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## Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



## Offering Envelopes



for 2016 are in you mailboxes.

If you don't find envelopes and would like some, let Pastor Ed/Terri Homer know.

## Thank You for Helping Those In Need

... by Sally Jennings



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Your gifts of groceries, monetary donations and help putting together and delivering Thanksgiving Food Baskets are greatly appreciated. Once again this year, an anonymous donor provided 20 turkeys. Twenty families each received a big box of non-perishable food, plus fresh oranges, mini carrots, butter, dinner rolls, bread, a pie---all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner and then some.

We are "God's hands" when we feed the hungry. The generosity of the people of Atonement Lutheran Church made for a festive Thanksgiving for 20 local families. Thank you!

## A Message from Jan Hungerford



I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and support during Jim's illness and death. Your help was not only a comfort, but a source of strength for my family and me in this difficult time.

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 ~ November 2015

## General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members Offerings	\$176,035	\$160,852	\$167,152	\$162,350
Grants	\$4,894		\$1,334	
Room Rents	\$9,035	\$10,725	\$11,531	\$9,850
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$6,000	\$25,300	\$18,232	\$24,750
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$195,964</b>	<b>\$196,877</b>	<b>\$198,249</b>	<b>\$196,950</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Compensation	\$64,706	\$64,707	\$64,706	\$64,706
Pastoral Benefits	\$26,615	\$30,452	\$29,345	\$33,271
Pastoral Expenses	\$3,504	\$3,538	\$2,512	\$3,505
Staff Compensation	\$35,784	\$41,800	\$33,632	\$45,075
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$330	\$70	\$474
Staff Payroll Cost	\$5,354	\$6,416	\$4,366	\$6,050
Worship & Music	\$1,370	\$2,317	\$3,109	\$3,398
Education	\$321	\$1,375	\$694	\$1,353
Youth	-\$1,378	\$596	\$145	\$613
Outreach/Hospitality	\$889	\$1,448	\$887	\$1,813
Social Ministry	\$1,320	\$1,833	\$3,015	\$2,920
Stewardship	\$140	\$1,306	\$747	\$1,625
Health Ministry	-\$50	\$550	\$0	\$550
Parish Life	\$1,146	\$1,238	\$3,056	\$1,342
ELCA Mission Support	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$11,000	\$11,000
General/Administrative	\$9,687	\$10,540	\$10,758	\$9,356
Facility Expenses	\$19,475	\$22,650	\$22,728	\$22,630
Insurance	\$8,945	\$7,517	\$7,520	\$7,517
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$183,328</b>	<b>\$204,113</b>	<b>\$198,290</b>	<b>\$217,198</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>\$12,636</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,236</u></b>	<b><u>(\$41)</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,248</u></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>
Balance @ 10/30/15		\$73,437	\$27,826	\$22,013	\$9,700	\$13,898
November	\$271	\$271	\$103	\$81	\$36	\$51
Balance @ 11/30/15		\$73,708	\$27,929	\$22,094	\$9,736	\$13,949

## Capital Fund

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2015			\$44,997
INCOME	\$92,345		
EXPENSES		\$85,227	
<b>BALANCE @ 11/30/2015</b>			<b>\$52,115</b>





## From the Pastor . . .



Pastor  
Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

*"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you."* (Isaiah 60:1-2)

January ushers us into the Season of Epiphany, a word which means *manifestation, appearance, making known*. It is a season that celebrates the light that has come into the darkness of the world in the One born in Bethlehem. Matthew's story of the magi traveling to Bethlehem, guided by a star, is a story that encourages our use of the light metaphor when we think about Christ's effect on the world. The arrival of the magi at Jesus' home (Matthew 2:1-12) established the worldwide significance of the birth of this baby. Isaiah 60:1-6, the first reading for The Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday proclaims, *"Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."* Jesus fulfills this ancient promise. Though born in Judea, he is a treasure for the whole world and all its peoples.

The spotlight continues to shine on Jesus throughout the Epiphany season and the meaning of his life begins to unfold. At Jesus' baptism the spotlight is accompanied by a dove and a voice from heaven. Jesus is revealed to be the Son of

God who has come to be a servant king, one who has come to usher in God's reign of justice, mercy, and truth.

In the weeks that follow as we continue through the gospel readings of Epiphany, we notice that Jesus caused a stir wherever he went. At the wedding in Cana (Second Sunday after Epiphany), Jesus transformed water into fine wine and *"revealed his glory."* At the synagogue in Nazareth (Third Sunday after Epiphany), Jesus caused a stir by reading from the prophet Isaiah, a Messianic prophecy, and declaring that he is the fulfillment of those words. The stir becomes a storm of outrage when Jesus went on to tell those gathered that God's mission through him will extend to those regarded as outsiders, just as Isaiah had declared (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany).

The season concludes with The Transfiguration of our Lord when Jesus is "transfigured" on a mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. In that story, Jesus is not only in the spotlight, He becomes the spotlight as *"his face shown like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white."* Again, as at his baptism, a voice from heaven proclaims Jesus as God's beloved Son and the command is given, *"Listen to him."* Then Jesus went back down the mountain into the valley of Lent where, in just a short time, the

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## Adult Forum News . . . by Pastor Ed

"*In the Grip of Grace*," a study of Paul's letter to the churches in the Province of Galatia will continue be the focus of the adult forum in January. Paul's letter to the Galatians could easily be considered one of the most radical books in the New Testament. It shows Paul at his most youthful, least understated and most non-compromising. Outside of perhaps Romans, Martin Luther considered Galatians one of the most important books in his reforming work of the church. Join us as, with Luther, we discover that we are indeed in the grip of grace.

## Prayer & Bible Study

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



## Audio on Line

We have added audio recordings of our worship services on our website [www.atonementlutheran.com](http://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

## from the Pastor . . . ( continued from page 3 )

spotlight will be on a cross and a crucified Lord.

The biblical stories in the weeks of Epiphany keep pointing us back to the person whom the magi came to worship in Bethlehem. Jesus is at the center of attention; the spotlight keeps focusing on him and on his mission. All these events lead to, and begin to prepare us for, the main part of the drama: his death and resurrection.

Can we stay with the story as it unfolds? Can we focus all our energies as a congregation on proclaiming this Christ to the world? Week in and week out, it is Christ who is the center of our focus. He is our gift, our light, our leader, our teacher. Come and see what he provides. See where his light leads us into serving others as he served us. Come and gather around his Light!

*Pastor Ed Milliken*



**Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry**

## Family Ministry/Education News



Welcome 2016 as "The Year of Forgiveness" and remember grace always wins! Thank you Jesus Christ for your love, forgiveness and grace. God is with us always and in all ways. If only we have faith God will give us the Holy Spirit. Pray for peace. Be kind and love one another as you love yourself. Praise be to God and may God continue to shower us with blessings. Happy New Year one and all.

Reminder: The last photo session with Lifetouch Family Photography is January 7<sup>th</sup>. The list is full and it is posted on the bulletin board across the hall from our office area. I do have a waiting list so let me know if you would like to be on it. The last option is for you to send me a photo by email or on your USB flash drive by January 10, 2016.

People are telling me that portrait orders are being shipped! Yeah team! A hearty thank you to Kati, Debbie, Carla, Jerryann, Taylor, Marian and Marylou for helping to make this happen! Yeah team! I will be working on the activity pages soon.

There are also slips on the bulletin board to help you sign up for Fred Meyers Rewards. When you sign up your rewards number they will give the church an equal amount of \$\$ award you receive for shopping at FM.

Jaya Lapham is looking for volunteers to help DHS (Department of Health and Human Services) fill the gaps in service for and with Foster Care Families in our area

to encourage positive spiritual growth. One being of respite care for Foster Parents, similar to Mom's Day Out, like we used to do here. The second area of need is to provide funds for clothing (and/or clothing) contributions. Third is request for socialization type activities; like visiting the Aquarium. The activities could be any approved local activity, once per month.

There are a lot of Intergenerational Activities in planning stages for 2016. Movie Night, Souper Bowl of Caring, World Day of Prayer, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Maritime Museum, Kayaking, and of course our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Before you know it we will be playing this summer and BTBBQ time again! (Back to BBQ). Holden will not be open this year as was planned. There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board for Mt. Angel, date TBA depending on availability.

Peace Village has formed a solid steering committee and there will be an open meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm here at Atonement Lutheran Church. All are invited to come and share ideas and help with this beautiful and compassionate program to educate our kids as a Peace Village in a week long day 9-3 pm day camp. It takes a village you know.

Confirmation class is going well for our kids. Pastor Ed is leading and I am trying to be helpful. We are studying the Bible and Dan Erlander's Manna and Mercy; A brief history of God's unfolding promise to mend the entire universe.

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## **WELCA Meeting** ... by Jean Amundson

*T*his year, the Leader's Guide is included in the WELCA magazine, "Gather,".  
*Our next meeting is on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>.*

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!**



## **Health Ministry Team** ... by Susan Painter

*A*tonement's Health Ministry Team will sponsor a special presentation about Yoga after service on January 31, 2016. As usual, this fifth Sunday of the month will feature just one joint worship service.

Newport's Jeany Volk will demonstrate and encourage participation in simple forms of yoga, particularly chair yoga. Jeany has had over 30 years' experience in working in and teaching yoga and pilates. She will show us the benefits of yoga for mind, body and spirit.

Watch for more about this exciting program in the Words of the Week, and mark your calendars for this healthy program!



## **Family Ministry** ... (continue from page 5)

We are looking for more Sunday School Shepherds to share their personalities and gifts. Our special guests have brought lessons on forestry, birding, and astronomy for examples and then quickly becomes intergenerational when the word gets out. Please talk to me or Jerryann and give us your ideas and gifts.

Blessings, peace and grace,  
*Rhonda Harman*



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

### Why!



Why does a killer bring a gun to massacre 26 innocents in a school two weeks before Christmas?

Why does a couple abandon their infant, choosing to wreak death and destruction upon an office party?

Why do floods ravage whole cities in our holiday season of carols and good cheer?

Why does a landslide swallow a home, replacing peace and security with nightmares and fear?

The anticipation and the celebration of Christ's birth has just ended, but our memories are mixed in with images of these tragedies. How do we reconcile God's promises in the birth of His son with the realities of a broken world?

These disasters are as ancient as the world itself. Not long after God created the world, the floods came to destroy it. Cain and Abel replaced love with death. Wars, famine and futility mark the stories of the Old Testament.

Neither the ancient prophets nor the more modern ones today can offer a meaningful answer to the endless questions about why bad things happen to good people.

But now, as before, rainbows tossed across the sky remind us of God's grace and forgiveness and eternal love. The joy in recent baptism of our little ones reminds us of new life and of hope. We know that the Son who came to live among us on the first Christmas was born because of and in spite of the sin and sadness surrounding us all.

As we begin this new year, we find comfort in the "peace which passes all understanding" and the faith that God's love gives answers which we may not know.

Sara Miles, who travelled from atheism to Christian ministry in a food pantry writes after the death of a close friend,

"All of us go down to the dust... yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...Christianity wasn't an argument I could win, or even resolve. It wasn't a thesis. It was a mystery... I was loved by a big love. In the midst of suffering, of hunger, even of death. Alleluia. What was, finally, so hard about accepting that?" \*

\*Sara Miles, *Take This Bread*, Ballantine, p 274 (2007)



Mark your calendars for January 6, 2016 to ring in the new year at Mo's on Newport's bay front. Mo's will hosts Dine out for Samaritan House donating 20% of the days proceeds to the homeless family shelter.

A great way to ring in the holidays!

Rose Davies

Volunteer, Samaritan House



## 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 Jean Amundson



### Phillip Gulley's "Harmony" and "Hope" Novels

Our church library has some best-selling novels that should appeal to lots of people. Author Phillip Gulley is a Quaker minister, writer, husband, and father. The Harmony series is set in a small Indiana town named Harmony, where the main character, Sam Gardner, grew up, attended church, and came back to pastor with his wife and two sons. Several books later, the family moves to a different town called Hope.

The humor is sometimes subtle, sometimes laugh-out-loud, but the people in the stories are very human and real. (Gulley really knows how to exaggerate in a way that brings a chuckle along with recognition of our foibles.) Also, a consistent affirmation of love, compassion, and forgiveness runs through all the books. They aren't "heavy" reading but the messages are deep. Some insights into the Quaker faith and practices, both past and present-day, are also to be found in these novels.

The Harmony books are as follows: "Home to Harmony," "Just Shy of Harmony," "Christmas in Harmony," "Signs and Wonders," "A Change of Heart," "Almost Friends," and "Life Goes On."

The Hope novels (so far) are "A Place Called Hope" and "A Lesson in Hope."

Gulley has also co-authored some non-fiction books—"If Grace Is True" and "If God Is Love." They might be very good additions to our library as well!



**First Friday Lunch Bunch ...** Cancelled for January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day! Rescheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> Noon at FishTails.



# January 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>National Mentoring Month</b>	 <b>National Blood Donor Month</b>	<b>National Glaucoma Awareness</b>		 Happy New Year!	<b>1</b> <b>2</b> 7-5:00pm Wood Chopping...PUD (parking area) 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
<b>3</b> 8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Ed Mtg	<b>4</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life	<b>5</b> 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 4:00pm Confirmation	<b>7</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 8-800pm Photo Session (FH)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
<b>10</b> 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>11</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property	<b>12</b> 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	<b>13</b> 4:00pm Confirmation 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	<b>14</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
<b>17</b> 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mtg	<b>18</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) <b>Martin L King Day</b>	<b>19</b> <b>WAVES Deadline</b> 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 12:30pm WELCA 4:00pm Confirmation 8:00pm Council	<b>21</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)
<b>24</b> 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	<b>26</b> 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 4:00pm Confirmation	<b>28</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read (FH)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)
<b>31</b> 10:00am Worship		<b>National Book Month</b> 				



# Worship Page

## Worship

## Readers

## Altar Guild

## Musicians

3	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman Donna White	MaryLou Mate MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
10	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Dean Hill	Alice McCellan Bette Harmon	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
17	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Jim Ezzell	MaryLou Mate MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
24	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Pete Kraack	MaryLou Mate Lois Greenwood	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
31	10:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	Deb Christensen	Tami Johnson



Lester Day	1/1
Sylvia Pauly	1/1
Beverly Kraack	1/7
Dick Kilbride	1/8
Donald Lindly	1/11
Dan Elbert	1/11
Linda Goebel	1/13
Mary Lou Mate	1/13
Donna White	1/16
Donald Davis	1/17

Irene Shipley	1/19
Steve Nelson	1/23
Juliann Johnson	1/28
Sally Jennings	1/30



3 Michael & Penny Schultz

3	Dave & Donna Bowman
10	_____
17	_____
24	Mike & Raynette Rawles ( Brandye's Birthday)
31	_____

3	Peggy Gilman & Bob Olson
10	Bob Olson & Dan Elbert
17	Dan Elbert & Paul Amundson
24	Paul Amundson & Terri Homer
31	Terri Homer & Paul Stangeland

## Social Ministry Committee

### Food for Food Share Program ... by Terri McCulley

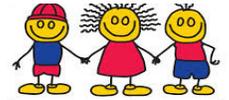


for all the support we have received for this program. Anything is welcome and helpful, but this month we will focus on **chili**.

### Stone Soup ... January 25<sup>th</sup>

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 Read & Feed ... by Sally Jennings



Atonement's Randy's Feed & Read program is solely funded through designated monetary donations from our church family. If you would like to help our ongoing program, please make your check out to Atonement Lutheran Church and designate "Randy's Feed & Read" on the memo line. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted throughout the year.

There is also an ongoing need for gently used children's books, juvenile fiction, young adult fiction and nonfiction. Children in our program take books home to read and keep every month. All hygiene item donations are much appreciated. We especially have an ongoing need for toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

Our next Randy's Feed & Read program will be held on Thursday, January 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. Participant families arrive at 5:30, and help is always needed doing crafts with the children before dinner. Dinner servers, dish washers and a clean up crew are always welcome. After dinner, there is the opportunity to read with individual children.



**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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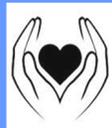


**Reaching Out with God's**

*Reminder...*



**Last Photo Session  
January 7th**



*Welcome  
to Our  
Church*

**Audio  
Worship Services  
& Calendar  
on website**



**Food Pantry**

**Fill our Food Barrel  
This Month: Chili**