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Atonement Lutheran Church

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September 2015

## Office Hours

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

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## Adult Forum News . . . by Pastor Ed

The adult forum will resume on Sunday, September 13 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We begin this fall with a class entitled, "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible." This video based class features Dr. Mark Allen Powell who is a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio.

In this seven session video series Powell invites you to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. He does not prescribe "the Lutheran way" to read the Bible nor does he dismiss the way you may have come to understand the Bible. Instead Powell presents a variety of Lutheran perspectives for interpreting the Bible. Through Powell's rich discussions you will discover answers to questions you have always had about the Bible.

The titles of the seven sessions are:

- ◆ Session 1: The Word of God
- ◆ Session 2: What Lutherans Say About the Bible
- ◆ Session 3: Where the Bible Comes From
- ◆ Session 4: Interpreting the Bible in Context
- ◆ Session 5: Determining Right from Wrong
- ◆ Session 6: The Many Meanings of the Bible
- ◆ Session 7: Devotional Bible Reading

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.



## Prayer & Bible Study

Please join us on Monday afternoons each week for prayer and bible study. 1:00pm—3:00pm in Narthex





# Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ June 2015

## General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members Offerings	\$108,763	\$99,347	\$103,057	\$105,200
Grants	\$2,965		\$150	
Room Rents	\$6,555	\$6,825	\$8,026	\$7,050
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$6,000	\$16,100	\$16,232	\$15,750
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$124,283</b>	<b>\$122,272</b>	<b>\$127,465</b>	<b>\$128,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Compensation	\$41,177	\$41,177	\$41,177	\$41,177
Pastoral Benefits	\$16,937	\$19,379	\$20,872	\$21,173
Pastoral Expenses	\$2,173	\$2,252	\$1,466	\$2,285
Staff Compensation	\$21,549	\$26,600	\$23,065	\$28,725
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$210	\$70	\$308
Staff Payroll Cost	\$3,791	\$4,083	\$3,311	\$3,850
Worship & Music	\$1,105	\$1,528	\$1,496	\$2,115
Education	\$196	\$875	\$470	\$927
Youth	\$199	\$379	\$61	\$463
Outreach/Hospitality	\$589	\$921	\$594	\$1,231
Social Ministry	\$1,050	\$1,167	\$2,310	\$1,880
Stewardship	\$0	\$831	\$0	\$0
Health Ministry	\$0	\$350	\$0	\$350
Parish Life	\$979	\$788	\$2,384	\$958
ELCA Mission Support	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
General/Administrative	\$6,119	\$6,998	\$7,332	\$6,299
Facility Expenses	\$13,717	\$13,780	\$11,960	\$14,435
Insurance	\$5,935	\$4,783	\$4,785	\$4,783
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$119,016</b>	<b>\$129,601</b>	<b>\$128,353</b>	<b>\$137,959</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$5,267</b>	<b>(\$7,329)</b>	<b>(\$888)</b>	<b>(\$9,959)</b>

## 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 @ 6/30/15		\$76,696	\$28,372	\$23,492	\$10,672	\$14,160
June	(\$138)	(\$138)	(\$51)	(\$42)	(\$19)	(\$26)
Balance @ 7/30/15		\$76,558	\$28,321	\$23,450	\$10,653	\$14,134

## Capital Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Rental Income	\$58,765	\$58,765	\$58,765	\$58,765
Interest Income			\$260	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$29,097</b>	<b>\$39,207</b>	<b>\$38,123</b>	<b>\$38,238</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$29,668</b>	<b>\$19,558</b>	<b>\$20,902</b>	<b>\$20,527</b>





## From the Pastor . . .



Pastor

Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

September is nearly upon us and with it comes a busier schedule of activities in and around the church. Many ministries will be resuming after a summer hiatus, others will be brand new. It will be an exciting time as we will be busy being the people of God in this place.

That excitement reminds me of the early church and the excitement and enthusiasm of those early Christians as we find their story told in the book of Acts. Those who heard and responded to the apostles' proclamation of the gospel suddenly came alive. They were touched by the Spirit of God and began to proclaim the "good news" themselves in word and deed.

They had a mission. They had a sense of purpose. There was an urgency about them as they went about their work. They preached, they taught, they listened to the Word of God together, and shared in the Lord's Supper. They shared what they had with others. No matter where they went, their message was the same: "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

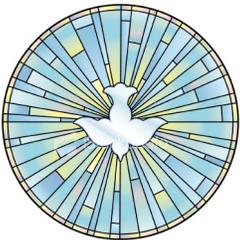
Jesus Christ is Lord...that is the same message that is central here at Atonement. As that message is preached and taught and shared, men, women, and children are being touched by the Spirit of God and they are responding to the

love of God by giving themselves away to and for others. Christ comes alive in us as we, his people, commit ourselves to learning, teaching, serving, and being served. The gospel of the Lord is proclaimed. Lives are changed. God's mission is carried out. The purpose of the church is being fulfilled.

The excitement and enthusiasm of the early believers in Christ is alive among us today! This fall, be a joiner; be a leader; be a servant. Join one of the many activities and ministry opportunities that are being planned and offered, or start one yourself. Come to worship. Attend the adult forum. Join a choir. Make a quilt or prayer shawl. Teach a Sunday school class. Sign up to be an usher, worship assistant, or coffee host. Be active in WELCA and/or the altar guild. Join the men's breakfast group. Share your time and talents in a committee and the vital ministries they are involved in. These, and many other ministries that could be mentioned, **need you**. And the promise is that as you get involved, as you give of yourself, you will grow in your faith, your life will be enriched, and our God will be served and glorified.

Come, share the spirit at Atonement as together we share the love of Christ with each other and with those we are called to serve in this community.

*Pastor Ed Milliken*



## Library Committee . . . by Jean Amundson



### Re-reading the Mitford Novels (Second Installment)

Jan Karon



I received "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good," the most recent of Jan Karon's novels about the little North Carolina town of Mitford and Father Tim, an Episcopalian priest who serves there. Then I got the notion of re-reading all the Mitford/Father Tim novels before starting the new one—a marathon of Mitford! Last month, I reviewed the first six novels. Here are your reviewer's impressions of the remaining novels.

My reading pleasure continued, as did the spiritual insights offered by "In This Mountain," "Shepherds Abiding," "Light from Heaven," "In the Company of Others," "Home to Holly Hills," and—finally—"Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good."

Many of the characters from previous novels appeared again, adding to their interesting stories and personal development.

New characters appeared, including a previously unknown half-brother for Father Tim ("Home to Holly Hill") and an engagement announcement from the grownup Dooley ("Somewhere Safe . . ."). The novels help us understand that one cannot change other people, only oneself, and—news flash—that love is ultimately an act of the will, not just an emotion. (from "In the Company of Others") You'll find these books in our Fiction section, filed under "Karon." These are truly treasures to be savored more than once!

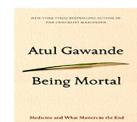
*Jean Amundson*

P.S. Unfortunately, "In the Company of Others" appears to be missing from our collection. (I checked it out from the Newport Public Library in order to fulfill my re-reading goal.) If you happen to have it, please drop it in the Returned Books slot in the library—thanks!

## Special Notification . . . by Nancy Hilton



"Being Mortal" the book by Atul Gawanda has arrived and ready for check-out from our library. Carol Baker wrote a great review about the book in the July newsletter.



## 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>



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

## Family Ministry/Education News



### ***Rally Day is On Its Way-Hooray***

\* Rally Day is when we start to put away our summer fun in the sun. Roll away the BBQ and fold up the lawn chairs. We begin to realize a new season is almost here. I'm sure all would agree we are looking for rain come Labor Day. Life slows down a bit and the leaves turn into glorious colors.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day because it is the first day of Sunday School. We will have our annual celebration in Fellowship Hall after late service about 12:15 with root beer floats and pizza, followed by our mission project.

Be sure and wear your God's Work Our Hand T-shirts September 13<sup>th</sup>. We are family. We are Team Atonement. Please wear your shirt in support, build our family, support our kids, show our love and mission to our community. As we do, we continue to build relationships with each other and with God. We have ordered a few more yellow God's Work T-shirts which we will offer when they arrive. Also, we acquired some grey Thrivent T-Shirts for you!

\* This year we will offer Sunday School for Pre-School children in the nursery, age 3 to 5. Middle School children, age 5 to 10 will gather downstairs in the Education Room at 9:30.

We need 3 Sunday Shepherds (Leaders) each week now! Please come and talk to me. I will be happy to go through the One Room Sunday School material with you and show you how easy it is. The

schedule is on the bulletin board outside my office.

In addition to 3 Sunday Shepherds each week, we again invite all members to sign up and share their gifts with us, one per month. Last year we so enjoyed Shannon White's class on forestry, Rick Leatherer on astronomy, Dan Elbert had a program on sea birds and Barbara Abshire offered a cooking class. The kids really enjoyed their time building relationships with these members while learning more about God's creation.

\* September 20<sup>th</sup> is the annual Stewards of Children-Darkness to Light Program. Our instructor, **Megan Miller-Morgan and Dorinda Howden who are working with CAC (Child Advocacy Center) will be our two trainers.**

After the late worship service at 11am, we will go down to Fellowship Hall and enjoy a light lunch. There is no charge for the class but contributions will gladly be accepted. We will learn about child abuse and child sexual abuse. They will train us how to recognize children who may be suffering in our community. We will know what to do and how to report anonymously. This is time well spent even if you have attended a class already. All are warmly invited and encouraged to participate in becoming good stewards of children.

\* October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Education Committee is planning an easy walk/hike and a byo sack lunch picnic. It will be in South Beach at either Beverly Beach State park or Mike Miller Park following the 11am

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## WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson



**I**t's almost time for WELCA to begin meeting again. If we stick to the third Wednesday schedule, our first meeting will be September 16.

This year, the Leader's Guide is included in the WELCA magazine, "Gather," so we won't need to worry about passing it around, keeping it available, etc.! Yes!

The goals for the new session are as follows:

1. To gain a sense of biblical time and God's gift of grace that unfolds over that time.
2. To share personal stories and to deepen relationships.
3. To cultivate a few new study practices, including "divine reading" (more on this later!).

The first lesson calls us to remember (or learn about) the "Slow Food" movement and how this might relate to our Bible study. With that in mind, we will be starting the year off with a "slow food" luncheon of small pulled-pork sandwiches, slow-cooked beans, and dessert.

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***



## Family Ministry ... (continue from page 5)

worship. Shannon White will be leading and telling us about the plant life and forest. If we also have some master gardeners or botanists it would be lots of fun, easier to hear with more than one teacher and learn about our environment. If you can help please let me know!

\* This is our fifth year of Monday afternoon Bible Study. All are invited. We gather at 1 pm and close at 3 pm. We are always learning and having fun.

\* Confirmation Class is offered for junior high and high school age kids.

\* Life Touch will be here for us on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to shoot photos and create a new photo directory. The last directory was done in 2010. We need volunteers to help with this special and meaningful project. Everyone has a sign-up sheet with a job detail in their Narthex mail box. All members and friends are invited to come and have their photograph taken and receive a free 8 x 10 photo. They promise "no-pressure sales". Light Touch offers the same free 8 x 10 photo to friends of members and friends. The 8 x 10 photo will be available to personally deliver before Christmas!

Blessings, peace and grace,

*Rhonda Harman*



## Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter



*Our last summer barbecue...*

*School supplies...*

*Plans for renewing WELCA, new terms for adult forum, Sunday School...*

*A little nip in the air.*

Can it be that our beautiful summer on the coast is tiptoeing to a close? Our committees are reviewing and preparing budgets for the coming year. Soon we will begin our fall stewardship campaign, which will grow into our annual pledges and a request, at the November congregational meeting, to approve a budget for 2016.

As we age and time seems to compress, we might feel dismayed that... "**Again...** the church is asking for our money!" As your president, and on behalf of the Council, I'd like to temper those thoughts and open our fall campaign with an attitude of gratitude.

**THANK YOU** for all you have done for Atonement and the community during the past year:

- ◆ For continuing to contribute your time and energies to our vibrant committees;
- ◆ For acting as worship assistants, lending your voices to our lessons and prayers;
- ◆ For those who are musicians: enriching our worship with your anthems, your solos, your guidance with hymns and new liturgies;
- ◆ For our Parish Health Ministers: Nurse

Lynn Moody and Doctor Terry Homer who have brought compassion and healing in their own special way;

- ◆ For continuing programs such as Randy's Read and Feed, which has become a beacon of hope and a model for the community;
- ◆ For your involvement in projects such as the Blood Drives, Stone Soup, Relay for Life, infant formula the Food Bank, and so many others which help sustain the needs of our greater Newport brothers and sisters;
- ◆ For your ministry of prayer both on behalf of our church family and for our extended families beyond;
- ◆ And special thanks to our loyal and devoted staff:
  - ◇ Rhonda, who brings energy and inspiration to all of us with a special focus on our younger members;
  - ◇ Donna, who faithfully greets our visitors, helps keep records of our services, and provides many other critical activities, both seen and unseen;
  - ◇ Raynette, who brings a cheerfulness and offers support with her telephone and computer skills as well as her many office tasks with our newsletter and weekly bulletins to keep us all connected;
  - ◇ Last – but so vital – Pastor Ed, our shepherd, who has guided us

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## 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



*RUMMAGE SALE IS OVER, BUT GOOD MEMORIES REMAIN!*

A huge thank you to all for supporting the rummage sale. Your donations were generous and your help was amazing and appreciated. The \$6200 earned will go towards Atonement`s 50th anniversary celebration next May. We will miss our daily coffee breaks and conversations.

## Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber ... submitted by Susan Painter



Nadia Bolz-Weber, founding Lutheran pastor of the House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado, will speak in Portland on Monday, October 12, 2015. She will appear at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 7:00 that evening and will introduce her new book, *Accidental Saints*.

Nadia's autobiography is, *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint*. She has appeared on television, many national stages and in YouTube videos. She is a tattooed, outspoken and unlikely pastor who takes her faith to unexpected places.

Watch for more information about her and this event here next month. Car pooling suggestions are also in the planning stages.

## Ponderings from the President ... (continues from page 7)

through many joyful and some tearful pastures during these months.

As we move forward with new projects, ongoing adventures and juggle the regular costs of "keeping the lights on," I [and we] thank you all.

Atonement has always been the "little church that **can** --" respond to needs, meet challenges and offer opportunities.

Thank you! *Susan Painter*

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# September 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>National Alcohol &amp; Drug Addition Recovery Month</b>	1 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	2	3 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	4 12:00pm First Friday Brunch	5 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
6 8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship	7 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) <b>Labor Day</b>	8 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	9	10 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 12-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	11 8-5:00pm OCQG Workshop <b>Patriot Day</b> 	12 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 2:00pm Memorial Service for Connie
13 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm God's Work Our Hands Project & Rally Day	14 Office Closed 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 6:00pm Property	15 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	16 12:30pm WELCA 5:30pm HMT 7:00pm Council	17 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG (FH)	18	19 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
20 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Darkness to Light Training 12:15pm 50th Anniversary Mtg	21 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH)	22 <b>WAVES Deadline</b> 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	23	24 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	25	26 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) <b>Family Health Fitness Day</b>
27 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship	28 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (FH) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	29 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	30 <b>National Honey Month</b>	<b>National School Success Month</b>	<b>Prostate Cancer Awareness</b>	





# Worship Page

## Worship

## Readers

## Altar Guild

## Musicians

6	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Donna White	Lucy Milliken Lucy Milliken	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
13	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Terri Homer	Alice McClellan Bette Harmon	Marian Brown Marian Brown
20	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Paul Amundson Shannon White	Marian Brown Lois Greenwood	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
27	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Deb Christensen Dan Elbert	MaryLou Mate Deb Christensen	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson



Gloria Connell 9/3  
 Raynette Rawles 9/5  
 Dolores Bennett 9/15  
 Linda Kilbride 9/17  
 E.J. Warren 9/27  
 Michael Schulz 9/30

4 Jerry & Bonnie Powell  
 12 Shannon & Donna White  
 18 Dean & Andrea Fleck  
 21 John & Carol Baker  
 28 Gary & Lori Painter

6 Dan & Kathy Elbert  
 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 20 Deb Christensen  
 27 \_\_\_\_\_

6 Bob Olson & Paul Stangeland  
 13 Paul Stangeland & Terri Homer  
 20 Terri Homer & Dan Elbert  
 27 Dan Elbert & Pete Kraack

## 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 **Cereal (Hot & Cold)** to try to "fill the barrel" again.

### School Supply Drive A Success ... by Sally Jennings



Social Ministry Committee sends a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated school supplies during our Atonement School Supply Drive. Also, thanks go out to those who volunteered at the Lincoln County School District Homeless Education and Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.) school supply distribution event. Your generosity helped hundreds of children in the Newport area start the school year with the supplies they are required to have. We all know how important it is to start the school year out right. Your generous donations are appreciated.

### Randy's Feed and Read ... by Sally Jennings



Our first Randy's Feed & Read program of the new school year will take place on Thursday, September 24th, in our Fellowship Hall. Social Ministry Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with this family centered event. Please join us in serving Samaritan House and H.E.L.P. Center families a nutritious meal and providing an evening of crafts and reading activities. Food preparation begins at 4 P.M., help with crafts is needed at 5:30, and volunteers are needed to read with the children beginning at 6:30. For more information, call Sally Jennings at 541-444-2687.

## Reminder...



**Monthly Setup/Cleanup/Snacks...** 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.



**First Friday Lunch Bunch...** September 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00am @ Canyon Way Book Store Restaurant. Please call or e-mail office if you are able to attend.



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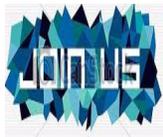
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## Reaching Out with God's

*Reminder...*



**Adult Forum  
Sunday School  
Rally Day  
September 13<sup>th</sup>**



*Welcome  
to Our  
Church*

**Audio  
Worship Services  
& Calendar  
on website**

**Designer Cards  
Available**



**Fill our Food Barrel  
This Month: Cereal  
(Hot & Cold)**