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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm

Welcome New Members

Last month we rejoiced to receive three new people into membership at Atonement: Richard Kilbride, Vada Robinson, and Irene Shipley. Rhonda Jantzen, who has been an associate member, was also added as a full member. 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.

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?

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.



Would You Like to Serve?

A couple of positions of leadership are still open and the church council would love to have them filled.

1. Council Representative for the Outreach/Hospitality Committee – See Pastor Ed for details about this.
2. Two delegates (one male and one female) to represent Atonement at the synod assembly next year. The assembly will be held April 24-26 at Sunriver in Bend, OR

If you are interested in either of these positions see Pastor Ed or Dietmar Goebel, Congregational President.

We are also thinking about having a new pictorial directory made for the congregation and need a team of people to organize this. See Pastor Ed if you are interested.



Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride



Life Insurance: The Affordable Major Gift

Life insurance provides a wonderful opportunity to give. The gift of life insurance has sometimes been referred to as "the affordable major gift" since one can make a significant contribution with a relatively small annual gift.

Here's how it works:

A donor purchases a "whole life" insurance policy naming the church as owner and beneficiary. Each year the donor makes a contribution to the charity equal to the insurance premium, and the church, in turn, makes the premium payments. In this way, the donor can deduct his/her gift each year.

An individual can also donate a paid up insurance policy to the church, making it both owner and beneficiary. This entitles the donor to an income tax deduction in the year of the transfer.

Income/Expense Snapshot... Atonement Lutheran Church ~ June

RECEIPTS	MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Member Giving	\$ 11,880	\$ 16,550	\$ 74,759	\$ 73,350
Other Receipts	\$ 3,144	\$ 800	\$ 18,347	\$ 16,700
Total Receipts	\$ 15,024	\$ 17,350	\$ 93,106	\$ 90,050
EXPENDITURES				
Total Expenditures	Actual		Actual	
	\$ 17,916	\$ 19,493	\$ 93,142	\$ 98,704
2014 Net (Deficit)	\$ (2,892)	\$ (2,143)	\$ (36)	\$ (8,654)
Prior Year Carryforward			\$ (8,123)	
Year-to-Date Net (Deficit)			\$ (8,159)	

From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago I attended a conference entitled, "Worship and Evangelism," and while I found much that was helpful there I also heard much that was disturbing and, in my opinion, just plain wrong. The main premise of the conference was that worship **is** evangelism, that is to say that the main purpose of worship is to attract people into the church and so "entertain" them that they find the church to be a "fun" and "happy" place to be. This approach says that we need to "be all things to all people" and that if we will do this our church will be "successful" meaning our pews will be more full. Proponents of this worship philosophy say that all of this revolves around matters of style and not substance. I don't believe that is the case at all, and I further believe that this approach is a distortion of the very purpose of worship and has the potential to seriously damage the act which is at the center of who we are and what we do as creatures of God.

Why is "worship as evangelism" wrong? Primarily, in my view, because it answers the question, "Who is worship for?" erroneously. "Worship as evangelism" places at the center of worship those who are in the pews, or those whom we hope to attract to those pews. This philosophy wants us to ask as our primary

question, "What can we say or do that will attract people to the church and keep them coming back?" Pastors, church leaders, and worship planners then are tempted to let worship become "market driven," the content of worship being determined by what people want rather than what they need.

This is dangerous because as Martin Marty writes, "*to give the whole store away to match what this year's market says the unchurched want is to have the people who know the least about the faith determine most its expression.*" And as Arthur Just adds, "*the goal of good liturgy is always to transform the lives of people by the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is hardly accomplished if the liturgy is subjected to the whimsies of culture. Culture, untransformed by liturgy, in effect destroys that liturgy. The church becomes indistinguishable from the culture, and the gospel is lost.*"

The purpose of worship is to conform the world to the gospel, not the gospel to the world. This is done by keeping God as the center of worship. God is the object and the subject of worship. Worship is not about us, it is about God. The chief aim of worship is not to attract people to the church, but to give our thanks, praise, adoration, prayers, confessions, offerings, and commitment to God. To use Christian worship for any purpose

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Adult Forum News... by Pastor Ed Milliken

The adult forum is in hiatus for the summer and will resume on September 7. Pastor Ed is always looking for your ideas as to what you would like to see happen during the adult forum. If you have any ideas or suggestion, please let him know.

WELCA Meeting ... by Pastor Ed Milliken

The WELCA group will be on hiatus from June thru August. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 12:30pm in the narthex.



from the Pastor . . . (*continue from page 3*)

other than glorification of God is to abuse it and rob it of its power. Worship is not convened to entertain the masses, or so that church budgets can be pledged, volunteers enlisted, programs promoted, attendance goals met, or personal problems solved. Worship takes place only to honor God and to give God glory and praise for who God is and what God in his grace has done for us in Christ.

In a day and age when people worship money, power, efficiency, immediacy, and control, genuine worship invites us to be generous, humble, reflective, eternally minded, and obedient. Such a message has never been popular – remember how Jesus ended up – and probably will never attract people to the church in large numbers. But the question remains, do we want to be “successful” or do we want to be faithful.

Of course, our worship needs to be open and inviting. Of course, when guests come to Atonement they need to be welcomed with hospitality and friendliness. But when they do come, let us not dishonor them by giving them less than they need. Let us not give them worship that is shallow. Let us not sing “happy” songs which fail to address or touch the depth of pain that they bring with them. Let us, instead, usher them into the presence of God who alone has the power to transform and heal them.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry News

Ding dong, the wedding bells have chimed...no the wedding bells went DING DONG for Cathy and I as we got married on Sunday, June 1st! Pastor Ed married us right here, in our Sanctuary, with candles a blaze. Thank you God for answering our prayers. Thank you Pastor Ed! Thank for performing a beautifully intimate and holy service of marriage for Cathy and I and especially to you, my church family at Atonement. Words will not convey the gratitude and the size of my heart for the work you have done around this... Reconciling in Christ Church. Thank you for accepting me into the fold on staff and now going forward with us for our marriage. Thank YOU. Thank you. THANK YOU and again thank you one and all. All are indeed welcome to this beautiful body of Christ on the beautiful Oregon Coast! "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine"

Cathy and I decided to wait until the law changed in Oregon to do this.... yet again in 2014. Again, I say because, we drove up to Portland about 10 years ago. We stayed up and on the street all night with hundreds of LGBT people. We were near the front of the line and got married in the morning at Multnomah County Court House. That paper work lasted almost a year, but then we received a \$60.00 check with a letter that said, basically, oh well, this isn't working.... sorry but we have got to cancel your marriage. Mind you, at this point in time, we had only been in love and happy in our loving



relationship for 28 years.

We knew things were changing in Oregon when Lincoln County's two largest employers started making changes in medical plan rules. It was about this era when Cathy, who worked for Lincoln County and I who worked for Georgia Pacific were allowed to finally be on each other's medical Insurance plans as secondary insured. This was big, big change. When I retired in 2006, I had to do some talking but GP also let her continue on my retirement plan insurance. Together, we have scored a lot of "firsts" on our trail to equal rights and freedom! No one else had had this opportunity at this juncture.

The next major event was in 2005 when we were (again) thrilled to go to Lincoln County Court House, fill out the paper work and again, write another check for registration. We were now officially "Registered Domestic Partners"! Finally, we had some State of Oregon legal rights, like being able to file joint State Income tax returns (yippee). However, one of my biggest concerns went away. I didn't worry so much about someone being legally able to keep me away from her hospital bed in the event my love was ever in the hospital.

Freedom to marry has turned around again in May 19th this year by Justice Kennedy. We hope and pray and ask for your prayers this time it for real and forever like our personal vows in 1976.

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Property Committee... by Mary Lou Mate

Adopt a Flower Bed—You don't need to walk it or feed it and you can travel without getting a sitter.

We have beautiful grounds around our church and we would like to keep it that way, but we need a little help.

The property committee is looking for folks to "adopt" a section of the landscape and be responsible for weeding that area.

Please talk with any of our members:



Mary Lou Mat
Marian Brown
Bob Olson
Dam Roumagoux
Shannon White
Pete Kraack

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 **Canned Fruit** to try to "fill the barrel" again.



Dine-out is on hiatus for July and September
Thanks for your continued support,
Rose Davies ~ Volunteer, Samaritan House



Join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month this summer (July 23rd and August 27th) at 6:00pm for great summer BBQ fun. Good food, great fellowship, and lots of fun is in store. Mark your calendar and don't miss out.



There will not be a brunch this month...July 4th Celebration



Lynn Moody is our
Parish Nurse.

I will **not** be doing blood pressures in the month of July and August.

See you in September!

Library Committee ... by Jean Amundson

The Library Committee is looking for a few volunteers to write reviews of items in our church library. The articles don't need to be very long, just a bit about the item plus your opinion/recommendation/etc regarding the item (book, CD, DVD, whatever). Articles are due to Raynette the middle of the month. Please let Jean Amundson know if you'd be willing to help. Thanks!

Library Committee ... by Nancy Hilton



Books for Summer Reading

Summer is here and children are out of school. What a great time for kids to spend time reading for pleasure! Our church library has books for all ages. Here are some of the books you might enjoy checking out.

For the early reader *Come to the Ocean with Me* is about two children spending the day enjoying God's creation. Maybe it will inspire you to spend a special day at the beach with your children.

Everything Spring, a National Geographic for Kids is a wonderful picture book of spring flowers and newborn animals that make you want be outside exploring nature.

Dream Again by Dennis McGregor is a story of six-year-old Annie coming West on the Oregon Trail. Before she left her grandmother gave her a family patchwork quilt to take with her. Her adventures with the quilt will put you right back in the Wild West.

The Golden Book of Nature Crafts Hobbies for Boys and Girls would be the book to bring out when you hear your child saying "I'm bored". Check this book out for lots of fun activities.

"Strange Creatures of the Snow" tells about the mystery of the abominable snowman. Read this mystery and visit Newport's own Sasquatch who lives on the Bayfront at Ripley's Believe it or Not. If that isn't spooky enough for you, read the book *How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell. Just the title is intriguing. The story is about a boy who lost a bet and had to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days.

Two classics *National Velvet* which is about a girl and her horse and *20, 000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne are a must read.

For the teenagers, *More E-mails from God for Teens* by Clair and Curt Cloninger is written in e-mail format and gives advice about real everyday issues all teenagers face. It might inspire you to write your own e-mail to God.

These are just a few our church library books. Check some out to find your favorite summer read.

P.S. We have great books for adults too!

Reminder...

- ◆ 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





July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00pm Staff Mtg	2	3 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	4 Office Closed No Brunch Scheduled Independence Day	5 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
6 8:00am Worship 9:30am Education Mtg 11:00am Worship	7 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	8 2:00pm Staff Mtg	9 4:00pm Finance	10 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5-10pm OCQG (FH)	11	12 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
13 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	14 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:00pm Property 6:30pm Planned Giving/Endowment 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	15 2:00pm Staff Mtg	16 7:00pm Council	17 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	18	19 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
20 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	21 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	22 WAVES Deadline	23 9:30am Library 2:00pm Staff Mtg	24 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	25	26 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
27 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship Parent's Day	28 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5:00pm Stone Soup at St Stephens 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	29 National Picnic & Parks Month	30 Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month	31 UV Safety Month		



Worship Page

Worship

6	8:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen
	11:00 a.m.	John Stern
13	8:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson
	11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer
20	8:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler
	11:00 a.m.	Dan Elbert
27	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Elbert
	11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer

Readers**Altar Guild**

MaryLou Mate	_____
Marian Brown	_____
Marian Brown	_____
Marian Brown	_____
MaryLou Mate	_____

Musicians

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



Odessa Goudy	7/6	Anne Strangeland	7/21
Daniel Nelson	7/6	Marian Brown	7/23
James Hungerford	7/11	Carla Johnsen	7/24
Lillian Ott	7/15	Dana Fleck	7/26
Corinne Johnson	7/17	Lois Tyler	7/26
Lin Lindy	7/20	Jean Amundson	7/28
Joan Rolph	7/20		

7 Steve & Karen Nelson	6 Jim & Tecia Ezzell	6 John Stern &
25 Les & Marilyn Day	13 Susan Budeau	Linda Kilbride
29 Chuck & Lynn Moody	20 Marian Brown	13 Linda Kilbride &
	27 Chuck & Lynn Moody	Terri Homer
		20 Terri Homer &
		Paul Amundson
		27 Paul Amundson &
		Pete Kraack





Infant Formula Program

It has been a hard time for so many mothers, that we are called upon for formula donations. The visiting nurse distributes formula, if needed, at the end of each month.

Cash donations would be welcomed and much appreciated. Please, designate for Infant Formula Fund on check or envelope.

*Thank
you*

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

When we heard the "good news", our intention was to plan our wedding and get married on June 28th. This date was largely because it is Cathy's parent's anniversary date and it was more than a month away. We had three completely different friends and family who wanted in fact, begged to plan our wedding. It was not meant to be I guess. So here is the "rest of the story".

We got our marriage license on May 29th. We were #4 in Lincoln County to do so. The county clerks were so excited as we walked down the hall to their office. "Are you here to do what we think you are going to do?" Well yes we are! We did not pay the extra \$10 to waive the waiting period thinking we had plenty of time.

The very next day, Friday, we received an email from Basic Rights Oregon. The Executive Director suggested if you need or really want to get married do it now, as in immediately. On Monday, June 2nd, Judge Kennedy had the opportunity to make a decision whether or not to put a "stay" on any more gay marriages until yet another NOM issue was settled. As it was the decision came from the Supreme Court that next Thursday, so far, all is well and holding.

So we are calling it our "shotgun wedding"! This is our story and we are sorry we could not have a "wedding" where all of you would certainly have been invited. Again, your support has and continues to be monumental for us and especially for me. Now I need to cry a little and laugh a little and get ready for staff meeting.

Love, thanks, and God's Blessings

Rhonda Harman

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Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



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Worship Services
on website



Church BBQ's
July 23rd, Aug 27th



Fill our Food Barrel
This Month:
Canned Fruit