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Atonement Lutheran Church

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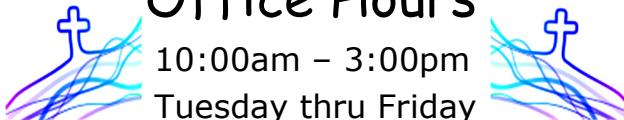
We at Atonement Lutheran Church reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

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.



Office Hours



10:00am – 3:00pm

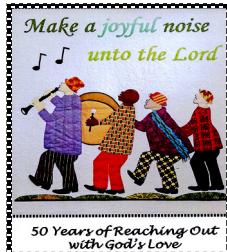
Tuesday thru Friday



New Members to be Received

We are receiving new members at Atonement this month. If you would like to join the congregation at this time, please call the office or talk to Pastor, Donna or Rhonda.

50th Anniversary



Sunday, May 15th the congregation will enjoy a day of celebration, renew old friendships and make new friends as we celebrate the first 50 years of Reaching Out with God's Love at Atonement. There will be one worship service at 10am with Bishop David Brauer-Rieke preaching and other visiting pastors will help with the service. Following the worship service you will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Atonement, hear from prior pastors that have served the congregation, enjoy a delicious lunch, share memories and catch up with old friends.

We expect a "full house" and have several opportunities for congregation members to help with, such as set-up, clean-up, greeters, ushers, church tour guides. You will find a complete list of needs on the bulletin board and we encourage everyone to sign-up to help make this a very special day.

Watch your mail for your "official invitation" and check the website www.atonementlutheran.com click the Postcard to find interesting pictures and facts about Atonement. If you have questions please contact Marylou or Marian.



Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ February 2016

General Fund

	<u>Current Year Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Previous Year Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$34,017	\$34,146	\$33,270	\$29,407
Grants	\$691	\$1,657	\$1,657	
Room Rents	\$2,595	\$1,580	\$1,570	\$1,950
Capital Fund Transfer	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,600
Total Income	\$37,303	\$41,079	\$36,497	\$35,957
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$12,353	\$12,223	\$11,764	\$11,765
Pastoral Benefits	\$5,460	\$5,289	\$4,831	\$5,537
Pastoral Expenses	\$333	\$229	\$250	\$643
Staff Compensation	\$7,232	\$7,980	\$4,734	\$7,600
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60
Staff Payroll Cost	\$1,499	\$1,002	\$650	\$1,167
Worship & Music	\$335	\$522	\$200	\$481
Education	\$69	\$409	\$0	\$250
Youth	-\$365	\$108	\$0	\$108
Outreach/Hospitality	\$177	\$255	\$205	\$263
Social Ministry	\$499	\$383	\$628	\$333
Stewardship	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$238
Health Ministry	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100
Parish Life	\$276	\$813	\$198	\$225
ELCA Mission Support	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
General/Administrative	\$2,991	\$2,294	\$2,084	\$1,771
Facility Expenses	\$4,177	\$4,828	\$6,161	\$3,937
Insurance	\$1,505	\$1,600	\$1,409	\$1,367
Total Expense	\$37,541	\$39,185	\$33,114	\$36,845
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>(\$238)</u>	<u>\$1,894</u>	<u>\$3,383</u>	<u><u>(\$888)</u></u>

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 @ 1/31/2016		\$43,552	\$27,080	\$21,019	\$9,263	\$13,270
January	(\$23)	(\$14)	(\$9)	(\$7)	(\$3)	(\$4)
Balance @ 2/29/2016		\$43,538	\$27,071	\$21,012	\$8,260	\$13,266

Capital Fund

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 2/1/2016	-	-	\$52,172
INCOME	\$16,790		
EXPENSES		\$12,675	
BALANCE @ 2/29/2016			\$56,287





From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Those are words that St. Paul used at the beginning of nearly every one of his letters in the New Testament. No matter how much of a hurry he was in to get to the main point of his letter, and no matter how anxious or angry he was at the church he was writing to, he first began by noting the grace and peace which is ours as a gift of God through Jesus Christ. You may wonder why. It is because grace and peace are the very best things he and God have to offer God's people.

The world we live in does not, for the most part, understand or appreciate such things. We live in a conditional world, a "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" kind of world. We live in a world that teaches us that you get what you deserve, you get what you earn in this life.

But Paul knew better. At one time he was "Public Enemy #1" of the early Christian church. As he himself put it: *"For you yourself have heard of my former manner of life, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it"* (Gal. 1:13). Paul ravaged the early church, entering house after house and dragging men and women off to prison or even death (Acts 8:3).

It was on one of these "round ups"

that Paul's life was changed forever. On the road to Damascus he received a vision of the risen Jesus who enlisted Paul to become a follower. When it seemed that Paul deserved nothing from God, indeed while he was still acting violently against God and God's church, God instead gave Paul grace. As he later wrote: *"For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace toward me did not prove in vain"* (1 Cor. 15:9-10).

This was a lesson Paul never forgot. "By grace we are saved" became his primary message to the world. No questions asked. No conditions laid down. No qualifications required. No strings attached. God loved him – even when he was an enemy – and by grace God saved him, brought him into the kingdom, and filled him with peace.

This grace and peace is yours and mine as well! God loves us, not because we are worthy of that love, not because we have earned it, not because we are loveable. God's love for us is a free gift. God loves us "warts and all" and calls us into the kingdom of grace and peace.

God's grace and peace are the very best gifts that God has to give to his people, and they are also the very best gifts that we have to share with the world. In a graceless world our message of love freely

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Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

See WOW for more weekly information on adult forum.



Prayer & Bible Study

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



Oregon Synod Assembly

April 29th ~ May 1, 2016

Valley River Inn, Eugene, Or



Scholarship Committee Update ... by Pete Kraack

Taylor Johnson



To date the scholarships total \$24,500. They include eleven students and six universities, the latest being Taylor Johnson at Whitman College in Walla Walla Washington. The last application Taylor had not picked a major, but was maintaining a 3.43 GPA. The committee is happy to help students from the church and proud to have Taylor representing Atonement Lutheran.



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given is one that is powerful and transforming. Know that you are a precious and beloved child of God. In Jesus Christ, God has poured out upon you the riches of his grace and peace. Take that good news to heart. Live in it. Trust in it. Let it transform your life. And then, share it, spread it around. "And the grace and peace of God which passes all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Amen.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News



Happening Soon...

- ◆ April 5th, is a statewide listening tour designed to hear from women and girls called "Listen to Her Oregon". This group wants to hear **what matters to women and girls in Newport**. This traveling event will stop in Newport, meeting at the Samaritan Center for Health Education, from 7:00-8:30pm. All are invited and encouraged to come and let your voice be heard!
- ◆ April 9th is the **Hatfield Marine Science Center Day Intergenerational event**. We attend the Marine Hatfield Science Center Day. Mark your calendar for April 9th from 10 to 4pm. Stay for an hour or all day, up to you! If you would rather not drive, sign up on the bulletin board. We can car-pool from church! Admission is FREE! No tickets required. Donations appreciated.

Are we suckers for instant gratification like when we are not feeling quite up to speed? Maybe we go to the store and buy something for ourselves? Maybe just go shopping for no particular reason? What if we are needing some relaxation, so we simply turn on the TV? Not recommended for happiness. So why not? Take a drive with me and just maybe feel better and find some real happiness of gratitude for others and yourself!

Better choice and better source of genuine gratification comes from helping someone or giving a gift to someone. We have so many opportunities to give a gift of ourselves to others. Sign up on the

fourth week every month on Monday or Thursday! Monday our help is needed at St. Stephen's Stone Soup beginning at 5:00pm. Thursday meet here at 5:30pm (or when you can) at Atonement to help Randy's Read and Feed.

Another great idea is to keep a positive attitude especially when something difficult comes up. "In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision", **Dalai Lama**. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me, **Jesus Christ!!**

These types of righteous choices help to create chemical changes in the blood called serotonin. Serotonin has long been known as a vital chemical in the body and is responsible for maintaining mood balance; between happy and sad or fearful and mad.

Pastor Ed told us in the last of 5 series, Making Connections-Jesus Fatwah, there are two houses we live in. One is the house of fear and the other is the house of love. In the beginning God gave us freedom to choose. We therefore make a choice for each and every decision we make.

If our bodies don't produce enough serotonin we can get sad even depressed. Sure drugs can be used to raise serotonin levels and so manipulate behavior. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord. Making good choices based on the house of our loving God raises the serotonin levels naturally and naturally you will feel better. God's #1 commandment is to love God with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul.

Rhonda Harman



WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson



This year, the Leader's Guide is included in the WELCA magazine, "Gather,".
Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 20th.

The goals for this 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!



Find the Good News and Praise It...



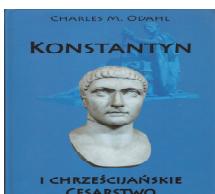
Dr. Charles Odahl

Dr Odahl moved to Boise, Idaho last October 2015. He is currently spending his time writing and teaching part-time at Boise State University. He is doing a presentation in Portland this month and will swing down to Newport to attend 2nd service and visit on Sunday April 17th.

He sent us the following update:

My Constantine book has been translated into Polish, and become a best seller over there. Philip Earl Steele, one of my former students, who grew up in Oregon, moved to Poland and became a medieval church historian, author, and TV personality with a best selling book on *The Conversion and Baptism of Mieszko I* (the barbarian Polish leader who converted to Christianity in A.D. 966, and led his people into the Catholic faith). He dedicated the book to me and cited my works many times.

The 1050th anniversary of the conversion of Poland is being marked with a number of festivities next month, including an hour long PolishTV1 special. Phil and a Polish television team came over to Boise last month and filmed a four part interview with me (Constantine's reign as Europe's first Christian ruler, modern interpretations about him, the political and cultural changes in Europe between the 4th and 10th centuries, and the similarities between Constantine and Mieszko) which will be featured in the TV special. It is nice to be a best selling author and TV personality in Poland! You can find a publicity release about this at:



Philip Earl Steele
(<http://news.boisestate.edu/update/tag/philip-earl-steele/>)



Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter

Easter

A time of bonnets, bunnies, brunches. Baskets of candy and hidden colored eggs.

These strange traditions, history tells us, have pagan roots; they can be traced to 13th century pre-Christian Germany, when people worshipped several gods and goddesses. One such figure was Eostra, the goddess of spring and fertility; feasts were held to honor her at the spring equinox. Her symbol is said to be the rabbit because of its rapid reproductive rate. Spring represented new life and rebirth. The stories and images mixed and changed with time. By the 17th century, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden appeared. German immigrants settling in Pennsylvania Dutch country are said to have brought these legends to America in the 1700s.

Today, an inner city church in Portland sends out large colored postcards with "CANDYLAND" screaming out in red and white lettering over a sugar cone dripping with chocolate. Smaller letters proclaim: "Easter Sunday. Kids' Party. Easter service for adults." Resurrection???

No wonder our children are confused and our national leaders seem deranged. The reality of Christ's wrongful execution and the meaning of His ultimate triumph have been lost among the marshmallows and mounds of cellophane grass.

As we ponder the recent Lenten, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter observations, we can retreat gratefully to the

Biblical texts. There, we can hear again the stories of the agony, the darkness, finally, the empty tomb. There, we can know and rejoice in Easter's true message: God was born with us. He suffered and died for us. He rose again to redeem us and to assure us of God's eternal love.

Resurrection means Christ lives among us, then, now and always. Resurrection means we have a new chance, every moment, to "love Him more dearly and serve him more nearly." Resurrection means rejoicing; embracing our neighbors, reaching out to the needy; cherishing each moment; and forgiving those who trespass against us.

Episcopal deacon Sara Miles describes it powerfully:

"I didn't believe in miracles. And yet I had begun to believe in healing. I saw that you could be changed, opened to experiencing your life differently, made more whole, even as your body was falling apart. That you could be healed from fear by touch, even when you remained sick.

"And I had begun to believe in resurrection. I didn't mean, by resurrection, having [my friend] stand up alive from the operating table.... Resurrection, to me, was mysterious and true in a way I could only glimpse for a second, before my mind refused to stretch that far. It passed, as the Bible said, human understanding. But I sensed it had to do with time, like the time [my dying friend] lay in my lap and we were both completely



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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Monthly Work Party



Mark your calendar and plan to join the Property Committee Work Party from 9-12 on the 3rd Monday of each month. It is a great time to get to know members as you work together to keep the church grounds picked up and our building clean.

Coffee, goodies and good fellowship are enjoyed by all that participate. If you have questions please talk to one of the members of the committee: Bob Olson, Pete Kraack, Dan Roumagoux, Shannon White, MaryLou Mate, Marian Brown, Randy Gilman.



Health Ministry Team ... by Terri Homer



We would like to remind you of a very special church event on Sunday April 17. Between 12:15 and 2:30, Ken Krenzler, the head chef at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport, will prepare some delicious and healthy finger foods for us to enjoy. In addition, he will speak to us about ways that we can prepare and select healthy food choices in our everyday lives. Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall right after our 11:00 service on April 17 to share in a delicious meal and learn more about the many healthy food choices we can make for our families and ourselves.



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

present and connected. It was about the eternity available in a fully lived instant.* Let us continue, this Easter season, to celebrate the gift of Resurrection, the promise it offers, and each of our instants of eternal life.

* Sara Miles, *Take This Bread*, Ballantine ed, Random House: 2007, p 231



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nat'l Autism Awareness	Stress Awareness Month 	National Poetry Month	Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention		12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Fish Tails	1 2
3 8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Ed Mtg	4 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	5 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	6 10:00pm PEO /CE Luncheon (FH) 4:00pm Confirmation	7 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 	8 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)	9 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) Hatfield Science Day Trip
10 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship Nat'l Siblings Day	11 Office Closed 10:00am Property 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study	12 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	13 4:00pm Confirmation 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	14 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG Mtg (FH) 	15 8-5:00pm OCQG Workshop (FH)	16 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
17 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm 50 th Anniversary Mtg 12:30pm Health Ministry Program	18 Office Closed 9-12:00pm Work Party 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study	19 WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	20 12:30pm WELCA 4:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Council	21 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	22 	23 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm))
24 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship	25 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	26 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	27 4:00pm Confirmation Administrative Professionals Day 	28 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read (FH)	29 	30 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)) 8-4pm Loyalty Day parade (FH & Parking Lot)





Worship Page

Worship

3 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

10 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

17 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

24 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Readers

Deb Christensen
Rhonda Harman

Carla Johnsen
Dan Elbert

Pete Kraack
Donna White

Dick Tyler
Terri Homer

Altar Guild

Alice McClellan
Marian Brown

MaryLou Mate
Bette Harmon

Marian Brown
Deb Christensen

Marian Brown
Bette Harmon

Musicians

Jerryann Olson
Jerryann Olson

Tami Johnson
Tami Johnson

Marian Brown
Marian Brown

Jerryann Olson
Jerryann Olson

Birthdays
to
Celebrate

Katheryn Lewallen	4/4	Bruce Mate	4/24
Barb Abshire	4/6	Sylvia Smith	4/25
John Baker	4/7	Darcy de la Rosa	4/27
Gene Hogan	4/9	Lucille Gibson	4/28
Herb Jennings	4/9	Bette Harmon	4/30
Megan Miller-	4/9		
Morgan			
JerryAnn Olson	4/9		
Dene Bateman	4/10		
Kathleen Knight	4/21		



9 Rudy & Darcy
de la Rosa



3 Marian Brown
(Erin's Birthday)

10 _____

17 Bruce & MaryLou
Mate (Bruce's
Birthday)

24 Shannon & Donna
White (Shannon Jr
Birthday)



OFFERING COUNTERS

3 Peggy Gillman &
Pete Kraack

10 Pete Kraack &
Bob Olson

17 Bob Olson &
Terri Homer

24 Terri Homer &
Dan Elbert

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 **Peanut Butter**.



Stone Soup ... April 25, 2016

We host the Stone Soup Kitchen at St. Stephens Church, for those who need a meal. If you are able to help, there will be a sign-up sheet on bulletin board in the Narthex (usually by 3rd week of the month).

Randy's Reed & Feed ... by Sally Jennings



Our next Randy's Feed & Read program will be held on *Thursday, April 28th*. Our program has an ongoing need for help on the day of the event. Randy's Feed & Read is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month during the school year. Help (starting at 3:30) preparing the food and doing set up is welcome. . We especially need volunteers to serve food and do kitchen clean up and dishes. Arrive by 5:45 and stay and help until 7:00. Our retired school teachers who have done all the prep and cooking need to get out of the kitchen and work with the children.

Samaritan House Nana's Irish Pub in Nye Beach will host Dine Out for Samaritan House Homeless Shelter Wednesday, April 6, 2016, donating 20% of the days proceeds to the homeless family Shelter.

Rose Davies, Volunteer, Samaritan House



Reminder...



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



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

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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



Intergenerational
Event ~ April 9th
10am to 4pm



Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Peanut
Butter