Makin' Waves

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

As Christ's ministry includes everyone, we, too, welcome persons of any ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, marital status, age, economic situation, and physical or mental ability.

We celebrate the gifts each one brings to the life and ministry of this community of faith.

Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm

A Special Thank You... by Bev Kraack

Our Congregation has had many heartbreaks the last few years. So, I would like to share with all of you, the wonderful blessings I received because all of your prayers for myself and my family.

1st Blessing: Normally the rare type of cancer I had never shows symptoms, but God chose to make it very obvious to the doctors that I had cancer in the lung!

2nd Blessing: The 3 tumors I had were operable and all in the right middle lobe and were very rare.

3rd Blessing: The cancers had not spread at this time. I feel it is important to let people know that all of their prayers to God were Heard and Granted! Praise God!

Also, I want to thank everyone for all the cards, meals and support provided me and my family. What a wonderful family we have at Atonement. Keep on praying for everyone! God hears You!

I am proof…God Bless You All

Bishop Dave and Gretchen are Using their sabbatical to hike the Oregon portion of the Pacific Crest Trail.

For all of you who want to follow our PCT adventure through Oregon, check out the new blog - we'll be trying to keep it updated from the trail, so if you sign up to "follow", you'll get email notices when we post something new!

You can follow their progress by reading their blog, if you wish. Just go to http://40wilderness.wordpress.com/and you can receive emails as they are able to post them. Enjoy.

Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride

Combined Planned Giving/Endowment

The combined Planned Giving/ Endowment group met on July 14 and agreed that the following items must be in order at Atonement – AND many of them are! The following seven (7) strategic steps must be in place in the organization and are the premise of a good stewardship program:

1. Spending as agreed –demonstrate that we use the money as we have promised
2. Managing prudently – spend a reasonable amount on overhead and fundraising expenses; have ethical and wise policies and procedures in place
3. Documenting – capture donor intent and capture the particulars using gift acceptance policies and procedures.
4. Acknowledging every gift - within a reasonable timeline (24 to 48 hours) by phone call or letter
5. Providing appropriate, appreciative and appreciated recognition (or anonymity)
6. Demonstrating significance and impact – share with donors on a regular basis (include budget relieving dollars)
7. Providing joy – know our donors and provide appropriate thank you strategies

We will be using an ELCA Planned Giving Ministry Guide for our program. It will be enhanced with familiar language and terms more easily understood. We'll be sharing it with members, as a reference as they do their planning. It was made clear that legalistic terms, forms and documents must be included for many of the gifting options. Again, each donor will be asked to seek the council of their own attorney or tax advisor, prior to finalizing any estate gift to Atonement.

Strategic Planning Just a reminder for committees, the S. Plan includes all kinds of opportunities as guidelines, while you make your plans (and your budget) for this fall. It would be fun to "think outside the box" and choose a goal you haven't worked with before – such as to establish a phone tree; establish a means of getting to know new members and include them in committees; coordinate the creation of a new picture directory.

Join us on Wednesday August 27th at 6:00pm for our last great summer BBQ fun. Good food, great fellowship, and lots of fun is in store. Mark your calendar and don't miss out.

From the Pastor . . .

Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

In last month's Waves I wrote an article about worship in which I asked the question "Who is worship for?" I responded by saying (perhaps surprising to you) that worship is not about us but is about God and that when we focus too much on ourselves we distort the very nature and meaning of worship.

This month I want to spend a few paragraphs on the "Why" of worship. Why do we worship? When the Church assembles, what are we about? When the congregation gathers, what is it that we congregate for? In her book entitled, "Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down," Marva Dawn identifies three primary reasons for worship which strike a chord in me, they are: to praise God, to form the character of the believer, and the formation of the Christian community.

First (and foremost), we worship because of God. God is the subject and object of our worship. What drives us to worship is what God has done for us in Christ. Thus worship is our response of love to God who "first loved us and gave his Son for us." Worship centers on God who is love, on a God who poured out his very life for us, on a God whose self-giving elicits from us a response of adoration, praise, and awe.

Because of this, I think it is erroneous to come to worship expecting to receive a blessing. It is erroneous to place our emphasis on what we "get out" of worship and to expect that worship is about making us "feel good" for then we have fallen back into the trap of making worship about us. Indeed, one may well receive a blessing, one may well "get something" out of worship, one may well leave worship "feeling good," but that is a side benefit, that is an added bonus. What is important in worship is not what we get from God but what we give to God. Every act of worship should be seen as an offering, a gift that we give to God in response to the gifts God has first given us.

Secondly, I believe that worship is about forming the character of the believer. When we come to worship keeping God at the center and focus of what we do, that God will confront us, transform us, change us, fashion us into the people that God wants us to be. The way in which we worship influences the kind of people we are becoming. If we come to worship centered on ourselves, we will leave as self-centered people. As Marva Dawn writes in her book, "*We need worship in which we can encounter God and learn that God is trustworthy, that God is large enough to care for us in everything. We need worship that teaches us God's concern and welcome for all our neighbors*

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

RECEIPTS	MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Member Giving	$ 15,565	$ 17,250	$ 90,324	$ 90,600
Other Receipts	$ 3,022	$ 3,100	$ 21,368	$ 19,800
Total Receipts	$ 18,587	$ 20,350	$ 111,692	$ 110,400
EXPENDITURES				
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Expenditures	$ 17,493	$ 20,056	$ 110,634	$ 118,760
2014 Net (Deficit)	$ 1,094	$ 294	$ 1,058	$ (8,360)
Prior Year Carryforward			$ (8,123)	
Year-to-Date Net (Deficit)			$ (7,065)	

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and invites us to participate in God's purposes on their behalf. We need worship deep enough to change us, strong enough to kill our self-absorption, awe-full enough to shatter the little boxes into which we try to fit God, and thorough enough to address the world's needs because God is already at work to meet them."

Thirdly, worship forms us into a community, into a body which is centered in God and which acts out it's faith in God by loving and serving God and neighbor. It is a community centered on the story, on the "old, old story of Jesus and his love." In worship God forms us into a community because he points us to something which is bigger than we are. Worship that is God centered drives us out into the world to share the good news of God's love for all people. Worship isn't evangelism, but it does provide the fuel that we need to be the servant-people that God has called us to be. Worship, which connects us first to God, then connects us to the world which God loves and desires to redeem and reclaim. These are the gifts and the challenges that God gives to we who worship him.

Pastor Ed Milliken

Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry News

July 15th my plan was to have surgery on my forearm at Slocum Orthopedic down south in duck land then soon afterwards enjoy playing my Martin guitar again. The thing is, God had a better idea! I did have surgery but it was emergency surgery at Good Sam in Corvallis! Cathy and her sister Mary waited patiently for me and I am happy to report, all is well! Praise be to God and to all my praying friends and ecumenical families, thank you!

Pastor Ed and Lucy leading God's Angel Armies; Donna White, Bob and Jerryann Olson and Martha all came to visit and I was so glad to see them although I do not remember our conversations. I know they are all angels ... trust me I saw their wings!

Reverend Jeff, Chaplain at Good Sam asked me how I was doing. My coughing caused severe pain given my new and improved tummy architecture. He brought me a gift; a large green and yellow (ducky) Sea Turtle. I named her Petula. I'm sure the chaplain and I had several meaningful conversations. One thing I do recall; "Rhonda, do not speculate, stay in the moment!" This fit with a conversation a few years earlier with a pair of nuns. They said, "where is God but in the moment"!

Yes, I am so blessed to be alive, still on the right side of the grass and sucking air. I wonder what He has in mind for my life. Maybe my room isn't finished? What a miracle it is to be alive!

On Saturday July 12th severe pain woke me up early in the morning. Cathy and I thought my pain was simply the result of my poor food choices at two parties followed by a delightful play Friday night. The other possibility included food poisoning or perhaps a 24 hour bug. I felt better on Sunday and went to church ready to work, quite sore but still able to move round. I drove myself to ER Sunday afternoon, only because I did not want anything to get in my way of arm surgery next Tuesday in Eugene.

The reader's digest version follows. The ER determined my pain was appendicitis and then there was something with my ovary. They wanted to do surgery, but I wanted to go home, pray and talk to Cathy. We got our house in order, including asking our "fur-baby sitter" to take care of our Parker. Our collective decision was to drive to Corvallis and see my gynecologist/surgeon.

Two most excellent surgeons opened me up like a can of sardines and removed an ovarian cancer the size of a grapefruit. Also, they removed all the rest of my girl parts, 25 lymph nodes, omentum, and performed several washings like you know ... Rub-a-dub car wash for abdomens! So yep, I had Ovarian Cancer the silent killer. To find it at stage IA is very rare and yet another miracle! The docs want me to speak at the Tumor Board in the valley to share my experience with

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Social Ministry Committee

H.E.L.P. School Supply Drive and Back-2-School BBQ... by Sally Jennings

The Newport H.E.L.P. (Homeless Education and Literacy Project) is again coordinating a school supply drive to benefit children from low-income families and homeless children. Last year, over 400 children went back to school with the supplies they needed, thanks to this event. We at Atonement are once again being asked to gather school supplies. We will collect school supplies through August 25th. Please put your donations in the tub in the Narthex, and as supplies come in, check the list on the side of the tub to see what is still needed. Here is the list of items we are asked to collect:

- *50 Packages of #2 Ticonderoga Brand Pencils*
- *50 Two Eraser Packs of Pink Pearl Erasers*
- *50 Packages of 3 Glue Sticks*
  50 Rulers
- *100 Highlighters (pink, green, yellow or blue)*
- *50 Pencil Sharpeners*
- *50 Fine Point Black Sharpies*
- *50 Water Color Paint Sets*
- *25 1" Three Ring Binders*
- *25 3" Three Ring Binders*

Lots of volunteers are needed for the August 27th Back-2-School BBQ and School Supply Give Away event at Yaquina View School. Volunteer needs include personal shoppers, kitchen help, people to restock supplies, assist with activities and clean up. Please call the Newport H.E.L.P. Center at 541-574-5824 to sign up to help out. Our Social Ministry Committee will be kicking off this school year's *Randy's Feed and Read* program by helping with and handing out information at the Back-2-School BBQ.

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 ***Shelf Stable Milk*** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

Property Committee... by Mary Lou Mate

Outside Work Party Needs Helpers
August 27, 2014 ~ 3:00pm to 6:00pm

All are very welcome… something for all ages to do. Plan: Trim shrubs on north side of parking lot, pick up sticks (Remember that old game?), trim bushes in memorial garden, pull up ivy from around trees, cut shrubs in front of church by shed, spot weed and weed-eat the tall weeds in the berm.

THERE IS NO END TO ALL THE FUN!

Please, come work along side of your church property committee, stay and enjoy our church BBQ at 6:00pm.

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 one of our members: Mary Lou Mate ~ Marian Brown ~ Bob Olson ~ Dam Roumagoux ~ Shannon White ~ Pete Kraack.

Lynn Moody is our Parish Nurse.

Thank You All!

Recently, Atonement received several donations of medical equipment to add to our closet. Thank you to Paul and Jean Amundson for their donation of a raised toilet seat and a motorized ice pack machine, and to Chuck Moody for a nearly new walker that he picked up at a garage sale. These items are added to our collection of durable medical equipment, any of which are available for loan to church members. If you have any questions or need a piece of equipment, please contact me. Since Medicare and insurances do not pay for a lot of these items, this loaner program is a great option.

*Note: I will **not** be doing blood pressures in the month of August*.

See you in September!

Education Committee... by Rhonda Harman

Hello to one and all. I hope your summer has been all you expected and blessed in many ways. You are welcome to attend the next Education Meeting held on the first Sunday of the month on August 3rd. We meet in the meeting room behind the main office from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Choir leaves a bit early and that is quite alright.

Sunday, August 24th we are having, our first ever, joint meeting with parents/guardians and all of our Sunday Shepherds (teachers). Please, mark your calendar and plan to arrive on time. We will be serving a lovely breakfast and discussing our goals, curriculum and expectations for the coming school year. We really need you to be there. Call me, if you have questions or concerns.

The Kayak trips up Beaver Creek process has changed at South Beach State Park. We will be prepared for next year and we can look forward to more adventures next summer.

We still try to meet every Monday for prayer and bible study and would love to have more participation. It has been most helpful to those of us who attend.

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!

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

August

Laughter is the BEST medicine.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Agate Golf Course	2 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
3 8:00am Worship 9:30am Education Mtg 11:00am Worship International Friendship Day	4 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life Outreach	5 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel	6	7 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	8	9 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
10 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	11 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	12 2:00pm Staff Mtg	13 11:30am-7:30pm Red Cross Drive 4:00pm Finance International Left-handers Day	14 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5-10pm OCQG (FH)	15	16 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
17 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	18 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	19 *WAVES* Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg	20 7:00pm Council	21 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails Senior Citizens Day	22 	23 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
24 8:00am Worship 9:30am Breakfast Mtg for Sunday School 11:00am Worship	25 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5:00pm Stone Soup at St Stephens 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	26 2:00pm Staff Mtg Women's Equality Day	27 9:30am Library 6:00pm BBQ	28 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	29	30 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
31 10:00am Worship						

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians
3 8:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen	MaryLou Mate	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	Dan Elbert	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
10 8:00 a.m.	_____	MaryLou Mate	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	Donna White	Alice McClellan	Jerryann Olson
17 8:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson	MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	Lois Greenwood	Tami Johnson
24 8:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler	MaryLou Mate	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson
31 10:00 p.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Marian Brown

Brenda Johnson	8/1
Dee Waldo	8/1
Rudy De la Rosa	8/3
Olga Buswell	8/4
Landon Goebel	8/5
Frank Wilson	8/7
Mckinley Job	8/8
Terri Homer	8/9
Paul Clayton	8/11
Amy Smyth	8/17
John Painter Jr	8/21
Braulio Escobar	8/25
Richard Letherer	8/27
Dorothy Swearengin	8/29

3 Walt & Carol Duval
12 Ed & Lucy Milliken
13 Herb & Sally Jennings
15 Tim & Megan Miller-Morgan
19 Bruce & Mary Lou Mate
20 Erman & Clara Mays
21 Bob & Jerryann Olson
27 Dick & Lois Tyler
28 Paul & Jean Amundson

3 Dietmar & Linda Goebel
Landon's Birthday
10 Marian Brown
17 Bruce & MaryLou Mate
47th Anniversary
24 Dick & Lois Tyler
59th Anniversary
31 Paul & Jean Amundson
53rd Anniversary

3 Pete Kraack & Bob Olson
10 Mike Rawles & Paul Stangeland
17 Bob Olson & Mike Rawles
24 Paul Stangleland & Linda Kilbride
31 Linda Kilbride & John Stern

Red Cross Blood Drive... by Terri McCully

August 13 @ Atonement

1 PM-6 PM

The need for blood in the summer is great! It does not take long to help save several lives. Please give blood if you can or help by volunteering at the blood drive. Contact Terri McCulley, if you able to help.

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

them.

When I was on the 4th floor, next door to me, was another female patient, a long time Presbyterian friend. Small world isn't it? We were able to talk and share our similar adventures. Another God thing I believe.

I had a full tour of this Beaver land hospital, because I was in two surgery units plus 4 rooms on 3 different floors. Do you suppose I could have worn out all my nurses, so they kept passing me around? Seriously ... it seemed to me at the time, we were all having so much fun! Doc told me to get out of bed and walk... so I did, while getting to know everyone!

I got out on Saturday and attended church the next day and heard Pastor Ed's sermon on sowing good seed from the book of Matthew. I responded to him as I shook his hand and said, "When it comes to us weeds" in life I must be a dandelion because they are one of the most obnoxious varieties. *Tee hee!*

Thanks be to God! I am a survivor and a member of yet another new family. The final pathology report states that I am cancer free and yippee. Thank you all for your mighty prayers and love. Believe me when I tell you I can feel them. I love you all. Blessings peace and joy.

Rhonda Harman

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Return Services Requested

Reaching Out with God's

Reminder…

Audio
Worship Services
on website

Church BBQ's
August 27th

Fill our Food Barrel
This Month:
Shelf Stable Milk