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Atonement Lutheran Church

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Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday

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Relay for Life Update . . . by Juliann Johnson

So far, we are doing well for our first year, with people being kind enough to donate cans and bottles. With the fundraiser we have done well, and we would love your continued support!



Don't forget the *luminarias*! They are available every Sunday between church services, just talk to Tecia Ezzell and she will give you the kit for \$10, which includes: a white paper bag, flameless candle, and a can of food (donated by the wonderful Marian Brown). When you purchase the bag you may either decorate it, or leave it for someone else to do so for you and then pick it up after completion. Luminarias honor cancer survivors, those who are currently fighting, and those we have lost.



Team Atonement is also on a *car wash spree*, with another one coming up July 25th from 10am - 1pm. Please consider either joining us or bringing in your car! If you would like to volunteer with us, contact Tami Johnson. Contact Tecia Ezzell to become an official member of Team Atonement. You can choose to volunteer in any of our events and not become a team member.



One last reminder: the official *Relay for Life event* is at Memorial Field in Toledo July 31st - August 1st. Please start thinking now about walking for the team. You may choose to walk alone or with a friend. We will have a sign-up sheet in half hour increments, feel free to sign up for one or more slots. If you choose not to walk, please still feel free to come to Memorial Field! There will be numerous activities including silent auctions, bouncy castles, and face painting.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer, talk to either Tecia Ezzell or Tami Johnson!

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.





Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ May 2015

General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$78,703	\$72,084	\$74,759	\$73,350
Grants	\$2,729		\$150	
Room Rents	\$5,595	\$4,875	\$6,186	\$5,450
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$2,000	\$11,500	\$12,011	\$11,250
Total Income	\$89,027	\$88,459	\$93,106	\$90,050
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$29,412	\$29,412	\$29,412	\$29,412
Pastoral Benefits	\$12,251	\$13,842	\$14,972	\$15,123
Pastoral Expenses	\$1,817	\$1,608	\$1,159	\$1,675
Staff Compensation	\$14,780	\$19,000	\$16,489	\$20,725
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$150	\$70	\$190
Staff Payroll Cost	\$2,555	\$2,917	\$2,482	\$2,750
Worship & Music	\$962	\$1,377	\$1,437	\$1,783
Education	\$40	\$625	\$240	\$425
Youth	\$137	\$271	\$10	\$196
Outreach/Hospitality	\$473	\$658	\$445	\$961
Social Ministry	\$750	\$833	\$1,836	\$1,400
Stewardship	\$0	\$594	\$0	\$0
Health Ministry	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250
Parish Life	\$243	\$563	\$2,112	\$542
ELCA Mission Support	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
General/Administrative	\$4,836	\$5,227	\$5,785	\$4,571
Facility Expenses	\$9,346	\$9,843	\$8,275	\$10,284
Insurance	\$4,227	\$3,417	\$3,418	\$3,417
	\$83,329	\$93,086	\$93,142	\$98,704
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$5,698	(\$4,627)	(\$36)	(\$8,654)

Endowment Account

	<u>Monthly Activity</u>	<u>Investment Account</u>	<u>General Endow</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Memorial Gardens</u>	<u>Organ Upkeep</u>
Balance @ 4/30/15		\$77,267	\$28,583	\$23,667	\$10,752	\$14,265
May	(\$376)	(\$376)	(\$139)	(\$115)	(\$53)	(\$69)
Balance @ 5/31/15		\$76,891	\$28,444	\$23,552	\$10,699	\$14,196

Capital Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Rental Income	\$41,975	\$41,975	\$42,215	\$41,975
EXPENSES				
	\$18,592	\$28,066	\$27,290	\$27,313
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$23,383	\$13,909	\$14,925	\$14,662





From the Pastor . . .



Pastor

Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the past few weeks and months, we have been discussing spiritual transformation in the adult forums and have been challenged by what we have learned. At our last couple of classes this spring we talked about spiritual practices that build community and assessing how well we at Atonement are in doing this.

One of the sources I have cited it a book by Diana Butler Bass entitled, "Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith." In that book she cites 10 practices that she has observed in vibrant and growing congregations.

They are:

- Hospitality (Welcoming Strangers)
- Discernment (Listening for Truth)
- Healing (Entering *Shalom*)
- Contemplation (Open for Prayer)
- Testimony (Talking the Walk)
- Diversity (Making Community)
- Justice (Engaging the Powers)
- Worship (Experiencing God)
- Reflection (Thinking Theologically)
- Beauty (Touching the Divine).

From time to time in the months to come, I would like to use this forum to write about these practices, the first being hospitality.

In her book, Bass contends that contemporary Americans have become nomads, what Henri Nouwen once called "a world of strangers, estranged from their own past, culture, and country, from their neighbors, friends, and family, from their deepest self and from God."

Bass contends that "in such a world of strangers, where fear, anger, and hostility build walls between people" the concept of hospitality is one worth restoring. She cites Nouwen again who defined hospitality as "the creation of free space" where strangers become friends. Hospitality is not about changing people, but is about offering them space where change can take place.

She warns, however, that hospitality is not a tool for church "recruitment." She noted that in some churches "hospitality" appears to be a code word for promotion, with the church as the primary product. In this sense, hospitality is an instrument used for another end: to sign people up as pledging members. True hospitality, she says, is not a recruitment strategy designed to manipulate strangers into church membership, but it is rather a central practice of the Christian faith. Through hospitality, Christians imitate God's welcome. "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Therefore, hospitality is not a program but is at the heart of a Christian way of

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Reward Programs . . . by Rhonda Harman



Safeway eScript and Fred Meyer Community Rewards Programs donate millions per year to non-profits based on customer's registration.

We would encourage everyone to sign up for these two reward programs. Register for both programs and the church and youth will make some "easy money" for our mission and other programs. You will continue to get all your personal reward \$\$ monies. It is similar to a matching fund. For example, if your family rewards money is \$25 for one month...you get your \$25 and the store gives us \$25 as well! Free and easy money, but first you need to have reward cards for Safeway and/or Fred Meyers.

You can get on line and register or you can bring your rewards card numbers to church and Juliann and I will be happy and grateful to get you registered.

Fred Meyer Rewards: www.fredmeyer.com/community_rewards. Search for Atonement Lutheran by name or by our non-profit number 84754. Follow the instructions and sign up, it's simple.

Safeway eScript Rewards: www.escrip.com. Our group ID number is: 9614438. Again, follow the instructions or ask us for help.

You may also sign up family and friends even if they don't live there. Let's get everybody on board and support our kids!



Find the Good News and Praise It...

- ♦ Note from Grandma Debbie... My daughter Alyx will be having a baby at the end of December.
- ♦ Emily Jennings (Sally & Herb daughter) is engaged to be married.
- ♦ If you haven't heard... the Supreme Court ruled in favor on Marriage Equality Act on Friday June 26th.

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living. So I ask you to ponder the following questions: When have you experienced hospitality in a way that was spiritually meaningful to you? How did that make you feel? When have you offered hospitality to another, especially in a way that you found challenging? Who are the strangers around us and what would it mean to welcome them into your life and the life of our church? Let me know what you think!

Pastor Ed Milliken



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News



Greetings!

June to September Calendar of Events

We have a number of opportunities for fun and fellowship this summer, one of incredible sunshine and wind. In years past, the wind has not typically been quite so "gusty" early mornings as it has this summer. But oh my, the sunshine and beautiful days...all in a row...after row! I agree, we are at a breaking point of climate change. Let's all do our part in reducing our carbon footprint.



Our **summer BBQ season** is heating up. Join us on the 4th Wed. of July and August. Council provided hamburgers and hotdogs on June 24th BBQ. They will provide chicken on July 22nd and if we are lucky, oysters on August 26th. You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert and a friend!



We have arranged 3 **Beaver Creek kayak trips** this summer. Our first one is Sat. July 18th, followed by, Mon. Aug 3rd and then Fri. Aug. 28th. These trips all begin at 8am. We meet at Brian Booth Visitor Center which is about 1 ½ miles up Beaver Creek Rd. Drive south on Hwy 101 about 15 miles then left at the Ona Beach boat ramp. You will go east up North Beaver Creek Rd so keep to the left about 1 ½ miles. Turn right at Brian Booth/Beaver Creek Visitor Center. What a view of the valley and marsh lands below. It is a perfect place for a picnic lunch, byo.

Kayaks, life preservers, and paddles are

provided. Folks who are signed up at church for the activity, will launch from nearby Ona Beach and spend over two hours exploring the fascinating Beaver Creek area with park guides. You will be back to parking lot/boat launch about noon. Please sign-up (on the Education bulletin board) even if the trip you want looks full. Life happens and sometimes people can't make it. Children and youth (6-18) may participate if they are with an adult 18 or over. The cost is \$20 each. The rules and regulations are also posted.



Peace Village is July 13th to July 17th at First Presbyterian Church. It is a wonderful opportunity for kids ages 6 to 13 to attend a Multicultural Day Camp at First Presbyterian Church. They will have fun and learn about conflict resolution and media literacy. They will learn from multicultural speakers, peace "heroes and sheroes". They will take part in yoga and meditation, nature studies, as well as peace themed arts, crafts and music. One of the favs has been playing the gigantic parachute game outside. Registration forms are available for kids, teen helpers and adult volunteers. See me if you have any questions.



This fall, we will again present "**Darkness to Light-Stewards of Children**". Our hope and prayer is that *everyone* will attend at least one class. It will be presented by Child Advocacy Center. We will learn how to recognize child abuse, what to do and how to report, if we do see something weird. It



50th Anniversary Celebration ... by Pastor Ed



We would love to have a new picture directory produced as a part of our 50th anniversary celebration next May. If you would be willing to be part of the team overseeing this effort, please let Raynette know in the church office. Thank you.

ELCA Youth ...Event

The "ELCA Youth Gathering-Riseup" will be in Detroit this year. They expect about 30,000 youth and adults. This epic event is coming right up, July 15-19. Visit www.elca.org/gathering for a livestream video of events. Also visit www.facebook.com/lutherans and www.facebook.com/youthgathering.

Family Ministry ... (continue from page 5)

is so important that we are all trained to be good stewards of the children in our Newport community. The Education Committee will provide a light lunch after the worship service, prior to class.

Author & Commissioner, Bill Hall will be at the Newport Public Library on Sunday, August 2nd at 1:00 pm, to discuss his novel, *McCallandia*.



September 13th, it will be **God's Work Our Hands**. This is a national ELCA day of mission work. We have all seen the wonderful bright yellow t-shirts. Atonement Lutheran is on the back of our shirts, so we can be seen in the community doing God's Work with our hands. We would encourage everyone to order one. A sign-up sheet will be on the Education Bulletin Board. I have one in my office if you would like to see it.

Thoughts and Revelations



This season is called "ordinary time". What does that mean for heavens' sake? Worship begins at the cross for me, whenever I look up, I see the amazing place where grace began. When Jesus died, the sky went dark. Riddled with thunder and lightning the whole earth shook. The very first person to say, "Truly this man was the Son of God", was the very same Roman Centurion who beat Jesus, stripped him of his clothing and nailed him to the cross. I see the risen Lord, forgiveness and mercy and where all are invited into true worship. All are invited to experience the amazing grace at the cross and take it out to the world to share. There is nothing that will ever separate us from God's love. Join us at the cross and salvation.

Blessings, peace and grace,

Rhonda Harman



Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter

Thank you for the confidence and trust that you have placed in me in choosing me as your Council/Congregational president for the next year. I am humbled and honored.

Perhaps this is a way for me to "give back" to Atonement for all of the love, prayers and support you provided for me last summer as I fought [a successful] battle with cancer.

I pray that we will have an energetic and productive year together.

As we begin this new adventure, I would like to share some of the suggestions I offered at our recent Council meeting.

1) Lay ministry: did you know that, with training, each of you may be qualified to provide private communion? At least one member of Atonement offers this service to a member whose health prevents regular attendance. Several others have expressed interest .

This is a powerful way to continue our fellowship together. Pastor Ed will be providing instruction about this, so if you are interested, please let Pastor Ed know. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

2) Introduction to the Scripture lessons: would you like your own copy of the preface that the lay readers provide before each lesson on Sunday? I have asked that Raynette post these introductions on our website. They are now available on each Wednesday for the following Sunday.

Simply look at the Home Page, under column heading "About us" and click on "Blog." To print the introduction, highlight it and then "right click" on the selection, and print the highlighted version. Raynette will be glad to help you through this if you have questions.

I may not manage a column every month, but I will try to provide periodic updates and news from the Council as the occasion or event may require. Meantime,

I welcome your comments, criticism and concerns at any time. Feel free to leave a note in my box [I now have **two**: one with all members of Atonement in the Narthex and a bigger one in the upper meeting room!], send me an email at aquit@aol.com, or phone or even text me at 971-219-5999.

Susan Painter

We are the Church



Property Committee ... by Mary Lou Mate



Room Rental

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

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Rummage Sale ... by Mary Lou Mate

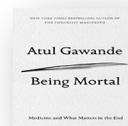


Atonement Rummage Sale is happening on August 22nd.

Please help by donating. You can bring in your items starting right now....leave your donations outside the youth room door. If you need help, please contact us to arrange a pick up. Questions? Call Mary Lou Mate (541-265-7409) or Marian Brown (541-265-8664)

Library Committee ... by Carol Baker

BEING MORTAL by Atul Gawande



Perhaps we all have idealized visions of how we want to live our final years. Yet, circumstances often prevent those visions from becoming realities. This book offers some options on how to add more quality to our later years.

The author is a physician who recognizes that doctors have a very difficult time talking about death and instead offer false hopes and futile treatments in an attempt to lengthen life instead of focusing on quality of life, which is often lost in pursuit of more hours and days.

One impressive statistic is that "in the United States, 25 percent of all Medicare spending is for the 5 percent of patients who are in their final year of life, and most of that money goes for care in their last

couple of months that is of little apparent benefit."

Dr. Gawande encourages us to think about the reality of our circumstances and have honest discussions with our family and healthcare providers so that we can make better decisions about our well-being as life comes to a close.

I found this to be a fascinating book and encourage everyone who is mortal to read it. The Carlton Olson Library will be acquiring it. The Newport Library has multiple copies of the book given its status as a bestseller.

There is also a "Being Mortal" video that is available at the Newport library, which explores the message of the book through the lives of real people. It was shown on Frontline recently.



July 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>UV Safety Month</p>	<p>it's picnic time!</p>  <p>National Picnic Month</p>	<p>1</p> <p>National Parks Month</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Canyon Way</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p> <p>Independence Day</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:00pm Finance</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG (FH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00am-5:00pm OCQG (FH)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 8-12pm Kayak Trip...Ona Beach</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am 50th Anniversary Mtg 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00pm Church BBQ (FH)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 10-1:00pm Car Wash</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month</p>	





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

5	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
12	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Susan Painter Deb Christensen	Alice McClellan Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown
19	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate Deb Christensen	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
26	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Deb Christensen	MaryLou Mate Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson



Odessa Goudy	7/6
Daniel Nelson	7/6
Dave Bowman	7/14
Lillian Ott	7/15
Corinne Johnson	7/17
Lin Lindy	7/20
Joan Rolph	7/20
Anne Stangeland	7/21
Marian Brown	7/23
Carla Johnsen	7/24

Dana Fleck	7/26
Lois Tyler	7/26
Jean Amundson	7/28



7 Steve & Karen Nelson
25 Les & Marilyn Day



5 Jim & Tecia Ezzell (in honor of Samantha)
12 Susan & John Painter
19 Suzie Budeau (in memory of Ken & Shirley Zeek)
26 _____



5 John Stern & Pete Kraack
12 Pete Kraack & Paul Amundson
19 Paul Amundson & Bob Olson
26 Bob Olson & Paul Stangeland

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

Monthly Events

Stone Soup ... July 27th

We host the Stone Soup Kitchen at St. Stephens Church, for those who need a meal. If you are able to help, there will be a sign-up sheet on bulletin board in the Narthex (usually by 3rd week of the month).

Randy's Reed & Feed ...

On hiatus ... June thru August. The next schedule event will be September 24th.



Reminder...



Flower Chart Signup...

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



Monthly Setup/Cleanup/Snacks

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

Prayer & Bible Study

Please join us on Monday afternoons each week for prayer and bible study.

1:00pm—3:00pm in Narthex

First Friday Lunch Bunch



July 3rd 12:00am @ Canyon Way Bookstore & Resturant

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



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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



2nd Church BBQ
July 22nd
@ 6:00pm



*Welcome
to Our
Church*

Audio
Worship Services
& Calendar
on website



Sign-Up...Kayak trips now!



Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Canned Fruit

