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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday through Friday



Welcome New Members Rejoice!

Last month, two new people were received into membership at Atonement:

Marion Anderson-Peters and Dr. Charles Odahl

We welcome them into our family of faith and pray that God will use their gifts in our mutual ministry here 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.



Audio on Line Exciting News!

We have just added audio recordings of our worship services on our website www.atonementlutheran.com. Just click on Worship Services in heading bar and services will be listed by date.

At the present time, highlighted (blue) is the description of the gospel for Sunday Services, but we hope to add the Readings and Title of Sermon to each date.

Try it out and let us know what you think...



Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride



Planned Giving

It has been suggested that we establish a Planned Giving Program at Atonement, to help our members understand more about the development of our estate plans.

What is Planned Giving? Basically, it is a way for donors to make significant gifts to nonprofit organizations while receiving favorable tax and financial benefits for themselves. These gifts usually come from the individual capital assets such as securities, tangible personal property and some real estate gifts. These significant gifts can be made as a direct assignment of the asset during the lifetime of the donor (stock and securities or a life insurance policy). Oftentimes they involve a Bequest or Will, whereby the donor uses the asset during his or her lifetime and the charity receives the asset upon the death of the donor (a personal residence or vacation property).

The third involves a more complicated strategy and may not be appropriate for Atonement at this time. These are Life Income Gifts, whereby a donor makes a gift today and receives a stream of income for life; upon the death of the donor, the nonprofit has use of the remainder value of the gift. We will be discussing these in further detail in future issues of Makin' Waves.

A carefully constructed Planned Giving Program can add stability over the years to the financial life of Atonement. We will build our Planned Giving Program on some basic development principles,

many of which may already be familiar to you:

- 1) Establish a volunteer advisory committee of professionals – attorney, real estate, tax accountant, financial and investment expert;
- 2) Develop and agree on what types of gifts our church is willing to accept without taking on a financial burden;
- 3) Write Atonement's Guidelines to be followed for gift acceptance and forms of agreement;
- 4) Present a clear understanding of the difference between General Operating Funds, Dedicated or Designated Funds and Endowment (this sounds elementary but there is often confusion here);
- 5) Agree on long-term investment guidelines.

The simplest way for our small congregation to begin is with Bequests, which we will discuss in the next edition of Makin' Waves.

Have you remembered the Lord in your will?





From the Pastor . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6,8)

"Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 7:7, 9-10)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 3:35, 39)

For this February newsletter, I offer these passages as a Valentine to you – a Valentine from God. They are taken from the long love letter that God has written to us which we call the Bible. From cover to cover this book tells the story of God's love for us, his wayward children, and details how God has acted to woo us back into relationship with him. If there is one thing that

God would have you know about him and how he feels about you, it is this: God is love and God is completely, passionately, irrationally, head over heels in love with you.

Need more proof? Read the Song of Solomon in the Old Testament. This book, which should be labeled, "For Adults Only," is an extended love poem in which God drinks in the people he loves from head to toe, as a newly married husband does his bride. He admires her hair, her eyes, her mouth, her neck, her breasts, her belly, her thighs, her ankles. He says to her, *"You have made my heart beat faster, my bride. You have ravished my heart with the glance of your eyes. How much better is your love than wine."* (Song of Solomon 4:9-10) God's love is passionate!

Or how about Hosea? This book centers on a love relationship that has gone sour. God's people have been unfaithful. They have been lured away by the fertility religion of the Caananites and their temple prostitutes. As an example to his people, God tells Hosea to marry a prostitute, which he does. But Gomer, his wife, is not content to stay home with one man but instead chooses to continue to "sleep around." Time and time again, God tells Hosea to go and bring her back, much to the derision of his friends and neighbors. How wasteful this kind of love seems – loving when it isn't

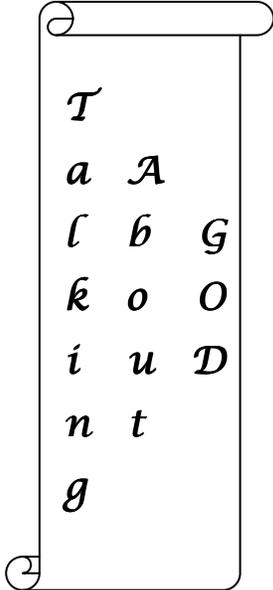


Pastor
Ed Milliken





Adult Forum ... *by Pastor Ed Milliken*



"God Talk," which began last month, continues to be the topic for the adult forum this month. We are viewing and discussing a video from last year's Byberg preaching Conference featuring Dr. Terrance Fretheim, who is now a retired professor of Old Testament at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Among the fascinating topics we will explore are: Our Perceptions of God (and how they sometimes lead us astray), God's Relationship

to the World and to Our Lives, God's Omnipotence and the Problems this Belief Causes, The Self-Limitation of God, God and Violence in the Old Testament and in Today's World, God and Human Suffering. These are just a few of the issues, ideas, thoughts and concerns that we will take a look at.

So...if you've ever wondered about this God of ours...join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



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

returned. Yet this is God's love for us. To we, unfaithful people, God says, *"Therefore I will now allure her and bring her back and speak tenderly to her. On that day you will call me 'My husband' and I will take you as my wife forever and you shall know the Lord."* (Hosea 2:14, 16a, 20) God's love is tenacious!

All lovers seem to pick out a special name for their beloved as a sign of intimacy. God is no exception. He calls us the *"apple of his eye."* And like any lover, God whispers "sweet nothings" in our ear, saying, *"I have called you by name, you are mine"* (Isaiah 43:1) and *"I have carved you in the palm of my hand. Even if a mother forgets her child, I will never forget you."* (Isaiah 49:16). God's love is tender!

Story after story could be told showing the wonderful, amazing, unconditional love that God has for us, but I'm running out of space. The bottom line is this: God is head over heels, insanely in love with us, with you, with me, with all people. So...what are you going to do with a crazy God like that? I don't know about you...but I think I'll let her have her way with me!

Pastor Ed Milliken



Family Ministry News

◆ **Super Bowl of Caring**

Please find your purple Souper Bowl of Caring Tee Shirts or just wear purple for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2! We will again be collecting donations in our Soup Bowls, for this wonderful way of feeding hungry people in our area as well as our country.



Rhonda Harman
Director of
Family
Ministry

◆ **Ordinary love- Mandela, A Long Walk to Freedom, is a film that was up for Golden Globe Awards.**

Did you happen to watch the Golden Globe Awards? Bono, a member of the band, U2, won the award for best music! When he accepted the award, he said, "We have been working for President Mandela for 35 years, since the 70's. We were teenagers then, working against the apartheid movement, so it has taken us 35 years to write this song....The whole culture, Holy Catholic Ireland has changed forever.... It really is personal for us, very, very personal".

He turned our life upside down and right side up. He was a man who refused to hate, not that he didn't have rage or anger or all these things but that he thought love would do a better job. We wrote a love story with a love song about it. What is kind of extraordinary about this film is that it is a dysfunctional love story that's why you should see it.. You know about the man that's *WHY YOU*



SHOULD SEE THIS FILM. I think this will make a great Family Night Movie for us. I hope everyone will want to participate.

◆ **Darkness to Light**

Another Atonement event is on the horizon. It is a program called Darkness to Light, End Child Sex Abuse. It is a mandate for adults who work with children.

This is now state law. It is an extremely interesting program and will be delivered by Brenda Coleman from the Children's Advocacy Center of Lincoln County. Our wonderful crew of Sunday Shepherds have already taken this class but we want EVERYONE to come to at least the first half of this program.

Let us use God's ministry and our ministry to help any way we can to end child sex abuse here in Lincoln County! We are looking for a Sunday to potluck after the late service... the date TBA!

◆ **Car Wash**

We are looking for a crew of about 6 adults who will help with an impromptu car wash on a Sunday, when the weather is as beautiful as it has been lately. One of our newest members has already jumped on this idea.

What if we had a car wash before summer? This is the best time, since almost everyone's car is dirty and probably no other group will be doing car washes. The money will be applied to our youth fund for field trips this year.

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Library Sunday Coming! ... by Jean Amundson



Sunday February 16, 2014 for a celebration between services--we'll have activities for all ages and lots of goodies, as usual.

Update on Church Library ... by Raynette Rawles

None of the church library overdue items, reported in our September/October 2013 Newsletters, have turned up to date. Please check out your home, car school or work place for these missing books, CDs and videos – we'll be **very grateful** to have them back!

Please call or email office if you need a list of the missing items.

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**Samaritan
HOUSE**



Wednesday, February 5, Kum Yon Restaurant hosts Dine Out for Samaritan House. Enjoy traditional Oriental Cuisine, Sushi, Bento and more as you help support our homeless families. Kum Yon will donate 15% of the day's proceeds.

Thanks for your continued support,

Rose Davies

Volunteer, Samaritan House



Love is Love ... from Social LGBT Oregon Coast Group

It's back—the best Valentine Party on the Oregon Coast!! Plan now to attend this almost annual Love Is Love party for young and old, gay and straight! Great food, great entertainment, great people-guaranteed! The party will be held at OCCC in South Beach from 2-4pm on Sunday, February 9th.

Darcy Hogan, star of stage, screen and local musicals, has agreed to be our Master of Ceremonies (or is it Mistress??) And she will be singing a duet as well! Local newlywed couples, gay and straight, who were married after the DOMA decision, will be honored.

There will be tables loaded with Valentine treats straight from the kitchens of local church ladies and PFLAG members. A photographer will capture the moment for couples, families, and friends. There will be a Valentine craft table so you can create a hand-made card straight from the heart. And in case you haven't signed yet, there will be a table for gathering signatures so everyone can get married after the November 2014 election!



Family Ministry ... (continued from page 5)

♦ **Interfaith Community for Peace and Justice (AKA.... ICJP)**

ICJP would like to invite you to the next special meeting on Jan.31st to be held at St. Stephens Episcopal. The luncheon will start at noon. Please RSVP to Jeanne St John at, 541 265-7194 to help with meal planning. If you have questions, please call her. Here is a note from Jeanne's email.

"We're gathering for a special lunch on Friday, Jan. 31 to renew and reorganize ICPJ. Thanks to Gilbert Schramm, our Peace Village Cook Extraordinaire, there will be wonderful food! We'll call it a mini-retreat, a planning party, and we'll leave by 3:00 pm with new direction and plans for the year. We've got some ideas we want to share --and we want to hear your dreams, plans, and ideas. We are seeking everyone's input on how we can refocus and maybe re-name the ICPJ so it can be more relevant to the community, easier for people to participate in, and generally more effective."

Blessings, Grace and Peace,
Rhonda Harman

Celebration ... by Jean Amundson



Save the Date!

We're getting closer to the March 30th celebration of Pastor Ed's 30th year of ministry. The planning committee is hard at work, and the invitations will go out very soon. We surely hope you'll all be able to be there!

March 30th is a fifth Sunday, so there will be just one service at 10 a.m., with a potluck and short program to follow. Please plan to join the celebration of this wonderful occasion!

ALC Book Club ... by Lucy Milliken



Our meeting this month will be on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 10:30am. We will be discussing the book "Friday's Harbor" a novel by Diane Hammond.

Some may remember the novel "Hannah's Dream" that we discussed at book club a while back. This book takes place at the same zoo with many of the same characters. The story is the tale of what happens when the zoo takes over the care of a dying orca that arrives from a small sea park in South America. The whale brings much publicity and controversy to his new home.

We would love to have more people join us at book club. We meet in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Tech Tutoring ... by Juliann Johnson



Juliann Johnson is available for tech tutoring on laptops, tablets, and cell phones. If you would like some help with a device or just have questions, feel free to call Juliann at 541-270-1367 or email johnsonjuliann@gmail.com for one-on-one appointments



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>Black History Month</i>		<i>American Health Month</i>		1 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
2 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pr 9:30am Adult For 9:30 am Ed Mtg 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School <u><i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i></u>	3 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:15pm Parish Life Outreach	4 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5	6 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	7 12:00pm 1st Friday Lunch at Fish Tails	8) 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
9 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School <u><i>Love Is Love @ OCCC</i></u>	10 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property	11 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 4:00pm Finance 6:15pm HMT	13 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5-10pm OCQG (FH)	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 10:30am ALC Book Club
16 8:00am Worship 9:30am No Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School <u><i>Library Sunday</i></u>	17 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) <i>President's Day</i>	18 <i>WAVES</i> Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 12:30pm WELCA 2:00pm Altar Guild 7:00pm Council	20 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	21	22 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
23 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School	24 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup at St Stephens	25 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26 9:30am Library Committee	27 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	28	





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Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

2 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Carla Johnsen
Dan Elbert

Marian Brown
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9 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Dick Tyler
Terri Homer

MaryLou Mate
Lois Tyler

Jerryann Olson
Jerryann Olson

16 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

MaryLou Mate
Lin Lindly

Tami Johnson
Tami Johnson

23 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

MaryLou Mate
Marian Brown

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Lucy Milliken 2/1
 Caro Somers 2/6
 Dick Tyler 2/9
 Lois Greenwood 2/10
 Dan Roumagoux 2/10
 Joey Johnson 2/12
 Lorinda White 2/12
 Paul Amundson 2/21
 Kathy Elbert 2/23
 Sheryl Fewkes 2/26



2 Dan & Kathy Elbert
 9 MaryLou & Bruce Mate
 16 Church Library Committee
 23 Paul & Jean Amundson



None this month



2 Paul Amundson & Bob Olson
 9 Bob Olson & Mike Rawles
 16 Mike Rawles & Paul Stangeland
 23 Paul Stangeland & 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 Meats** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

Blood Drive ... *by Terry McCulley*



Thank you to everyone that helped with the blood drive and/or donated blood. We had the most successful one we have ever had and collected the most units of blood ever. This was such a great blood drive because blood is in high demand this time of year. Thank you again. The next one we host will be in August.

Community Rewards... *Fred Meyer Rewards Card Program*



Where shopping and giving unite

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- ◆ Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to (non-profit) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.
- ◆ You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 84754.
- ◆ The, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping (non-profit) earn a donation!
- ◆ You still earn your Reward Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- ◆ If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- ◆ For more information, please visit above website

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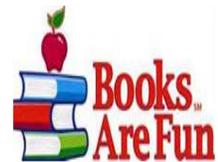
Reminder...



Fill our Food Barrel

This Month:

Canned Meats



ALC Book Club Mtg

February 15th