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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday

Easter Food Baskets . . . by Sally Jennings



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.



Sincere thanks to everyone who helped make Easter Food Baskets possible again this year. Six big boxes of food were delivered to families who attend our monthly Randy's Feed & Read program, and nine boxes were delivered to families living at Samaritan House. (There is a nice thank you card from residents of Samaritan House on the bulletin board.) In all, 32 children and 21 adults received all the fixings for Easter dinner, plus some other groceries. Thanks go to Marian Brown for receiving a Thrivent Financial grant for \$250, which was used to purchase fresh food.

Along with your generous donations of nonperishable food, each family received a ham, a dozen eggs, dinner rolls, bread, butter, a salad box, cherry tomatoes, a cucumber, mini carrots, strawberries, mandarin oranges and Easter cupcakes.

Our hardworking packers and lifters met in the afternoon on Good Friday to fill and deliver the food boxes. With Easter falling at the end of the month and the end of Spring Break this year, your generosity was especially important. Families were very grateful for this abundance of food. Thank you!



Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ February 2018

General Fund	Current Year		Previous Year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$44,076	\$41,237	\$42,336	\$45,244
Grants	\$851	\$643	\$549	\$2,261
Room Rents	\$2,726	\$3,924	\$4,094	\$3,511
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$0	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Total Income	\$47,653	\$51,804	\$50,979	\$57,016
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$19,086	\$19,071	\$18,530	\$18,534
Pastoral Benefits	\$7,675	\$8,432	\$8,106	\$8,350
Pastoral Expenses	\$423	\$947	\$729	\$559
Staff Compensation	\$6,229	\$6,701	\$7,471	\$7,611
Staff Payroll Cost	\$1,084	\$2,275	\$1,332	\$2,381
Worship & Music	\$1,231	\$1,488	\$1,354	\$1,365
Education	\$83	\$224	\$75	\$349
Youth	\$105	\$163	-\$83	\$60
Outreach/Hospitality	\$268	\$378	\$268	\$403
Social Ministry	\$450	\$575	\$450	\$575
Stewardship	\$0	\$88	\$0	\$88
Health Ministry	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$150
ELCA Mission Support	\$1,500	\$1,625	\$1,500	\$1,500
Parish Life	\$220	\$100	\$0	\$313
General/Administrative	\$2,495	\$3,921	\$4,099	\$3,981
Facility Maintenance	\$5,132	\$3,866	\$2,944	\$4,801
Utilities	\$3,064	\$3,475	\$3,074	\$3,311
Insurance	\$2,501	\$2,500	\$2,416	\$2,500
Total Expense	\$51,546	\$55,979	\$52,265	\$56,831
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	(\$3,893)	(\$4,175)	(\$1,286)	\$185

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 1/31/2018		\$90,315	\$35,540	\$27,589	\$9,771	\$17,415
January	(\$1,833)	(\$1,833)	(\$721)	(\$560)	(\$199)	(\$353)
Balance @ 3/31/2018		\$88,482	\$34,819	\$27,029	\$9,572	\$17,062

Capital Fund	BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2018	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE @ 3/31/2018
		\$28,680	\$20,536	\$87,145
				\$95,289



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,

"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you...as the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:19-22)

This part of John's Easter story gives us a snapshot of the very first little group ever to take upon itself that name "church." And it is not a very flattering picture. In fact, it is a picture of the church at its worst. Look at these people! For three years Jesus had been with them preparing them for his inevitable departure. He has gone over his instructions again and again, reminding them of their need to love one another, to be bold and courageous, to trust him, and to be ready to follow him at all costs. But, apparently, somebody hasn't been paying attention, for here they are cowering like frightened rabbits behind locked doors.

They are the ones who are supposed to walk confidently out into the world announcing the Easter triumph of God. But, instead, they are in hiding, hoping that nobody in town knows where they are. "Here," says one writer, "is the church at its worst: scared, disheartened, and defensive." This is a church with no conviction, no plan, no mission, no nothing... except, when it gathered, the risen Christ pushed through the locked door, threw back the bolt, and stood there among them.

This story reminds us that, left to our own devices, we are nothing. Despite our beautiful building, our gifted musicians, our wonderful and talented choirs, our devoted staff, without Christ we are nothing more than a huddle of confused, timid, cowering failures in our attempt to follow Jesus. Without the presence of Christ, the presence which makes our human gathering into the church of God, this is who we are.

But the good news in this story is that it was to this church, which could hardly be called a church, that the risen Christ came, saying to them, "Peace be with you." You might have thought that Jesus would take one look at this mess and say, "Shame on you! You call yourself a church?" But he doesn't. He says, "Peace be with you," and he reminds them that he is sending them out into the world to be his servant people. Then, he breathes on them, giving them the Holy Spirit, the mighty power that they will need to be his faithful people in the world.

Put these gifts together and you have the church: God's gathered people (however fearful and faithless they might be), Christ's presence and peace, the Holy Spirit's power, forgiveness, and a calling to service. That is the church. We are not a church because of our building, our budget, or our programs. We are the church because Christ has come to us, given us the gifts of his presence, peace, and power. And his gifts of Spirit, forgiveness and mission. He has come among us and given us a calling to take to the whole world the good news of God's grace, mercy, and love.

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Adult Forum News . . . by Paul Amundson & Pastor Ed



Partners in Service

Our Adult Forum is currently focusing on social organizations that serve God's people in our area. We are learning what they do and how we might be helpful. On April 22nd, Kaety Jacobson told us about Lincoln County's Foster Parent Association (LCFPA).

First a few facts: There are about 160 kids in foster care in Lincoln County. There are about 50 foster care families, most of whom are family members of the foster child. Others have existing relationships with the kids (coach, teacher, etc.). Additionally, there are around 15 "open" applicants who provide foster care across the board. Respite care members provide short-term, fill-in care on an as needed basis. There is a need for more of these respite care members. Most of the kids in foster care are there because of neglect or some un-safe practice in the home. Abuse happens, but it is rare.

The organization has many needs. A list of those needs can be found on the bulletin board at church. Kaety tries to keep the needs list updated on the Association's Facebook page. LCFPA gets large discounts at Walmart, Fred Meyer and Old Navy so donated monies can be multiplied. Check out their website: lincolncountyfosterparent.com.

Lincoln County has a much higher needs base than most other counties in Oregon but the funding is allocated by population, not by need. There is a need for political pressure to make this distribution of funding more fair.

The additional "Partners in Service" organizations are listed below.

Schedule for May:

May 6 – Dee Teem – Olalla Center

May 13 – Lola Jones, Samaritan House and Inter-Christian Outreach

May 20 – To be determined

May 27 – To be determined

June 3 – Someone from Habitat for Humanity

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What makes us a church is the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. The awesome good news of Easter and Pentecost is this: to you and to me, caught in our failures to be faithful, Christ comes...breathes his Spirit into us...blesses us...and gives us power to be his people in this community and this world. Gifted by that presence, filled with that power, let's be the church that he calls us to be. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Pastor Ed Milliken



Notes from the President ... by Linda Kilbride



Member Moment ... Randy & Peggy Gilman



GILMAN, RANDY & PEGGY

Randy worked his way up in the ranks of management at Boeing locations all over the Northwest, except Renton, for 35 years. In addition to his full time work, he was very involved in the Gideon's and counseling with homeless veterans, being a veteran himself he felt the calling to give back.

Peggy had 25 years of service at one bank and was in management as well. Over the last few years, she was able to arrange her schedule, to work part time and travel from their home in Tacoma, WA to spend the later part of each week with her mother, in Toledo, OR.

With all that time commuting and busy schedules, they realized that it might be time to talk about a potential early retirement. They agreed on a retirement date and crafted their finances to accomplish their goal. Their target date arrived and Peggy 'stuck to her guns' taking that early retirement in 2007. Then the market crashed in 2007 and took much of Randy's 401K. He worked at Boeing six years longer, but the truth needs to come out here. He looked around and found that all his buddy's owned motorcycles, so he built that reward into the plan!

They bought a small house in Depoe Bay to use as they continued to help her Mom as she moved between Toledo, Depoe Bay, back to Toledo and Newport over the years. "Mom believed that her kids would be there to help her fix up her house(s), then move her again when the time came!" She is still quite independent as she approaches 88 years old.

Randy was the oldest of 5 children in his family and Peggy, also the oldest child of 8 in her family. She has two brothers who live in our area today. The families were raised in the Catholic faith, in big churches and very involved.

When Randy and Peggy met, she was a single mom with two daughters 14 and 7 years old. Randy became a doting father to the girls and continues to dote on the two granddaughters and one grandson and one great grandson.

They had attended 'every church in the area' while shopping for just the right one! "You guys have something really special here," Randy acknowledged. But when I visited them in the Narthex one Sunday morning about 4 years ago, he clearly said that if we were looking for volunteers that his wife was the one to talk to. He was suffering from burnout having been so busy with his job, his volunteer commitments including at his previous church and raising a family.

Now I need to say that as I began this interview with Randy and Peggy he clearly stated, "We are the most boring couple you've ever met!" NOW READ ON:

Randy has an 18 ft. Kayak he has loved over the years; he has ridden his bicycle in the Seattle to Portland (STP) two times in the 1990s, and Peggy completed one STP. Peggy has run 3 half marathons!

With his buddy Mark, they rode their motorcycles to all four corners of the US, in 60 days! That's 14,200 miles through thunderstorms, getting soaking wet, but learning that one dries off quickly

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WELCA News ... by Pastor Ed



"All Are Welcome" will be the title of the devotion when the WELCA group meets on Wednesday, May 16th at 12:30pm. This will be the final meeting until fall and will be a salad potluck luncheon.

The author of the devotion writes: "It's easy to extend welcome to people who are similar to us, but how can we offer a welcome to all? This devotion will explore how we can open our groups and congregations to diverse newcomers." Using examples of biblical welcome and hospitality, pastor and author Julie A. Kanarr will explore how we can define ourselves beyond ideas about age. This can, so often be damaging to women and encourage us to define ourselves as God does—through love. The Rev. Julie A. Kanarr serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington. An avid outdoorsperson, she enjoys sea kayaking, bicycling, hiking and camping.

Property Committee ... by Marian Brown



What a wonderful group of people who showed up to tape and paint the front office, workroom and Pastor's office. We definitely had a "Painting Party" with 12 participants each day! There was lots of laughter, good stories, meeting new friends and of course a coffee break. The project was completed in record time and the rooms are now clean and bright with the fresh paint. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

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while on the road, so they kept going. In 2016 he was rear-ended on I-5 in Orange County but can now make a fist with his badly injured right hand!

These guys "biked" to San Francisco for lunch at the Cliff House Restaurant (a 3 day trip) on another one of their escapades!

Peggy rode on the back of Randy's "bike" to Bend for lunch too. And she joined him in Orlando and rode from Orlando to Key West and back to Orlando where the guys continued on their cross country journey. Peggy who is afraid of heights, parachuted out of an airplane with a girlfriend, in less than ideal conditions; ask her about the 'near miss', tangled cords and the 'landing'... "it is a tattoo worthy story!"

Peggy is our Financial Secretary at Atonement. Thank you Peggy! And Randy tries to help at all of our church work parties (except with an injured back last winter); helps change church banners; prepares foods especially sandwiches and hors d'oeuvres at Stone Soup; and has delivered Easter and Thanksgiving Baskets. Boy! You two have jumped right in and we love you for it!



Ponderings at Page Seven ... by Susan Painter

Time

Daffodils and tulips poke out of the tired soil, eager for the bright promise of a spring morning. But as we welcome warm weather, we are startled, realizing that Christmas was just yesterday.

A young friend will be married soon, and it seems just a moment ago she was in Sunday School. In a few weeks, my family will salute our only nephew as he graduates from college - but it seems only moments since he started high school. A few days later, I will find out if I remember any of my classmates - and if they remember me! - as we gather in a swampy northern Ohio square to mark a half century since our own college graduation.

Time passes quickly - more quickly each year. Memory shapes and re-defines our yesterday, colors our tomorrow and distracts us from today. Each fleeting day melts into weeks, months, years. Turn around, and we're old. "Time passages," as the song says, "the years run too short and the days too fast. The things you lean on are the things that don't last."¹

We run from time's passages as if from our own shadows. We exalt youth and resist aging with creams, chemicals, a cutting here and a "tucking" there. But time is neutral, neither friend nor foe. It travels relentlessly, inexorably and then it stops - for each of us, in God's time.

The apostle Peter reminds us that "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."²

Ecclesiastes promises, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..."³

In that promise we have hope, for we also know that it is not the quantity of our years but the quality of our days that define us. Jesus' ministry lasted only a few years, but the message of His life and the meaning of His death continue to resonate in our lives.

This springtime of renewal offers a chance to pause and reflect, to breathe in the moments we have, to honor the gift of time, whether in moments or years. A poem will soon be featured, in eight languages with a mural of flowers, at the Portland transit station where three people were stabbed nearly a year ago. It reminds us to cherish time, to make a difference, to use each of our days to blossom:

"Every moment you are choosing to live
or you are waiting
Why would a flower hesitate to open?
Now is the only moment
Raindrop, let go, become the ocean
Possibility is as wide as the space
We create to hold it"⁴

¹ Al Stewart, "Time Passages," 1978.

² 2 Peter 3:8.

³ Ecclesiastes 3:1.

⁴ "Awakening," by ClimbingPoeTree, quoted in *The Oregonian*, April 21, 2018, p A2.



First Friday Lunch Bunch

May 4th at 12:00am @ Pig N Pancake

New Members' Received ... by Pastor Ed



Sunday, April 29th was a very special day at Atonement as we rejoiced to receive Anne Barker (associate), Roberta Baxter, and Diane Combs as new members at Atonement. We welcome them into our family of faith and pray that God will use their gifts in our mutual ministry in Newport and beyond. Please take time to get to know them and add your personal welcome.

Sunday, May 6th will also be a very special day as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Clara Louise Mann, daughter of Peter and Meredith and little sister to Graham and Bennett.

More new members will be received soon! Exciting things are happening at Atonement. Who can you invite to be a part of what God is doing among us?

Moments with Martin ... by Rick Letherer



In my attempt to stoke the fires of the 500th year commemoration of the Reformation, I will share some of our namesake's quotes. Martin Luther was a prodigious but also witty and poignant writer. His writing style was entertaining and sometimes inflammatory. Nearly everyone, even his severest critics, would agree that his prolific use of the printing press changed the world forever.

"Music is God's greatest gift. It has so often stimulated and stirred me that I felt the desire to Preach"
Martin Luther

In Dr. Luther's time, congregations never sang in church. Song was considered relegated to taverns and street corners, never as a part of worship. Luther objected and maintained that song was the best way to teach scripture to the people of God with music as the messenger. He was a singer in his youth, earning money and food singing door to door, and he played the lyre. He even demonstrated the fluency of poetry with this next quote:

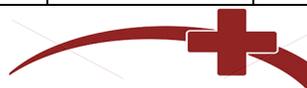
"Of all the joys upon the earth, none has for men a greater worth than what I give with my singing... and with voices sweetly singing. There cannot be a evil mood where there are singing fellows good. There is no envy, hate, or ire, Gone are through me all sorrows dire."
Martin Luther



May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Asthma Awareness Month</p>		<p>1 2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Shilo Inn Restaurant</p> <p>Nat'l Day of Prayer</p>	<p>4 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Pig N Pancake</p>	<p>5 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers MT (Ed Rm)</p> <p>Cinco De Mayo</p>
<p>6 8:00am Worship 9-10:30 Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p>7 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p>8 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Nat'l Teachers Day</p>	<p>9 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT</p>	<p>10 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig n Pancake 4-9:00pm OCQG</p>	<p>11 8-5pm OCQG Workshop (FH)</p>	<p>12 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>13 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship & Music Mtg</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>14 Office Closed 9:30am Property 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p>15 2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>Peace Officers Memorial Day</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council</p>	<p>17 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig n Pancake</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>20 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>21 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p>22 WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 World Turtle Day</p>	<p>24 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig n Pancake Nat'l Brother Day 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)</p>
<p>27 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>28 Office Closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p>29 2:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 World No Tobacco Day</p>	<p>Nat'l Physical Fitness & Sports Month</p>	<p>Nat'l Mental Awareness Month</p>





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

6	8:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	Joe Baumgarten Bette Harmon	_____ Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
13	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Lily Phelps	Peggy Gilman Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown
20	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
27	8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Mike Rawles Pete Kraack	Peggy Gilman Bette Harmon	Marian Brown Marian Brown



Bob Olson	5/4	Debbie Adamson	5/24
James Ezzell	5/5	Tami Johnson	5/25
Tom Hamilton	5/5	Ed Lord	5/25
Arlen Wogen	5/5	Johnathan Elbert	5/26
Reuben Johnsen	5/7	Roger Snelling	5/28
Laura Swanson	5/9	Megan Milliken	5 /29
Helen Ezzell	5/11		
John Stern	5/16		
Tim Miller-Morgan	5/20		
Lily Phelps	5/20	5/30 Dick & Linda Kilbride	



6	Jean & Paul Amundson Kari's Birthday	6 Paul Amundson & Paul Stangeland
13	Donna Bowman	13 Paul Stangeland & Bob Olson
20	Bob & Jerryann Olson	20 Bob Olson & Peggy Gilman
27	Dick & Linda Kilbride	27 Peggy Gilman & Pete Kraack



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: **Soups**



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



Our final Randy's Feed & Read of the school year will be a family picnic on Thursday, May 24th. We are asking for donations of small prizes for our picnic games. Some ideas for prizes are: word search books, sand toys, jump ropes, kites, balls, washable colored markers, activity books, frisbees, canned nuts, healthy cereals and snack bars. Please put your donations in the basket on the cart in the Narthex.

Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings



It is our turn to serve Stone Soup on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. Each month, we prepare and serve a nutritious meal to 45 to 60 hungry people. Prep work at St. Stephens will begin at 3:00, with serving and clean up beginning at 5:15. Please let Sally know if you would like to volunteer for a shift at this month's Stone Soup.



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!



Mark your calendar and set a lunch date with friends and family to Dine Out for Samaritan House Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Yummy Bowl Restaurant in Newport. Family owned and operated, Yummy Bowl will donate 25% of sales to help support Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter.

Rose Davies, Volunteer, Samaritan House



Gift Cards ... This program provides an emergency meal for people who stop by our church and need help. This is part of our Social Ministry program and hope to continue helping those who are hungry. If you are able to help, please drop off gift cards (usually \$5.00 per card) at the office. Thank You!



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Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



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Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Soups