



ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2018

FROM PASTOR ANDY TWITON:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8

Dear Partners in Mission,

For the past few years, we've used the summer season to try something a little bit different for our preaching and teaching. Two summers ago we did a series on some of OLC's favorite hymns. Last summer we had our summer of JOY.

This summer our preaching and teaching will be focused on MISSION.

Sometimes I think we assume that MISSION is something that happens somewhere else (overseas, for example) and is done by someone else. But in a real sense, MISSION is everything we do as disciples of Christ. It happens here and now, and every Christian is a missionary. MISSION is about our purpose as a church. For what purpose has God called us into existence?

I think this is a good time for us to have a season focused on mission. First of all, this is an important part of our renewal process. OLC for the past year has been connected with other congregations in our synod to undergo an intentional process of renewal. This season of mission will help us to discern and listen for God.

Secondly, we're celebrating our 150th year as a congregation. As we celebrate, we remember God's faithfulness to us in the past, AND we trust in God's faithfulness to us now and in the future. What is our mission as a congregation looking ahead?

A few years back, OLC adopted Micah 6:8 as our mission statement. This verse clarifies for us our mission to live as God's people. Our mission is to "Do justice. Love Kindness. Walk humbly with God."

We going to do a deep dive into each one of these callings over the course of the summer:

- **June = Do justice.**
- **July = Love kindness.**
- **August = Walk humbly.**

We will also be doing a series of **holy experiments** to help us engage in mission and discernment:

- **Backyard Worship on Wednesday evenings**
- **Prayer Walks in Our Community**
- **Photos of Mission and Flat Jesus - #olcmision**
- **Take the Acts Challenge!**
- **Vacation Bible School at OLC**

Through each of these experiments we will listen and learn as God guides us into the future.

Stay tuned, and may God be with us!

Your co-worker in the gospel of Jesus Christ,



Pastor Andy Twiton

HISTORY CORNER – By Lyle Amundson

More on *The Rock Run Church*

The original Rock Run Church was a stone structure, built on what is now Best Road, just north of the intersection of Best Road and Durand Road, about 2 miles west of Durand, IL. It was built in 1852. The Rock Run congregation split in 1869, over the issue of slavery, into South Rock Run and North Rock Run congregations. The North Rock Run congregation built a church and cemetery about 2 miles north of the Rock Run Church, basically on the SW corner of the intersection of what is now Best Road and Yale Bridge Road. Pastor C F Magelssen was serving the church at the time of the split. South Rock Run congregation remained in the church and also remained as a part of the Rock Prairie Parish. In 1875 the South Rock Run congregation built a new wood frame church to replace the small stone church.

Following the reorganization of the Rock Prairie Parish in 1894, South Rock Run and Trinity Lutheran Church, Beloit formed a parish with Trinity of Beloit the home church; while Orfordville, Janesville and Albany formed a parish with Orfordville as the home church. Rock Run was served by G A Gullixon 1894-1902 followed by J E Hegg 1902-1907.

In 1905 a small chapel was built in Durand because of the difficulty reaching South Rock Run Church in the winter. South Rock Run was served by W A Johnson 1907-1913, serving Capron, IL & Rock Run. T C Thorson served Janesville & South Rock Run 1913-1914. South Rock Run then had a variety of pastoral calls until 1922. On May 25, 1922, the South Rock Run Church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Rather than rebuilding, the congregation became part of the Durand Chapel congregation, now Trinity Lutheran of Durand. The Trinity Lutheran cemetery is still today the South Rock Run Cemetery on Best Road. The original Rock Run Church, as well as the wood frame church, sat on these cemetery grounds.

The North Rock Run congregation was served by pastors of Luther Valley, Newark Township, until 1912, when the congregation disbanded. The North Rock Run Church, which was vacant at the time, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in May 1921, just one year prior to the burning of South Rock Run Church. The North Rock Run Cemetery, considerably smaller than South Rock Run Cemetery, continues in use today.

Pastor Richard Thickpenny's first call was to Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand. He served there 1973-1981. He was the first one to tell me about the two fires.

Next Month – The events of Albany Lutheran following the reorganization of Rock Prairie Parish in 1894

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.

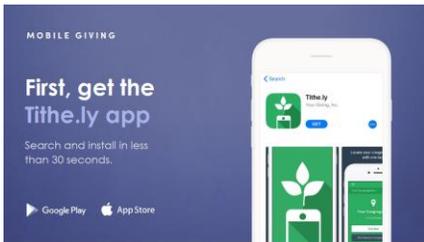
1904	1909	1921	1925	1932	1936
1906	1914	1923	1927	1934	1937
1908	1915	1924	1930	1935	

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		

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Online and Mobile Giving Presentation – Sunday, June 3rd

You are now able to give to Orfordville Lutheran online and through your mobile device! Visit www.orfordvillelutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab to give online. Download the Tithe.ly app on your phone and search for Orfordville Lutheran to give through your smart phone. On June 3rd, we'll give a brief introduction to demonstrate how this works.

Quilting Class - Monday, June 4th @ 9:00 a.m.

We'll be holding our last Quilt Class on Monday, June 4th. This will give you an opportunity to finish up your projects. Classes will start up again in October. (see below)

New Quilt Class Begins October 1st

The Quilt Class will be doing a sampler quilt from Eleanor Burns' book *Town Square Sampler*. Our first class will be October 1st at 9:00 a.m. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Pat Burtness at 931-6363. Pat would like to make sure she has enough books on hand for the class. The classes are a \$5.00 donation to the Quilting Circle. We meet the first Monday of the month (Oct. – May) from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Senior Luncheon - Tuesday, June 5th @ 11:30 a.m.

The Senior Luncheon for June will be held at Orfordville Lutheran Church at 11:30 a.m. Please join us for a picnic lunch of Sloppy Joe's, Pasta Salad, Beans, Chips and Dessert. There will be no program this month. We'll just take time to enjoy the food and fellowship! This will be the last Senior Luncheon until the fall season.

Gifts of Love – June 7th, 8th & 9th

Free clothing, household items, kitchen items, bedding, furniture, decorations, shoes, small appliances & more! If you need something... You are invited to stop by the Footville Church of Christ, located at 117 Church Street in Footville, during the following days/times:

- Thursday, June 7th 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 8th 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 9th 9:00 a.m. – Noon

There are so many people in need. If you find yourself blessed and would like to donate items, they would be greatly appreciated. They may be brought to Footville Church of Christ on June 5th (1–4 p.m.), June 6th (between 1-4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.). You may also bring them during our giveaway hours on June 7th or June 8th. Your donations are appreciated! Call John at 608-466-4710; with any questions. **Please spread the word about the Gifts of Love to those that can benefit from it.**

End-of-School Year Volleyball – Postponed for now

For a few different scheduling reasons, we've decided to postpone the volleyball tournament event. Pastor Andy and council member Charysma Mould will be planning an alternative event in the near future.

Celebrating our Graduates – Sunday, June 10th during Worship Service

If you will be graduating from high school or have recently graduated from college, please inform the church office via email at office@orfordvillelutheran.org or by phone at 879-2575. 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 life journey.

YOU'RE INVITED: Parkview Youth Center Informational Meeting – Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Orfordville Village Hall Community Room

Come dream and plan with us about creating a youth center in Orfordville for the youth of our community!

A small-group of area youth and adults have been meeting over the past year about what it will take to get a youth center up and running. We researched how other communities like Milton and Evansville began successful youth centers and have investigated what's possible here. Since we are beginning with limited resources, we're looking to begin by using the basement of Orfordville Lutheran Church. We thought we would start with one night per week – Thursdays 3:00-6:00pm – for youth in grades 7-12. Perhaps we would grow beyond this and add more days or possibly find our own separate space, but we thought this would be a good way to start.

But now we need your help and input! Join us on Tuesday, June 12th to help us figure out the next steps.

We'll have a short presentation, have you fill out a brief survey, and give you a chance to share your dreams for the youth of our community.

Youth in grades 7-12 and all caring adults are invited to attend.

Please contact Teena Monk-Gerber (tgerber5@hotmail.com) or Lisa Nyman (kidsclubinc@yahoo.com) and if you have questions.

Backyard Worship Services – Wednesdays, June 13th, July 18th, and August 8th

A few times this summer we'll be having worship services in people's backyards as a holy experiment. Locations will be announced. Mark your calendars!

No Church Council Meeting in June

The Church Council decided not to have a June meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 16th.

Mission Quilting – Tuesday, June 19th at 9:00 a.m.

The Mission Quilting group will meet on Tuesday, June 19th 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.

July Newsletter Deadline - Friday, June 22nd

You are invited to submit an article, announcement and/or pictures for the July newsletter. Please turn in your items to the church office by Friday, June 22nd.

A Special Thank You to Pat and Eddie Burtness

You may have noticed that our church building shines a little bit brighter these days. Please join us in thanking Pat and Eddie Burtness. They have replaced many of our light bulbs with energy efficient ones. This not only improves the looks of the space; but also saves us money in the long run. Plus...it is better for God's earth! Thank you Pat and Eddie!

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 it up. If you did not get your picture taken, and would like a copy of the directory, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We need to know how many additional directories are needed.

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.

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. Pastor Andy will be providing some guidance in the coming weeks about how to participate.

Take the Acts Challenge!

The book of Acts has a lot to teach us about MISSION! You're invited to take the Acts challenge this summer by reading this book of the Bible together with one or two partners. If you are interested in taking the Acts challenge, please speak with Pastor Andy or send him an email at pastor@orfordvillelutheran.org.

Still Looking for Missing Jacket

If you own a short black "Trench style" jacket with a hood (tan liner in the hood and on the cuffs); please check the pockets. We believe your jacket & car keys are here at church. The missing jacket also has a set of keys in the pocket. Please contact the church office, if found.

Thank yous and Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the carpet project! It looks wonderful. A special thank you to Jason Burtness, Alex & Colin Burtness, Dave Hoff, David Draves, Jason Draves, Chuck Hesgard, Wes Bunts, Matthew Cronk, and anyone else who helped!
- Thank you to Ellen Paulson, Bailey Paulson, and Jason Burtness for representing us at synod assembly this year!
- Thank you to Eddie and Pat Burtness for replacing lights in the church!
- Thank you to the Vigdahls for helping to distribute photo directories!
- Thank you to everyone who helped with Confirmation Sunday! Thanks especially to Nancy Dickison for serving as Ashley Vanderhei's prayer partner, to Kari Peterson for taking the official confirmation picture, and to Aaron Burns and Racheal Grenawalt for arranging for a cake!
- Thank you to an anonymous donor for improving the landscaping in front of the church!
- Above all, thanks be to God for the many blessings of this past month!

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 Wallander. The total amount in our general fund carries over from month to month.

- Total of General Fund (end of March 2018): \$(5,450.85)
- April Deposits: \$10,196.30
- April Checks: (\$10,386.13)
- Total of General Fund (end of April): (\$5,640.68)

June Birthdays

1	Stephanie Johnson	21	Olivia Rice
2	Eddie Burtness	22	Pastor Andy Twiton
2	Nancy Dickison	23	Bonnie Hoff
4	Tylar Frame	24	Julie Cronk
6	Cassidy Olson	24	Chris Johnson
9	Katie Klassy	25	Karl Stuvengen
13	Joshua Speich	27	Betty Dickison
15	Katrina Johnson	27	Kristin Swedlund
18	Jackie O'Neal	29	Debbie 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



Acolytes for the Month of June

- June 3rd – Alex Burtness
- June 10th
- June 17th
- June 24th

Altar Guild for the Month of June – Nancy Dickison

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

Looking Ahead...

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

Vacation Bible School at Orfordville Lutheran - July 30th - August 2nd from 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). Older kids are invited to help out as volunteers! **Please register by June 30th. Registration forms are in the Narthex.**

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
Brooke Bennett

Confirmation of Ashley Vanderhei
Baptism of Ashley Lahaie



Attendee's at Synod Assembly
Ellen Paulson, Bailey Paulson,
Pastor Andy & Jason Burtness

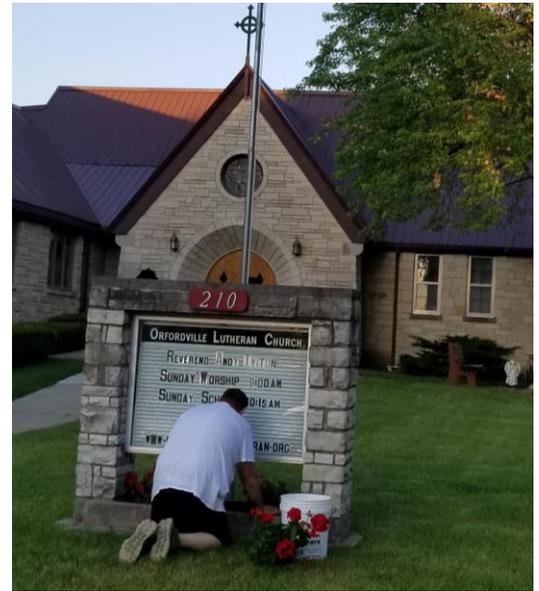


Congregation Members wore RED for Pentecost Sunday

Taking Pride in Our Church



**Finishing up
the Carpet
Installation
(Jason Burtness)**



**Planting Flowers
(Roger Demrow)**



**Watering
(Phil Vigdahl)**

NEW LANDSCAPE IN FRONT OF CHURCH



(Before)



(After)

OLC'S CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					8:00 pm AA Meeting	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am Worship	9:00 am Quilting Class	11:30 am Senior Luncheon 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	9:00 am Bible Study	9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class	8:00 pm AA Meeting	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 am Worship	<i>No Church Council Meeting this month</i>	4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class 6:00 pm Youth Center Info Session (at Village Hall)	9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Backyard Worship	9:00-11:00 am C.U.P. 4:00 & 6:00 pm Healthy Ladies Fitness Class Pastor Andy Out of Town	8:00 pm AA Meeting Pastor Andy Out of Town	Pastor Andy Out of Town
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