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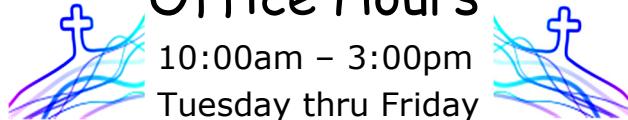
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We at Atonement Lutheran Church reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

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



Lenten Midweek Services Continue

Join us as we continue our midweek Lenten soup suppers and services. The theme for this year's services is "Journey of Stones". We gather in the Fellowship Hall for soup and bread at 6:00pm and then for worship at 7:00pm.

Holy Week/ Easter Schedule

Thursday, March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00pm

Friday, March 25 – Good Friday Service at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 26 – Easter Vigil Service – "This is the Night" with Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptism at 7:00pm

Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday Festival Services with Holy Communion at 8:00am and 11:00am

Easter Brunch will be served from 9:30-10:30am



Sanctuary Decorations ... by Marian Brown

Please help to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by providing an Easter Lily. Plants can be dropped by the church during Holy Week and can be taken back home following the 11am service on Easter Sunday.



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

General Fund

	<u>Current Year Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Previous Year Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$20,767	\$17,349	\$16,930	\$13,588
Grants	\$213	\$8	\$9	
Room Rents	\$755	\$760	\$755	\$975
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$21,735	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,300
Total Income	\$21,735	\$20,117	\$17,694	\$16,863
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$6,176	\$6,112	\$5,882	\$5,882
Pastoral Benefits	\$2,660	\$2,644	\$2,382	\$2,768
Pastoral Expenses	\$119	\$139	\$153	\$322
Staff Compensation	\$3,209	\$3,990	\$2,454	\$3,800
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30
Staff Payroll Cost	\$383	\$502	\$333	\$583
Worship & Music	\$0	\$156	\$0	\$354
Education	\$0	\$204	\$0	\$125
Youth	\$35	\$54	\$0	\$54
Outreach/Hospitality	\$119	\$128	\$119	\$132
Social Ministry	\$150	\$192	\$456	\$167
Stewardship	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$119
Health Ministry	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$50
Parish Life	\$276	\$407	\$198	\$113
ELCA Mission Support	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
General/Administrative	\$1,487	\$1,381	\$1,321	\$885
Facility Expenses	\$1,694	\$2,414	\$1,806	\$1,969
Insurance	\$753	\$800	\$705	\$683
Total Expense	\$17,561	\$19,747	\$15,809	\$18,536
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>\$4,174</u>	<u>\$370</u>	<u>\$1,885</u>	<u>(\$1,673)</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 @ 1/1/2016		\$45,034	\$27,474	\$21,734	\$9,578	\$13,722
January	(\$1,876)	(\$1,482)	(\$394)	(\$715)	(\$315)	(\$452)
Balance @ 1/31/2016		\$43,552	\$27,080	\$21,019	\$9,263	\$13,270

Capital Fund

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2016	-	-	\$52,172
INCOME	\$8,395		
EXPENSES		\$6,338	
BALANCE @ 1/31/2016			\$54,229



From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

Later this month our forty day Lenten journey will conclude as we move into the church's holiest season, Holy Week and Easter. The week of worship, prayer, and praise begins on Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion (March 20). On this day we hear the story of our Lord's Passion from the gospel of Luke and we are invited to ponder these holy events which stand at the very heart of our faith.

On Maundy Thursday (March 24) the focus is on Jesus' command that we love one another as he loves us. "Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made" (ELW 358). Loving as we have been loved. This is Jesus' command, the mandate (Latin - *mandatum*) for which Maundy Thursday is named. Our "Journey of Stones" theme will continue with the sermon, "Stones to Bread." We will recall that it was out of love for us that Jesus gave himself in bread and wine to feed and nourish our lives of faith.

Our "Journey of Stones" will conclude on Good Friday (March 25)

with the theme "The Final Stone."

We will revisit a portion of the passion story and remember that when Jesus died and was buried that a large stone was rolled across the entrance to his tomb sealing him off from those who loved him.

"This is the Night!" is the title of our Easter vigil service (March 26). This is *the* night, the night to be immersed in who we are as God's people. This night overflows with biblical images of a world redeemed by Christ and of God's saving activity throughout earthly time. We will celebrate the gifts of grace given to us by our God in Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

All of this finally culminates on Easter Sunday (March 27), the first of fifty days of celebration of God's victory over sin and death. "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" will be our joyful cry. "Christ is risen," these words are the foundation of our faith, the bedrock of our hope, and the glorious good news that we Easter people take out into the world.

Pastor Ed Milliken



First Friday Lunch Bunch... scheduled for March 4th is cancelled due to World Day of Prayer held at 1:00pm...United Methodist Church in Toledo.



Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

Our series entitled, "The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your Muslim Neighbor as Yourself" continues through the month of March. Topics are as follows:

- 3/6 "Islam in America: In which we introduce you to people who love America and pray towards Mecca."
- 3/13 "Making Connections, Part 1: In which Non-Muslims make a case."
- 3/20 "Making Connections, Part 2: In which Muslims have their say."
- 3/27 No adult forum – Easter Brunch

Prayer & Bible Study

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



Library Committee ... by Jim Lynn

Book Review: Thomas Moore, *The Re-enchantment of Everyday Life*

Jesus said, "Unless you become as a small child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

But how does one become a child again without being childish? As adults some of us are not at all enamored with the language of "fantasy"—magic, romanticizing the events of our lives, being full of imagination, trusting the good, treating a lot of life playfully, savoring delight and beauty—basically choosing a rational, logical understanding of "reality" over a child's perspective and, if you will, naïveté.

Thomas Moore invites us into the ethereal dimension of life, and his book serves as a wonderful tour guide to a world ignored only at our peril of losing a sense of joy, wonder, authentic love, and a renewed sense of creativity.

Moore is widely known for his best seller, *Care of the Soul*, but didn't stop there, having published at least 15 more books, fiction and non-fiction. He has been cultivating soul in many ways, having been a Catholic monk, a music composer and artist, a university professor, a psychotherapist, a Buddhist philosopher, a counselor, and one well versed in ancient mythology, especially Greek and Roman. Moore often works with his wife, an artist and yoga instructor.

Essentially, our author is suggesting that re-enchanting the small daily matters and episodes in our lives is a pathway to new life in the spirit.

The Carleton Olsen Library has this and other volumes written by Thomas Moore that may be calling to you.





Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News



Are you feeling Lentish? Tired of the rock; sin, shame, guilt or not? Easter is coming! Hoorah for Jesus, our Lord and Savior. As we study the Bible, the word of the Lord, I am still amazed by God's patience with our humanity. Looking back our Creator has had us by the throat many, many times and yet continues to save our broken selves with His amazing grace. Let each of us find someone to bring on Easter and let them know the love of God and grace of God as our best friend, creator, father, and mother. The Lord and the peace of Christ be with you all.

- ♦ The next Community Peace Village Meeting will be in Fellowship Hall, Monday, March 21st at 7pm. PV is a multicultural, multiracial and interfaith day camp. We have been participating in PV in place of vacation bible school. It takes a village, so please come and listen to the program and see what you think. Opportunities galore from 1 hour to all week. Questions, please talk to me!!
- ♦ We will have our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. We are asking for wrapped candy to stuff the

Easter Eggs. The children will run and laugh and hunt them down, rain or shine! We are hoping for all our kids to participate and as you know we expect lots of visitors on this grand day! You may leave your contributions on the round tables and we will put them away for the big day.

- ♦ Friday, March 4th Christians from 170 countries from around the world will gather and celebrate together. This years' service was created by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba. The theme this year is "Receive Children, Receive Me". In this area we will gather at Trinity United Methodist Church in Toledo at 1 pm. The address is 383 NE Beech Street quite near JC Market in Toledo.
- ♦ March 8th is International Women's Day. We celebrate with the ELCA because we know that the "work toward gender equality still remains." If you would like to contribute the fund will be matched up to \$100,000. Let us boldly invest in the education and the future of women. There is a link on www.internationalwomensday.com.

Blessings, peace and grace,

Rhonda Harman



Souper Bowl Kettle

Great News! Contributions for the Newport Food Pantry, collected Sunday February 7th, totaled \$400.00. Thank You All !!!



WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson



This year, the Leader's Guide is included in the WELCA magazine, "Gather,".
Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 16th.

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 Terri Homer



Greetings and Blessings from your Health Ministry Team!

We would like to make you aware of two exciting events we are planning this spring. On Sunday April 17th right after our 11:00 a.m. service we have invited Ken Krenzler, the head chef at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport, to give a presentation in our kitchen and fellowship hall on Healthy Eating and Cooking. As some of you may know, the menu at the hospital offers many delicious and healthy options as a result of Ken's creative efforts. We'll give you more details about the specifics of the presentation as the date approaches so please keep your eyes and ears open and your stomach ready for a delightful afternoon.

We also wanted to let you know that we are in the process of arranging a CPR/AED class at Atonement presented by the Red Cross on a Saturday in June. More details about this as we get the specific date set.

In addition, we are thrilled to announce that Lynn Moody, RN is back as an active member of our team. Terri Homer and Lynn Moody will be alternating the 'Blood Pressure Check' Sundays, which are usually held on the first Sunday of each month after the early and the late worship service. A reminder of the date can be found in the Words of the Week. Please come and see us!

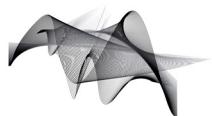
One more item we wanted to mention to all of you. Remember that if you are not feeling well while you are in church (light headed or dizzy, palpitations or chest pain, stomach pain, severe headache or anything else out of the ordinary), please let someone in the congregation know right away so that we can help. We are blessed to have several health professionals among us. At least one of us will be present to attend to you. Do not hesitate to speak up, please.

Wishing you all good health!





Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter



Dying

"I don't want to achieve immortality through my work," Woody Allen once claimed, I want to achieve it through not dying."

The Lenten season is all about dying. Jesus' crucified figure is on our right as we enter the sanctuary. We remember Christ's journey to the cross every Wednesday evening as we make our own way, carrying stones, to the altar.

On Valentine's Day, the *New York Times* book review section was curiously titled "Love and Death." It featured a review of five books exploring our mortality, and the piece was titled, "Life is for the Dying."

Death both fascinates and terrifies us. Books about the end of life and the process of dying rank on the best-seller lists for months, yet we have trouble saying the word itself. As Pastor Ed noted in a recent memorial service, we don't like to "tell it like it is." Instead, we say, "He graduated." "She passed on." "He went into the arms of his Savior." "She crossed the rainbow in the sky." We console ourselves by assurances that our departed member is "in a better place" after "a courageous battle" against disease [is there ever a cowardly battle?]

Our inability to accept our inevitable death also provides an artificial smugness. Tolstoy wrote in his story about the death of Ivan Ilych, "The very fact of the death of someone close to them aroused in all who heard about it, as always, a feeling of delight that he had

died and they hadn't." Writing about the death of Episcopal Bishop William Pike, Stringfellow and Towne are more cynical:

"One of the incidental indignities which the dead must suffer is the condescension of their survivors. Especially at wakes and burials and requiems, the living assume a superiority toward the dead. It is not just that they pontificate; the survivors tend to talk as if they are immortal and have *that* eminent perspective upon life which, obviously, the dead never attained, as proved by their very deadness...It is an odd circumstance, since the dead manifestly have the certain wisdom that there is no immortality."

In *Being Mortal* [a book in our library which Carol Baker gently reviewed for us a few months ago], surgeon Atul Gawande points out,

"Death, of course, is not a failure. Death is normal. Death may be the enemy, but it is also the natural order of things....

"There's no escaping the tragedy of life, which is that we are all aging from the day we are born."

Gawande compares Western medicine's response to aging with that of his grandfather, who maintained until death his orderly, family way of life on his farm near Mumbai. Rather than being moved to a "retirement community" away from all that was family and familiar, he continued as the focus of those around him. They asked his advice and provided help for

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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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Chowder Bowl at Nye Beach will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, March 2, 2016, generously contributing **50%** of the days proceeds to the homeless family shelter.

Rose Davies, Volunteer, Samaritan House



Thank You!



Thank You!

To all the wonderful people of Atonement Lutheran Church. I can't even put into words how grateful I am to all of you. Your generosity and caring are above and beyond. Starting the week, with all of you on Sunday, makes it easier for me. My plans are not sealed in cement as yet, but in the meantime, I'll keep bugging Tami.

Blessing in Christ to all of you, Corinne Johnson & Family



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

him when needed. There were no "anguished debates" about what to do with him.

Our Health Ministry Team will be offering a seminar in a few months about how we age and how we make "end of life" decisions. As we ponder the inevitability of death this season, however, we might take this Lent to be sensitive to among us who are frail, infirm, and aging.

We might offer food, companionship, a phone call or a card to someone who could use a simple gesture of community. We might pray, of course, for strength and dignity as we age. And we might recall that Christ was sent to live among us, preach and perish so we, too, may have eternal life.

It is a weighty concept. But hopefully the lessons of Christ's life will enable us more easily to face our own final journey.

¹The Death and Life of Bishop Pike, William Stringfellow & Anthony Towne, Doubleday: 1976, p 432

²Being Mortal, Atul Gawande, Holt & Co: 2014, p 8



March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's History Month 		2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	1 4:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service	2 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	3 1:00pm World Day of Prayer United Methodist Church	4 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
6 8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Ed Mtg	7 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	8 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 7:30pm Chancel	9 4:00pm Confirmation 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT 6:00pm Soup/Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service	10 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	11 8-5:00pm OCQG Workshop (FH)	12 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) World Kidney Day <u>Set Your Clock Ahead</u>
13 Day Light Savings Time 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship	14 Office Closed 10:00am Property 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study	15 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	16 12:30pm WELCA 4:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service 8:00pm Council	17 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails St Patrick's Day	18 	19 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
20 Palm Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm 50th Anniversary Mtg	21 Office Closed 9-12:00pm Work Party 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study	22 WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	23	24 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	25 7:00pm Good Friday Service	26 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm) 7:00pm Easter Vigil Service
27 Easter 8:00am Worship 9:30am Easter Brunch 11:00am Worship	28 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens 6:00pm Peace Village	29 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	30 4:00pm Confirmation	31 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read (FH)	Eye Wellness Month	National Nutrition Month





Worship Page

Worship

6	8:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
13	8:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
20	8:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
27	8:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.

Readers

Rhonda Harman
Shannon White
Donna White
Dan Elbert
Deb Christensen
Donna White
Rhonda Harman
Terri Homer

Altar Guild

MaryLou Mate
Marian Brown
Marian Brown
Bette Harmon
MaryLou Mate
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Marian Brown

Musicians

Tami Johnson
Tami Johnson
Jerryann Olson
Jerryann Olson
Tami Johnson
Tami Johnson
Marian Brown
Marian Brown



Sara Black	3/3	Vo Newell	3/2
Ed Milliken	3/5	Tecia Ezzell	3/29
Jaya Lapham	3/7	Nicole Goebel	3/29
Terri McCulley	3/8		
Renee Andrews	3/10		
Carol Duvall	3/14		
Ruth Zagel	3/15		
Rhonda Harman	3/20		
Michelle Johnson	3/22	5 Pete & Beverly Kraack	



6 Donna White

13 _____

20 _____

27 Congregation-Easter Lilies



- 6 Paul Stangeland& Pete Kraack
- 13 Pete Kraack & Peggy Gilman
- 20 Peggy Gilman & Bob Olson
- 27 Bob Olson & Dan Elbert

Social Ministry Committee

Food for Food Share Program ... by Terri McCulley



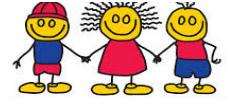
for all the support we have received for this program. Anything is welcome and helpful, but this month we will focus on **Cereals**.



Stone Soup ... March 28, 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, March 31st*. 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.

Please consider helping out with Randy's Feed & Read.

Donations Needed for Easter Food Baskets ... Sally Jennings



On Good Friday, volunteers from our church family will be assembling and delivering Easter Food Baskets to families who participate in our Randy's Feed & Read program, and those who live at Samaritan House. Our goal is to provide the makings of an Easter dinner, plus some extras, for each family. In order to reach out to those most in need, we need your help. Grocery bags and shopping lists are on the tables in the Narthex. Please donate instant mashed potatoes, applesauce, apple juice, canned green beans and corn, canned fruit, jello and Ranch salad dressing. Please put your purchases in the Easter Food Baskets tub in the Narthex by Thursday, March 24th. Cash donations are needed to buy ham rolls, eggs, butter, fresh vegetables and fresh fruit for the food baskets. Please make your check payable to Atonement Lutheran Church and designate "Easter Food Baskets" on the memo line. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join in filling and delivering Easter Food Baskets on Good Friday, March 25th. We will meet at church at 1:00. Folks able to carry and deliver these heavy boxes are especially needed at 1:45. Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your help and generosity. God's work, our hands.

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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



Daylight Savings
Time begins
March 13, 2016



Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Cereals