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

L E N T

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES

The Seven Last Words from the Cross

Join us this year for our mid-week Lenten services which will focus on the traditional "Seven Last Words" which Jesus spoke from the cross. The seven last words are gathered from the accounts of Good Friday in all four gospels. They provide us an opportunity to focus on the cross and how the gospel writers understood what was happening there.

March 5 - Ash Wednesday – "Father, forgive them." (Services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm including Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

The following services are all at 7:00pm:

* March 12 – "Today you will be with me in paradise."
* March 19 – "Woman, behold your son…Behold your mother."
* March 26 – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
* April 2 – "I am thirsty."
* April 9 – "It is finished."

April 18 – (Good Friday) "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

* *Soup and Bread Suppers at 6:00pm. Please, sign up in Narthex, if you can help provide soup and bread.*

Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride

It is time for our first annual review of the Strategic Plan! We know our committees are busy reviewing what they have accomplished and how those events/projects/ services fit within the Goal Statements. We would like your input too! So, pull out your copy of the Plan and see what you have noticed – Just write me a note and put it into my mailbox and I'll add it to the presentations to be made at the March Council meeting. It is time we share **kudus** with those involved in making Atonement so wonderful. Yes, we will report out to you in the next WAVES article. Thanks so much for being involved in making the family of Atonement so special!

Atonement Lutheran Church Presents

A Concert of Classical Music by

Rebecca Reese, cello...Andrew Bonner, piano

Sunday, March 16 at 2:00pm

* Ernest Chausson Piece for Cello and Piano, Op. 39
* Gabriel Faure Sonata in D for Cello and Piano, Op 109

Allegro Andante Allegro commodo

* Cesar Franck Sonata in A for Cello and Piano

Allegetto ben moderato Allegro

* Recitativo-Fantasia Allegretto poco mosso

Rebecca Reese studied cello at Carnegie Mellon University (B.F.A.) and the University of Denver (M.A.). She taught cello at the University of Alaska and then moved to Los Angeles, where she worked as a freelance musician for many years. She performed in many classical orchestra and chamber music groups as well as playing studio-recorded music for TV and movies such as : Raiders of the Lost Ark, Ghost Busters, The Color Purple, the Natural and Star Trek III to name a few. She is currently a physician (M.D.) with a practice in cranial osteopathy and homeopathy.

Andrew Bonner has degrees in music from Harvard and Brandeis University. He concurrently studied piano with Katja Andy and Russell Sherman at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was a free lance musician in Boston for 20 years. He has also directed choirs and was the organist for the Emmanuel Music complete Bach Cantata series for five years. He is currently a naturopath, but continues to perform and compose music as much as his schedule allows.

Rebecca is the sister of Susan Painter and Andrew is Susan's brother-in-law.

From the Pastor . . .

Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

Early in the month of March the season of Epiphany gives way to the season of Lent and we begin our 40 day journey toward the story of Jesus' death on the cross and of his resurrection on Easter morn. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5) when we receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads in the baptismal sign of the cross. The dual meanings remind us both of our mortality, the "from dust we have come and to dust we shall return," and the new life we received in our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

The First Sunday in Lent (March 9) leads us into the Garden of Eden and the wilderness of Jesus' temptation. There we will be confronted with the tempter's voice, "If you are a child of God…" The question hangs in the air. Will we trust God to be our God, or will we succumb to the temptation to be gods unto ourselves? Will we trust that God will carry out the promises made in baptism, or will we seek security elsewhere? The temptation is to turn our back on God who promises life and salvation from a cross.

In the gospel for the Second Sunday in Lent (March 16), Jesus directs our attention to the baptismal font where, by water and the Word, the Holy Spirit gives us new life. In these waters we are "born from above" and we become people blessed by God and called forth into the world, not to condemn but to offer mercy.

The Samaritan woman asking Jesus for "living water" on the Third Sunday in Lent (March 23) is an image of our great thirst for God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness. In baptism we receive the promise of never thirsting again for God's acceptance, and in worship we encounter the One who gives life giving water.

The man born blind and healed by Jesus on the Fourth Sunday in Lent (March 30) is a profound image of our human condition. We are blind in so many ways: blind to our greed, our selfishness, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our pride; blind to our neighbors in need or sorrow. Wrapped up in trying to live the "good life," we just don't see. But this story, too, is a baptismal image of washing and receiving sight. Christ heals us so that we can see and, in response to God's forgiving love, walk as children of light.

Finally, on the Fifth Sunday in Lent (April 6), we stand with Mary and Martha at the grave of a loved one and hear Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life." His words give hope to all who live in the shadow of death. This hope is the content of our faith, for the promises of God, spoken in our baptism, are true and can be trusted. Washed by our God , we are joined to Christ in his death and we are raised with him to new life.

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ADULT FORUM... by Pastor Ed Milliken

Following is a tentative schedule for the Adult Forums in March:

3/2 Renewing Liturgy Workshop

3/9,16, and 23 Talking About God 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.

3/30 No Adult Forum – One service at 10:00am

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

Join us on our Lenten journey from darkness to light, from blindness to sight, from death to life. By returning to the waters of baptism we gain new strength and vitality, new hope and commitment, a renewed sense of peace and joy. Our eyes are opened once again to the truth about Jesus our Lord and having seen all the blessings of our God we are renewed in our faith, hope, and love. Our thirsty souls are refreshed and we go forth to serve our God in all that we do.

Pastor Ed Milliken

INCOME/EXPENSE SNAPSHOT

Atonement Lutheran Church ~ January 31, 2014

RECEIPTS	MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Member Giving	$ 14,103	$ 14,100	$ 14,103	$ 14,100
Other Receipts	$ 4,610	$ 4,350	$ 4,610	$ 4,350
Total Receipts	$ 18,713	$ 18,450	$ 18,713	$ 18,450
EXPENDITURES				
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Expenditures	$ 17,792	$ 19,983	$ 17,792	$ 19,983
2014 Net (Deficit)	$ 921	$ (1,533)	$ 921	$ (1,533)
Prior Year Carryforward			$ (8,123)	
Year-to-Date Net (Deficit)			$ (7,202)	

Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Please join us downstairs for a light lunch, provided by the Education Committee, followed by a video lesson on April 27th at 12:15 pm. This gathering is for everyone who cares about children, because we are called, to be "Stewards of Children".

This lesson is about adults protecting (the innocents) children from abuse. The program is called; "Stewards of Children, Darkness To Light". One in four children are affected by child abuse. Let us all help to end it! We know how one candle will light up an entire dark room.

This important and special training is motivational, empowering and compelling. Let YOUR light shine, come to the Fellowship Hall and learn how to recognize and react responsibly to prevent child sexual abuse…yes even in our hometown.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has been working hard on long range goals and there are many. Number one is of course, loving God. It is all about bringing more hearts and souls to God, here at Atonement Lutheran. We need everyone to take part in evangelism outreach.

"We got this" with everyone's commitment into action:

- Talk about the things we do and share as church friends who become family.
- Talk about the loving culture of support we enjoy.
- Talk about welcoming one and all.
- Talk about our open minds and the transformational welcome people feel!
- Talk about who we are and what we are doing loving God and each other!
- Talk about our social ministries involved in Newport Food Pantry, Stone Soup and Randy's Read and Feed.
- Talk about Parish Life activities. Talk about Family Ministry and the IGA (Inter-generation activities).
- Talk about the diverse functions we celebrate and enjoy, like Cinco de Mayo, Kayak trips, hiking, bowling, gardening, cleaning up the beach, the swim park and corn maze. Invite family, friends and neighbors and bring in your work buddies too!

So, as we round the icy and snowy corner of winter and Spring into Lent, take a big breath, step out in faith and talk about it, talk about us, share the love. We can all start by bringing someone with us as we come on Wednesday for our 6pm Soup/Supper and 7pm Lenten Service.

Blessings, peace and grace and most of all love, ***Rhonda***

THRIVENT NEWS… by Pastor Ed

Thrivent Choice Dollars Benefit Atonement

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, please consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Atonement. **Your Choice Dollars must be designated by March 31 or your 2013 dollars will be lost.**

Last year alone, Thrivent Financial provided more than $100 million to help congregations, communities, and individuals in need. Members who own Thrivent Financial products help make this support possible.

How do I Direct My Choice Dollars?

1. Online: Go to thrivent.com and use you're My Thrivent ID and password to log in and get started. Go to "Membership and Benefits" and look for Choice Dollars.
2. Call Thrivent (1-800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."

PROPERTY COMMITTEE ... by Mary Lou Mate

Please join us for an *Outside Work Party*.

March 22nd 9:00am to Noon

It will not be difficult, but we just would appreciate extra hands to pick up sticks, litter and tidy up the grounds

FIND THE GOOD NEWS & PRAISE IT!

Paul & Anne Stangeland's son Kevin Stangeland is being inducted into a Mechanical Engineering Hall at Oregon State University… for advancement in his Engineer Profession before the age of 40.

Congratulations!

Samaritan House

Chowder Bowl Restaurant in Nye Beach will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, March 5th donating a whopping 50% of the days proceeds to Lincoln County's only homeless family shelter.

Thanks for your continued support,

Rose Davies ~ Volunteer, Samaritan House

Donna White ~ Director of Evangelism

A PLACE CALLED HOPE

Of the several books sent to me, by various friends during my treatment, one was called "There's No Place Like Hope." The book was not about Hope, Arkansas, and I don't live in Hope, Arkansas. But I do live in a new place these days, and it is a place called HOPE. Others of you live there too. It is of gigantic population.

When talking with a friend recently, I expressed that I'd had "Cadillac treatment and plenty of it." There was a note of mirth in her response. I don't think my statement was an original. As with many things that emerge from my voice box, it just popped out. This, of course, is not always a blessing, but I have to say that my treatment was.

A friend once told me that the one word he couldn't stand was HOPE. When I am a very old woman (I HOPE), this may remain in my memory, because my response to him at the time was a giant guffaw. I think his favorite thing may have been to shock responses from others, but not being a Christian, I doubt he understood why I thought this so hilarious. HOPE is a word which looms so large in our Christian faith! Obviously, he had a reasonable explanation for his feelings, which coming from his particular vantage, made perfect sense. He spoke as one who believes that, barring unavoidable accident, he alone controls his future by his behavior and the care of his health, and that HOPE is just an excuse to not do the hard work needed to ensure the good future you can create for yourself. **I,** on the other hand, feel that there is much that is beyond our control. So you see, we were both right. With the cancer diagnosis, I came to understand that there were things I hadn't done, care I hadn't taken. I had HOPED, because I wanted to believe that no such dread disease could happen to me. After all, I never smoked, I watched what I ate, had regular check ups and even exercised some. So in that sense, HOPE can relate to denial, which may in turn result in a lack of concern or action when there should perhaps be more.

On the other hand, HOPE is a natural component of human life. How can one live without HOPE?

HOPE is what drives us, what keeps people going in the face of the worst of human tragedy. HOPE relates to joy and optimism, to celebration of the life we have found within the Christian community, and to our HOPE for the future. We must forever seek that sweet spot of HOPE in our lives, while always remembering to take reasonable care.

I have much to tell, but not today. Today, I just want to say thank you to all of you who have been so very generous to our family during this long nine month sojourn. I am humbled and beyond words with gratefulness. I have felt totally immersed in your love and prayers. I slept like a baby almost every night when I was in Portland for those 2 1/2 months. The love was swirling around me. I was wrapped in a cocoon of caring.

Join the Celebration! ... by Jean Amundson

Please join in celebrating Pastor Ed Milliken's thirty years of ministry on Sunday, March 30. The Reverend David Brauer-Rieke (remember him?), Bishop of the Oregon Synod, will deliver the sermon at the 10 a.m. service. (Since it's a fifth Sunday, there will be just one service.)

Immediately following the service, attendees will enjoy a potluck dinner in the church's Fellowship Hall, along with a short program to honor Pastor Ed and Lucy. *(Full disclosure: Some roasting may be included in the program as well . . .)* Members are asked to provide salads and vegetable dishes for the potluck; there is a signup sheet upstairs on the bulletin board across from the coffee mess. Ham, baked potatoes, rolls, and an anniversary cake will be provided by the Anniversary Celebration Committee.

A number of out-of-town guests are expected, including family members from Iowa, as well as friends from seminary and from former parishes. Expect a rollicking good time, along with some heartwarming stories and one or two really funny ones during the program!

Pastor Ed has a bachelor's degree in history from Northern Iowa and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on April 1, 1984. Pastor Milliken's previous parishes have been in Poplar, Montana (where he also served two parishes in Brockton, Montana); Spokane, Washington; and Silverton, Oregon. He has served at Atonement since July 2008.

Info about Pastor Ed you may not know: He started college thinking he would be a history teacher and football coach. He says the process of discerning a different path was a very gradual and subtle one – no great flashes of insight or overwhelming sense of call. The pastor of the Lutheran church Ed attended and worked at as a custodian was a big influence. That pastor was probably the one who first told Ed that he had gifts for ministry.

He says the biggest influences on his ministry, both positive and negative, have been the people he has been called to serve. They mostly have been very supportive, caring, gracious, and kind and he is very grateful to them.

Pastor Ed thinks the most dramatic change in the church's doctrine and teaching has come recently with its new openness to our GLBT brothers and sisters. He stated, "I am very proud of the progressive stance that ELCA, and Atonement as well, have taken. Instead of being in the middle of the road, or two hundred years behind everyone else, we are on the cutting edge of this issue. That's an exciting and challenging place to be."

And about Lucy: she didn't set out to be a minister's wife! Ed says, "When Lucy and I were dating we both thought we would be teachers. She would tell you that I 'turned' on her very late in our courtship. She had no intentions of ever being married to a pastor." (But Lucy, you're wonderful, and we're really glad you went along with the revised plan!)

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Women's History Month		National Nutrition Month		Save Your Vision Month	1 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 1:00pm United for Marriage (FH)
2 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pr 9:30am Adult For 9:30 am Ed Mtg 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School	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 12:00pm & 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	7 1:00pm World Day of Prayer Service	8 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) International Women's Day
9 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School Daylight Savings time	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 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Vespers 7:30pm HMT	13 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 11-4pm OCQG (FH) World Kidney Day	14 8-5pm OCQG Workshop (FH) 12:00pm ICPJ (LMR)	15 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
16 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School 2:00pm Concert	17 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) St Patrick's Day	18 *WAVES* Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pn Chancel Choir	19 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Vespers 7:30pm Council	20 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails Spring Begins	21	22 8:00-11:30am 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 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26 9:30am Library Committee 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Vespers	27 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	28	29 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
30 10:00am Worship National Doctor Day	31 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)		American Red Cross Month			

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians
2 8:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	Jim Ezzell	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
9 8:00 a.m.	_____	MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	Mike Rawles	Lin Lindly	Tami Johnson
16 8:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler	MaryLou Mate	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	Lin Lindly	Jerryann Olson
23 8:00 a.m.	_____	MaryLou Mate	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	Shannon White	Lucy Milliken	Marian Brown
30 10:00 p.m.	Donna White	MaryLou Mate Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown

MARCH

Sara Black	3/3	Rhonda Harman	3/20
Ed Milliken	3/5	Michelle Johnson	3/22
Connie Read	3/6	Vo Newell	3/25
Jaya Lapham	3/7	Vera Lund	3/27
Terri McCulley	3/8	Tecia Ezzell	3/29
Renee Andrews	3/10	Nicole Goebel	3/29
Curt Fewkes	3/13	Joseph Nelson	3/29
Ruth Zagel	3/15	Doreene Brown	3/30
Andrea Fleck	3/17	Anna Herder	3/31
Tom Nordyke	3/17		

5 Pete & Beverly Kraack
19 Bruce & Alice McCain

2 Mike & Raynette Rawles
9 MaryLou & Bruce Mate
16 Marian Brown
23 _____
30 Congregation

2 Pete Kraack & Dene Bateman
9 Dene Bateman & John Stern
16 John Stern & Linda Kilbride
23 Linda Kilbride & Paul Amundson
30 Paul Amundson & Bob Olson

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

EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED ... by Sally Jennings

In mid March, Social Ministry Committee will begin collecting food donations for our annual Easter Food Baskets. Our goal is to provide the makings for an Easter dinner for families who attend our March Randy's Feed & Read and for those who live at Samaritan House. Grocery bags, with lists of requested items, will be on the tables in the Narthex, beginning in mid March. We are asking for instant mashed potatoes, applesauce, apple juice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, jello, and salad dressing. Please put your purchases in the Easter Baskets tub in the Narthex by April 16th.

Cash donations are also welcome, and will be used to buy ham, rolls, eggs, fresh vegetables and fresh fruit for the food baskets. Please make your check out to Atonement Lutheran Church, and designate "Easter Food Baskets" on the memo line on your check.

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- 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…

March 9th

Fill our Food Barrel This Month: Cereals

Library Committee... by Jean Amundson

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