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Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2015

Worship at Noon and 7:00p.m.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in our reading for the Ash Wednesday Service, *"Now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord."* During Lent we, the people, of God, will reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

The sign of ashes, which we receive on this day, suggests our mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the sign of the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

See our Lenten Midweek Services on page 2

Come for Supper & a Classic Movie!



Soup, bread, dessert, and "Mr Blandings Builds His Dream House"! Come to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 19, at 5:45 p.m. and enjoy them all!

Atonement is helping to sponsor this fundraiser for Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter, along with assistance from Thrivent and Samaritan House Board members. Talented chefs Jean Amundson and Lola Jones (Executive Director at Samaritan House) will cook up some delicious soups for supper, and then you can sit back and enjoy this classic film.

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.





Lenten Midweek Services ... by Pastor Ed



Prayer Beneath the Cross

We invite you to join us each Wednesday evening during Lent (Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25) for a contemplative service of prayer, readings, silence, and song. We will use a service first used at Holden Village called *Prayer Beneath the Cross*.

*We gather beneath the Tree of Life, the cross of Christ.
The sign of God's unfailing love for us and the whole creation.
We come to hear God's promise to pardon, strengthen, and heal us.
We come to pray for the healing of the nations and for the healing
of our own lives and communities. We come at Christ's invitation.*

Each Wednesday we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00p.m. for a soup/bread supper and fellowship. The prayer service will follow at 7:00p.m.

Please, Sign-up to provide soup and bread. The sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board next to the coffee bar in the narthex.

Our Own "Wild" Couple ... by Susan Painter



Come and hear Bishop Dave and Gretchen Brauer-Rieke tell us about their 421 mile hike across the Oregon portion of the Pacific Crest Trail last summer. They will tell us how ordinary, middle aged people without previous long-distance hiking experience can do this. Learn about their preparations, their re-supply support systems and how they endured from the California border to the Columbia River.

Bishop Dave will preach at both services on Sunday March 22, 2015. We will have a potluck following the second service. Dave and Gretchen's presentation – complete with props – will begin about 1:30 that day.



First Friday Lunch Bunch ... by Raynette Rawles

February 6th 12noon @ Fish Tails
Please call or e-mail office if you are able to attend.



From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year the season of Lent begins in February, so my thoughts have already turned in that direction. Truly, Lent is a hard season to sell. It has a bad reputation, and it certainly doesn't fit very well with what many modern people want from religion. In a time when *entertainment* and *worship* are used in the same sentence, it's difficult to understand what Lent has to offer.

The most common images associated with Lent are images that most people seek to avoid in their lives: darkness, mourning, sorrow, and distress. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, the sign of the cross darkening our foreheads, and the somber solemn words ringing in our ears: "*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.*" It ends with Good Friday as our Lord is nailed to the cross and becomes one with us in death. This is definitely **not** worship and entertainment!

But the woe of the cross is not the entirety of Lent. To focus on the cross as the only image of the season is to lose sight of the fullness of God's activity among us. The reality is that we Christians know how this story ends and, because of that, our somber observances contain the seeds of celebration. While the cross is an appropriate focus for our reflections, we always see it not simply

as an instrument of torture and death, but as a vehicle of salvation.

So, the tone of Lent is also one of optimism. The first reading on the First Sunday in Lent sounds this note following the Genesis flood, God paints a rainbow in the sky, a sign of God's presence and promise, and life goes on with that assurance. Sunday after Sunday the same theme is presented. A promise is made to Abraham, even though he is apparently too old for it to be kept. Fiery serpents bring death to a disobedient people, but God sends healing – a bronze serpent raised on a pole and, ultimately, Christ on the cross. God rescues his people from their bondage in Egypt and gives them the framework of life in relationship with God and with one another.

Throughout the season, we are reminded that our God has established a covenant, a relationship of love, with us that no force, including sin and death can ever overcome. On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, Jesus speaks of a grain dying in the earth as an image of his death and resurrection. Christ is the seed fallen to earth, a planting that yields a harvest of life, health, and salvation. Christ is the one who accompanies us in our baptismal death and raises us to new life in him.

During the season of Lent our prayer will be that God will create in us clean hearts, that he will cleanse us and make us strong,

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Reminder...



Audio on Line

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.



New Designer Note Cards

\$5.00 per pack



Monthly Setup/Cleanup/Snacks

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.



Website Calendar

We have a separate calendar on our website. It includes all activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It will be updated with changes or added activities as it is scheduled. website: <http://www.atonementlutheran.com>



Needed for February
Sign up Sheet on bulletin board.



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

that he will renew us by the Holy Spirit. It may not be entertaining, but our worship will enable us to walk through the wilderness of life in this world proclaiming God's reign of mercy and love as we share in Christ's obedience and in the ultimate victory of his resurrection.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Donna White ~ Director of Evangelism



Mindfulness

Some of you may remember the newsletter article I wrote last spring regarding the history of our narthex, in both its previous and its present incarnations. An undeniable salute remains to those who made the choices in the new design, which includes a lofty narthex space which continues to lift the spirits of those who enter. Also mentioned was the worshipful quietness imbued by our sanctuary, also a lofty space, which possesses a palpable sacredness.

Those precious connections between so many within our church community are consistent with our hopes for what a good design can achieve. It is a space for connections, a space for inspiration, a space of respite, study, prayer, and yes, the challenge and hard work of trying to understand the mystery. We are overjoyed to witness the love within these walls; it is obvious wherever in the space that people congregate.

But I mention this for a particular reason, and that is the one thing, the one piece of baggage which all of this ebullience has brought. Pre-worship conversations, often good ones, may not be ready to end at the time that worship convenes, and therein is the rub. If everyone can remember this, regardless of what is happening, and perhaps someone could even hold up their hand and say "timeout," or everyone could simply get up and enter the sanctuary when the music starts (NO LATER than 7:55 or 10:55), then all will be on the same page, and can agree to start up where they left off when they emerge from the sanctuary later.

This is important for all of us, both in respect for our purpose, as well as respect for those who have already quieted themselves for worship. When we think of what brought us here in the first place, our gratitude cannot be overstated.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

Our Atonement supporters (9 households) who shopped at **Fred Meyer** between **10/01/2014** and **12/31/2014** (Cycle 2014, Qtr 4) have contributed **\$56.36** to our church.

If You would like to be a supporter:

- ◆ Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to (non-profit) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.
- ◆ You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 84754.
- ◆ Please research their website or call the church office for more information.



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: February 1: Session 7 video: An Evolving Spirituality: Mysticism
February 8: Session 1 video: Toward Healing the Rift
February 15: No Adult Forum – Carlton Olson Library Sunday
February 22: Session 2 video: A Renaissance of Wonder



Mark Your Calendars

Kum Yon Restaurant will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, February 4th donating 15% of the days proceeds. Kum Yon serves authentic Chinese food for the whole family with affordable prices. From Chinese to sushi rolls and Korean dishes, they offer a comfortable dining experience with an extensive menu

Thank you for your continued support.

Rose Davies, Volunteer,
Samaritan House Homeless Shelter





Library Committee . . . by Jean Amundson



Treats, Sweets, and Library Fun!

We're not sure of the date for the library's "birthday," but the library committee will provide goodies after the services on February 15! It's in honor of Library Sunday, a delicious Atonement tradition. We'll play Library Bingo again, and there's a well-founded rumor that there will be another word game as well.

While you're enjoying the event, browse the stacks and check out an item or two—it's easy! Just sign your name and the date on the card in the back pocket, then file the card alphabetically according to the author's last name. Using the library is the best way to show your love for it!

WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson



The WELCA group meets monthly for Bible study, fellowship, and treats. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th 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!

PFLAG Oregon Central Coast ... by Jeanne St. John



It's that time of year again--our annual Love is Love Valentine Party is coming up on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 2-4 pm at OCCC in South Beach. We're hoping that each of the mid and south county Welcoming Churches will be able to provide 5 dozen tasty treats for the Decadent Desserts table.

We hope that you will be able to attend--and bring some members of your Welcoming Congregation to enjoy the event. It's a unique opportunity to share in a community event devoted to love--for everyone--gay and straight, young and old. There will be a table for making your own Valentines, a photographer for Sweetheart or family photos, live music, and a few spoken word readings.

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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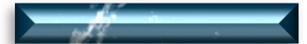
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Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ December 2014

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>ENDOWMENT</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>
ASSETS:				
Cash in Banks	\$18,020	\$44,997	\$ 0	\$63,017
Other	3,303	-412		2,891
Investments			75,635	75,635
Land and Building		4,145,365		4,145,365
Total Assets	<u>\$21,323</u>	<u>\$4,189,950</u>	<u>\$75,635</u>	<u>\$4,286,908</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Current Payables	\$3,155	\$37		\$3,192
Dedicated Accounts	21,490			21,490
Thrivent Mortgage		738,794		738,794
Total Liabilities	<u>\$24,645</u>	<u>\$738,831</u>		<u>\$763,476</u>
EQUITY	<u>-3,322</u>	<u>3,451,119</u>	<u>75,635</u>	<u>3,523,432</u>
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:				
	Actual			
Receipts	\$221,781	\$101,000	\$6,668	\$329,449
Disbursements	-216,976	-58,999	-2,578	-278,553
Net	<u>\$4,805</u>	<u>\$42,001</u>	<u>\$4,090</u>	<u>\$50,896</u>
	Budget			
Receipts	\$217,300	\$100,740		\$289,295
Disbursements	-236,286	-65,550		-277,286
Net	<u>\$-18,986</u>	<u>\$35,190</u>		<u>\$16,204</u>
VARIANCE	<u>\$23,791</u>	<u>\$6,811</u>	<u>\$4,090</u>	<u>\$34,692</u>



February 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life Ground Hog Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Black History Month</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Fish Tails</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00pm Finance 6:15pm HMT</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9:00pm OCQG (FH)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am-5pm OCQG Workshop (FH)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) St Valentine's Day</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Library Sunday 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Altar Guild Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) President's Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ash Wednesday 12:00pm Service 7:00pm Service 12:30pm WELCA 8:00pm Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:30pm Samaritan House -Soup & Movie Chinese New Year</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Parent Leadership Month</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00pm Soup/Bread 7:00pm Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Read & Feed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>American Heart Month</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

1	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Deb Christensen	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
8	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Donna White Deb Christensen	Alice McClellan Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown
15	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer Terri Homer	Marian Brown Deb Christensen	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
22	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Marian Brown



Lucy Milliken	2/1
Dick Tyler	2/9
Lois Greenwood	2/10
Dan Roumagoux	2/10
Lorinda White	2/12
Paul Amundson	2/21
Kathy Elbert	2/23

1	Marian Brown
8	_____
15	Donna White for Lorinda's Birthday
22	Paul & Jean Amundson Marlys birthday

1	Bob Olson & John Stern
8	John Stern & Pete Kraack
15	Pete Kraack & Paul Amundson
22	Paul Amundson & 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 **Canned Meats** to try to "fill the barrel" again.



Red Cross Blood Drive ... by Terri McCully



Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood. It takes just a short amount of time to save up to three lives by giving blood. The need is always great and your help is needed and highly appreciated. Atonement is hosting a Red Cross blood drive February 6. So give blood if you can or help at the blood drive. If you can help by volunteering please call Terri at (541) 270-3424. If you can provide "treats" also let Terri know. Thank you.

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



Please help our Social Ministry team provide nutritious meals to those most in need. We are looking for a lead cook or cooking team for each of our Stone Soup and Randy's Feed & Read events. You would only need to commit to planning and preparing a nutritious entree and heading up our kitchen crew one time.

Social Ministry team has experienced volunteers who can help with or do the shopping for ingredients and who will help prep and serve the meal the day of the event. We serve Stone Soup dinner at St. Stephens at 5:30 P.M. on the 4th Monday of each month...serving approximately 60 meals.

We also need lead cooks for Randy's Feed & Read. We provide a Family Night Out, including a 6:00 dinner, on the 4th Thursday of each month during the school year. We prepare enough food for 50 people, so our volunteers can sit down and eat and visit with the families.

Please contact Braulio Escobar, Sue Fowler or Sally Jennings to sign up to be the lead cook or cooking team for one of these meals. God's work, our hands.

Christmas Food Basket ... Marian Brown

On Monday, December 22nd the 8 families at Samaritan House each received a "Grab & Go" Christmas Food Basket from Atonement, thanks to food basket donations from members and a grant from Thrivent. What is a "Grab & Go" basket? The baskets were filled with fruit, veggies, cheese, crackers, sliced meat, juice and nuts. With the children on school break the food would provide healthy food for lunches and snacks. Currently there are several babies at Samaritan House so families with infants also received some diapers and baby wipes. THANK YOU ATONEMENT for your generosity!



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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

**Lenten Midweek
Services
Wednesdays
2/25 thru 3/25
7:00pm**



*Welcome
to Our
Church*

**Audio
Worship Services
& Calendar
on website**



**Fill our Food Barrel
This Month:
Canned Meats**