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Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday



Offering Envelopes



for 2017 are in you mailboxes. As the envelopes will have new numbers for each member, we request that you do not use 2016 envelopes for 2017 offerings. Please, destroy or put in blue recycle waste baskets at the church or in your home.

If you don't find envelopes and would like some, let Pastor Ed/Terri Homer know. For your information and tax records, Terri sends out quarterly statements of your offerings.

Thank you 

Intergenerational Movie Afternoon

...Education Committee



January 8th, following 2nd service, Atonement Lutheran's Education Committee will be hosting an afternoon of soup, sandwiches, and great company while watching Zootopia. This award-winning, cute, animated movie contains a very important lesson that is relevant to our country today.

The film was praised for its animation, voice cast, humor, and themes about discrimination and social stereotypes. It opened to record-breaking box office success in several countries and has earned a worldwide gross of over \$1 billion, making it the **third highest-grossing film of 2016** and the **25th highest-grossing film of all time**. The film received the **Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Animated Feature**.

Hope to see all of you there!

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 2016

General Fund	Current Year		Previous Year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$174,274	\$179,512	\$176,035	\$160,852
Grants	\$4,768	\$3,995	\$4,894	\$0
Room Rents	\$7,465	\$9,093	\$9,035	\$10,725
Capital Fund Transfer	\$12,000	\$22,000	\$6,000	\$25,300
Total Income	\$198,507	\$214,600	\$204,746	\$196,877
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$67,942	\$67,226	\$64,706	\$64,707
Pastoral Benefits	\$29,843	\$29,088	\$26,616	\$30,453
Pastoral Expenses	\$2,318	\$3,182	\$3,504	\$3,538
Staff Compensation	\$34,577	\$43,890	\$35,784	\$41,800
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$330
Staff Payroll Cost	\$5,129	\$7,183	\$5,354	\$6,417
Worship & Music	\$3,345	\$2,700	\$1,370	\$2,317
Education	\$1,404	\$2,246	\$321	\$1,375
Youth	\$35	\$596	-\$1,378	\$596
Outreach/Hospitality	\$891	\$1,403	\$889	\$1,448
Social Ministry	\$1,650	\$2,108	\$1,320	\$1,833
Stewardship	\$366	\$825	\$140	\$1,306
Health Ministry	\$0	\$550	-\$50	\$550
Parish Life	\$921	\$4,473	\$1,146	\$1,237
ELCA Mission Support	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
General/Administrative	\$10,166	\$10,512	\$9,687	\$10,540
Facility Expenses	\$23,594	\$26,551	\$19,474	\$22,650
Insurance	\$8,787	\$8,800	\$8,945	\$7,516
Total Expense	\$196,468	\$216,833	\$18,328	\$204,113
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>\$2,039</u>	<u>(\$2,233)</u>	<u>\$21,418</u>	<u>(\$7,236)</u>

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 10/31/2016		\$74,894	\$29,341	\$22,774	\$8,401	\$14,378
August	\$447	\$447	\$175	\$136	\$50	\$86
Balance @ 11/30/2016		\$75,341	\$29,516	\$22,910	\$8,451	\$14,464

Capital Fund	BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2016	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE @ 11/30/2016
				\$52,172
		\$92,240		
			\$81,734	
				\$62,678



Prayer & Bible Study

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



From the Pastor ...

Pastor Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

The month of January leads us into celebration of the season of Epiphany. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word *epiphania*, which means "manifestation" or "revelation." Thus, in the Epiphany season, we celebrate the light that has come into our world in Jesus Christ and the ways in which he manifests and reveals our God to us.

The arrival of the magi at Jesus' home (Matthew 2:1-12) is the story that begins the season and announces the world-wide significance of his birth. Isaiah 60:1-6, a reading for this day, 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, the whole human race.

The spotlight continues to shine on Jesus as we move through the Sundays after Epiphany. On the Baptism of our Lord Sunday (Jan. 8), we celebrate that in the waters of the Jordan River Jesus is revealed as the Son of God and as the servant of all God's people. Jesus is baptized for mission. He came to bring righteousness to the world, a righteousness of grace and mercy. On this day we are also reminded that we too are baptized for mission. Our baptismal calling is to proclaim the good news of God's love to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing love.

On the Second Sunday after Epiphany (Jan. 15), the identity of Jesus becomes a little clearer as we hear John the Baptist proclaim of him: *This is the Lamb of God,*

who takes away the sin of the world. John's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found. Pointing the way to Jesus is a large part of our mission as God's people too. Having had Christ revealed to us in word and meal, we go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive with us his gifts of grace and peace.

This mission is also the focus of the Third Sunday after Epiphany (Jan. 22) as Jesus utters the simple words that change human lives: *Come, follow me.* Here is the mission that flows out of baptism: we are called to follow Jesus and be "fishers of people." We are sent to share the good news so that others might be caught in the net of God's grace and mercy, inviting them to join us on the journey of faith that we walk.

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Jan. 29) reveals the upside down nature of the kingdom of God to which we belong. Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and our calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Join us in this exciting journey of following our Lord as we worship, witness, and serve he who is the light of our lives.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

In January we will continue our discussion of the video "Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today," featuring Dr. Walter Brueggeman who is an Old Testament scholar and retired professor from Columbia Theological Seminary. Upcoming sessions are:

- January 1 – **No Adult Forum – One worship service at 10am**
- January 8 – "Countering Pharaoh - The Decalogue"
- January 15 - "Countering Pharaoh - Countering Caesar"
- January 22 – "Countering Pharaoh – An Act of Imagination"
- January 29 – **No Adult Forum – One worship service at 10am**
- February 5 - "Countering Pharaoh – On Not Doing God Any Favors"

On Feb 12, 19, and 26 we look forward to a class on "Blood Minerals" led by Rick Letherer.



Game Party ... by Sally Jennings



If you enjoy playing cards and games, or if you've been wanting to learn a game, this congregational event is for you! Social Ministry Committee is hosting a game playing afternoon on Sunday, January 29th. The fun starts right after our combined 10:00 service, so come on down to our Fellowship Hall, and have some finger food and refreshments, then pick a table to start playing and/or learning a game. We will have someone who knows the rules of the game at each table. Play one game over and over, or move from table to table and enjoy a variety of games. Get up and grab some more snacks and refreshments and play on.

We invite everyone to bring potluck finger food to share. Some ideas are: crackers and cheese, Little Smokies, little meatballs, stuffed mushrooms, a cheese ball, tiny sandwiches, a fruit tray, a veggie tray, cookies, bars and brownies. Social Ministry Committee will provide beverages and more snacks and treats.

If you would like to head up a table and share/teach a game, please let Dee Waldo or Sally Jennings know by January 20th.

Mark your calendar, get your game face on, and join us for some winter fellowship and fun! Game on!





God In Car ... by Rick Letherer



A few years ago when my daughter was living in Eugene, we left my car in a parking garage while shopping. When we returned, there was a ticket on the windshield with the note: "God in car". We had left my pet dog Kaya in the car with open windows and top for good ventilation; we laughed several times about the spelling deficiencies of the message writer. That experience and recent articles about the value of pets in our lives has prompted this brief, introspective moment. I hope my thoughts will enhance the way you think about your pets.

If you don't have pets and can't understand why right-minded people would have one more living thing to manage at home, stop reading ...this discourse will make no sense to you. I have only lived a few years of my life while attending college without a dog by my side; our bonds have been inseparable. I remember the attributes of each one.

Each of my dog buddies have been blessings in different ways; yes there were frustrations, tragedies, anger, and tears; but the- good times were always worth it. My childhood pal, Lady, a beautiful collie, would follow me to school. I had several calls every week to the principals office to recover Lady from the playground and return her home ...five blocks away. She came to school not to irritate me, but because she missed me. Returning home to the eager excitement of my four-footed

friend is a blessing that mimics the unfaltering love of God. Love is always there without judgment.

My pets have reinforced many of the lessons that Jesus teaches in the bible: patience, trust, unconditional love, and respect for all living things. I have by no means mastered these lessons, but the daily reminders are a type of scripture lesson in real time. My current companion was my wife's dog and wanted little from me. When Cathy died, Kaya would come up on the bed to comfort me. She might lay near my feet or occasionally gently rest her chin on my neck for solace. It was like holding my hand. God may not have made a personal appearance; but he manifested his love and compassion through my pet when I needed it most.

Our laws dictate that we own our pets. I suggest that like our children, spouses and friends, God loans us our animals as a reminder of his love. I have often wondered who is training whom? God speaks through our pets and provides comfort, laughter, healing, and yes even love. I know it works even for a stubborn German descendant like me.

There are many ways to experience God's love. Each of you may have found your own way. For me, it was my best friend in the car. The ticket writer was right all along!



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



WELCA News... by Jean Amundson



All women are invited to the fellowship and Bible study group called WELCA (Women of the ELCA) every third Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm. January's meeting will take a closer look at the first part of Galatians. The theme is "Christian Faith and Christian Freedom."

Sometimes we may try to impose tradition or legalism onto our faith. However, Galatians 2:16 begins by saying, "Yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ."

The concepts we'll be studying were central to Martin Luther's theology. In this

500th year since the start of the Reformation, we can gain insights to both ourselves and Luther by digging into Galatians!

The study guide is in the WELCA magazine, which is named "Gather (for Faith and Action)". If you don't subscribe, you can borrow a copy from the magazine kiosk in the church library. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

There are always some delicious goodies and even more delicious fellowship at WELCA meetings. Invite a friend or two—WELCA should really be called "Welcome"!



Mo's Restaurant will host the January 4, 2017, "Dine Out for Samaritan House." The restaurant will donate 20% of the day's profits to help support Samaritan House, a shelter for homeless families with children.

Rose Davies
Volunteer
Samaritan House Homeless Shelter



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



First Friday Lunch Bunch...

Friday January 6th at Pig & Pancake, Newport @ 12 noon.
Please e-mail or call office if you are able to attend...Thank You!



Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter

Serendipity?



The little warning icon on my Honda's instrument panel told me that, somewhere, a tire needed air. "Oh well," I thought, "I'm on the way home, looking forward to an evening of rest." I planned to have it checked out at the Alan Brown tire center in the morning. Getting used to life alone has its drawbacks: I've lost my experienced second voice, and there's no one to suggest this might be a bad idea.

Correct... a *really* bad idea.

I figured that out the next morning when I headed to the car for a meeting at church, only to find the front passenger tire as flat as the proverbial pancake. I could hear my husband's voice reminding me that, "Prior planning prevents p*** poor performance..." which didn't help my predicament. I made other arrangements, got to the meeting and then returned to the flat tire. The local AAA responded to my call for assistance in record time, and the tire seemed to hold air, once the cheerful man from Rowley's Towing inflated it. At least, it got me to the Les Schwab/Alan Brown shop.

There, however, my careful expectations for the day changed dramatically. Three people stood ahead of me in line... a bad sign. When my turn came, I explained my tire woes. The friendly attendant told me, "It will be an hour... or maybe two..." !!! What I had missed was the fact that Newport suffered its first winter frost that morning. Thin sheets of ice covered some of the side streets. **Everyone** with time to spare had picked this day to purchase, put on or upgrade snow tires.

I try to carry a magazine or a book for

such events. This time I had several magazines, but enough for two hours? Not the way I had expected to spend the afternoon. I sat down, grumbling, and began to read. I wondered, alternately, whether I had enough reading material to occupy the time, and whether the wait could really be that long.

Finishing one magazine, I got up to walk around. As I circled back to my seat, I noticed a woman [I'll call her Ami] I recognized from different meetings in town. Her husband died a little over a year ago. I hesitated about approaching her, a little tearful about my own recent loss, uncertain how she would feel. I walked up and touched her shoulder.

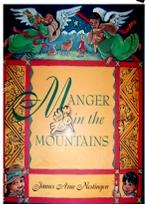
She jumped up instantly, giving me a big hug. We started talking about the holidays, our sense of loss, and the richness of the gifts of our "forever loves." Our conversation flowed with compassion, warmth and healing. It felt as though we had been friends forever. Suddenly, her car was ready, and shortly after, my flat tire was fixed. We parted with another hug, this time with big smiles and thanks to each other for the delightful encounter.

Later that afternoon, Ami sent me a touching email saying that it was "so good to visit and commiserate but also to share stories and gratitude." At the end, she invited me to join her family and another one in sharing a holiday evening celebration that the two families have held as a tradition for decades. What an incredible gift!

Was it serendipity? Was it just, as one writer said, that "A mistake is an opportunity to do something else?"

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Library Committee ... by Bonnie Powell



"Manger in the Mountains" written by James Nestigen is a collection of devotional stories for each day of December with a theme relating to the Advent season.

Each short story tells of a character and their life in the Andes mountains of Peru and Bolivia. He describes lives of the people he and his wife met on their travels through these rugged countries. Throughout the stories, connections are

made between the people and symbols of the Wise Men, Angels, shepherds, and the Holy Family.

The author is a professor of Church History at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. One of the purposes of their travels was to actually see the results of donations to those countries through Lutheran World Relief.

Even though, this is a small book, the stories are interesting to read and provoke thoughtful reflection.



Property Committee

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.



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.



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

To me, it seemed, rather, to echo the Psalmist: "The Lord is thy guardian... the sun shall not harm thee by day, nor the moon by night...The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. He shall preserve thy going out... and thy coming in." Psalm 121.

* Serendipity means "a fortunate happenstance" or "pleasant surprise." Wikipedia tells us the concept of serendipity is common throughout the history of scientific innovation with Alexander Fleming's accidental discovery of penicillin (1928), Percy Spencer's invention of the microwave oven(1945), and Spencer Silver's invention of the Post-it note(1968)



January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Worship (One Service)</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Blood Donor Month</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Pig and Pancake</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p> <p>7-5pm PUD Tree Trimming</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Movie 12:30pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9:30am Property</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT</p> <p>Human Trafficking Awareness</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p> <p>11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p> <p>12-3pm Sign Making for Stronger Together March</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship/ Music Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9-12pm Work Party</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:30pm WELCA</p> <p>7:00pm Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p> <p>National Popcorn Day</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Inauguration Day</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p> <p>*Stronger Together March today</p> <p>National Hugging Day</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>WAVES Deadline</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p> <p>5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Worship (One Service)</p> <p>11:15am Game Party</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	 <p>National Mentoring Month</p>	<p>National Glaucoma Awareness</p>	<p>Cervical health Awareness Month</p>  <p>We're In This Together</p>	





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

1	10:00 a.m.	Tami Johnson	Peggy Gilman	Jerryann Olson
8	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman Terri homer	MaryLou Mate MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
15	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mike Rawles Lynn Moody	Peggy Gilman MaryLou Mate	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
22	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Deb Christensen	Peggy Gilman Marian Brown	Marian Brown Marian Brown
29	10:00 a.m.	Dan Elbert	Bette Harman	Tami Johnson



Lester Day	1/1	Donald Davis	1/17
Sylvia Pauly	1/1	Irene Shipley	1/19
Don Freeman	1/1	Steve Nelson	1/23
Beverly Kraack	1/7	Juliann Johnson	1/28
Dick Kilbride	1/8	Sally Jennings	1/30
Janice Delameter	1/10		
Donald Lindly	1/11		
Dan Elbert	1/11		
Linda Goebel	1/13		
Mary Lou Mate	1/13		
Donna White	1/16		



3 Michael & Penny Schultz



1	Congregation
8	Mike & Raynette Rawles
15	_____
22	_____
29	_____



1	Peggy Gilman & Dan Elbert
8	Dan Elbert & Paul Stangeland
15	Paul Stangeland & Terri Homer
22	Terri Homer & Paul Amundson
29	paul Amundson & Pete Kraack

Social Ministry... (continues from page 8)

Food for Food Share Program ... by Terri McCulley



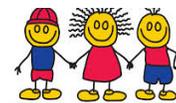
for all the support we have received for this program. Anything is welcome and helpful, but this month we will focus on: **Chili.**

Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings



Volunteers from Atonement serve Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the fourth Monday of each month. We serve 80 to 90 meals to hungry people at each Stone Soup. Our next Stone Soup meal is Monday, January 23rd. Help is needed preparing the food at St. Stephens beginning at 3:00pm. If you would like to serve and help with clean up, please arrive by 5:15pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to volunteer at our monthly meal. Please tell Dee Waldo or Sally Jennings if you would like to volunteer at Stone Soup.

Randy's Feed and Read ... by Sally Jennings



Our next Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out will be on Thursday, January 26th, in our Fellowship Hall. On the 4th Thursday of every month during the school year, we do crafts, serve a healthy meal, and do reading activities with families who are referred by the school district's Homeless Education & Literacy Project (HELP) and families who live at Samaritan House. You are invited to help make our monthly event a success. Cooking and event preparation begins at 3:00pm. Help is needed with sign ins, transportation and crafts starting at 5:15pm. Dinner is served at 6:00 and kitchen clean up follows. After dinner, reading volunteers are needed to read with the children.

Other ways you can help include donating clean, gently used clothing for babies, toddlers and grade school age children. Tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors and shaving cream are always welcome, as are any other new hygiene items you wish to donate. The children take books home to read, share and keep each month, so gently used books are also always needed.

God's work our hands!

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ February 8th ... by Terri McCully



Atonement is hosting a blood drive in February and August. Please sign up on the website if you can donate blood. Please contact Terri McCulley, if you are able to help people check in or work in the canteen.

Also, Atonement is known for providing yummy treats. If you can donate any treat, again, please contact Terri McCully. Thank you.

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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

**Audio
Worship Services
& Calendar
on website**



Food Pantry

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