a "Noisy" offering to benefit the OLC kids and youth.

Presentation on Foster Care in Rock County by Cornell Bondurant – Sunday, April 22nd after Worship

There is a great need for foster care in Rock County. Cornell Bondurant from Rock County Human Services and a foster parent will be present at OLC on April 22nd to provide some more information about the need and the process of becoming a foster parent. Please attend to learn more even if you aren't interested in being a foster parent because you might know someone who would be a good candidate.

Missing Confirmation Group Photographs

We are still missing some of the OLC confirmation group photographs. Listed below are the years we are still seeking. If you can locate any of these photos, it would be greatly appreciated. Bring the original to either the church office or Lyle Amundson. Lyle will make a copy and the original will be returned to you.

1904	1909	1921	1925	1932	1936
1906	1914	1923	1927	1934	1937
1908	1915	1924	1930	1935	

Rosters of each of these classes are located in a notebook in the Narthex. Please look at these rosters to help us contact someone in any of these classes in an attempt to locate some of these missing photos.

The following classes have individuals in the class photo that we have not identified. It varies from 2 or 3 in some photos to the entire class in others. The complete rosters of each of these classes are also in the same notebook described above, but in its own section. The photos are in the confirmation photo book, labeled "Prior to 1973", which is located on the class display case near the front entry to the church. Please use one of the forms in the front of the photo book to enter the identities of those missing.

1907	1919	1929	1945	1968	1972
1910	1920	1931	1959	1969	
1918	1928	1942	1966	1970	

Update from Tony Ends:

OLC's Tony Ends has been serving as a Peace Corps Response volunteer in Guinea since last November. Tony recently sent an update with some of his accomplishments and activities. After arriving, Tony as a assigned to work as a UN field officer in Guinea WFP's Kissidougou school feeding district.

At his site, Tony researched, drafted, and pushed through to approval a \$10,000 grant pilot project with the WFP's funders. He then initiated and completed the project, introducing specialized commercial-grade garden tools, organic soil fertility and insect control methods, rotational garden practices, solar food drying and school garden educational materials to seven village market gardens attached to WFP school feeding programs. Tony completed the entire pilot project in 3.5 months.

He first located and worked with blacksmiths, welders and carpenters to fabricate and adapt five specialized tools and solar food drying cabinets for local market garden use. He then made oral presentations on the materials in day-long workshops for the cooperative garden members, school staff, children and adults. Demonstration and hands-on participation followed each presentation on tool use, compost-making and preserving fruits and vegetables with solar drying. More than 300 market garden members, 70 school children and 7 teachers took received training.

Tony delivered his presentations in French, with interpretation into local dialects. Market garden membership, student and staff engagement in the workshops was enthusiastic and transforming. Follow-up visits and informal surveys of workshop participants indicated strong acceptance, employment and benefit from innovations Tony introduced in every market garden. In all, Tony made three visits to each of the seven market gardens, traveling over very rough roads and often hiking miles into the market gardens. Staff ported educational materials and tools to the sites, with training and instruction undertaken under thatched structures or in open air.

Overlapping the time frame for delivering the pilot objectives, Tony began preparing a second project proposal to springboard the pilot from the Kissidougou district to the WFP's national school feeding for Guinea. Tony researched background for the proposal. He networked electronically with contacts of 23 years in the Midwestern United States. He enlisted a team of UW seed specialists to add a new dimension to the pilot work. He read all necessary material (guidelines for submission, an objectives matrix, a 2009 international FAO seed sovereignty treaty, submission forms, etc.) and detailed every aspect of the \$250,000 pre-proposal. The WFP's country director submitted the 10-page pre-proposal (for a 4-year national market garden training program to include seed development) to its FAO counterpart on March 1.

In his last months of Peace Corps Response Tony prepared a WFP Innovation Accelerator application in an effort to generator more immediate resources locally for developing solar dried foods in Kissidougou and Gueckedou, Guinea.

Please continue to pray for Tony, his work, and for Dela.

Photo Directory Update:

Our photo directory is nearing completion! Lifetouch has sent us a final draft for us to look over. Pastor Andy and a few volunteers are looking for final edits. After we return the draft to Lifetouch, we will know more about when the directory will arrive.

Submit Photos for Throwback Thursday Posts

Each week during 2018, Pastor Andy has been posting old photos from OLC's history on Facebook. If you have photos from OLC's past, send them to pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org or put them in Pastor's mailbox so they can be included in our Throwback Thursday series.

Thank yous and Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help edit the 150th book!
- Thank you to our church council for taking some extra time for our retreat in March to set some goals and have a brief orientation to our constitution!
- Thank you to everyone who brought soup for our suppers during Lent!
- Thank you to Teena Monk-Gerber and Kristin Swedlund for leading our singing of Holden Evening Prayer during Lent!
- Thank you to Teena and Lee for leading our book discussion of *Reclaiming the 'L' Word!*
- Thank you to Jason Burtness for keeping our carpet replacement process moving forward! Thank you again to all who have donated!
- Thank you to our confirmation parents for organizing and planning this year's Easter Breakfast!
- Thank you to the Altar Guild for all their extra work during Lent and Holy Week!
- Above all, thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!

April Birthdays

1	Kylie Stark	16	Bruce Johnson
1	Jean Stowell	17	Ashley Vanderhei
3	Phil Vigdahl	18	Peg Burtness
4	Ron Nelson	18	Savanna Grayless
5	Dan Klassy	19	Jason Burtness
6	Terry Gerber	21	Courtney Vanderhei
6	Kevin Speich	22	Mary Hammon
7	Delores Nelson	23	Dayle Gerber
9	Traci Manthey	24	Barb Klund
10	Gracin Speich	25	Serenity Pautsch
10	Jordyn Speich	28	Carter Fenwick
12	Ayden Klund	29	Gage Pomplum
12	Janice Ramquist	30	Makenna Nolan
13	Caylor Burns		

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



Altar Guild for the Month of April – Jan Vigdahl

Acolytes for the Month of April

- April 1st (7 a.m.) Alex Burtness
- April 1st (9 a.m.) ***Need Volunteers***
- April 8th ***Need Volunteers***
- April 15th ***Need Volunteers***
- April 22nd ***Need Volunteers***
- April 29th ***Need Volunteers***

The confirmation students need to sign-up to Acolyte in April on the *Worship Assistant Sign-Up* sheet found in the Narthex.

Monthly Financial Update

Please see below the monthly update on our general fund. For a full financial report, please speak with Pastor Andy or Patti Wallander (Treasurer). The total amount in our general fund carries over from month to month.

- Total of General Fund (end of January 2018): \$2542.39
- February Deposits: \$5,634.23
- February Checks: (\$7,550.75)
- Total of General Fund (end of February): \$625.87

Looking Ahead...

Bishop's Election for South-Central Synod of Wisconsin – May 5-6

Our synod is about to elect a new Bishop! Our current Bishop Mary Froiland is stepping down as our area bishop this year for personal reasons.



The election will take place at the 2018 Synod Assembly where OLC will have voting representatives. Information can be found at: <https://scswbishopelection.org>.

SAVE THE DATE: Confirmation Sunday – May 21st

Parkview Youth Center (Proposed – Location Pending OLC Church Council Approval)

We are very excited to report that the churches in the Parkview School District have joined together to discuss opening a youth center for kids in 7th to 12th grade. The center would initially start with one day per week (Thursday) after school and be housed in the basement of Orfordville Lutheran Church (where Orfordville Christian Preschool used to be).

We are currently looking for members from each church who would be available to do one of the following:

- Volunteer to work with the kids from 3-6pm on Thursdays
- Volunteers who would be willing to provide a light meal or heavy snack each week
- Donations of non-perishable snacks/drinks
- Donations of needed equipment (computers, desks, video games, etc.)
- Monetary donations to go towards any of the above

The Parkview youth need to have a safe place to spend their time after school and we want to be a blessing to our community. This is just a beginning of what we hope to achieve. Please support this effort in any way you are able. Jesus said to let the children come to Him. We just need to invite them!

If you have questions about the youth center or want to volunteer/donate, please contact Teena Gerber at 608-295-3345. Thank you and God Bless!

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.



Baptism of Reed Mitchell Arnold

Pastor Andy
Alyssa Drye & Stephen Arnold (parents)
Mark Arnold & Hannah White (Sponsors)

We also welcomed Reed's parents as new members.



Book Study *Reclaiming the "L" Word*

Sunday School Working on an Easter project



Soup Supper During Lent

**OLC'S CALENDAR
APRIL 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>7:00 & 9:00 am Easter Service</p> <p>8:00 am Easter Breakfast</p> <p><i>No Book Study</i> <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>9:00 am Quilting Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>11:30 am Senior Luncheon</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>No Bible Study</p> <p>No Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>
Pastor Andy at Continuing Education Classes						
<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>9:00 am Worship & Baptism</p> <p><i>Charlotte Mae Wallner</i></p> <p>10:00 am 150th Progress Meeting</p> <p>10:15 am Sunday School Book Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>6:30 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>11:30 am Senior Luncheon</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>9:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Movie Night <i>Amazing Grace</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>9:00 am Worship</p> <p>10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>9:00 am Mission Quilting</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>9:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 am Evansville Manor Service</p> <p>5:30 pm Roadside Clean-up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p> <p>5:30 – 8:00 pm Stewards of Children Training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Meeting</p> <p>May Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>9:00 am Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Foster Parent Information Session</p> <p>10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>9:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation Class Resumes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>9:00-11:00 am C.U.P.</p> <p>9:30 am Woods Crossing Service</p> <p>4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>9:00 am Worship</p> <p>10:15 am Sunday School Ice Cream Social</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>					