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Atonement Lutheran Church

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## Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



## Advent and Christmas Schedules

- ◆ Wednesday Midweek Advent Services with Holden Evening Prayer on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. and 11:00p.m.  
*Note: Sunday morning worship on Dec. 24 will be at 10:00a.m.*
- ◆ A Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00a.m.

## Gather 'Round the Christmas Tree

December 10th by Jean Amundson



Join the tree-trimming/decorating brigade on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15am, between the two services!

There will be fun tasks and cookies for all ages (especially if everyone brings one or two dozen cookies to share). Cookies can be dropped off at the church office anytime in early December.

Shannon White and his crew will put up the tree on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>—let him know if you'd like to join the crew.



Also, donations of poinsettias will be greatly appreciated and will help make the Christmas services even more beautiful. Bring your poinsettia(s) before December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all!

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 ~ October 2017

General Fund	Current Year		Previous Year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members Offerings	\$158,019	\$154,213	\$158,800	\$162,485
Grants	\$2,085	\$4,722	\$4,503	\$3,548
Room Rents	\$7,214	\$7,635	\$6,655	\$7,886
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$10,022	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$20,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$177,340</b>	<b>\$186,570</b>	<b>\$181,958</b>	<b>\$193,919</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Compensation	\$61,765	\$61,782	\$61,765	\$61,115
Pastoral Benefits	\$25,489	\$27,833	\$27,130	\$26,444
Pastoral Expenses	\$2,065	\$2,945	\$2,122	\$2,517
Staff Compensation	\$22,821	\$25,849	\$31,995	\$39,900
Staff Payroll Cost	\$3,184	\$5,734	\$4,899	\$6,682
Worship & Music	\$1,813	\$4,486	\$3,096	\$2,543
Education	\$376	\$950	\$1,117	\$2,042
Youth	-\$83	\$177	\$35	\$542
Outreach/Hospitality	\$925	\$1,223	\$801	\$1,275
Social Ministry	\$1,500	\$1,917	\$1,596	\$1,917
Stewardship	\$0	\$911	\$178	\$750
Health Ministry	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500
Parish Life	\$437	\$1,442	\$921	\$4,067
ELCA Mission Support	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
General/Administrative	\$8,681	\$10,022	\$8,976	\$9,615
Facility Expenses	\$25,971	\$27,320	\$22,053	\$24,138
Insurance	\$7,507	\$8,333	\$7,981	\$8,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$167,451</b>	<b>\$186,424</b>	<b>\$179,665</b>	<b>\$197,047</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$9,889</b>	<b>\$146</b>	<b>\$2,293</b>	<b>(\$3,128)</b>

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 9/30/2017		\$84,945	\$33,427	\$25,948	\$9,190	\$16,380
October	\$1,192	\$1,192	\$469	\$364	\$129	\$230
<b>Balance @ 10/31/2017</b>		<b>\$86,137</b>	<b>\$33,896</b>	<b>\$26,312</b>	<b>\$9,319</b>	<b>\$16,610</b>

<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2017</b>	-	-	\$61,871
	<b>INCOME</b>	\$93,391		
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		\$74,062	
	<b>BALANCE @ 10/31/2017</b>			<b>\$81,200</b>



## Prayer & Bible Study

Please join us on Mondays each week for prayer /meditation and bible study. 5:30-7:00pm in Narthex. You are welcome to join us.



## From the Pastor ...

Pastor Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

The month of December finds us in the season of Advent with its famous "stirrup" prayers. "Stir up your power, O Lord, and come," is our constant prayer throughout this season of hopefulness, watchfulness, and preparation. Advent came from the Latin word "adventus," a translation of the Greek word "parousia," which means "coming." Advent is an invitation to celebrate both our hopeful anticipation of the second coming of Christ, as well as our commemoration of the Messiah's first advent, announced to the shepherds in the hills above Bethlehem.

All of the readings of Advent emphasize the shape faith should take as Christians wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, the readings are a list of "best practices" for a waiting church. *Keep awake. Be enriched and strengthened. Lead lives of holiness. Wait patiently. Be at peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. Repent. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks. Test everything. Abstain from evil. Give glory to God. Do not be afraid.*

Our preparations, prayers, and hopes are fulfilled by our God and we come together to celebrate our Lord's arrival in Bethlehem in our Christmas celebrations. On Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have two candlelight services at 7:00p.m. and 11:00p.m. Both of these service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, our celebration continues with a service of Lessons and Carols at 10:00a.m.

Join us as we prepare our hearts, our homes, and our lives to welcome anew our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
ALL OF YOU A VERY  
BLESSED CHRISTMAS FILLED  
WITH LOVE AND PEACE, AND  
A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH  
GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS  
PASTOR ED AND LUCY**



Lucy and I would like to thank everyone for the gifts and words of support, appreciation, and love for *Pastor's Appreciation Day*.

We love you all!



## Adult Forum News ... Reformation Roots by Pastor Ed

The adult forum series, Reformation Roots, concludes in December. This series brings to life the stories and struggles that still impact us today. December topics are:

- December 3 – Session 11: The English Reformation: The Political Reformation
- December 10 – No Adult Forum – Christmas Tree Decorating
- December 17 – Session 12: The Catholic Reformation: Reaction and Renewal
- No Adult Forum on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31



## Concert Notes... by Rick Letherer

Our Sunday November 12, 2017 Reformation concert was a success in numerous ways. Many people enjoyed the music. The Reformation numbers sung in German were musically complex and/or beautiful and the English pieces were fun and stirring. The soprano section, starring our own Terri Homer, and the rest of the choir provided a glimpse of the music of Martin Luther composed by J.S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, all Germans. For me, it was beyond gratifying to share my music in my own church with our Newport community. Thank you for this treasured memory and opportunity.

We accomplished two other important goals simultaneously: We established our participation in an ecumenical outreach by inviting a different denomination from a different town to share music at Atonement. And we provided a community open door experience as evangelists for our musical mission.

Several of you know that my wife and I joined Atonement because of the congregation's commitment to and love of music. The Reformation concert was a shining example of that commitment. We

opened our church and our hearts to share our love of music with the coastal community.

While I won't name individuals, for fear I forget someone, many people helped with the preparation, food, coordination, advertising, and cleanup. You are all heroes responsible for the success of an event of this magnitude. It takes a village to do this; there are great hearts in our congregation. Several members of the choir complimented our church and asked to do this again. They felt very comfortable and welcomed. Good job Atonement saints!



Report on Free Will Offering:  
49 pounds of can goods and \$244.00 will be given to the Newport Food Pantry.

Yours in Christ



## Martin & Katie ... by Rick Letherer

This will be my last Reformation themed article, at least for a while. As we conclude the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Protestant reformation this year, it would be remiss not to acknowledge the many contributions, behind the scenes, and out of the spotlight of Katharina von Bora, Martin Luther's wife.

Martin Luther sang Katie's praises numerous times in his writings. He would have embraced the saying "behind every good man is a good woman". Although, in his case, Katie may have been either beside him or in front! Katie **completely** managed the Luther house. This was no small task since meals included their children and often a dozen or more tutors, students, exiled clergy, and visitors who would come to hear Martin espouse his scriptural interpretations. I don't think they ever turned away a guest. She did all the cooking, housework, managed the children, financial transactions, and was purported to brew great beer. She managed their family garden. They had six children of their own and helped raise eight more orphaned nieces and nephews. Martin has a long history of protracted illness that likely took much of her time in nursing his home health care. His outspoken religious views caused her worry that his enemies might kill Martin for his beliefs. To describe Katie as a hard worker is a grossly inadequate depiction of her multiple, burdensome daily duties. She lived a hard life.

Because Katie was a nun who left her convent without permission, and because she married a Priest (both acts were unconventional and even blasphemous in their time) she was likely to have been a social outcast scorned by her present day society. Yet her perseverance in the face of adversity made the Luther household highly organized and allowed Martin the time he needed to write and preach. Martin Luther never received a penny from printers for his many manuscripts. He felt financial remuneration would jeopardize his religious integrity. But because Katie was such a good financial manager of their incomes from student room and board and stipends from Frederick the wise, the Luther household was quitewell off when Martin died.

In many ways Katie was the first powerful example of women's liberation. Even though she was likely socially ostracized, she rose to the task of being a highly organized household manager, wife and mother, not necessarily in that order. Her love for and support for Martin was a subject he often wrote about; and he loved her back. Martin described Katie as his "Lord". He said about his wife: "There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion, or company than a good marriage."

Katie may not have been the leader of the reformation, but she was a vital component of its fruition!



## Infant Formula/Diaper Program ... by Denise Guild & Debra Rayne

Monetary donations towards the purchase of infant formula/Diapers are always welcome. Checks should be made out to Atonement Lutheran Church with "Infant Formula/Diapers" indicated on the memo line. Thank You!

## Library Committee . . . by Anne Stangeland



The church library is there for all to use, but please—

- ◆ 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.



## WELCA News . . . by Jean Amundson



### Christmas Luncheon and Nutcracker Display. December 20<sup>th</sup>

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA—and if you're a woman who attends Atonement, that means you!) will have a salad potluck on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30. Please come, bringing a salad of any type if you can, and be prepared to have a wonderful time.

Pastor Ed will present a short study/devotion from the "Gather" magazine, and we'll have a special display of a few of Dee Waldo's extensive collection of nutcrackers.

Nutcrackers have been around since the 1700's or earlier. They were probably carved during the long winter nights and used to crack the nuts gathered and harvested that fall. Many early nutcrackers were fashioned as stern authority figures such as kings and generals.

In the early 1800's, nutcrackers were popular in German fairy tales. In these stories, they had magical powers for doing good. Today, a nutcracker's calming, upright presence may bring a bit of that "magic" to the season.

In any case, we hope to see you on December 20<sup>th</sup>. No chance to make anything? Come anyway, there's always lots to share!



Georgie's Beachside Grill will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, December 6, 2017, donating 15% of the days proceeds. Enjoy lunch or dinner at Georgie's during your holiday season and help support Lincoln County's homeless families.

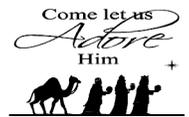
Thanks for your continued support.

Rose Davies, Volunteer  
Samaritan House





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



### 'Tis the Season

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," the tin-sounding song bleated, way too loudly. But, it **wasn't**. It was 85 degrees and sunny, and the palm trees [imported from somewhere] swayed in the light Hawaiian breeze. The tune was blasted into our ears from the local all-purpose provisions store near the place I had gone for a meeting [and a few days of vacation] on the Big Island. Halloween was just a few weeks before, and Thanksgiving was on the horizon.

Most emphatically, it did not look – or feel – like "Christmas."

The song exalts "candy canes and silver lanes..." "toys in every store." The recording's *real* message is: "Buy. Shop. Spend." The frantic signal is that there are "**only**" a finite set of days before the celebration of all things commercial. The exultation is of reckless spending. The warning is that the night of reckoning and wrapping is upon us.

The media's message became even more bizarre when I returned to "the Mainland" to hear that a state auditor in Alabama, desperately trying to justify the pedophilia of a local politician, declared that Mary was a teenager and Joseph was an adult, and, somehow, that made child abuse acceptable.

But as we enter this holy season, let us remember the faith of this teenage Mary.

She received an unbelievable, terrifying message from an angel. Instead of running or resisting, she *trusted* that God had chosen her. Mary reminds us that God favors us and seeks out each one of us.

Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber says, "If the way God seems to favor prostitutes and tax collectors and adulterous kings over the smug, righteous and powerful is any indication...[we can] assume that it is God's nature to look upon young peasant girls with favor....Mary is what it looks like to believe that we already are who God says we are." \*

We have a chance during this Holy season to walk quietly with God and to acknowledge we are who God says we are – not because of what we have done, but because of what He has done. We can leave the clutter and chaos of our commercial culture by joining in shared worship.

We come together on Sundays to light Advent candles with their promise of the Savior who chooses each of us. We come together on Wednesday nights to share the quiet Evening Prayer, a peaceful liturgy Marty Haugen wrote at Holden Village more than thirty years ago.

Let us walk together into the *real* spirit of Christmas.

\* *Accidental Saints*: Convergent Books, p 70



**2018 Flower Chart Signup...** birthdays, anniversaries and special events.



## Property Committee ... by MaryLou Mate

**Room Rental:** Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are available for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term (weekly or monthly) if needed. Please, check with our office for available dates and time.

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## Blood Pressure ... Terri McCulley



Terri McCulley will be doing BP checks between services(9am—10:30am) on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. So stay after the first service and get your blood pressure checked or come early and get it checked before the second service. She will not be around after second service.



## Piggy Bank ... by Rhonda Harman



**W**e CAN make a difference in the world. We are called to serve the "least of these" and so we shall. Just in case someone hasn't noticed we have an opportunity to support ELCA Good Gifts with our Pink Pig. Bring your change and/or bills to feed the pig, on Sundays. Our children love to help you! Your gifts will jump start a family with this unique opportunity to start a family farm.

The pastor of the village will select a family and gift them with farm animals from chickens to an entire family farm. For example, one chicken (\$10) and one rooster(\$15), eggs will happen and feed the family. Extra eggs will grow chickens and roosters and hopefully become a farm! The children will have water, food and a chance for education. 90% of the money Good Gifts receives goes directly to the programmatic work! We can help change the lives and cycles of villages from starvation and illness. Your gifts keep on giving. Thank you for your generosity.



## To Our Atonement Family ... by Lois Greenwood



**T**he sudden death of our son Paul on October 28<sup>th</sup> was an incredible shock to us and to his brother Jeffrey and sister Elizabeth. We know he is with our Lord, but we miss him very much.

We have been greatly comforted by the memorial service given by Pastor Ed, and by the many, many prayers, kind words, cards, warm hugs, and prayer shawls.

We can only say thank you, thank you and thank you to you all.

Yours in Christ,



# December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>Nat'l Drunk &amp; Drugged Driving Prevention Month</b></p>		<p><b>Safe Toys and Gifts Month</b></p>		<p>12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Nana's Irish Pub</p>	<p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-10:30am Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p><b>Santa's List Day</b></p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>St Nicholas Day</b></p> <p>7:00pm Advent Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig N Pancake</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:15am Christmas Tree Decorating 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship/ Music Mtg <b>Human Rights Day</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9:30am Property</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT 7:00pm Advent Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig N Pancake 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>National Chocolate Covered anything day</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>WAVES Deadline</b></p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Advent Service 7:30pm Council</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig N Pancake</p> <p><b>Humbug Day</b></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>10:00am Worship 7:00pm Christmas Service 11:00pm Christmas Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig N Pancake</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)</p>
<p>31</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p>		<p><b>Make it in America Month</b></p>		<p><b>Hi Neighbor Month</b></p>		



# Worship Page

## Worship

## Readers

## Altar Guild

## Musicians

3	8:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mike Rawles Dean Hill	Peggy Gilman Bette Harmon	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
10	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sabine Moresco Susan Painter	MaryLou Mate Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown
17	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mike Rawles Lily Phelps	Marian Brown Janice Delameter	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
24	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Joe Baumgarten _____ Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate MaryLou Mate Marian Brown	Marian Brown Tami Johnson Marian Brown
31	10:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman	Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson



Marilyn Day	12/2
Taylor Johnson	12/4
Shannon White	12/9
Susan Painter	12/11
Michael Banks	12/12
Tracy Goudy	12/12
Meredith Mann	12/25



26 Tom & Jean  
Hamilton



3	Janice Delameter
10	Terri McCully
17	Deb Christenson (Sister Karen/4th Angel Birthday)
24	Poinsettias
31	Poinsettias



3	Pete Kraack & Bob Olson
10	Bob Olson & John Stern
17	John Stern & Bette Harmon
26	Bette Harmon & Peggy Gilman
31	Peggy Gilman & Paul Amundson

## Social Ministry

### 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: **Stews and Soups**



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



There will be no Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out events in December, due to the holidays. Our next Feed & Read will be on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are always happy to accept donations of gently worn, clean clothing for babies, toddlers and children, as well as new hygiene items. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are especially needed. We send books home with families every month, so donations of children's books and juvenile chapter books are an ongoing need.

Randy's Feed & Read is totally funded by the donations of individuals. If you would like to donate funds, please make your check out to Atonement Lutheran Church and write "Randy's Feed & Read" on the memo line.

### Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings



Team Atonement will not be serving Stone Soup on Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>. The next Stone Soup will be on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church.

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets Much Appreciated ... by Sally Jennings



There were a lot of happy faces this Thanksgiving, thanks to the generosity of the people of Atonement Lutheran Church. We were able to provide 15 local families with an abundance of food, thanks to your food, monetary and volunteer time donations. We received all of the turkeys from a generous anonymous donor. We added dinner rolls, a loaf of bread, butter, mini carrots, salad box, salad cuke, grape tomatoes, pumpkin pie, spray whipped cream, and clementine oranges to your food donations.

The food we provided helped families have enough to eat through the Thanksgiving weekend. Special thanks to the great crew who once again made shopping for, assembling and delivering the boxes of food an enjoyable experience.

*God's work, our hands.*

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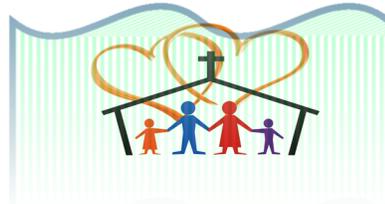


## Reaching Out with God's

### *Reminder...*



**Audio Worship  
Services &  
Calendar on website**



**Food Pantry**

**Fill our Food Barrel  
This Month: Stews &  
Soups**