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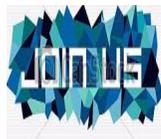
August 2015

Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday

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New Members to be Received ...

by Pastor Ed

We are hoping to receive some new members at Atonement on Sunday, August 30. Remember: this is a fifth Sunday, so we will have one service at 10:00a.m.

If you would like to join the congregation at that time, please let us know in the church office.

Rummage Sale ... by Mary Lou Mate



Thanks for all the items you have donated. However, we continue to need more items. (No large appliances nor Mattresses). If you need help hauling, contact Marian or MaryLou to arrange transport.

Also, We Need Help On:

August 14th @ 10:00am... We will be setting up tables and clothing racks in the fellowship Hall. Then, we will be transferring the boxes and items we received to the tables.

August 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st : We will need help organizing all the "Goods". There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the coffee kitchen. Please sign up for the times you are able to help!

August 22nd is our one and only sale day. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We have lots of assignments for that day... we need floor walkers, checkers, food sale people and clean up crew.

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.





Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ June 2015

General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$93,471	\$87,079	\$90,324	\$90,600
Grants	\$2,751		\$150	
Room Rents	\$6,580	\$5,850	\$6,986	\$6,300
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$4,000	\$13,800	\$14,232	\$13,500
Total Income	\$106,803	\$106,729	\$111,692	\$110,400
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$35,294	\$35,295	\$35,294	\$35,294
Pastoral Benefits	\$14,701	\$16,610	\$17,922	\$18,148
Pastoral Expenses	\$2,029	\$1,930	\$1,373	\$2,130
Staff Compensation	\$18,284	\$22,800	\$20,044	\$24,800
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$180	\$70	\$214
Staff Payroll Cost	\$2,962	\$3,500	\$2,954	\$3,300
Worship & Music	\$1,033	\$1,470	\$1,458	\$1,894
Education	\$151	\$750	\$372	\$780
Youth	\$199	\$325	\$61	\$375
Outreach/Hospitality	\$531	\$790	\$536	\$1,115
Social Ministry	\$900	\$1,000	\$2,111	\$1,680
Stewardship	\$0	\$713	\$0	\$0
Health Ministry	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$300
Parish Life	\$670	\$675	\$2,112	\$750
ELCA Mission Support	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
General/Administrative	\$5,539	\$6,112	\$6,270	\$5,535
Facility Expenses	\$11,490	\$11,811	\$9,956	\$12,345
Insurance	\$4,932	\$4,100	\$4,101	\$4,100
	\$100,715	\$111,361	\$110,634	\$118,760
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$6,088	(\$4,632)	\$1,058	(\$8,360)

Endowment Account

	<u>Monthly Activity</u>	<u>Investment Account</u>	<u>General Endow</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Memorial Gardens</u>	<u>Organ Upkeep</u>
Balance @ 5/30/15		\$76,891	\$28,444	\$23,552	\$10,699	\$14,196
une	(\$195)	(\$195)	(\$72)	(\$60)	(\$27)	(\$36)
Balance @ 6/30/15		\$76,696	\$28,372	\$23,492	\$10,672	\$14,160

Capital Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Rental Income	\$50,370	\$50,370	\$50,370	\$50,370
Interest Income			\$240	
EXPENSES	\$23,870	\$33,643	\$32,712	\$32,775
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$26,500	\$16,727	\$17,898	\$17,595





From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken



By ChristArt.com

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Sunday, July 26 we begin five Sundays where the gospel reading is from the sixth chapter of John, the so-called Bread of Life discourse. John 6 begins with the story of the feeding of thousands of people using only a little boys lunch: five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to the table, often seems like it is not enough to meet all the pressing needs that we see around us. But it is not the inadequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and the least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

The story continues on August 2nd and we see that apparently many were not satisfied by Jesus' feeding miracle and they demand more. "Show us more, Jesus" they say. "Show us a sign so that we can believe in you." As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. "I am the bread of life," he told them, "And whoever believes in me will never be hungry." He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come and believe in him and, through that relationship, to know the one who sent him.

We see, on August 9, that the people were confused and alarmed

by his words and they grumble against him. "Who does this guy think he is?" they exclaim. Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph and Mary? How can he say such outlandish things?" But Jesus isn't through leading them deeper into the truth. He goes on to tell them that the bread that he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day.

Now, this really set the people off, as we will see on August 16 and 23. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they cry. Even some of his followers are appalled and exclaim, "This is a hard saying, who can accept it?" And John tells us that many who followed him now turned away. So, Jesus turned and asked the 12, his closest followers, "Do you also wish to go away?" And then Peter gives the declaration that is the point of this long story for us: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And we have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

May we join him in that confession of faith and trust!

Pastor Ed Milliken

Library Committee . . . by Jean Amundson



Jan Karon



I received "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good," the most recent of Jan Karon's novels about the little North Carolina town of Mitford and Father Tim, an Episcopalian priest who serves there. Then I got the notion of re-reading all the Mitford/Father Tim novels before starting the new one—a marathon of Mitford! So I marched (well, drove) down to our church library and checked out the first six books.

What a reading pleasure! There was a lot that I missed in my first speedy reading of these books. The characters—especially Father Tim Kavanagh, his wife Cynthia (a famous author of children's books about a cat named Violet), and their adopted son Dooley—are really interesting and seem drawn from real life. I'll bet we each would recognize one or two of the Mitford folks from our own lives. (No, I'm not going to tell you which ones I "knew"!)

In addition, the descriptions of small-town life and situations, the surrounding areas and nature, and the spiritual insights and experiences are gripping, enchanting, thought-provoking, and often *very* funny.

In the first book, "At Home in Mitford," sixty-year-old Father Tim acquires Barnabus, a huge stray dog who instantly obeys when people quote scripture to him! Dooley comes into his life as well, and

then Cynthia moves into the house next door and Father Tim and she start to fall in love. Next comes "A Light in the Window," where Father Tim finally overcomes his fears of love and commitment. "These High Green Hills" and "Out to Canaan" are the third and fourth in this wonderful series. "A Common Life: the Wedding Story" and "A New Song" follow the family into retirement and more adventures.

Here's a quotation from "At Home in Mitford" to give you a bit of flavor of these wonderful books: "A flock of sheep grazed in one green pasture, across the fence from a herd of contented Guernseys. The white blossoms of wild bloodwort gleamed along the roadside, and here and there the bank of an old farm place was massed with creeping pink phlox.

"You leadeth me beside still waters! he thought happily. You restoreth my soul!"

There are so many wonderful characters who are woven in and out of the novels, and so many entertaining and inspiring stories about them all. I'll be checking out the rest of them, and encourage you to do the same! You'll find them in our Fiction section, filed under "Karon." Happy reading!

Jean Amundson

P.S. I'll tell you about the remaining novels next month . . .

Prayer & Bible Study

Please join us on Monday afternoons each week for prayer and bible study.

1:00pm—3:00pm in Narthex



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News



This day Jesus headed across the sea walking on water. The waves were big. As he walked across the water and came near the boat Jesus saw them being tossed about by the sea. He saw how "freaked out" they were. They thought Jesus was a ghost! His heart told him to stop, because, "He had compassion for them". As soon as Jesus stepped into the boat, the wind died and the seas obeyed. He said to them, "It is I, do not be afraid".

The Sea of Galilee was surrounded by many small towns. Jesus' reputation preceded him. The word got out he was coming by sea. "Many" people from surrounding towns recognized them and ran on foot. They were able to get to the boat landing ahead of them. Did you know, the Sea of Galilee is 696 feet below sea level? That means that the wind and downdrafts could become quite ferocious. Big waves made rowing slow and difficult. It had become quite impossible for Jesus to go anywhere unnoticed. "Jesus saw them running to him and his heart was broken". The multitudes of people were like sheep without a shepherd. He sees their vulnerability. Jesus lived by His amazing heart! The Greek often used the word compassion meaning; sympathy, mercy and loving concern.

Jesus had compassion but there was no rest to be had for him. In this instance, maybe because Jesus prayed often in

solitude, He was well rested. Jesus was in the world but not of the world. Jesus healed many that day.

I want to hope that Jesus sent His Apostles out to a solitary place, to go and rest away from the "many" while Jesus helped them. What do you think?

"Everywhere into villages or cities or farms, the people carried the sick on their mats to the marketplaces and begged Him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. Jesus and the Apostles healed many that day." Mark 3 says, they had a desire to touch him but now they are happy to simply touch his cloak, and they were healed.

You see, the Apostles did not understand a lot about Jesus' ministry because "their hearts were hardened". They did not understand how or where this person they knew so well got his power. They did not ask the most ... important ...question. Their blindness and doubt hardened their hearts. They were blind to the presence of God and His love for all peoples.

We not only meet God in Jesus Christ, but we learn about ourselves through Him. The disciples fear and lack of understanding certainly says something about our human condition. How often do we not see God's blessings in our lives? Let our hearts not be hardened. Give glory to God. Then we are not blinded by the presence of God and His love for all of His disciples including all of us!

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50th Anniversary Celebration ... by Pastor Ed



We would love to have a new picture directory produced as a part of our 50th anniversary celebration next May. If you would be willing to be part of the team overseeing this effort, please let Raynette know in the church office. Thank you.

A Special Note ... by Lynn Moody



Thank you does not seem to be enough to express my appreciation for all that the people of Atonement have done and continue to do for me and my family during this time of difficulty surrounding Chuck's death. The meals, cards, phone calls, visits, prayers, hugs and endless offers of assistance have been incredibly humbling. Being a part of this amazing family at Atonement has touched my life in ways I cannot express. Chuck was showered with a steady stream of cards filled with wishes of encouragement and love, which he treasured. We have felt connected to the church through your kindnesses and love.

We are not alone... *Lynn Moody*

Family Ministry ... (continue from page 5)

Prayer is mindfulness. We need to sit down, stop thinking ... stop doing anything. Then we start connecting and communicating. Mindfulness in prayer is being in full awareness of the moment. We connect with ourselves in body, feelings, emotions and we listen. We get a deep sense as to what is going on. Prayer gets our mind and our body on one page. Where is God but in the moment. In breathing in and breathing out and listening to the breath we can begin to put aside our thoughts and our things to do. Have you ever sat too long at a computer and got up all achy and stiff? We need to choose to take a break.

We can get up and walk in mindfulness and pray. We can be aware of every step our foot takes. It is a way to connect with earth and all of God's creation. We stop thinking and instead focus on each breath and each step.

I am learning, if we choose to make time to rest we too will have vision, we will hear that still small voice, "It is I, do not be afraid." We will soon be much better prepared and successful Apostles for God's glory. Love God, and each other as ourselves. Choose to rest; **be made whole in a new way.** This is a vital way to become fully human. It is not about what we get done that matters, it is our right relationship with God. **Sheep without a shepherd is read in Mark 6; 32-34.**

Blessings, peace and grace,

Rhonda Harman



Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter



*"Amazing Grace...Amazing Grace...
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me...
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now, I see."*

What a remarkable, emotional moment we shared last month when President Obama, the leader of the free world, sang this long familiar refrain – beginning it alone and unaccompanied – in his eulogy for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney in South Carolina.

But what preceded that song was even more remarkable: members of the African Methodist Episcopal church who had opened their arms to Dylann Roof, accused of murder, offered **forgiveness** after his horrendous massacre of nine among them.

"God forgave you, and I forgive you," said Nadine Collier, whose mother Ethel Lance was one of the victims. "We are the family that love built. We have no room for hate. We have to forgive," vowed Bethane Middleton-Brown, the sister of DePayne Middleton-Doctor, another of those killed.

What - indeed, **amazing** - grace.

How uncommon, how inspiring and how exhilarating is this forgiveness in a time of punishment, retribution and vengeance.

These families are blessed to know that anger and spite, even in the cloke of "justice," is destructive and debilitating. Christians have known about the negative force of anger for centuries. Christ

acknowledged it dramatically when, from the cross, He sought compassion for his executioners:

"Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Murder is horrific, and those who commit it must be held accountable. But in our rush to judgment, we may overlook the toll that vengeance takes on those who suffer it. We have seen such folks, those victims of crime whose wounds have come to define them. Their anger consumes them as they walk the halls of courts and congresses, appearing on television and in social media, seeking ever more severe penalties even as peace eludes them. They still feel depressed, helpless, even guilt, and sometimes a desire to murder the one who has wronged them.

But there are also those like the South Carolina families whose compassion is powerful and liberating. Nelson Mandela noted, "to make peace with an enemy, one must work with that enemy, and that enemy becomes one's partner."

More than 300 people have been freed from prison in recent years after evidence proved their convictions wrongful. Many have shown a remarkable lack of bitterness. Ronald Cotton is one of them. He served eleven years in prison after Jennifer Thompson identified him – at two trials – as the man who had brutally raped her. After DNA proved him innocent and he met Ms. Thompson as a free man, he readily and astonishingly forgave her.

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Property Committee ... by Mary Lou Mate



Room Rental

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

Phone# 541-265-2554

E-mail: office@atonementlutheran.com

Wood Splitting



Want some exercise and have fun too! On *August 10th & 11th* we are working with our local high school football team to split logs and create cords of wood. The wood will be sold and the profits "Split" between Atonement Lutheran Church and the high school team.

If you are interested in helping...Great!

If you are interested in purchasing wood, that is great too!

Have Questions...Contact Pete Kraack

Ponderings from the President ... (continues from page 7)

Jennifer Thompson, however, had a more difficult time. For years she had seen Ron Cotton's face as that of the man who damaged her. For years, she had lived with hate and wished him dead. Once they met, however, she learned not only to leave her guilt and hatred behind, but also to forgive the man who **had** raped her, "not for his sake, but for mine," she says.

In *Picking Cotton*, the book she wrote with Ron Cotton, she talks about this process:

"Forgiveness is tricky. People think when you forgive someone, you excuse what he did. That's not what it is. It's about power and letting go...I realized [the rapist] still had a hold on me after all these years and that the anger that lived in me had completely changed the way I looked at the world, at what was possible..."

Jennifer Thompson found Ron Cotton's forgiveness a gift of amazing grace.

As we watch so many recent tragedies work their way through the courts of law and public opinion, let us remember our President's words about grace:

"[Those who died at the AME church] found that grace. Through the example of their lives, they've now passed it on to us. May we find ourselves worthy of that precious and extraordinary gift, as long as our lives endure..."

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Susan Painter



August 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 Women's Equality Day			1 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 8:00am Relay for Life in Toledo
2 8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship International Friend- ship Day	3 Office Closed 8-12pm Kayak Trip 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life	4 8-5:30pm OCQG Judging 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 8-5:30pm OCQG Judging	6 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	7 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Canyon Way	8 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
9 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	10 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property	11 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg	12 11:00-7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	13 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG (FH) Left-handers day	14 	15 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
16 8:00am Worship 9:30am 50th Anniversary Mtg 11:00am Worship	17 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	18 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 7:00pm Council	20 WAVES Deadline 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	21	22 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 9-3pm Rummage Sale
23 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	24 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	25 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26 6:00pm Church BBQ (FH) Women's Equality Day	27 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	28 8-12pm Kayak Trip	29 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
30 10:00am Worship 11:00am Yoga Presentation	31 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)		National Immunization Month	Children eye health & safety Month 		



Worship Page

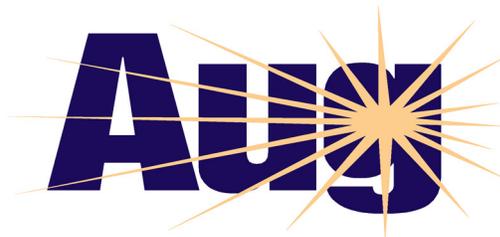
Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

2	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Marian Brown
9	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Deb Christensen	Alice McClellan Bette Harman	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
16	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Deb Christensen	MaryLou Mate Lois Greenwood	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
23	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Dean Hill	Marian Brown Deb Christensen	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
30	10:00 a.m.	Donna White	Marian Brown	Marian Brown



Dee Waldo	8/1
Rudy De la Rosa	8/3
Olga Buswell	8/4
Landon Goebel	8/5
Mckinley Job	8/8
Terri Homer	8/9
Amy Smyth	8/17
John Painter Jr	8/21
Braulio Escobar	8/25
Richard Letherer	8/27
Dorothy Swearingin	8/29



3	Walt & Carol Duval
12	Ed & Lucy Milliken
13	Herb & Sally Jennings
15	Tim & Megan Miller-Morgan
19	Bruce & Mary Lou Mate
20	Erman & Clara Mays
21	Bob & Jerryann Olson
27	Dick & Lois Tyler
28	Paul & Jean Amundson



2	Dietmar & Linda Goebel (Landon's Birthday)
9	Marian Brown
16	Dick & Lois Tyler (60th Anniversary)
23	Jerryann & Bob Olson (50th Anniversary)
30	Paul & Jean Amundson (54th Anniversary)



2	Paul Stangeland & Terri Homer
9	Terri Homer & Dan Elbert
16	Dan Elbert & Pete Kraack
23	Pete Kraack & Paul Amundson
30	Paul Amundson & Bob Olson

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 **Shelf Stapled Milk** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

Red Cross Blood Drive



August 12th 11:00am—7:00pm @ Atonement Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

If you can give blood PLEASE, sign up on the web site. If you can help work at the blood drive (it is really easy) or make treats please let Terri McCulley know or leave a message in her mailbox at church. Cell phone number 541 270-3424 and you can leave a message.

Remember 1 unit of blood from you can help save 3 people. The need is great all the time for blood! Someone needs blood every 2 seconds in the US.

Annual Back-2-School Supply Drive ... by Sally Jennings



You can help children in need to return to school with the supplies they are asked to provide for themselves. Please donate to this year's Homeless Education & Literacy Project's (H.E.L.P.'s) school supply drive. Atonement's Social Ministry Committee has set goals for our church to reach for.

Please pick up a list of school supplies and put your donations in the tub on the table in the Narthex by August 10th. This past school year over 500 students were identified as homeless/impoverished in Lincoln County, so the need is great. Your donation is tax deductible. Use Lincoln County School District's H.E.L.P. Federal Tax ID# 93-600627, when reporting your donation.

This year's school supply drive provides a great opportunity to volunteer, too. The H.E.L.P. Center is looking for volunteers to help stuff backpacks with school supplies on August 13th and August 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., and also to help on the Saturday of the school supply give away. Please contact Joyce Atchley at 541-265-5222, if you are able to help out.

First Friday Lunch Bunch



August 7th 12:00am @ Canyon Way Bookstore & Restaurant

Please call or e-mail office if you are able to attend.

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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

3rd Church BBQ
August 26th
@ 6:00pm



Rummage Sale
August 22nd



*Welcome
to Our
Church*

Audio
Worship Services
& Calendar
on website



Sign-Up...Kayak trips now!



Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Shelf Stabed
Milk