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## Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm  
Tuesday through Friday



## *New Offering for the Adult Forum*

Beginning in January (Jan. 19 to be exact), the adult forum will be picking up a new topic which I am calling "God Talk." We will be viewing and discussing a video from last year's Byberg preaching Conference featuring Dr. Terrance Fretheim, who is now a retired professor of Old Testament at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Among the fascinating topics we will explore are: Our Perceptions of God (and how they sometimes lead us astray), God's Relationship to the World and to Our Lives, God's Omnipotence and the Problems this Belief Causes, The Self-Limitation of God, God and Violence in the Old Testament and in Today's World, God and Human Suffering. These are just a few of the issues, ideas, thoughts and concerns that we will take a look at.

So...if you've ever wondered about this God of ours...join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

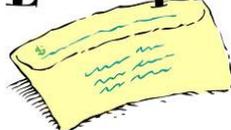
We at Atonement Lutheran Church reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

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.



## Offering Envelopes



for 2014 are in your mailboxes. Please dispose of your old ones as the numbers change every year.

If you don't find envelopes and would like some, let Pastor Ed know.



*Thank You*



# Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride



## Happy New Year to you all!

Once again, thanks for all your support of the Stewardship Campaign in 2013, we surpassed our level of pledges for the first time in past four years, thanks to our generosity! Yahoo, that's something to celebrate!

Now on to the New Year...Do you make resolutions? Or do you set goals or aspirations for the New Year? Do you document these and review your list from last year? I always find that some of mine were successfully completed; some begun, others set aside and some just need to be deleted with no guilt attached!

For the next few months, we will turn our attention to being good stewards of the gifts God has bestowed on us. Have we heard this before? We'll be looking at Estate Planning from different perspectives – I hope this tool will be helpful for you!

### A Planning Checklist You Can Use

**Do you have an up-to-date will or trust?** One of the most common planning mistakes is failing to keep an estate plan current. Many documents, though fine when prepared, have become obsolete or counter-productive over time. Some factors which may indicate that your will or trust needs reviewing:

- Tax changes. The treatment of capital gain and estate tax credits changed recently.
- Death, disability or change in circumstances of people named to perform functions under your will or trust.

- Death, divorce, or remarriage within the family.

### If you have a living trust, is it fully funded?

One of the major reasons people prepare living trusts is to avoid conservatorships (or guardianships) and probate. Failing to change the title of property into the name of the trust prevents the trust from meeting your desired goal.

### Do you have a "Durable Power of Attorney"?

A power of attorney names another person as your financial representative (or "agent"). This individual has authority to act on your behalf whenever you are either unable or unwilling to make decisions yourself. "Durable" means that this power is effective when you are mentally incompetent.

### Have you appointed a Health Care Representative for yourself and prepared a Living Will?

Is it becoming more vital than ever to inform medical care givers about your preferences for medical treatment you are willing to undergo.

A personal health care representative (or "Power Of Attorney For Health Care") is empowered to make medical decisions on your behalf at any time you are incapacitated. Often, separate instructions which give "end stage" directions for your care if death is imminent are contained in a "Living Will".

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## From the Pastor . . .



*Pastor  
Ed Milliken*



Dear Friends in Christ,

The month of January leads us into celebration of the season of Epiphany. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word, *epiphania*, which means "manifestation" or "revelation." Thus, in the Epiphany season, we celebrate the light that has come into our world in Jesus Christ and the ways in which he manifests and reveals our God to us.

The arrival of the Magi at Jesus' home (Matthew 2:1-12) is the story that begins the season and announces the world-wide significance of his birth. Isaiah 60:1-6, a reading for this day, proclaims: *Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.* Jesus fulfills this ancient promise. Though born in Judea, he is a treasure for the whole world, the whole human race.

The spotlight continues to shine on Jesus as we move through the Sundays after Epiphany. On the Baptism of our Lord Sunday (January 12), we celebrate that, in the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God and as the servant of all God's people. Jesus is baptized for mission. He came to bring God's righteousness to the world, a righteousness of grace and mercy, and on this day we too are reminded that we are also baptized for mission. Our baptismal calling is to proclaim the

good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing love.

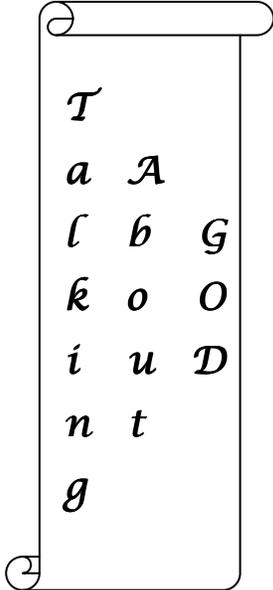
On the second Sunday of Epiphany (January 19), the identity of Jesus becomes a little clearer as we hear John the Baptist proclaim of his: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found. Pointing the way to Jesus is a large part of our mission as God's people too. Having had Christ revealed to us in word and meal, we go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive with us his gifts of grace and peace.

This mission is also the focus on the Third Sunday after Epiphany (January 26) as Jesus utters the simple words that change human lives: Come, follow me. Here is the mission that flows out of baptism: we are called to follow Jesus and to be "fishers of people. We are sent to share the good news that others might be caught in the net of God's grace and mercy, inviting them to join us on the journey of faith that we walk. Join us in this exciting journey of following our Lord as we worship, witness, and serve he who is the light of our lives.

Pastor Ed Milliken



## Adult Forum ... *by Pastor Ed Milliken*



### **1/5 Living the Questions 21 – Embracing Mystery (written material)**

Focus: Christian practice is being re-visioned, re-tooled, and re-claimed by those who are living the questions of their faith. They're attentive to ancient ways, comfortable with ambiguity, and open to the unknowable and indescribable mystery of the Divine.

### **1/12 LTQ 21 – Embracing Mystery (video)**

### **1/19 Talking About God –**

We begin a new series I am entitling "Talking About God." We will use a series of videos taped at last years Byberg Preaching Workshop in Cannon Beach, Oregon featuring Dr. Terence Fretheim, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

### **1/26 Renewing Liturgy Workshop**



## Renewing Liturgy... *by Jim Lynn*

Monthly Workshops in Renewing Liturgy will be part of Adult Forum in January, February, and March!

Did you know that the word "liturgy" means "work of the people"? Have you ever suspected that worshipping is "work"? Do you wonder who it is that actually designs the liturgies that are in our hymnal? Do you ever find yourself uncomfortable with some of the words of our liturgy, our hymns, our creeds, our stories that describe our Christian doctrines?

These are some of the questions that will be addressed and discussed in 4 workshop sessions at the Forum. Led by Jim Lynn and Barbara Wilson, the workshops will be conducted in the spirit of our long-running AF program, "Living the Questions" (and often prodded by a segment or two in that series). You might say the workshops will offer experiences in living the questions in relationship to the life of our worshipping community.



## Family Ministry News



**Rhonda Harman**  
 Director of  
 Family  
 Ministry



Christmas is history....but is it really? As we are reading our first edition of our 2014 Waves, I bet there are a lot of leftovers! In fact one of our Christmas card wishes said,

*"Praying all of God's gracious gifts shine bright in your life this Christmas."*

The other card we sent out said, *"May the quiet and gentle love of that first Christmas be yours today and always."*

They were lovely with their beautiful sentiments and are meant for you!

You will notice, (as you enter the Fellowship Hall) Lucy and I put up a new bulletin board. There is a 3-D silver star on a dark blue background with the words, "Let your light shine". The children will be adding their special touches as we go through Epiphany.

Here are a few of my favorite kernels of wisdom, perhaps you will nod in affirmation. We would love if you could share your favorite quotes each month, especially "Good News" tidbits for the WAVES. I believe happiness is the result of using God's gifts in the way He would have you live and doing what He calls us to do.

"Rules for Happiness:

- ◆ something to do,
  - ◆ someone to love,
  - ◆ something to hope for."
- Immanuel Kant

*"Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others."* –Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy"*

*What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity? These are but trifles, to be sure' but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable."* \_Joseph Addison

So my friends, Happy New Year. May God continue to bless you with fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control...most of all love.

Rhonda Harman

*Blessings*



# *Library Committee...* by Jean Amundson



## **Book Review : "Glastonbury Tor," by LeAnne Hardy**

This novel, set in the time of King Henry VIII, manages to be spiritual, inspiring, mystical, exciting, thought-provoking, historical, bloody, and a really good book! It takes place in Somerset, England, when monasteries all over England were being dissolved and Protestantism was on the rise. Glastonbury Tor and Glastonbury Abbey are real places, and many of the characters in the novel

are historical personages. The fictional main character, Colin Hay, finds himself caught between the traditions and beliefs he was brought up with and the idea of freely-given grace, both of which are presented sympathetically and movingly. I had a hard time putting the book down, even when my number was called at the recent Red Cross blood drive—I had been transported to another time and place!



## *Library Sunday Coming!*



Sunday February 16, 2014 for a celebration between services--we'll have activities for all ages and lots of goodies, as usual.



## *Find the Good News and Praise it*

- ◆ Terri McCully's son Craig Lewallen, graduated with his BA in Business from Portland State. He is starting to take classes for his Master's degree.



# Samaritan HOUSE

Just a note to remind you to mark your calendars now for the January Dine Out for Samaritan House. **Note this important change.** Due to the first Wednesday falling on New Years Day, January's Dine Out will be held Wednesday, January 8th. Mo's Restaurant on Newport's bay front welcomes you to enjoy a steamy bowl of Mo's Clam Chowder and more as they sponsor the January Dine Out.

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



*Stewardship...* by Linda Kilbride

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## **Have you asked the right people for advice?**

One of the leading reasons for estate problems is that people get advice from the wrong sources. The casual opinion of a friend of the family or your brother-in-law may not be the correct advice. The advice of a competent professional will almost invariably save you time, aggravation and money in the long run.

## **Do your planning documents remember your favorite charities?**

Significant tax advantages are still reserved for those who make charitable gifts.

- Give appreciated assets free from capital gains tax
- Give retirement accounts free from income, inheritance and estate taxes
- Receive a secure life-long income, as well as unexpected current tax benefits

Estate planning provides a unique opportunity to "make a difference", even after you are gone. Planned gifts to Atonement Lutheran Church, will assure that our doors remain open and that our mission continues to serve the needs of not only our membership but the community at large. Estate planning provides great personal satisfaction to each of us as we provide for the future life of our church.



## *Celebration ... by Jean Amundson*



### *Save the Date!*

Your 2014 calendars should be up on the wall by now, so mark Sunday, March 30. (Or enter them into your computer/smart phone, or whatever.) On that day, we'll celebrate Pastor Ed's 30<sup>th</sup> year of ministry. March 30<sup>th</sup> is a fifth Sunday, so there will be just one service, with a potluck and short program to follow.

Please plan to join the celebration of this wonderful occasion! There are bound to be some surprises—to us as well as to Pastor Ed and Lucy . . .

## *ALC Book Club ... by Lucy Milliken*



Our meeting this month will be on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 10:30am. We will be discussing the book "Friday's Harbor" a novel by Diane Hammond. Some may remember the novel "Hannah's Dream" that we discussed at book club a while back. This book takes place at the same zoo with many of the same characters. The story is the tale of what happens when the zoo takes over the care of a dying orca that arrives from a small sea park in South America. The whale brings much publicity and controversy to his new home.

We would love to have more people join us at book club. We meet in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact me.

## *Tech Tutoring ... by Juliann Johnson*



Juliann Johnson is available for tech tutoring on laptops, tablets, and cell phones. If you would like some help with a device or just have questions, feel free to call Juliann at 541-270-1367 or email [johnsonjuliann@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonjuliann@gmail.com) for one-on-one appointments



# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>National Mentoring Month</i>	<i>National Blood Donor Month</i>	<i>National Thank You Month</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>	8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	12:00pm 1st Friday Lunch at Fish Tails 1:00pm ICPJ	8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum 9:30am Ed Mtg 11:00am Worship/Sunday School	Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:15pm Parish Life Outreach	2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4:00pm Finance 6:15pm HMT	8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 12-5pm OCQG (FH)	<i>Save the Eagles Day</i> 	8:00-5:00pm OCQG (FH) 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) <i>Human Trafficking Awareness</i>
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Martin Luther King Jr Day



# Worship Page

## Worship

## Readers

## Altar Guild

## Musicians

5	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Dan Elbert	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
12	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Paul Amundson Jim Ezzell	MaryLou Mate Marian Brown	Marian Brown Marian Brown
19	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Terri Homer	Marian Brown Alice McClellan	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
26	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ _____	MaryLou Mate Marian Brown	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson



Dennis Davis	1/1	Mary Lou Mate	1/13
Dorthy Davis	1/1	Donna White	1/16
Lester Day	1/1	Donald Davis	1/17
Sylvia Pauly	1/1	Carl Klay	1/22
Ellida Klay	1/5	Marie Williamson	1/22
Beverly Kraack	1/7	Steve Nelson	1/23
Donald Lindly	1/11	Juliann Johnson	1/28
Dan Elbert	1/11	Sally Jennings	1/30
Aidan Cramer	1/13		
Linda Goebel	1/13		

5	Jim & Jan Hungerford 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
12	In Memory of: Suzanne Aiken Louise Raether
19	_____
26	_____



3	Michael & Penny Schultz
6	James & Janet Hungerford



5	Pete Kraack & Dean Bateman
12	Dean Bateman & Linda Kilbride
19	Paul Amundson & Paul Stangeland
26	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 ***Chili*** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

### H.E.L.P. Christmas Party ... *by Dee Waldo*



On December 14th., Atonement members Sue Fowler, Terri McCulley, Linda Kilbride and Dee Waldo presented crafts for the children of H.E.L.P. (Homeless, Educational, Literacy, Project).

Since we didn't have Randy's Feed and Read in December, we voted to supply crafts for the children to make gifts and ornaments. They could make three gifts for family members and three decorations for their home. We had about 25 children participating, while their parents shopped and wrapped gifts for the family. The gifts were donated by various Newport businesses.

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets Much Appreciated ...

*by Sally Jennings*



Through the generosity of the people of Atonement Lutheran Church, 19 local families in need received the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner, plus extra groceries. An anonymous friend of Braulio's, once again, donated all of the turkeys.

We've received a letter of thanks for our generosity, from the Newport H.E.L.P. Center. Your gifts of groceries, monetary donations, help putting together and delivering Thanksgiving food boxes are greatly appreciated.

**God's work, our hands.**

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*Reaching Out with God's Love*

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*Reminder...*



Fill our Food Barrel

This Month:

Chili



ALC Book Club Mtg

January 18th