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Atonement Lutheran Church

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Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday

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Sunday, May 17, 2015

Potluck at Noon, Meeting follows

Agenda: Financial Report

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Relay for Life Team . . . by Tecia Ezzell

Hoorah! Our church has organized a Relay for Life team called Team Atonement.

- ◆ Relay for life is a nationwide fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and the funds are utilized in the area where it is raised.
- ◆ Relay for Life is an 18 hour walk-a-thon, held this year on July 31st & August 1st, at Memorial Field in Toledo.

Further information on this fundraiser will be available in our Words of the Week and June's Wave newsletter. The Parish Life committee will be helping with this project.

If you have any questions, would like to join, or have an idea for fundraising please contact Tecia Ezzell (541-961-3686) or Tami Johnson (542-961-1672)...your time and effort will be greatly appreciated.

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 ~ March 2015

General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$47,786	\$43,971		
Grants	\$1,657			
Room Rents	\$3,260	\$2,925		
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$0	\$6,900		
Total Income	\$52,703	\$53,796	\$57,256	\$54,400
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$17,647	\$17,647		
Pastoral Benefits	\$7,352	\$8,305		
Pastoral Expenses	\$494	\$965	\$27,170	\$27,786
Staff Compensation	\$8,227	\$11,400		
Staff Benefits		\$90		
Staff Payroll Cost	\$857	\$1,750	\$10,632	\$14,217
Worship & Music	\$1,346	\$628	\$659	\$1,277
Education	\$40	\$375	\$195	\$190
Youth	\$158	\$163	\$10	\$113
Outreach/Hospitality	\$263	\$395	\$268	\$688
Social Ministry	\$450	\$500	\$1,055	\$840
Stewardship		\$356	\$0	\$0
Health Ministry		\$150	\$0	\$150
Parish Life	\$294	\$338	\$13,411	\$175
ELCA Mission Support	\$500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
General/Administrative	\$3,207	\$3,456	\$3,626	\$2,543
Facility Expenses	\$6,738	\$5,906	\$4,701	\$6,135
Insurance	\$2,818	\$2,050	\$2,051	\$2,050
	\$50,391	\$54,044	\$54,707	\$59,162
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$2,312	(\$248)	\$2,549	(\$4,762)

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 @ 2/28/15		\$76,819	\$28,218	\$23,365	\$10,614	\$14,622
March	(\$871)	(\$871)	(\$320)	(\$265)	(\$120)	(\$166)
Balance @ 3/31/15		\$75,948	\$27,898	\$23,100	\$10,494	\$14,456

Capital Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Rental Income	\$25,185	\$25,185	\$25,425	\$25,185
EXPENSES				
	\$10,000	\$16,877	\$16,388	\$16,388
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$15,185	\$8,308	\$9,037	\$8,797





From the Pastor . . .



Pastor
Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you...as the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20: 19-22)

This part of John's Easter story gives us a snapshot of the very first little group ever to take upon itself the name, "church." And it is not a very flattering picture; it is a picture of the church at its worst. Look at these people! For three years Jesus had been with them preparing them for his inevitable departure. He has gone over his instructions again and again, reminding them of their need to love one another, to be bold, to trust him, and to be ready to follow him at all costs. But, apparently, somebody hasn't been paying attention, for here they are cowering like frightened rabbits behind locked doors.

They are the ones supposed to walk confidently out into the world announcing the Easter triumph of God. But, instead, they are in hiding, hoping that nobody in town knows where they are. "Here," says one writer, "is the church at its worst: scared, disheartened, and defensive." This is a church

with no conviction, no plan, no mission, no nothing...except, when it gathered, the risen Christ pushed through the locked door, threw back the bolt, and stood there among them.

This story reminds us that, left to our own devices, we are nothing. Despite our beautiful building, our gifted musicians, our wonderful and talented choirs, our devoted staff, and our adorable pastor, without Christ we are nothing more than a huddle of confused, timid, cowering failures in our attempt to follow Jesus. Without the presence, the presence which makes our human gathering into the church of God, this is who we are.

But, the good news in this story is that it was to this church, which could hardly be called a church, that the risen Christ came, saying to them, "Peace be with you." You might have thought that Jesus would take one look at this mess and say, "Shame on you! You call yourself a church?" But he doesn't. He says, "Peace be with you," and he reminds them that he is sending them out into the world to be his servant people. Then, he breathes on them, giving them the Holy Spirit, the mighty power that they will need to be his faithful people in the world.

Put these gifts together and you have the church: God's gathered people (however fearful and faithless they might be), Christ's presence and peace, the Holy Spirit,

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Estate Planning Presentation Coming Soon



June 28th at 1:30pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Estate Planning presented by Leanne M. Bowker, an attorney from the Portland area is scheduled on Sunday, June 28th. She has great expertise in this area and is known for her "friendly" presentations that are easy to understand.

This one hour presentation will be followed by :

- ◆ time for a questions and answers session
- ◆ personal discussion appointments with her



Find the Good News and Praise It...

Taylor Johnson is receiving the Bates Scholarship Award. The Whitman College Award/ Scholarship is presented to a sophomore (involved with Wind Ensemble) that exhibits strong leadership skills. The scholarship provides \$3,000 for both Junior and Senior year.



To all the people, who called, sent cards and said prayers for us!

Jim & Jan Hungerford

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

forgiveness, and a calling to service. That is the church. We are not the church because of our building, our budget, or our programs. We are the church because Christ has come to us, given us the gifts of his presence, peace, and power, and his gifts of Spirit, forgiveness, and mission. He has come among us and given us a calling to take to the whole world the good news of God's love.

What makes us the church is the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. The awesome news of Easter and Pentecost is this: to you and to me, caught in all our failures to be faithful, Christ comes...breathes his Spirit into us...blesses us...and gives us power to be his people in this community and this world. Gifted by that presence, let's be the church that he calls us to be!

Pastor Ed Milliken



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry



Family Ministry/Education News

How do we stay true to the pureness of the moment. Alignment is pure and child like. Yes we all are a child of God. Let us listen to stillness, so we will flourish and grow in pure innocence in the moment. "The music is not in the notes, but in the silence between." Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Today, let us all be courageous; willing to honestly explore our hearts and feelings. We can open our hearts and minds to the concept of spirit while being in touch with **"being" "in the moment"**. Accepting this challenge brings more balance and alignment into our daily lives. Are we understanding why it is so important to be in the moment with God as if a child. Where is God but in the moment?

I would like to share my precious lesson from 2012. My mother-in-law lived with us for a number of years. Her health was failing and she spent quite a bit of time in bed.

As I was headed home one morning after my daily swim, I turned right on 101 from NE 12th. There was a car coming out of McDonalds entering into my lane of traffic, forcing me to change lanes and thereby avoid a collision. As I went by them (a bit upset) I noticed they were two nuns.

I thought how cool it would be to get them to come over to the house for a moment, then I got very excited! I slowed down and then I pulled over behind them. I was trying to figure out how I would get their attention, when they stopped at the next red light. I tagged my emergency blinkers, put my truck in park, ran up to their car and motioned them to roll down the window. The driver rolled it down and my heart was pounding with

excited anticipation. I told them about Catherine (Cathy's mom) being so totally Catholic and bed ridden. I asked if they could possibly come up a few blocks to our house and have a word with Catherine? The driver at first said no...stating "they did not have time, since they were on their way to an appointment". The other nun said, "Sister, surely we can give them a few minutes". Oh, I was so happy. I told them where to turn and led them to our home.

After a brief greeting, I showed them up the ramp and into Catherine's bedroom. She had 3 large pictures on her wall. There was one of the Last Supper, one of Jesus and one of Mary. Jesus and Mary each had large rosary beads hanging around their frames. She even had a holy water font just inside her door. They noticed everything. They dipped and crossed themselves. I was tearing up, swallowing hard and was so happy to have them there for Catherine. I noticed the sisters were also somehow captivated in the moment.

There was only one problem...she was still sleeping! I felt bad for dragging them over here and apologized. One of them said, "look how sweetly she is sleeping". She reached out starting to pray and gently touched her leg. Catherine awoke with a start. Of course she did not have her glasses on, her hearing aids in, nor her teeth.

I waved at her and hollered, "its ok I brought the sisters to visit you". I think, she thought she had died and gone to heaven ... until she saw me that is! She gave us all the biggest teary eyed and toothless grin I have ever seen. Catherine was delighted. We held hands, bowed our heads, and closed our eyes as the sisters

Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed



Join us in the month of May for an exciting and important series of discussions about the future of ministry at Atonement. Having finished the "Painting the Stars" series, we are going to move on to talk about some of the ramifications of a changing church and society.

Author Phyllis Tickle, in a recent book, wrote that every 500 years the church has a rummage sale as it seeks to be relevant to a new world view. 500 years ago, it was the Reformation led by Martin Luther and others that shook the world. 500 years before that it was the Enlightenment period that brought much change. It seems that we are in another one of those times.

On Sunday, May 3, John Baker will show a video about "Paradigm Shifts" and how they affect society. We will then spend some time talking about how that affects us in our ministry. One of the things we heard in our recent series, "Painting the Stars," is that the church of the future will be focused less on beliefs and more on practices. So, we are going to spend a few weeks discussing what **values** we hold dear at Atonement, what **practices** might arise from those values, and how those might shape the future of our ministry.

This is important stuff! We need to hear from you! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson



The WELCA group meets monthly for Bible study, fellowship, and treats. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 12:30pm in the narthex.

The topic this year is "Transforming Life and Faith".

Refreshments will be served... All are Welcome!

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prayed for Catherine. They held her hand for a few more moments and then turned to leave. She said..."thank you for stopping by sisters, please come again". We were going back down the ramp when the sister who was the driver stopped and turned to me saying "Rhonda are you living in the moment with Catherine?" I said, "well uh" ... the sister said, "where is God but in the moment? Be in the moment with Catherine and be with God even in stillness. God bless you for all you are doing Rhonda."

This connection is putting all powerful still space in the moment back into our daily lives. It is the stillness where we can connect with the moment. It is here where heartfelt intentions fulfill our daily lives. It is in this stillness that we connect with the Highest Self, the field of pure potentiality, and plant the seeds of our dearest intentions for ourselves and others so that they flourish in our lives. In this stillness, we come to understand that we are indeed intrinsically part of God the universe, connected with everyone and everything around us. We can do all things through God and magnificently be powerful beings who can manifest anything. Let's do it! We got this.

Rhonda Harman



Donna White ~ Director of Evangelism

Evangelism ... Community



Many of you may have been in attendance on a Sunday when, somewhere in his sermon, Pastor Ed has urged us to invite a friend to church. I know that some of you do this, because visitors will occasionally mention that they have been invited. Though many of us are understandably shy about it, if you can do this, it is a wonderful thing! When someone new enters this space where we feel so comfortable, being welcoming is a no-brainer, and is so easy. But outside of our comfort zone where we are less sure of another's response, that is our challenge.

The summer of 2011 a group of all my best buds from Davis Hall (WSU) began having a reunion in August over in Spokane. This was the brain-child of one of my former roommates, who hosted, prepared 3 days worth of salads, etc, and sent a prodigious amount of mailings both before and after the event. We had definitely been a community at Davis Hall, and reuniting after so many years brought unbelievable joy. But there was one question addressed to me that first summer which I still think about and wonder how I could have responded to in a better way.

One of my best friends at Davis had been raised a Missouri Synod Lutheran. Her father was quite a lot older than her mother, and very conservative. With the exception of her job, her mother was allowed only one activity outside the home besides the church. So it is not hard to imagine that my friend Bev, who hasn't set foot in any type of church since she

left home, might see my church involvement in a different light.

We sat in circles and clumps, sometimes of ten or twelve, in the living room, the dining room, on the covered patio, and out in the gorgeous yard. There were husbands and brothers, even cousins there with us, talking, laughing, trying to catch up after a lifetime of living their lives. Often we didn't talk to other individuals so much as to the whole circle, and everyone listened to that person. It was a treasured moment in time I shall never forget. Once in one such circle, my friend Bev asked why I went to church. This caught me unaware. I had seconds to speak, and I didn't even know where to start. But she didn't leave me hanging for long, saying "It's the music, isn't it?"

Gratefully I nodded my head yes, and these (mostly unchurched) people were satisfied. So you see, despite my boldness greeting visitors here in our building, I can relate to the difficulty, the shyness involved in telling someone about the special place that is this church, this congregation. And to this I say, never give up, screw up your courage and venture forth boldly. You never know who may be wondering why we love this place and these people so much, wondering about our community, craving a little bit of that palpable love of God at Atonement.

Donna White



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 if needed. Please, check with our office for available dates and time.

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Rummage Sale ... by Mary Lou Mate



Big News!! We are having another sale!

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)

More information will be coming



Mark Your Calendars



Yummy Bowl Restaurant will host Dine Out for Samaritan House Wednesday, May 6th from 11 to 9:30 pm donating 15% of the days proceeds. Call ahead for reservations or enjoy Take Out or delivery in your home

Thank you for your continued support.

Rose Davies, Volunteer,

First Friday Lunch Bunch



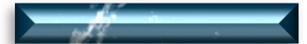
May 1st 12:00am @ Fish Tails

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

Prayer & Bible Study

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

1:00pm—3:00pm in Narthex



May 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Arthritis Awareness Month</p>	<p>National Bike Month</p>		<p>National Awareness Month</p>	<p>ALOHA</p>	<p>May Day 12:00am First Friday Brunch @ Fish Tails</p>	<p>1 2 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>3 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Cinco De Mayo Taco Bar</p>	<p>4 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:30pm Parish Life</p>	<p>5 National Teacher's Day  2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>10 Mother's Day 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship & Music Mtg</p>	<p>11 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property 6:00pm Planned Giving Mtg</p>	<p>12 2:00pm Staff Mtg 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>13 6:15pm HMT</p>	<p>14 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 12-5:00pm OCQG (FH)</p>	<p>15 8:00am-5:00pm OCQG (FH)</p>	<p>16 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) Armed Forces Day </p>
<p>17 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Congregation Potluck & Mtg</p>	<p>18 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)</p>	<p>19 WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>20 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council</p>	<p>21 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:30pm Samaritan House Movie Night</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>24 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens</p>	<p>26 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Read & Feed</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>31 10:00am Worship</p>			<p>National Physical Fitness & Sports Month</p>		<p>Health Vision Month</p>	





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

3	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Deb Christensen John Stern	MaryLou Mate Deb Christensen	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
10	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
17	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Lois Greenwood	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
24	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Rhonda Harman	_____ Alice McClellan	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
31	10:00 a.m.	Deb Christensen	Marian Brown	Marian Brown



Bob Olson	5/4	Tami Johnson	5/25
James Ezzell	5/5	Roger Snelling	5/28
Tom Hamilton	5/5	Carlton Olson	5/30
Reuben Johnsen	5/7		
Helen Ezzell	5/11		
Carol Baker	5/19		
Tim Miller-Morgan	5/20		
Lily Phelps	5/20	Rudy & Darcy de la Rosa -	4/9



3	Paul & Jean Amundson (Kara's Birthday)	3	Bob Olson & Terri Homer
10	Raynette & Mike Rawles (Erynn's Birthday)	10	John Stern & Bob Olson
17	_____	17	Pete Kraack & John Stern
24	Shannon & Donna White (Megan Callahan's Birthday)	24	Paul Amundson & Peter Kraack
31	_____	31	Paul Amundson & 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 **Soups** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

Thank You for Help with Easter Food Baskets ... by Sally Jennings



A big "thank you" to everyone who helped make this year's Easter Food Baskets possible. Our church provided the fixings for Easter dinner, and then some, for 14 families in need. Thank you for your generous donations of food, money and time.

Thanks go out to Thrivent Financial, too. for providing us with a \$250 gift card to help with the cost of food. Our shopping crew purchased a boneless ham, salad box, grape tomatoes, mini carrots, dinner rolls, bread, butter, a dozen eggs, a pie, strawberries and spray whip cream for each family. Your nonperishable food donations were so generous, that we only purchased a few additional nonperishable items.

We assembled the boxes of food at 1:00 on the Thursday of Easter week. (We were shorthanded for delivering the boxes this time, so we will need additional help in the future.) Families were so grateful to receive this abundant gift of food. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Come for Supper & a Classic Movie! ... Jean Amundson



Soup, bread, dessert, and "My Man Godfrey"! Come to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 21, at 5:45 p.m. and enjoy them all!

This American "screwball" comedy also features sharp social commentary as well as a more-or-less love story. Released in 1936, the film stars Carole Lombard and William Powell. It was nominated for six Academy Awards. Citing its "cultural significance," the Library of Congress has assigned "My Man Godfrey" to the National Film Registry.

Atonement is helping to sponsor this fundraiser for Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter, along with assistance from Thrivent and Samaritan House Board members. Soup chefs will cook up a delicious dinner and then you can sit back and enjoy this classic film.



Flower Chart Signup...

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



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Return Services Requested



Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

- Cinco de Mayo
May 3rd
- Congregation-
al Meeting
May 17th



*Welcome
to Our
Church*

Audio
Worship Services
& Calendar
on website



Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This Month:
Soups

