



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2018

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

“Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them. – Luke 24:13-15

Dear Partners in Mission,

August is our “Walk humbly” month for our summer of mission. According to Micah 6:8, it’s not enough just to do justice or love kindness. We also need to walk humbly with God. In other words, mission isn’t just about doing God’s will; it’s about being in relationship with God.

I’ve always loved the story of the walk to Emmaus from Luke 24 – which is excerpted in the verses above. It’s easy to place myself in the footsteps of those disciples. The story takes place on the first Easter. The two disciples are crestfallen because they believe their friend and teacher is dead. They had gotten their hopes up about him being the Messiah and now they believe him to be crucified and buried.



But, in truth, Jesus is not dead. Instead, Jesus comes to walk alongside them. He opens the Scriptures up to them and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

Like the disciples, Jesus comes to walk alongside us and to guide us in mission. Perhaps like the disciples we don’t recognize him at first, but Jesus is present with us and shows us the way.

Jesus calls each one of us to follow him. How are you walking humbly with him? How is our congregation walking humbly with God?

In August, we’re going to be trying another holy experiment: we’re going to walk humbly out into our neighborhood and pray for God’s guidance. After worship on a few Sundays in August we will go on a prayer walk out into our community.

“Walk humbly” is also a good reminder as we prepare to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Jesus has been walking alongside Orfordville Lutheran for 150 years. Where will Jesus lead us next?

May you sense the presence of Christ in your life!

Your co-worker in the gospel of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Andy Twiton

HISTORY CORNER

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.

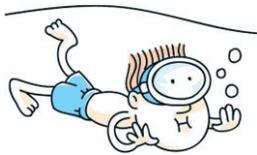
1904	1909	1921	1925	1932	1936
1906	1914	1923	1927	1934	1937
1908	1915	1924	1930	1935	

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:



VBS Kick-Off Party

Everyone is invited to the VBS Kick-Off Party

Where: Brodhead Swimming Pool

Date: Sunday, July 29th

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring a snack to share and join us for fellowship & fun!



Vacation Bible School at OLC - July 30th - August 2nd - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OLC is partnering with Luther Valley again this summer to offer Vacation Bible School. VBS is for kids in grades PreK-5th (with a shorter day for 3-5 year old children). Don't forget to get the registration paperwork turned in! **Older kids are invited to help out as volunteers! Please contact Pastor Andy if you would like to help.**

Seeking Adult Assistance with VBS

We are still looking for adult volunteers to help with checking kids in & out daily, working in the kitchen to help with serving & clean-up of lunch/snacks and assisting as needed. Please contact Pastor Andy, if you are able to help out one or more days (July 30th – August 2nd).

150th Planning Meeting – Wednesday, August 1st at 6:30 pm

We'll be meeting at church to check-in about the progress on our 150th celebration.

VBS Closing Program and Potluck – Thursday, August 2nd at 6:00 pm

Help us celebrate our kids and the week of VBS with a closing program on Thursday night. We'll start with a potluck meal followed by a program put on by our kids and camp counselors. Please bring a dish to pass.

Prayer Walk – Sunday, August 5th after worship

Wear your walking shoes to worship! After church, Pastor Andy will lead a short walk (20-30 minutes) around our community. As we walk humbly, we will pray: God, what are you up to in our corner of creation?

Backyard Worship Service – Wednesday, August 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Our next backyard worship service will be at Nancy Dickison's house at 304 Jordan Place, Orfordville. Please bring a lawn chair and invite your friends! We hope you can join us!

Foundation Board Awarding Scholarships – Sunday, August 12th during Worship

The Foundation Board will be handing out scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year to continuing college students on August 12th.

Special Meeting of the Congregation – Sunday, August 12th after worship

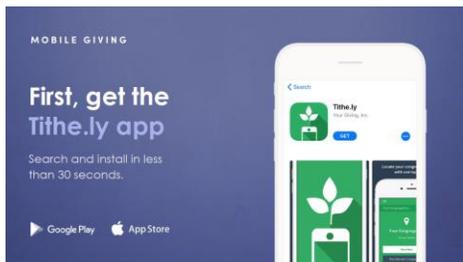
At our last meeting, the Council decided to call a special meeting of the congregation for discussion. Please make plans to attend as we are seeking everyone's input. Our meeting will have three topics to discuss:

1. **150th Anniversary Plans:** The celebration of our 150th anniversary is coming up at the end of September – Saturday, Sept. 29th and Sunday the 30th. We will present the plans for that weekend and seek extra help to make the weekend a success. We will also discuss OLC merchandise and our anniversary book.
2. **Parkview Youth Center:** OLC's council has voted to support the Parkview Youth Center beginning in our church's basement in the old preschool space. We want to present the agreement we've put together for the use of space, talk about insurance concerns, and talk about what the future might look like. We are seeking input from the congregation to make sure that all questions and concerns are addressed.
3. **Financial Situation:** We are behind financially currently, which usually happens during the summer months. We would like to give an update to the congregation and work together to talk about what we can do. This is a generous congregation, and we believe God will provide everything we need to pursue God's mission.

Monthly Financial Update

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

- Total of General Fund (end of April 2018): \$(5,640.68)
- May Deposits: \$6,503.60
- May Checks: (\$6,875.44)
- **Total of General Fund (end of May 2018): (\$6,012.52)**
- June Deposits: \$5,928.10
- June Checks: (9,566.73)
- **Total of General Fund (end of June 2018): (\$9,651.15)**



Online and Mobile Giving Available

OLC now offers online and mobile giving through Tithe.ly. Visit www.orfordvillelutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab to give online. You can also download the Tithe.ly app on your smartphone and search for "Orfordville Lutheran." Questions may be directed to Pastor Andy.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, August 13th

Our Church Council will be meeting at church on Monday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Quilting – Tuesday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m.

The Mission Quilting group will be meeting on Tuesday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. Anyone is welcome to join the group 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.



Photos of Mission and Flat Jesus

Last summer we asked you to submit your photos to JOY. This summer we're asking you to submit your photos of MISSION by posting them on Facebook, sending them by email to pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org, or by dropping off a hard copy to the church office. If you post them on Facebook, use #olcmision to help us keep track of them. **For more ideas for pictures of mission, visit our website at www.orfordvillelutheran.org.**

September Newsletter Deadline - Friday, August 24th

You are invited to submit an article, announcement and/or pictures for the September newsletter. Please turn in your items to the church office by Friday, August 24th.

Church Directory

If you had your picture taken for the church directory, please contact the church office (879-2575) to arrange a time to pick up your church directory. For those that signed up for a directory, please see Sue in the church office to get your copy.

SAVE THE DATE: 150th Celebration – Saturday and Sunday, September 29th-30th

Our congregation is celebrating 150 years of God's faithfulness. We will have events planned all day Saturday with an evening program and meal. On Sunday, we will have a festive worship and more opportunities for fellowship. Please mark your calendars!

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 Lee Bohnhoff for hosting our most recent backyard worship service!
- Thank you to Dave Hoff, Phil Vigdahl, and Ron Nelson for their work on a few parsonage projects this month!
- Thank you to the Foundation Board for their work to distribute scholarships this month!
- Thank you to Sue Draves for all her work in the church office, especially while Pastor Andy was gone in early July!
- Above all, thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!

August Birthdays



1 Dalton Peterson	19 Steve Klund
3 Mary Ehle	19 Hillary Hazeltine
5 Collin Burtness	20 Sheldon Brown
6 Jim Dickison	21 Alex Burtness
11 Jackie Gerber	27 Connie Johnson
13 Janice Vigdahl	

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

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

Acolytes

- August 5 **Need Volunteers**
- August 12 **Need Volunteers**
- August 19 **Need Volunteers**
- August 26 **Need Volunteers**

Altar Guild

Bonnie Hoff
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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.

Backyard Worship



Flat Jesus



It's that time of year again!
 We are continuing to collect items for Lutheran World Relief kits.

Updated List

Baby Care Kits

We are seeking the following gently used (or new) items:

- Receiving Blankets
- Hand Towels
(dark colors recommended)
- Bath-size bars of soap (*in original wrapping*)
(We are required to send 2-3 bars of soap, which equal 8-9 oz, with each kit)



Bringing a baby into the world can be scary for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable takes a lot of resources. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the basics a family needs to care for their new baby.

Personal Care Kits

We are seeking the following items:



- Bath-size towels
(Dark colors; if possible)
- Bath-size bars of soap (*in original wrapping*)
(We are required to send 2-3 bars of soap, which equal 8-9 oz, with each kit)

Cleanliness helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, the simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much needed self-care, critical germ fighting and the chance to regain dignity.

School Kits



- 70-sheet Spiral Notebooks
(wide or college-ruled)
- Rulers (with inches & centimeters)

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. School kits contain essential supplies to help children - and in some cases, adults - continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. It leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Guidelines: Please do not donate items with any religious symbols or messages; items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces; including camouflage.

Questions may be directed to Sue Draves, in the church office, at 879-2575
 or via email at office@orfordvillelutheran.org

OLC'S CALENDAR AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 am – 3 pm VBS 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm 150 th Planning Meeting	2 9 am – 3 pm VBS 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. No Healthy Ladies Fitness Class Today 6:00 pm VBS Closing Program/Potluck	3 8:00 pm AA Meeting	4
5 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Prayer Walk	6	7 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	8 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm Backyard Worship at Nancy Dickison's	9 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	10 8:00 pm AA Meeting	11
12 9:00 am Worship Congregational Meeting Following Worship	13 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting	14 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class <i>Pastor Andy Out of Town</i>	15 No Bible Study this Week <i>Pastor Andy Out of Town</i>	16 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class <i>Pastor Andy Out of Town</i>	17 8:00 pm AA Meeting August Newsletter Deadline <i>Pastor Andy Out of Town</i>	18
19 9:00 am Worship	20	21 9:00 am Mission Quilting 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	22 9:00 am Bible Study	23 9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class 9:30 a.m. Wood's Crossing Service	24 8:00 pm AA Meeting	25
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