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
Tuesday thru Friday

New Members Received

Debbie Christensen and John Painter were received as new members at Atonement on November 30. We welcome this new sister and brother into our family of faith and our mutual ministry in this community. New members will be received again soon. Great things are happening at Atonement! Who can you invite to join us?

for 2015 are in you mailboxes.

Please dispose of your old ones as the numbers change every year.

If you don't find envelopes and would like some, let Pastor Ed know.

To My Atonement Family

Thank you!! … for all the prayers and support you have given to me and my family. Words cannot express our thanks to all of you.

Bev Kraack & Family

Strategic Planning and Stewardship

by Linda Kilbride

Stewardship Campaign results to date		2014 totals at year end
Total Giving Units	47	54
Total $ Pledged	$148,586	$164,074
Increase over 2014	$ 23,762	$ 1,800 - over 2013

26 reminder letters were mailed on November 28 to those who have pledged within the past three years. Three pledged for the coming year and one announced to Pastor that they would be attending a church closer to home. We continue to hope that those who intend to pledge will be advising us soon.

Please remember that copies of Atonement's Planned Giving Ministry Guide are available on the table where our greeting cards are displayed and for sale and other literature is available. The office has more copies for your convenience. There is one for everyone, please take one and look it over.

New Year greetings to you all!

Everybody Wins

Reward Programs

- **Safeway Club Card…** Members need to renew their *eScript* registration so that Atonement Youth will continue to receive rewards. See Rhonda or see the bulletin board for a flyer with more information.
- **Fred Meyer Reward Card…** 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 (Atonement Lutheran) or by our non-profit number 84754.
  Then, 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.

From the Pastor . . .

Pastor

Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Christmas season has ended and, like children who have opened all their gifts, we are not sure what to do next. Is the excitement over for another year? Do we just go back to life as normal? What difference has it all made? The season of Epiphany does have a hard act to follow, but the truth is that God never stops giving and the texts appointed for the Epiphany season reveal many more gifts to us from our God if we are attentive to his Word.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany, otherwise known as The Baptism of Our Lord, focuses on the gifts of God we receive in our baptism. In those life-giving waters we have been joined to the Son, adopted into the family of God, and have been given a commission to serve as God's people in this world. The baptismal font is our "Jordan" where the Holy Spirit comes to us, strengthening and enlightening us for our lives of service and giving.

The Second and Third Sundays after Epiphany reveal to us our gift of purpose. In baptism, God calls us to be his servants, to be "fishers of people." Our calling, our purpose as Christians is to invite others to "come and see" the graciousness of our God and to join us in the communal journey of discipleship.

The Fourth and Fifth Sundays after Epiphany focus on the gifts of healing and new life that come to us from God through Christ. They reveal to us God's compassionate heart and his power to overcome all the illnesses (physical, mental, and spiritual) which hold us captive. Living as the body of Christ, as "wounded healers," our lives are signs of God's gracious intent for all humankind.

The Last Sunday after Epiphany, The Transfiguration of Our Lord, concludes the Epiphany season and prepares us for Lent and Easter. On the mountain the light of God shines again on and through Jesus, and in this turning point in his life we find the meaning of his birth and baptism – and our final Epiphany gift: He was born to die and be raised again so that, in our death, we too might be raised to eternal life.

Join us in worship each week as we unwrap each of the Epiphany gifts and continue to rejoice in the coming of He who is our Light and our Life – Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Pastor Ed Milliken

WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson

The WELCA group meets monthly for Bible study, fellowship, and treats. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at 12:30pm in the narthex.

The topic this year is "Transforming Life and Faith". and we'll be studying people who have life-changing experiences. The people we'll meet will be from the Acts of the Apostles plus both the Old and New Testaments.

Refreshments will be served.

All are Welcome!

Reminder...

Monthly Setup/Cleanup/Snacks for January

Please sign up on any open dates. Sign-up sheet located on bulletin board... We appreciate your time and effort!

Flower Chart Signup...

Providing flowers is a great way to remember birthdays, anniversaries and special events.

Website Calendar

We have a separate calendar on our website. It includes all activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It will be updated with changes or added activities as it is scheduled. website: http://www.atonementlutheran.com

Mark Your Calendars

Ring in the New Year at Original Mo's Restaurant on Newport's bay front Wednesday, January 7th as they host Dine Out for Samaritan House donating 20% of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rose Davies, Volunteer,
Samaritan House Homeless Shelter

Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News

So, just how excited are we for the New Year? A fresh start! Yes! Well, here we are ..... 2015! Ready? Set? Here we go! Amen!

But hold on there, "not so fast" as Lee Corso says. Instead, I want to take this moment to back up just a second, to thank you for all your love and support helping me get through 2014, in more or less, one piece! Believe me I needed you and I felt your love and support and I felt so lifted by your prayers.

This is exactly what God tells us to do! We all must continue to serve in this way and let it carry into and throughout the entire world. Love and care for each other by helping, by listening first then doing. Let's go and let's grow. Can we adopt this as our Atonement 2015 mantra?

Let's get out of our comfort zone … out of the preverbal box and make time for this 2015 goal! We can do it! We got this! How? Step 1. Pray. Pray to our Heavenly Creator to lead each of us to someone who is ready to join our body of Christ! Truly listen, then know God has already prepared this person and they are ready!

The next step is ours! It is our duty and our privilege to invite, to disciple! After prayer, you might even be surprised who you start thinking about... It could be a family member, it could be the guy in line in front of you at the store, or a server in a restaurant. How about your best friend?

I don't want to believe this, but late last year I heard a group report that only 8% of Americans truly celebrate the birth of Jesus, at Christmas. I guess that means everyone else bakes, decorates, shops and waits for Santa Claus; probably eats too much! I could not believe it and I don't want to believe the numbers, so sad. I immediately inhaled, yes, it took my breath away. I started thinking what kind of a box do I live in anyway? Maybe it is comforting to belong to a group and think everyone must be just like you? Maybe my subconscious mind needs a cold shower to get out of my box?
We have 24 hours each and every day. We make decisions and choose what we do with our time. Let's grow, let's go evangelize, let's grow fellowship with Christ!

Cathy recently made two flower arrangements. The first one went to our dear old friend for his 90th birthday celebration! As she brought the second one to place on our end table in the living room she said a mouthful. "I know this arrangement is odd. It is not balanced, it hangs down here and this side is too tall. I gave the best parts away because I wanted Dick to have more color. All in all though it's not too bad!" This is life! 'Isn't this the epitome of our daily lives? Let's go and let's grow and if some of our branches in our bouquet (our things to do list) need a bit of pruning let's do it choosing rather to serve God!

I surely have more appreciation and hope in the moment having endured (with your

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Adult Forum News... by Pastor Ed

"When I have a terrible need of - dare I say, 'religion'?

PAINTING THE STARS
Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

- then I go outside at night and paint the stars."

-- Vincent Van Gogh

Celebrating the communion of science and faith, *Painting the Stars* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers, the seven-session program includes a downloadable/ printable participant reader (written by evolutionary theologian Bruce Sanguin) and a facilitator guide with discussion questions. The basic format for each session includes conversation around the readings, a 20-minute video presentation and guided discussion.

Schedule:	January 04	"Evolutionary Christianity" – video
	January 11	"Imagining a Future - written material
	January 18	"Imagining a Future" - video
	January 25	"An Evolving Spirituality: Mysticism" - written material

Find the Good News and Praise It...

by Susan Painter

WELCOME TO KEITH AND KATHY

Pastor Keith Swenson and his fiancee, Kathy Eggleston, will join us at late service [11:00] on Sunday, January 4, 2015. They will stay for a reception and coffee after the service. Keith guided us through our renovation of the church and was our interim pastor from 2003 to early 2005.

Please take this opportunity to welcome them and celebrate the happy news of their upcoming marriage in February.

Library Committee ... by Jean Amundson

Library Sunday Will Be February 15!

No, it's not our birthday, but the library committee will provide goodies after the services on February 15! It's in honor of Library Sunday, an Atonement tradition that goes back quite a few years. We'll play Library Bingo again, and there's a well-founded rumor that there will be another word game as well.

While you're enjoying the event, browse the stacks and check out an item or two—it's easy! Just sign your name and the date on the card in the back pocket, then file the card alphabetically according to the author's last name. Using the library is the best way to show your love for it!

Do you want to donate some books or other media items? Here are the criteria by which we determine whether an item "fits" into Atonement's library:

a. *Enrichment material* for the educational programs of the church and for private Bible study

b. Material that helps church members *grow in their own faith* and in the understanding of other faiths

c. Information on the *social issues of the times* so that church members may make intelligent moral decisions

d. *Inspirational reading* for all ages

e. *Therapy media* to help people meet their personal needs and to understand the problems of others, so that we may effectively minister to each other and people elsewhere.

Suggestions and donations fitting the above guidelines will be gladly accepted. Donations that are not included (duplicates/out of date/etc) will be returned to donors or donated elsewhere. Monetary donations are always welcome!

Family Ministry ... (continue from page 5)

and Divine assistance) this past year. I think we would all agree sometimes after we lose something only then do we actually come around to gratitude. Does that make gratitude a veritable process? For some, well yes but it can be a choice. Remember the woman who touched His robe and was immediately healed? That's what I'm talking about. She made a choice because she knew He would heal her.

We know God answers prayer… let's ask Him specifically to lead us to someone who He has prepared to listen and feel the love we have to share and care for Atonement. God Bless us everyone!

Rhonda Harman

Property Committee ... by MaryLou Mate

Room Rental

Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are available for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term if needed. Please, check with our office for available dates and time.

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Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ November 2014

BALANCE SHEET

		GENERAL	CAPITAL	ENDOWMENT	COMBINED
ASSETS:					
Cash in Banks		$16,923	$51,297	0	$68,220
Other		2,216	2,000		4,216
Investments				75,635	75,635
Land and Building			4,145,365		4,145,365
Total Assets		$19,139	$4,198,662	$75,635	$4,293,436
LIABILITIES:					
Current Payables		$3,152	$300		$3,452
Dedicated Accounts		22,738			22,738
Thrivent Mortgage			741,780		741,780
Total Liabilities		$25,890	$742,080		$767,970
EQUITY		-6,751	3,456,582	75,635	3,525,466
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:					
	Actual				
Receipts		$198,392	$92,605	$6,668	$297,665
Disbursements		-197,016	-53,535	-2,578	-253,129
Net		$1,376	$37,070	$4,090	$42,536
	Budget				
Receipts		$196,950	$92,345		$289,295
Disbursements		-217,198	-60,088		-277,286
Net		$ -20,248	$32,257		$12,009
VARIANCE		$21,624	$4,813	$4,090	$30,527

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	National Mentoring Month	National Blood Donor Month	National Glaucoma Awareness	1 **New Year's Day**	2 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Fish Tails	3 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) PUD Tree Chipping **(All Day)**
4 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Ed Mtg	5 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life	6 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Epiphany	7	8 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 12-5pm OCQG (FH)	9	10 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
11 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship Human Trafficking Awareness	12 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property	13 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	14 4:00pm Finance 6:15pm HMT	15 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	16	17 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
18 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship	19 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) Martin Luther King	20 *WAVES* **Deadline** 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	21 9:30am Library 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council	22 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Read & Feed	23	24 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
25 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship	26 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	27 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	28	29 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	30 National Book Month 	31 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
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January 19, 2015

Martin Luther King Jr Day

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians
4 8:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	Donna White	Bette Harmon	Jerryann Olson
11 8:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	Deb Christensen	Tami Johnson
18 8:00 a.m.	Bruce Mate	Alice McClellan	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	Donna White	Deb Christensen	Jerryann Olson
25 8:00 a.m.	Bruce Mate	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown

Dennis Davis	1/1	Mary Lou Mate	1/13
Dorthy Davis	1/1	Donna White	1/16
Lester Day	1/1	Donald Davis	1/17
Sylvia Pauly	1/1	Marie Williamson	1/22
Beverly Kraack	1/7	Steve Nelson	1/23
Donald Lindly	1/11	Juliann Johnson	1/28
Dan Elbert	1/11	Sally Jennings	1/30
Linda Goebel	1/13		

4 Susan Painter...In Memory of Suzanne Aiken & Louise Raether

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3 Michael & Penny Schultz

6 James & Janet Hungerford

4 Pete Kraack & Paul Amundson

11 Paul Amundson & Paul Stangeland

18 Paul Stangeland & Linda Kilbride

25 linda Kilbride & 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 **Chili** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

Randy's Feed & Read Program ... by Sally Jennings

The Randy's Feed & Read Program will restart on January 22nd after our 2 month holiday hiatus. Everyone in our congregation is invited to help out with this monthly, family-oriented event. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who can help prepare and serve food... make crafts and read with the children... visit with the families and make them welcome... and lastly clean up after the night's activities.

Our monthly evening of dinner, crafts and reading benefits residents of Samaritan House and families who participate in Newport's Homeless Education and Literacy Project (H.E.L.P.). Your donations of books and hygiene items are much appreciated. Please put donated items in the basket on the cart in the Narthex.

Thank you for your continued support of Randy's Feed and Read.

Thanksgiving Baskets ... by Sally Jennings

We delivered 19 Thanksgiving baskets...lots of monetary donations and food from the people of Atonement. Also, we received 20 turkeys from an anonymous donor. We had a great number of volunteers, which made our basket assembly and delivery go faster

Thank you to all

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First Friday Lunch Bunch ... by Raynette Rawles

January 2nd 12noon @ Fish Tails

Please call or e-mail office if you are able to attend.

See You There!

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Return Services Requested

Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

New Designer Note Cards

Audio Worship Services & Calendar on website

Fill our Food Barrel This Month: Chili