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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm



New Members to be Welcomed

New members will be received on Pentecost
Sunday, June 8th.

If you would like to become a member of
Atonement, please talk to Pastor Ed,
Rhonda Harman, or Donna White.

Worship Service Recorders Needed



If you would be interested in helping with the recording
of worship services on Sunday Morning,
please contact Pastor Ed or Marian Brown

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.



Fred Meyer

Community Rewards Program



We just received the news that 5 people have signed up for the Community Rewards Program at Fred Meyer and that a check for \$26.96 is on its way to Atonement. That is great but...**We can do better!**

Sign up for the Community Program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Atonement at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by name or by our non-profit number 84754. Every time you shop you will help ALC earn a donation. Sign up today!



Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride



In Our Own Backyard

Dick and I have made the acquaintance of a man who now lives in the apartment behind my sister and brother-in-law's home in Newberg. We have visited with him on several occasions and he has been a weekend guest in our home. Wow, what a story this charming man shares of his frightful journey!

For those of you who have read the story "Running from Violence," by Megan Brandsrud, published in the June issue of The Lutheran, I thought you might be interested in our family's involvement with one of these refuges, Cesar Opelele.

The following letter written by one of his instructors in Zimbabwe, who was instrumental in arranging his travel to the U.S. earlier this year. *(Continue on page 11)*



This month, Brunch is scheduled for June 6th
12:00 noon at Fish Tails
Please, call or e-mail the office if you are able to attend.
All are Welcome!

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

RECEIPTS	MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Member Giving	\$ 15,091	\$ 13,050	\$ 61,160	\$ 56,800
Other Receipts	\$ 5,735	\$ 5,250	\$ 16,922	\$ 15,900
Total Receipts	\$ 20,826	\$ 18,300	\$ 78,082	\$ 72,700
EXPENDITURES				
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Expenditures	\$ 20,519	\$ 20,049	\$ 75,226	\$ 79,211
2014 Net (Deficit)	\$ 307	\$ (1,749)	\$ 2,856	\$ (6,511)
Prior Year Carryforward			\$ (8,123)	
Year-to-Date Net (Deficit)			\$ (5,267)	



From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the place where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability...Those who welcomed the message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to the church. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day they spent much time together praising God. (Acts 2:1-4, 41-42, 44-47a)

The above passage describes the Day of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the Christian church. The traditional color for the day is red, the color of fire. The red stands for the tongues of fire and the heat produced, and is an appropriate symbol because on Pentecost the Holy Spirit set those first Christians on fire with commitment and welded them together on one community.

Did you catch the emphasis on community in that passage? Acts 2 says that "they were all together in one place" and they were "all filled with the Holy Spirit." This was an event that happened to them as a group, as a community, not on an individual basis. Further, it says that those who believed, about 3000 that day, were baptized and also received the Holy Spirit. And what did they then do? Did each go his or her own way praising God? No, "all who believed were together and had all things in common. The Holy Spirit made them into a community of people who studied together, worshipped together, prayed together, socialized together, and served together.

Scripture seems to be saying that the Holy Spirit works more like a magnet than a centrifuge. A magnet draws particles together. The same particles, put in a centrifuge, would be flung apart. So, the work of the Spirit is to draw people together into community rather than to drive them apart. It is to attract rather than repel. The Spirit of God is the Spirit that makes a church member start saying "we" instead of "I." When the Spirit of God is active a community is formed as one so that, together, they might praise and serve God.

This is a lesson that the Christian Church has had a difficult time learning. Our history, unfortunately, seems at times to be more

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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.

*Thank
you*

for the many cards and words of love and support in the recent death of my mother. Though it was a difficult time for me and my family, I felt comforted knowing that we were in your thoughts and prayers

Pastor Ed Milliken

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.



Find The Good News and Praise It

- ◆ 2 members of the Rawles family will be receiving their degrees from OSU on June 14th @ Reser Stadium:

Glen Mike Rawles ... Bachelor Degree in Human Resources

Brandye Rawles ... Masters Degree in Education

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

about disunity than unity, divisiveness rather than community, and the witness that we bear has suffered as a result. But the promise of God to we Pentecostal people is this: if we let the Spirit of God set us on fire; if we let this centripetal force work on us, we will discover how much more joy there is in unity than there is in disunity; how much more encouragement and hope there is in fellowship than there is in isolation; how much more security there is in cooperation than there is in conflict. And then we too will understand what the writer of Psalm 133 meant when he wrote, "How wonderful, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!"

Pastor Ed Milliken



Oregon Synod, ELCA

To: Friends, Members and Congregations
of the Oregon Synod, ELCA

Re: Freedom to Marry in Oregon

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past Saturday, May 17, 2014, Voting Members of our Oregon Synod Assembly overwhelmingly affirmed "*the freedom to marry for same-gender couples in Oregon.*" This afternoon Federal Judge Michael McShane held the 2004 Oregon State Amendment preventing same-gender couples from being married to be unconstitutional. All loving couples and families deserve the same respect and civil rights. Now, in Oregon, we have taken one more step to help assure these rights. Thanks be to God!

People have already started to ask me what this means for our congregations in Oregon. This is a good question, and experience in other synods suggests that a word from the bishop is helpful in such circumstances. So, let me share some thoughts here. A fuller conversation will undoubtedly unfold in the coming months.

The last ELCA Social Statement which speaks to marriage was passed in 2009. It is entitled Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust. It is available online at www.elca.org/socialstatements. Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust recognizes that not all in the ELCA are of one mind on the question of same-gender marriage. Our commitment to one another is to be respectful of various perspectives, and accepting of differing practices. A Church-wide Assembly decision around same-gender relationships made in 2009 also decided that the question of recognition and support of same-gender couples

should be made by the local congregation, not bishops or Assemblies. You get to decide what to do, and the question is ministry. How do we most faithfully attend to the ministry we are given in our own local contexts?

Here is what I advise:

1. You already have a ministry of marriage in your congregation. Most congregations leave the decision of who to marry up to the pastor. You may have a wedding coordinator, guidelines for pre-marital counseling, rules about photography or music appropriate for wedding ceremonies, etc. I don't know that any of this needs to change, but I encourage you as pastors and councils to review your practice.
2. Your congregation as a whole may be clear about whether you do, or do not, wish to solemnize marriages of same-gender couples. Personally I hope this is a ministry you will offer for any number of reasons. However, this is a decision your congregation is called to make. Know that all of us in the Oregon Synod will respect your decision on this matter – whether you choose to marry same-gender couples or not.
3. I trust pastors and councils to discern this ministry for their congregations. Not everybody in your congregation needs be of a single mind. If broader discussion seems helpful, by all means find a way to facilitate it. We *do* have people in the synod who would be glad to participate in this conversation with you if you wish. Just ask. Most congregations entrust decisions around who to marry, or not, to their pastor. If this has been your pattern I

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Postscript



Donna White ~ Director of Evangelism

An article I wrote last month about our narthex had a small post script held over. While the narthex was the article's main focus, the sanctity of our sanctuary also came into play. This post script is about an actual happening which occurred at the time I was writing that larger piece during Lent. I wanted to share it with you because, naughty or nice, the participants unknowingly provided me with a perfect illustration of the joyful spirit of this place. I fear that, besides the snorter and her accomplice, others there might have been too busy themselves to even notice. The parody of Clement Moore's famous poem was entirely spontaneous. Apparently I was getting into the spirit of the evening, for the naughty children were really at it that night.

Here is the post script. Sensitized by the writing of (last month's) piece, I was sitting quietly in the sanctuary one Wednesday after "Soup and Bread." While contemplating the coming Vespers service,

what to my wondering ears should resound, but a snickering snort from behind me abound! I said not a word but behind me did see, that God's faithful servant had smothered her glee. It seems in so doing, her glee became snort, which with lack of success she attempted abort. My pointed stare seemed to increase her struggle, which indeed made me just want to give her a huggle. Then across aisle my ears noted shock, not from the snort, but from chatter and talk! The snorter was not the one maker of noise, a good bunch of others abandoned their poise. Maybe The Lord put this message in me, for with this bunch folks their was JUST TOO MUCH GLEE! And I heard them exclaim ere they drove out of sight, "Great soup and great talk, that was sure a good night!"

We are thankful that God knows our hearts.

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 **Tuna** to try to "fill the barrel" again.



Please mark your calendars for June's Dine Out for Samaritan House on June 4th at Flashbacks... Donating 10% of their proceeds, including take out.

Enjoy!

Thanks for your continued support,
Rose Davies ~ Volunteer, Samaritan House





Join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month this summer (June 25th, 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.

Oregon Synod ELCA... *(continue from page 5)*

encourage you to continue in this way until, or unless, you decide otherwise.

My experience with congregations that have offered same-gender rites of blessing or marriage has been that both the couple and the congregation have felt deeply blessed. If there were friends or members of these congregations who had reservations they either did not attend, or simply chose to respect the decision of others in the congregation. I appreciate the maturity of all involved.

I have been asked about wedding services, rites or best practices for same-gender couples. We Lutherans do not have official "rites" in the same sense that Catholics or Episcopalians do. What Lutherans have is *resources*. If your congregation has the opportunity to marry a same-gender couple I encourage you to simply adapt the language in any traditional wedding service to fit the need. Pastors generally do this anyway. My practice was always to walk through the wedding service with a couple during a pre-marital counseling session. Pastors often talk about why the service is constructed the way it is, what it means to offer an invocation, what is appropriate in creating marriage vows, and what changes or options might make the service more meaningful. I see no reason why this should be different for same-gender couples. If you wish to talk to other congregations, or pastors, who offer this ministry call the synod office and we will be glad to offer you a referral. In the months to come further resources will be added to www.oregonsynod.org/freedom-marry

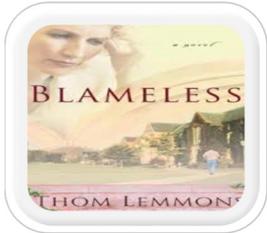
For now, let me simply say again that we in Oregon will undoubtedly be making different decisions around this opportunity. I give thanks for being part of a church that has chosen to recognize and respect a diversity of practice. Some congregations will be offering same-gender marriage services and some will not. The decision is yours to make. Some will be glad to allow their pastors to use their own judgment in this matter, and some may choose to have broader, congregational conversations. As your bishop I wish to help you find your voice and offer the ministry you feel called to.

May God walk with us all in new times and opportunities!

Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke
Oregon Synod - ELCA

Library Committee . . . by Jean Amundson

Book Review : "Blameless" by Thom Lemmons



I've been avoiding this novel because the jacket blurb says it's a modern re-telling of the Book of Job. But after our Adult Forum about Job, chaos, and disasters, I decided to check it out. I can see that on one level it has a lot of similarities, but it's also about love and the expectations we might put on each other.

The good news is, it's a gripping and entertaining story, a love story, and an exploration of the theology of unconditional love. There are the romantic protagonists, some officious Human Relations folks (i.e., the Personnel Department), a department secretary

who sees parallel situations where there are none, and three friends who would like to help but can't see how they can do so. There's also a minister who doesn't have all the answers! ("The problem of undeserved suffering has plagued the church since . . . before there was a church actually.")

Near the end of the story, a character muses about God, "Ask yourself how it feels to love your creation that much and see it in pain—deserved or not."

Bottom line: you can read this book on at least two levels: as a good romantic story and/or an exploration about love, God, and humans. I certainly recommend it!

Actions/Subtractions/Reaction



The Library Committee has re-ordered a few of the items that have gone missing and they will be on the shelves again soon. Even with discounts, the cost was more than \$70. The church library is there for all to use, but please—

- ◆ 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 the first set of shelves.

Many thanks from the Library Committee!



June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Ed Mtg 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School 12:15pm S/S Celebration</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:30pm Parish Life Outreach 6:30pm Planned Giving/Endowment</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails World Environment Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm 1st Friday Brunch at Fish Tails</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00am Worship Welcome New Members 9:30am Worship & Music Mtg 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 7:00pm Property</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00pm Finance 6:15pm HMT</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5-10pm OCQG (FH)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8-5pm OCQG Workshop (FH)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (YRm) Flag Day</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship Father's Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Library 7:00pm Council International Picnic Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) Summer Solstice</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup at St Stephens</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3-6:00pm Congregational Clean-Up Party 6:00pm BBQ</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)</p>	<p>National Rose Month</p>		<p>National Dairy Month</p>		





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

1	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Terri Homer	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Marian Brown Marian Brown
8	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Dean Hill	MaryLou Mate Lucy Milliken	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
15	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Dan Elbert	MaryLou Mate Lois Greenwood	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
22	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Donna White	MaryLou Mate Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
29	10:00 p.m.	Bette Harmon	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson

June



1 Mike & Raynette Rawles

Peter Kraack	6/1	Bonnie Powell	6/17
James Rolph	6/1	Steve Johnson	6/22
Cohen Johnson	6/4	Janet Hungerford	6/25
Rick Backman	6/6	Rose Nordyke	6/26
Colin Milliken	6/12	Jennifer Fleck	6/28
Kyle Milliken	6/12	Karen Nelson	6/29
Barbara Wilson	6/12	Paul Stangeland	6/29



- 1 Mike & Raynette
- 8 Bruce & MaryLou Mate
- 15 _____
- 22 Dietmar & Linda Goebel
(Arieannah's birthday)
- 29 _____

- 1 Paul Amundson &
Pete Kraack
- 8 Pete Kraack &
Paul Stangeland
- 15 Paul Stangeland &
Mike Rawles
- 22 Mike Rawles &
Bob Olson
- 29 Bob Olson &
John Stern



In Our Own Backyard . . . *(continued from page 2)*

My name is Maggie Freese. I live in Newberg, Oregon. In the spring of 2012, I was a volunteer faculty member in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Africa University, a pan-African institution affiliated with the Methodist church in Zimbabwe. One of my Students has since come to the US and is struggling to reunify his family here. Please consider his story and see if you can find it in your heart to help him.



Cesar Opelele is a 39-year-old man from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He was in a university there in a pre-medical curriculum when his wife, Mimi, was attacked by soldiers in 2007 while she was allowing Cesar to escape involuntary subscription into a rebel military group. Cesar and Mimi fled to South Africa. While there, Cesar was attacked by a mob and was imprisoned for three months. Early in 2009, Cesar and Mimi crossed the border into Zimbabwe and settled in Tongongara, a U.N. refugee camp in Zimbabwe. Cesar was identified as a talented student, and was given a scholarship to study at Africa University outside of Mutare. He was in an undergraduate program in medical facilities management. After completing seven of the eight semesters of work to complete that degree, Cesar left Zimbabwe for the US when his name was drawn in the US diversity lottery. His wife and two daughters are still in Tongongara. The older daughter is 4 years old, and the younger one will turn 2 years this March.

Cesar has received his American social security card and met all requirements for his green card. He is seeking employment in Newberg, OR. His next goal is to bring his family to join him. Because he came in the diversity lottery, there are no formal programs to help him with the expenses of reunifying his family, which will most likely cost about \$8000.

I know Cesar to be a man of integrity and determination. Given a chance, he will make something of his life and provide a good home for his family. He desperately needs a fresh start, and the help of people whom he does not even know to bring his family to him.

Please help Cesar. An account has been set up for him at a church, \$0 your donation is tax-deductible. If you provide a street address or email address, a receipt will be sent to you. Checks can be made out to:

*First United Methodist Church of Newberg
1205 Deborah Rd, Newberg, OR 97132*

In memo line, please write "Cesar"

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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



Audio
Worship Services
on website



Church BBQ's
June 25th, July 23rd, Aug 27th



Fill our Food Barrel
This Month:
Tuna