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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES

The Seven Last Words from the Cross

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, April 2nd and 9th as our midweek Lenten services continue. We gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm for soup and bread and the vesper service follows at 7:00pm.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The following Holy Week services will be held later this month. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend each of these special services as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter morning.

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion, Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm.

Good Friday Service, Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm.

Easter Vigil Service, with Holy Communion, Saturday, April 19 at 7:00pm.

Easter Festival Services with Holy Communion, Sunday, April 20 at 8:00am and 11:00am. Easter brunch and Easter Egg Hunt for children between the services.

We at Atonement Lutheran Church reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

As Christ's ministry includes everyone, we, too, welcome persons of any ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, marital status, age, economic situation, and physical or mental ability.

We celebrate the gifts each one brings to the life and ministry of this community of faith.





Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride



Leave a Legacy



So it is tax time and we are all concentrating on our financial situation! Or have you completed your tax return and are sitting back with a smug grin on your face? While we are on the subject, let's talk a little about Estate Planning...

Most of us have given time, talent or money to charitable organizations throughout our lives – including your contributions to Atonement. We each have our personal reasons for giving, but however you structure the gift, the most important thing is to **feel good about doing it.**

A Personal Mission Statement, written to express your values, passions and criteria for giving, will help you make those decisions and feel good about what you choose to give. Try it! In a quiet moment, list what you most care about, why, and how that criteria fits an organization (or more than one), that comes to mind. With this kind of criteria, it becomes easy and rewarding to make that

gift. It eliminates the 'shotgun approach' to your philanthropy. When asked to give to a nonprofit, the criteria is already in place. You know the organization well and feel good about its mission. You are involved and feel sure you want to support its future. It makes your decision(s) easy and actually becomes a pleasure to give!

Have you thought about making a gift that will do wonders long after you are gone? That gift could assure that the mission and programs at Atonement continue on into posterity. It's as simple as naming Atonement Lutheran Church in your Will or Estate Plan. You can fix the amount you'd like to leave (\$10,000 for example) or name a percentage of your remainder estate, (10%) after your expenses are paid and your family gifts are made.

The choice is yours and you'll feel good about doing it!



Audio on Line Exciting News!

We have added audio recordings of our worship services on our website www.atonementlutheran.com. Just click on Worship Services in the heading bar and services will be listed by date, the description of the gospel for Sunday Services (highlighted in blue) and the title of Sermon.



From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,
Later this month our Lenten journey will conclude as we move into the church's holiest season, Holy Week and Easter. On Maundy Thursday (April 17), we encounter a humble, servant Messiah who bears a towel and a basin of water, stooping to wash our feet. He comes, too, sharing himself in bread and wine promising that one day we will drink this cup anew in the kingdom of God. The towel and water, the bread and wine, all point to a self-giving God who is trying to woo his wayward people back into loving relationship, not a vengeful God threatening punishment for all who would resist.

Water, towel, bread and wine speak of the tender love of our God who comes to serve and give himself away to us and for us, but this love and redemption will be costly. It will involve pain and suffering. The cross of Good Friday (April 18) reveals that God will endure much in order to win us back to him. The Japanese theologian, Kazoh Kitamori points out that there can be no greater pain than for a father to see his son suffer. So, the cross reveals the full extent of God's love for us and shows us how much our God

is willing to give in order to restore us to relationship.

We begin to turn the corner toward Easter joy on Easter Saturday (April 19) as we celebrate the vigil of new creation and the power of light over darkness. We will hear stories of God's saving activity in our world and celebrate the gifts given to us in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

All of this finally culminates on Easter Sunday (April 20), the first of fifty days of celebration of God's victory over sin and death. "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" will be our joyful cry. Christ is risen and because he is risen we know that we will rise too. "Christ is risen" is the foundation of our faith, the bedrock of our hope, and the glorious good news that we Easter people take out into the world.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Adult Forum... by Pastor Ed Milliken

Following is a tentative schedule for the Adult Forums in April:

4/6 **Renewing Liturgy Workshop**

led by Jim Lynn and Barbara Wilson

4/13 **"Recovering a Beach Nesting Bird: The Snowy Plover"**

Dan Elbert, Endangered Species Biologist with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service The Snowy Plover is emblematic of the shorebird community along the Pacific Northwest Coast. Many of the threats preventing a self-sustaining Snowy Plover population are similar, if not identical to those shared by other shore birds, elsewhere.

Learn more about the natural history of this species and the factors that

limit the development of healthy populations. This presentation will also detail the success of management efforts in Oregon, which have resulted in significant increases in the number of breeding adults from a low of 28 nesting plovers as recently as 1992.

4/20 **Easter Sunday-No Adult Forum**

4/27 **Gray Whale Expedition**

Walt Duvall will share beautiful pictures and memorable experiences from a recent trip to Baja California's San Ignacio Lagoon with the Oregon State University Marine Mammal Institute.



Find The Good News and Praise It

... by Rhonda Harman

Our (then) homeless friend, John Blake attended Atonement for a while last year. I ran into him in Corvallis recently and he shared his "Good News"! He sends his warm regards to his Atonement friends. He has completed Youth Pastor Classes! He is an assistant marketing manager for Albany Helping Hands Mission. He is working for the Humane Society. He trains the "homeless dogs" in the shelter to become service animals. There is a story in the Daily Times, Aug 8. 2013...Pet Incentive Stories.



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry



Family Ministry News

DID YOU KNOW? 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before the age of 18 unless we do something about it.

LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE, REACT RESPONSIBLY TO, AND PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE. Let's each do our part and learn how to end it in Lincoln County!!!!

ATTEND A FREE STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

Sunday, April 27, 2014 12:15 to 1:30 pm

Lunch provided by the Education Committee (See below for more information)



Education Committee

April 27th is a very important date to mark on your calendar. There are seven steps to protecting our children. Child sexual abuse doesn't have to happen. Let us come all work together, we can do this!

Brenda Coleman will be presenting "Stewards of Children Training" called Darkness To Light. We will begin the program at 12:15 pm and we are asking all members and friends to join us downstairs. If you love children then you clearly understand, this training is everyone's responsibility. We do invite everyone, not just Church Council,

Education Committee, Randy's Read and Feed Volunteers but everyone!

The Education Committee will serve a light lunch, buffet style. Brenda will begin the video and there will be brief discussion periods between segments. Plan for about 1 ^{1/2} hours.

After the video there will be time and space for additional discussion, if so desired. We will use the Lower Meeting Room privately for one on one concerns as necessary.

(Darkness to Light is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching adults simple, pro-active steps to help protect children from sexual abuse.)

WELCA Meeting ... by Pastor Ed



The WELCA group meets monthly for Bible study, fellowship, and treats. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 12:30pm in the narthex.

The Bible study this year is "In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women."

All are welcome.

ALC Book Club ... by Lucy Milliken



Meetings of Atonement Book Club have been suspended at this time. Attendance has been poor and we will have to re-evaluate whether or not to continue or cancel book club.

First Friday Lunch Bunch ... by Raynette Rawles



We cancelled the last two Friday Brunches due to weather and World Day of Prayer Service. This month, Brunch is scheduled for April 4th 12:00 noon at Fish Tail's. Please, call or e-mail the office if you are able to attend.

All are Welcome!

Easter Sunday Hats ... by Kathleen Knight



Remember when everyone wore a nice hat to church? Not just on Sundays, but nearly everyday of the week. It was so common and it always made you feel unique with your own style. It was not SO long ago and many of us still have one or two that we have saved in our closets or trunks. Wouldn't it be fun to all wear our hats on Easter Sunday? Even the men, of course, removing them as you enter the church.

So let's dress up in our old or new hat and look our Easter Best and bring back those days gone by! If you wish to participate and would like to be a part of a group picture for our memory album, please meet after the service in the Narthex.

Hats off to you and God Bless.



Income/Expense Snapshot

Atonement Lutheran Church ~ February 28, 2014

RECEIPTS	MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Member Giving	\$ 16,400	\$ 14,100	\$ 30,503	\$ 28,200
Other Receipts	\$ 2,628	\$ 2,888	\$ 7,238	\$ 7,500
Total Receipts	\$ 19,028	\$ 16,988	\$ 37,741	\$ 35,700
EXPENDITURES				
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,081	\$ 19,218	\$ 35,873	\$ 39,201
2014 Net (Deficit)	\$ 947	\$ (2,230)	\$ 1,868	\$ (3,501)
Prior Year Carryforward			\$ (8,123)	
Year-to-Date Net (Deficit)			\$ (6,255)	



Mark your calendars and note in your church bulletins as Wednesday, April 2nd Nana's Irish Pub hosts Dine Out for Samaritan House donating 15% of the days proceeds. Enjoy lunch or dinner at a Newport favorite while helping our homeless families.

May the luck of the Irish be with you!

Thanks for your continued support,
Rose Davies ~ Volunteer, Samaritan House



Library Committee . . . by Carla Johnsen

Book Review : "Take this Bread" by Sara Miles



This is a spiritual memoir of a twenty-first Century *Christian*. The author is a grand-daughter of a long line of "Soldiers of the Lord." Her parents, unhappy, with this life style raised their children as atheist.

She and her brother became "foodies." She became a left-wing journalist covering violent events in Africa and South America. During this time, she realized that food shortages were a leading cause of conflict. She got pregnant during a conflict and decided to move to San Francisco.

After her daughter Katie was born, she became a lesbian. Five years later, she walked into a church where she was

offered communion. This event was the beginning of change for her. Like myself, she was stressed and upset, about eating a piece of bread- "the body of Christ" and drinking wine the "blood of Christ or Jesus."

This was the beginning of her journey to become a Christian. She led her new community into doing active "Good Works." This included starting a food pantry in their own church and later, several more in the community.

A great "Read" welcoming "everyone to the table without exception." A great starter for a good discussion, about the meaning of Communion or starting a community project.

Inter-Christian Outreach... A Newport Ecumenical Mission

Become A Valued ICO HUB Volunteer

Thirteen Newport Christian churches have come together as one body to form a community help mission called *Inter-Christian Outreach*. The main function of ICO is operating a referral center or HUB where people can come and get assistance finding the government agency, organization or church mission best suited to help them in their time of need.

We need qualified volunteers to handle the in-take procedure, assess the legitimate need and work with the Operations Manager in helping connect the person with the church or agency that the could best help them. The HUB is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am - 12 noon. Training will be provided and you will be working as a team with a current lead volunteer.

If you feel this is something you would like to consider, serving as a HUB volunteer, contact Jim Myers at 541-270-0892 or email Jimatbeachbum55@charter.net.





April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum 9:30 am Ed Mtg 11:00am Worship/Sunday School</p>	<p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:15pm Parish Life Outreach World Health Day</p>	<p>April Fool's Day 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>12:00pm 1st Friday Brunch at Fish Tails</p>	<p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>Palm Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/Sunday School</p>	<p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property</p>	<p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council</p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 7:00pm Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>7:00pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 7:00pm Easter Vigil Service</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Easter 8:00am Worship 9:30am Easter Brunch/Egg Hunt 11:00am Worship/Sunday School</p>	<p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Endowment Estate Planning</p>	<p>WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir Earth Day</p>	<p>9:30am Library Committee Administrative Professionals Day</p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read</p>	<p>Arbor Day</p>	<p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
27	28	29	30	<p>National Poetry Month</p>	<p>Nation Autism Month</p>	<p>Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention</p>
<p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/Sunday School 12:15pm Darkness to Light</p>	<p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup at St Stephens</p>	<p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>12:00pm 1st Friday Brunch at Fish Tails</p>	<p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

6	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Bette Harmon	MaryLou Mate Lois Greenwood	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
13	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Dan Elbert	Alice McClellan Lin Lindly	Marian Brown Marian Brown
20	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Dean Hill	MaryLou Mate Marian Brown	Marian Brown Marian Brown
27	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson _____	MaryLou Mate Lucy Milliken	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson



Katheryn Lewallen	4/4	Kathleen Knight	4/21
Barb Abshire	4/6	Bonnie Deppold	4/23
John Baker	4/7	Bruce Mate	4/24
John Dippold	4/7	Sonja Wiley	4/24
Gene Hogan	4/9	Sylvia Smith	4/25
Herb Jennings	4/9	Darcy de la Rosa	4/27
Megan Miller-Morgan	4/9	Lucille Gibson	4/28
JerryAnn Olson	4/9	Bette Harmon	4/30
Dene Bateman	4/10		

9 Rudy & Darcy de la Rosa



6 Marian Brown
 13 Bob & Jerryann Olson
 20 Braulio Escobar
 27 _____

6 Bob Olson & Paul Stangeland
 13 Paul Stangeland & Pete Kraack
 20 Pete Kraack & Mike Rawles
 27 Mike Rawles & Paul Stangeland



Social Ministry Committee

Food for Food Share Program... by Terri McCulley



for all the support we have received for this program. Anything is welcome and helpful, but this month we will focus on **Peanut Butter** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

Easter Food Baskets For Those In Need ... by Sally Jennings



On Good Friday, volunteers from our church family will be assembling and delivering Easter Food Baskets to families who participate in our Randy's Feed & Read Program, and those who live at Samaritan House. Our goal is to provide the makings of an Easter dinner for each family.

In order to reach out to those in need, we ask for your donation. Grocery bags, with shopping lists attached, are on the tables in the Narthex. Please donate instant mashed potatoes, applesauce, apple juice, canned fruit and vegetables, jello and dressing for a green salad. Please put your purchases in the Easter Baskets tub in the Narthex by April 17th.

Cash donations are also needed in order to buy ham, rolls, eggs, fresh vegetables and fresh fruit for the food baskets. Please make your check out to Atonement Lutheran Church and designate "Easter Food Baskets" on the memo line. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join in filling and delivering Easter Food Baskets on Good Friday, April 18th. We will meet at church at 1:00. Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your help.

A Night of Games... by Sally Jennings



Mark your calendar for Friday, May 16th. Social Ministry Committee is planning an evening of board games, card games and tasty snacks, from 6:00 until 8:30 P.M., in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone in our congregation is invited and encouraged to join in for an evening of fellowship and fun.

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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

Theme
"God's work
our hands"



Fill our Food Barrel

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Peanut Butter