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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday

Exciting News...



We will be adding a separate calendar to our website. It will include all activities on a monthly basis and updated with changes or added activities as it is scheduled. Hopefully, we will have it live sometime this month.

Check our website: <http://www.atonementlutheran.com>

Welcome New Member Received

*K*ati Silvia was received as a new member at Atonement on August 31. We welcome this new sister into our family of faith and our mutual ministry in this community. New members will be received again soon.

Who can you invite to join us?

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.



Women of the ELCA WELCA Meeting... by Jean Amundson



The WELCA group meets monthly for Bible study, fellowship, and treats. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at 12:30pm in the narthex.

The topic this year is "Transforming Life and Faith". and we'll be studying people who have life-changing experiences. The people we'll meet will be from the Acts of the Apostles plus both the Old and New Testaments.

Refreshments will be served.

All are Welcome!



Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride



*The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it;*

The world, and those who live in it.

Psalm 24:1

Our Stewardship journey this fall is filled with a full spectrum of color - ours to behold. This patchwork of our various lives, pulled together, create a marvelous cloth of renewed spirits. The fabric of Atonement is rich with the mission of faith bound together in the body of Christ.

We've chosen to feature a theme of "Bind Us Together Lord..." colorful pieces stitched together in a beautiful mosaic of our lives as a bountiful display of our steadfast journey in faith!

Fall is the time to renew our commitment

to the Lord our God. Our journey includes our role as stewards of the gifts God has bestowed upon us.

We are looking for an overall commitment 10.5% in pledges over that of last year. Let's consider our stitches as we sew! A stitch in time...saves nine! We can do it! Let's give above and beyond and celebrate together on October 19, with a brunch in the Narthex surrounded by the many colorful blocks of color that make up our Atonement family.

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord from thee.



1 Chronicles 29:14



Find the Good News and Praise It

- ◆ Cancer Free!! Susan Painter, Rhonda Harman & Donna White

Reminder...



Monthly Setup/Cleanup/Snacks for October

Please sign up on any open dates. Sign-up sheet located on bulletin board... We appreciate your time and effort!



Flower Chart Signup...

Providing flowers is a great way to remember birthdays, anniversaries and special events.



Needed



for October

Sign up Sheet on bulletin board.
Thank You!



From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fall is here and with it comes three of my favorite things: college football, the baseball playoffs, and the church's annual stewardship drive. Well, the third one may be a stretch, it is not my favorite time, but it certainly is important. The biblical term *stewardship* means *to hold in trust; to use, care for and invest that which belongs to someone else.*

Christian stewardship includes this basic understanding for we do remember that everything we have is a gift to us from our loving God, given to enrich our lives and to be used in service of God and neighbor. But, more than that, stewardship is a life lived in response to God for his goodness and to Jesus for his love.

Over my 30 years of ministry, I have used one consistent theme for my thinking, preaching, and teaching about stewardship: **We Give Out Of Love For Christ!** Our stewardship thinking and living begins with God: God's grace, God's mercy, God's love, God's providence. As Christian people we confess faith in a God who has richly poured out many blessings upon us and it is this giving – **God's giving everything to us** – which, in turn, inspires our **response** to give everything back to God.

This thinking is expressed well in an offertory prayer that is familiar to many of us: *Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This year the stewardship theme at Atonement is "Bind Us Together, Lord." I believe that fits well with my view of stewardship described above. God has bound us to him in our baptism where he has poured out upon us all the riches of his grace, mercy, and love. In that watery event he has also bound us to each other by giving us a calling to be his servant people. We, as the church, are called to be the body of Christ in this world loving and serving all people as Christ did. That calling, that commission, is the heart of what we are about at Atonement. And it is that ministry of love that we are asking you to support with your prayers, your time, your gifts, and your money.

You will soon be receiving a letter from the stewardship committee highlighting the events which will soon take place at Atonement. Included with that letter will be a pledge form for your estimated giving to the ministry of Christ through Atonement for 2015. In the days ahead, please prayerful-

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Adult Forum News... by Pastor Ed

"When I have a terrible need of - dare I say, 'religion'?"



"then I go outside at night and paint the stars."

-- Vincent Van Gogh

Celebrating the communion of science and faith, *Painting the Stars* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers, the seven-session program includes a downloadable/printable participant reader (written by evolutionary theologian Bruce Sanguin) and a facilitator guide with discussion questions. The basic format for each session includes conversation around the readings, a 20-minute video presentation and guided discussion.

- Schedule:*
- October 5: "Toward Healing the Rift" – written material*
 - October 12: "Toward Healing the Rift" – video*
 - October 19: No Adult Forum – Stewardship Celebration Brunch*
 - October 26: "A Renaissance of Wonder" – written material*

from the Pastor . . . (continue from page 3)

ly consider your response to what God has done, and is doing, in your life and respond by renewing your commitment to God and God's ministry through Atonement. As you pray about what your response to God will be, keep one vital thought in mind:

We Give Out Of Love For Christ!

And, don't forget to attend our celebration brunch on Sunday, October 19.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News



If you want to learn more about your faith, come, serve, teach, and share! Become a Sunday Shepherd once a month, once a quarter or once a year. God has blessed us, the body of Christ uniquely; every one of us with gifts. To share ones' gifts is so right on with God, so right from the heart. Our individual gifts enable our entire congregation as teachers. We so appreciate our school district teachers, a few who are also Sunday Shepherds. Thank you, Sunday shepherds for your continued service in Sunday School. Thank you, Tami Johnson, Lucy Milliken, Lois Greenwood, Marian Brown, Theresa Fredrickson and Roxanne Guenot. These are the people who diligently serve. We are so thankful for all you do! This article is a call to everyone. We also need all of you!

We want God to transform our lives by teaching the head and heart. We want you involved with Sunday School lessons. We want you to become part of their lives showing them how to make good decisions. We want our kids to learn how their lives can make a difference in someone else's life, because other kids notice how our kids make good decisions. In Sunday School, the kids listen and hear what the bible says and how they can apply it. They also need to learn how to use the lessons to make decisions for life changes.

Relationships teach thus to us. In today's Era of high tech smart phones relationships are taking a big hit. Many people communicate via text and Facebook. We

are trying to keep up and utilize a bible app called YouVersion.com as part of this year's curriculum. We want the kids program to reflect integrally within the family life. However, we still treat our Sunday School as face to face and all about relationships...with God and with each other and that is where we need you.

People learn in different ways. God uses us in different ways. We often do not know how something we did or said changed someone's life, but we hear about such things all the time.

Example:

- how a simple smile to a stranger on the sidewalk diverted a suicide and
- how talking to a person in line at the grocery store helped to make a decision in life.

We want to teach the heart. This means more than curriculum and books. By sharing our gifts and ourselves with the kids, we are teaching them by being, by doing, by example. This is God's way. We got this. You can do it.

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in the orchard-things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick to things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. (Galatians 5, The Message)

Rhonda Harman

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 **Canned Meats** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

Randy's Feed and Read Program ... by Sally Jennings



Our next Randy's Feed and Read program will be Thursday, October 23rd, . Everyone in our congregation is invited to help out with this monthly, family-oriented event. We need help preparing and serving food, making crafts and reading with the children, visiting with the families and making them welcome, and cleaning up after the night's activities.

Our monthly evening of dinner, crafts and reading benefits residents of Samaritan House and families who participate in Newport's Homeless Education and Literacy Project (H.E.L.P.). We encourage children and teens to take home books to read and keep, so we are always in need of "gently used" or new books. We also provide hygiene items to families attending our program. Your donations of books and hygiene items are much appreciated. Please put donated items in the basket on the cart in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of Randy's Feed and Read.



Mark your calendars

Dine Out for Samaritan House begins another season. Join us Wednesday, October 1st for lunch or dinner at Local Ocean on Newport's Bayfront. Enjoy a meal at a local favorite while helping our homeless families. Local Ocean will donate 10% of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter.

See you there!

Rose Davies, Volunteer, Samaritan House Homeless Shelter



First Friday Lunch Bunch ... by Raynette Rawles

October 3rd 12noon @ Fish Tails
Please call or e-mail office if you are able to attend.

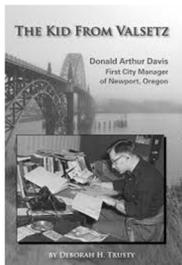
See You There!



Library Committee . . . by Jean Amundson



"The Kid from Valsetz," by Deborah H. Trusty



This book's subtitle says a lot: "Donald Arthur Davis, First City Manager of Newport." Yes, our own Don Davis has been "written up," and it's certainly interesting!

The book is a combination of sequential and topical events in Don's life and in the history of Newport. The author, the director of the Toledo Public Library, interviewed not only Don, but also family, friends, and former co-workers/colleagues in compiling this bit of our area's history.

I especially enjoyed the account of Don's childhood in Valsetz—a "vanished" community up the Siletz River—and other towns in the Salem/Dallas area, as well as the early years of Newport's experiences with a city manager/city council type of city government, including the beginnings of the Performing Arts Center, the Visual Arts Center, the city swimming pool, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Don's work ethic, high standards of conduct, and love for Newport shine forth in the pages of this biography. You'll find it in the biographical section of our church library in a few months, after the Library Committee finishes processing it (and maybe doing a little advance book-borrowing!).

My Ragged Road To Recovery . . . by Susan Painter

At the beginning of the new year, I decided to check out the reason I had been experiencing a persistent difficulty swallowing. It had started sometime in the summer, with trouble handling big, fat vitamin pills. By fall, there was sometimes an ache and a need for caution chewing food; I had a choking sensation if I forgot.

In early February, my Ear, Nose & Throat specialist put a tube down my nose and found nothing. He pronounced the problem: "stress."

But by April, when the stresses of some work in March were over, the pain and difficulties endured. The ENT doctor then

ordered another test which revealed some sort of blockage. In late May, a gastroenterologist found "a malignant looking tumor" in my esophagus.

Information online was frightening and unhelpful. Fortunately, I thought ironically, I had two oncologists whom I trusted after my successful breast cancer treatment seven years ago. They were both surprised when I returned. They told me this new cancer was unrelated to breast cancer. They said studies linked such a disease to stress, to alcohol, to smoking [which I've never done] and other such causes, but "no one really knows."

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Property Committee... by MaryLou Mate



Room Rental

Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are available for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term if needed. Please, check with our office for available dates and time.

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Income/Expense Snapshot... Atonement Lutheran Church ~ August

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>ENDOWMENT</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>
ASSETS:				
Cash in Banks	\$16,470	\$48,072	0	\$64,542
Other	2,116	1,240		3,356
Investments			76,710	76,710
Land and Building		4,145,365		4,145,365
Total Assets	<u>\$18,586</u>	<u>\$4,194,677</u>	<u>\$76,710</u>	<u>\$4,289,973</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Current Payables	\$4,887	\$8,657		\$13,544
Dedicated Accounts	21,231			21,231
Thrivent Mortgage		750,668		750,668
Total Liabilities	<u>\$26,118</u>	<u>\$759,325</u>		<u>\$785,443</u>
EQUITY	<u>-7,532</u>	<u>3,435,352</u>	<u>76,710</u>	<u>3,504,530</u>
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:				
	Actual			
Receipts	\$146,584	\$67,420	\$5,165	\$219,169
Disbursements	-146,115	-41,185		-187,300
Net	<u>\$469</u>	<u>\$26,235</u>	<u>\$5,165</u>	<u>\$31,869</u>
	Budget			
Receipts	\$146,700	\$67,160		\$213,860
Disbursements	-157,134	-43,700		-200,834
Net	<u>-10,434</u>	<u>\$23,460</u>		<u>\$13,026</u>
VARIANCE	<u>\$10,903</u>	<u>\$2,775</u>	<u>\$5,165</u>	<u>\$18,843</u>



October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Fish Tails	8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship	Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life Outreach	2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	 National Children's Day 4:00pm Finance 6:00pm HMT	8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5-10pm OCQG (FH)	8-5pm OCQG Workshop (FH)	8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Stewardship Begins)	Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property Columbus Day	2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council	8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails National Boss Day		8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) Sweetest Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship (No Adult Forum Sunday School) 9:00am & 12:00pm Stewardship Brunch (Narthex)	Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	9:30am Library	8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	United Nations Day	8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship Mother-In-Law Day	Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel		8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	 Halloween	





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

5	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman Debbie Dwyer	Marian Brown Debbie Dwyer	Marian Brown Marian Brown
12	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Teri Homer Terri Homer	Mary Lou Mate Yon Bowers	Marian Brown Marian Brown
19	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Debbie Dwyer	Mary Lou Mate Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
26	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Dan Elbert	Mary Lou Mate Debbie Dwyer	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson



Liliana Black	10/1
Dean Hill	10/3
Lynn Moody	10/5
Mariah Harmon	10/9
Alice McCellan	10/9
Erman Mays	10/20
Mike Rawles	10/26
Sue Fowler	10/28
Alexa Zambon	10/29
Walter Duval	10/31

Lori Painter	10/31
Mary Wiltse	10/31
Nancy Threlkeld	10/22



13 John & Susan Painter
20 Jim & Tecia Ezzell



5 Alice McClellan (Birthday)
12 John & Susan Painter (35th Anniversary)
19 Jim & Tecia Ezzell (16th Anniversary)
26 Marian Brown



5 Paul Stangeland & Linda Kilbride
12 Linda Kilbride & Pete Kraack
19 Pete Kraack & Terri Homer
26 Terri Homer & Bob Olson



My Ragged Road to Recovery.. *(continued from page 7)*

They ordered more tests to determine whether it had spread [it hadn't] and to help them determine the regimen of treatment. They decided an aggressive combination of radiation and chemotherapy would offer the best chance of success. They kept surgery as an option... "later, if...."

On June 9, I started treatment. For the next six weeks, my life was controlled by medical appointments. My only goal was "to get through it all." I would be up at dawn, trying to find a food that I could swallow easily [the treatments added swelling and made most things taste like cardboard or metal]. By 7:50 a.m., I was lying on a gurney for a radiation treatment.

On week one and week five, I received chemotherapy drugs. This involved two, day-long sessions in my doctor's treatment room, followed by the attachment of a portable pump to the PICC line in my arm. The pump was party of my body, putting chemicals into my blood stream every few seconds for five additional days.

Side effects, I learned, can vary dramatically with each individual's health and level of tolerance. The list ranged from itching and burned skin [radiation] to nausea and [yes, even] death [chemotherapy].

Days passed. I marked off treatment achievements. John and I prayed. I felt truly helpless, with my future in the hands of the Lord. I looked for one thing each day for which I was grateful, and that brought me a peacefulness. I read nearly 40 "thriller" novels by a fellow named Stuart Woods – books with lawyer and cop and spy heroes that John read and pronounced – correctly – as just the thing to occupy my mind and carry me out of myself.

The cards and calls and prayers from my church family, "Team Atonement" were daily gifts for which I continue to thank you all. They brought me God's love as well as the continued presence of you all. Those blessings heartened and strengthened me.

When tempted to lament, "poor me" about my unaccustomed weakness and my new reality as a "sick person," I noticed others whose cancer was so much more debilitating than mine. I was blessed with offers of food, errands, shopping, and I knew I was not alone in the battle.

My general good health before treatment was a blessing. By mid-July, the treatments were over. While side effects continued [and some still remain], I could focus on healing. My doctors were heartened by my progress, and once I could return to Newport, I got even stronger. By mid August, I was walking on the beach again, and a few weeks ago I managed a 13 mile bike ride!

On September 11, I had an endoscopy and a biopsy. Up to that point, the doctors had no way – except the reports I provided of my diminishing symptoms – to assess whether the treatments had "worked." Several days later, my doctors said the tests showed "only healthy tissue," so surgery is no longer on the horizon!

In a touching card, my nephew, Liam Reese [now a freshman in college] wisely pointed out, "Regardless of whether 'everything happens for a reason' is true, I believe that there's a lesson to observe in every situation. Perhaps the lesson in this mess is to know that anything can change in an instant."

As I move forward with new health, surrounded by the love of my families and many friends, I have renewed gratitude for the small things: a good cup of coffee, the sunrise on a day without pain, enjoying a hearty meal, a quiet walk on the beach. Anything can change, so seize the instant!

With love and gratitude...Susan Painter

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Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



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Fill our Food Barrel
This Month:
Canned Meats