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Atonement Lutheran Church

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## Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday

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## Adult Forum News . . . by Pastor Ed

The adult forum meets each Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This fall we are featuring a class entitled, "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible." This video based class features Dr. Mark Allen Powell who is a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio.

In this seven session video series Powell invites you to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. He does not prescribe "the Lutheran way" to read the Bible nor does he dismiss the way you may have come to understand the Bible. Instead Powell presents a variety of Lutheran perspectives for interpreting the Bible. Through Powell's rich discussions you will discover answers to questions you have always had about the Bible.

The titles of the seven sessions are:

- Session 1: The Word of God (Sept. 13)
- Session 2: What Lutherans Say About the Bible (Sept. 20)
- Session 3: Where the Bible Comes From (Sept. 27)
- Session 4: Interpreting the Bible in Context (Oct. 4)
- Session 5: Determining Right from Wrong (Oct. 11)
- No Adult forum on Oct.18 - Stewardship Brunch**
- Session 6: The Many Meanings of the Bible (Oct. 25)
- Session 7: Devotional Bible Reading (Nov. 1)

## Prayer & Bible Study

Please join us on Monday afternoons each week for prayer and bible study. 1:00pm-3:00pm in Narthex

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 ~ August 2015

## General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members Offerings	\$132,721	\$116,556	\$121,055	\$120,750
Grants	\$3,776		\$492	
Room Rents	\$7,115	\$7,800	\$8,805	\$7,950
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$6,000	\$18,400	\$16,232	\$18,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$149,612</b>	<b>\$142,756</b>	<b>\$146,584</b>	<b>\$146,700</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Compensation	\$47,059	\$47,059	\$47,059	\$47,059
Pastoral Benefits	\$19,357	\$22,147	\$23,645	\$24,197
Pastoral Expenses	\$2,253	\$2,573	\$1,655	\$2,440
Staff Compensation	\$24,957	\$30,400	\$25,428	\$32,850
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$240	\$70	\$332
Staff Payroll Cost	\$4,106	\$4,667	\$3,540	\$4,400
Worship & Music	\$1,178	\$1,706	\$1,748	\$2,326
Education	\$251	\$1,000	\$470	\$973
Youth	\$393	\$433	\$61	\$500
Outreach/Hospitality	\$682	\$1,053	\$652	\$1,386
Social Ministry	\$1,264	\$1,333	\$2,246	\$2,080
Stewardship	\$0	\$950	\$0	\$0
Health Ministry	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$400
Parish Life	\$979	\$900	\$3,014	\$1,167
ELCA Mission Support	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
General/Administrative	\$6,642	\$7,884	\$8,076	\$7,063
Facility Expenses	\$15,506	\$16,753	\$15,666	\$16,495
Insurance	\$6,687	\$5,467	\$4,785	\$5,467
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$135,314</b>	<b>\$148,965</b>	<b>\$146,115</b>	<b>\$157,135</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$14,298</b>	<b>(\$6,209)</b>	<b>\$469</b>	<b>(\$10,435)</b>

## 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>
<b>Balance @ 7/31/15</b>		\$76,558	\$28,321	\$23,450	\$10,653	\$14,134
August	(\$2,664)	(\$2,664)	(\$985)	(\$825)	(\$373)	(\$481)
Scholarship	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)		(\$1,000)		
Memorial Garden	(\$750)	(\$750)			(\$750)	
<b>Balance @ 8/31/15</b>		<b>\$72,144</b>	<b>\$27,336</b>	<b>\$21,625</b>	<b>\$9,530</b>	<b>\$13,653</b>

## Capital Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Rental Income	\$67,160	\$67,160	\$67,160	\$67,160
Interest Income			\$260	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$32,350</b>	<b>\$44,758</b>	<b>\$41,185</b>	<b>\$43,700</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$34,810</b>	<b>\$22,402</b>	<b>\$26,235</b>	<b>\$23,460</b>





## From the Pastor . . .



**Pastor  
Ed Milliken**

Dear Friends in Christ,

"*Stewards of God's Love*" is the theme for this year's stewardship campaign which begins on Sunday, October 4 and concludes on October 18. The theme verse this year is Matthew 22:37b-39: "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

Ask most Christians what stewardship means and you will likely hear, "It is the church asking me for money." The word brings to mind the annual financial response that happens every fall to ensure that there is enough money to fund the congregation's budget for the next year. While the annual financial response may be wrapped in religious language, at the end of the day it is about the need of the congregation to receive rather than the need of the giver to give.

But, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It calls for integration between our faith and the way we live our lives so that we live with integrity. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that is much bigger than a three week campaign. As someone once said, "Stewardship is everything we do after we say, 'I believe.'" It is the way in which

we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and neighbor. At its heart, stewardship is about love.

This year, we will be looking at stewardship in three different directions: DOWN, IN, and OUT. We will begin by looking at how God has come down to us and graced and blessed our lives in so many ways. We then look in and discover all that God has entrusted to our care. God has entrusted us with an abundance of tangible and intangible resources – time, talents, treasure, and so much more. God gives in abundance that we might share in abundance. So, we then look out to see how God is calling us to love and serve our neighbor with all that God has entrusted to our care. We are called to love, not just with our words but with our whole lives. Stewardship is a way that we use our resources to love God and neighbor.

On Sunday, October 18, at worship, you will be invited to bring your commitment form to the altar as an act of consecration and worship. This form will come to you soon in the mail. In the coming days, please prayerfully consider what portion of yourself (your time, talent and treasure) that you will give back to God in response to all that God has given to you.

Thank you for your generosity!

*Pastor Ed Milliken*

**When we practice stewardship we are making the sign of the cross.**  
 God makes the first vertical line **DOWN**; we follow by moving **IN** to the center and then **OUT** to our neighbors on either side both near and far. We form a cross with our lives and through our faith we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## Stewardship ... by Paul Amundson



Dear Friends in Christ,  
As we look forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> church anniversary in 2016, I realized 2015 is also a year of celebration here at Atonement:

- ◆ At this time we have a bit more money than we have budgeted for our fiscal needs thus far this year.
- ◆ And we have been even more active than usual in reaching out to help our neighbors and friends in Newport.
- ◆ Improvements are always noteworthy and worthy of celebration.

Our fiscal health has been steadily improving over the past several years; however, this is the first year we have been significantly ahead of budget at this time of the year. Linda Kilbride and her Stewardship Committees have raised our awareness of our monetary needs and we all have responded.

Our members have seemingly always been involved in community-related activities but even this has grown. In fact there are so many it's difficult to pick which one to highlight ... but there was one that truly puzzled me ... how can an artist love politics? So I asked Sandy Roumagoux about this anomaly. The answer was really simple: she grew up in a family of politicians ... and her dad was the mayor of Independence, Oregon. The short answer is, this interest was her heritage.

I had a high school chemistry teacher who ignited my lifelong interest in science. And I'm really looking forward to 2016 because I'll get an opportunity to blend my love for junior high age kids with my love for science in the Newport Middle School 21<sup>st</sup> Century program. Mike Rawles is asking us to help these kids by tutoring and giving stand-alone lectures in math and science, and other technology whiz-bang topics. I'm going to love this.

During the coming years I encourage all of you to pick something you really love doing and work on finding ways to blend your love of doing with Christ's directive to love our neighbors on our planet Earth.

And, before I forget, I promised Linda I would encourage all of you to continue funding our church so we can continue supporting our members and friends so we can spread our love for our neighbors throughout Newport and beyond. Consider yourself encouraged.

Whatever you choose to do this year I want you to know I am very happy to be a member of Atonement Lutheran Church and all y'all are the reason



*Paul Amundson*

## 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>



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

## Family Ministry/Education News



August was a busy month. Thank you all for your full commitment and participation in several special events led by the many committees who serve so well. Much planning and dedication went into the Relay for Life so as to support Cancer Research. We enjoyed two kayak trips and learned more about the eco-system at Brian Booth-Beaver Creek wild wetlands. The Red Cross Blood Drive was again here in Fellowship Hall. The huge Rummage Sale was a giant success and the money earned will support our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next May. May God Bless us all with the many gifts of spirit as good and faithful stewards, happy and anxious to share our gifts. Peace and grace to all, as we remain grateful to God and all His creation.

September was busy with two community programs. The 13<sup>th</sup> was Rally Day, aka, first day of Sunday-School. We had fun downstairs in Fellowship Hall enjoying pizza and our traditional Root Beer Floats! It was also God's Work Our Hands Sunday. All across the nation Lutherans worked on community mission projects. Our small but mighty band of servants cleaned up Nye Beach Parking lot and beach front at the turnaround

even with a lot of wind! The following Sunday we held the second community event titled, Stewards of Children-Darkness to Light. The Child Advocacy Center, led by one of our own members, was quite an eye opener. After soup and bread, we spent some quality time learning about child abuse and what we can do to protect our children. We had about 25 concerned citizens. Towards the end of the month the Youth room had a total make over! We are not quite done but it looks really great. Thank you to all who made it happen. You are amazing!

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (12:30pm) will be our walk/hike at South Beach State Park-day use area. It will begin with a BYO lunch. We will eat at the picnic tables by the parking lot and then start off afterwards. There are "very easy" walks on asphalt which would accommodate even wheel chairs and walkers. The path leads out to a ramp and up to a large deck right on the beach. It is a beautiful view! Then, there is another "medium" hike up and over the not so high tsunami trails. Shannon White will teach us about the flora and fauna along the way. Please join us October 4<sup>th</sup>!

Blessings, peace and grace,  
*Rhonda Harman*



## Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber ... submitted by Susan Painter



*Reminder...* Nadia Bolz-Weber, founding Lutheran pastor of the House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado, will speak in Portland on Monday, October 12, 2015. She will appear at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 7:00 that evening and will introduce her new book, *Accidental Saints*.

## Faith and the Gift of Faith ... by Rhonda Harman



The sky has changed and the clouds are gone! Yippee!

Cathy and I love our home on our little acre of land and enjoy caring for it. The weather this year has been unusually warm. So, when I mow the lawn, I set the lawnmower to cut as high as possible. Doing so, along with God's heavy morning dew helped to maintain moisture. The new system however, required the lawn 2 or 3 days to dry out completely. It is very hard to mulch wet grass. Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> dry day and I just know I will be able to mow! I've got the faith. I just know! Ever feel really sure about something? Or so you think?

I got up at 6:00, started the coffee and went back to snuggle a little longer then got up again about 6:30. Coffee in hand I headed to the chair, looked out the bay windows to the sky. Oh no, it looked like rain. I hollered, "Oops, might not mow today after all". I read my daily devotions and prayed awhile. Next time I looked up, the sky had totally changed and it was blue with pretty white clouds and just a little grey. How is that for a video of our faith lives? Give it some thought and let me know.

There are two kinds of faith you know. The first is given freely to all by the grace of God. This faith in Him sets us free and in the clear. God set things right for us. God sent His one and only Son to save us and settle up once and for all!

The second kind of faith, is the gift of

faith which I believe comes from the Holy Spirit rooted by and gifted through God. This precious gift bestows incredible trust and confidence in God to those so blessed. We can live out loud and not worry because we are so confident; God has got this! This gift of faith is confidence and trust. This faith is such belief and conviction, we can enjoy crazy good optimism.

The disciples like Peter and John were given the gift of faith. They were especially blessed to heal the blind and cause the lame to walk. So many stories here.

In adult forum recently we learned the four buzzwords of Lutherism right? There is law and gospel, sola scripture, plain sense and public interpretation. So if you take this literally, fine; if you see it as plain sense, so be it

Atonements faith community shares this faith: The plain truth is God loves us and has a plan-John 3:16. We are not perfect-we all fall short-Romans 3:23. Jesus died for us to allow us to have a relationship with God-Romans 5:8.

Pope Francis recently said, "Faith opens a window to the presence and working of the spirit". Faith grows when it is practiced and it is shaped by love. It is the spirit who challenges us to respond in love".

In your prayers ask God for the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit and let me know how your life changes when God answers your prayer.



**First Friday Lunch Bunch ... Cancelled for October.**



## Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter



### Our Sacred Space

*"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.*

*"And he said unto them, 'It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.'"*  
*Matthew 21:12-13.*

This story, told in each of the gospels, reflects Christ's concern that the House of God remain a sacred house of worship, not simply another place in which we pursue the tasks of trade and commerce which comprise our daily lives.

I have considered this story in my life, filled with the details of a recent court trial, and I try to push those thoughts from my mind as I worship on Sunday mornings. It is tempting, sometimes, to allow those thoughts to spill out into conversations with others whose work life may intersect with my own.

But our church is not the place for those discussions. We are blessed to have members with many gifts: doctors, nurses, scientists, writers, politicians, researchers, teachers, homemakers, musicians, coaches, to name only a few of them. The temptation to take advantages of these talents at church is great. A short question during coffee hour may, if not checked, grow into a long discussion better left to an office or a conference room or a public meeting on the issue.

Our church is a sanctuary. It is a sacred space in which we come to God in our quietness and humility and gratitude. It should be respected and protected as such a space. In the most dramatic example of this sacredness, our sister congregation in Portland, Augustana Lutheran, recently barred the church doors to law enforcement officers trying to apprehend a man accused of being in this country illegally. The law respected the man's retreat into the sanctuary. Eventually, with the church's help, the man's legal problems were resolved.

As we face many complex issues in our community and a polarizing political battle in our nation, we should remember Christ and the moneychangers. We should all honor the special, private worship each of us seeks in our Sunday services, our committee meetings, our rehearsals and our continuing ministry. While we appreciate the many talents our members share with us, we must be careful to respect the sanctity of their worship and the privacy of their retreat from the world to the sacred spaces of our church. We can save our secular concerns for their proper places during the rest of the week.

*Susan Painter*

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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.

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## Library Committee ... by Nancy Hilton



### Visit our Library and Borrow a Book...

- ◆ Sign your name and date on the card in the book pocket.
- ◆ File the card alphabetically by the author's last name.
- ◆ Bring the item back after a couple of weeks and put it in the "RETURN" slot under the first set of shelves.



The Library Committee is looking for a few volunteers to join, write reviews on items in our church library. The articles can be as long or short as you want and include your opinion & recommendation regarding the item (book, CD, DVD etc).

Please, let Nancy Hilton know if you are willing to help. Your time and effort will be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

## WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson



This year, the Leader's Guide is included in the WELCA magazine, "Gather,".  
*Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>.*

The goals for the new session are as follows:

1. To gain a sense of biblical time and God's gift of grace that unfolds over that time.
2. To share personal stories and to deepen relationships.
3. To cultivate a few new study practices, including "divine reading" (more on this later!).

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



# October 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Domestic Violence Awareness</b>	 <b>National Apple Month</b>	<b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b>	1 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	2 <b>First Friday Brunch Cancelled</b>	3 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
4 8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Sack Lunch & Hike	5 <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life <b>Children's Health Day</b>	6 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7	8 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	9	10 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 8-5:00pm OCQG Workshop (FH)
11 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship	12 <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property <b>Columbus Day</b>	13 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	14 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT <b>National Stop Bullying Day</b>	15 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG (FH)	16 <b>National Boss's Day</b> 	17 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) <b>National Sweetest Day</b>
18 8:00am Worship 9:30am Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship	19 <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	20 <b>WAVES Deadline</b> 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	21 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council	22 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails <b>5:00pm Randy's Feed &amp; Read</b>	23	24 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) <b>United Nations Day</b>
25 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship <b>National Mother-In-Law Day</b>	26 <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	27 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	28 <b>National Chocolate Day</b> 	29	30	31 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 





# Worship Page

## Worship

## Readers

## Altar Guild

## Musicians

4	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Deb Christensen Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown
11	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Donna White	Alice McClellan Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
18	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
25	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Dan Elbert	Marian Brown Bette Harmon	Marian Brown Marian Brown



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

Lori Painter 10/31  
 Mary Wiltse 10/31



10 John & Susan Painter  
 20 Jim & Tecia Ezzell



4 Dee Waldo  
 11 Alice McClellan (Birthday)  
 18 Jim & Tecia Ezzell (Anniversary)  
 25 Marian Brown



4 Pete Kraack & Paul Amundson  
 11 Paul Amundson & Bob Olson  
 18 Bob Olson & Paul Stangeland  
 25 Paul Stangeland & Terri Homer

## 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 ... by Sally Jennings



Our Second Randy's Feed & Read program for this school year will take place on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, in our Fellowship Hall. Social Ministry Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with this family centered event. Please join us in serving Samaritan House and H.E.L.P. Center families a nutritious meal and providing an evening of crafts and reading activities. Food preparation begins at 4 P.M., help with crafts is needed at 5:30, and volunteers are needed to read with the children beginning at 6:30. For more information, call Sally Jennings at 541-444-2687.



Dine Out for Samaritan House Homeless Shelter is back! Join us for lunch or dinner, Wednesday, October 7th at Local Ocean on Newport's Bayfront. This local favorite enjoys a great bay view from two levels and some of the best seafood on the Oregon Coast. Local Ocean will donate 15% of the days proceeds to Samaritan House.

Mark your calendars, print in your church bulletins and phone friends and family. See you there!

Rose Davies

Volunteer, Samaritan House



## Reminder...



**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.

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**Return Services Requested**



## Reaching Out with God's

### *Reminder...*



**Walk Nature Hike**  
October 4th 12:30pm  
South Beach State Pk



*Welcome  
to Our  
Church*

**Audio  
Worship Services  
& Calendar  
on website**



**Food Pantry**

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

