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Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Noon and 7:00pm

Service includes the Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

The season of Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in our liturgy for that service: *"Now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord."* During Lent we, the people of God, will reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of the ashes suggests our mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the sign of the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

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.



Lenten Midweek Services

We invite you to join us each Wednesday evening during Lent (Feb. 17, and 24, March 2, 9, and 16) for a soup and bread supper followed by a short worship service using Holden Evening Prayer. The theme this year will be "Journey of Stones." Each week, worshippers will pick up a stone as a concrete symbol of that week's theme and place that stone at the foot of the cross as a symbol of repentance.

Each Wednesday, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm for soup and bread. The worship service will follow at 7:00pm. A sign-up sheet for soup and bread can be found on the bulletin board next to the coffee bar in the nathex.



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

General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$194,334	\$181,800	\$188,890	\$179,600
Grants	\$4,900		\$1,344	
Room Rents	\$11,625	\$11,700	\$13,326	\$10,700
Dedicated Fund Transfer	\$6,823	\$27,600	\$20,232	\$27,000
Total Income	\$217,682	\$221,100	\$223,792	\$217,300
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$70,589	\$70,589	\$70,589	\$70,589
Pastoral Benefits	\$29,035	\$33,221	\$35,401	\$36,296
Pastoral Expenses	\$3,788	\$3,860	\$2,613	\$3,660
Staff Compensation	\$39,553	\$45,600	\$36,350	\$49,200
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$360	\$70	\$568
Staff Payroll Cost	\$5,994	\$7,000	\$4,719	\$6,600
Worship & Music	\$1,563	\$2,375	\$3,109	\$3,509
Education	\$343	\$1,500	\$867	\$1,400
Youth	-\$1,231	\$650	\$153	\$650
Outreach/Hospitality	\$1,011	\$1,580	\$977	\$1,930
Social Ministry	\$1,470	\$2,000	\$3,150	\$3,200
Stewardship	\$64	\$1,425	\$1,444	\$1,625
Health Ministry	-\$50	\$600	\$0	\$600
Parish Life	\$1,146	\$1,350	\$2,730	\$1,400
ELCA Mission Support	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
General/Administrative	\$10,443	\$11,425	\$11,507	\$10,170
Facility Expenses	\$21,526	\$24,325	\$23,492	\$24,690
Insurance	\$9,698	\$8,200	\$7,877	\$8,200
Total Expense	\$200,942	\$222,060	\$217,048	\$236,287
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>\$16,740</u>	<u>(\$960)</u>	<u>\$6,744</u>	<u>\$18,987</u>

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 @ 11/30/15		\$73,708	\$27,929	\$22,094	\$9,736	\$13,949
November	(\$1,200)	(\$1,200)	(\$455)	(\$360)	(\$158)	(\$227)
Balance @ 12/31/15		\$72,508	\$27,474	\$21,734	\$9,578	\$13,722

Capital Fund

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2015	-	\$44,997
INCOME	\$100,740	
EXPENSES		\$93,565
BALANCE @ 12/31/2015		\$52,172





From the Pastor . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Those words are often used during the season of Lent to greet the reading of the gospel during Sunday worship. With these words, the people of God prepare to be attentive to the Word which God brings, and they remind us that there is something different about these days. It is Lent. The "Alleluia" which is normally sung is put away and the people of God have embarked on a 40 day path of return.

Repentance, turn, return –in Hebrew all three of these words have a common root: *teshuvah*, *lashuv*, and *shuvah*. This Hebrew word "shuv" means to turn around, to return, to be converted in the sense of a change of behavior, and a return to the living God. The call of Lent is to turn away from those things that usually occupy our attention (*lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth*) and to move in another direction, to return to the Lord our God who is rich in grace and mercy.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10) and the solemn words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The sign of the ashes has a long history among God's people. They are a sign of mourning for sin (sackcloth and ashes); they are a sign of humility; they are a reminder that we are mere mortals and will one day return to

the earth from which we were made; they are a sign of cleansing as they can also be used as an ingredient in soap; they are a sign of ending, of death which is, of course, a prerequisite for resurrection and new life.

Lent is also a time when the people of God attend in a special way to confession – a conscious, voluntary examination and exclamation of the many ways in which we have separated ourselves from God, from God's will, and from one another. We remember that we are all prodigal sons and daughters, that we are selfish and self centered, always focused primarily on ourselves; that our lives are full of waste: wasted life, wasted gifts, wasted relationships, wasted treasure.

In Greek, the word for repent is *metanoia* which also means to turn around and go in the opposite direction. And so, for forty days we repent of our sinfulness. We are given this gift of forty days to turn our lives around and to return to our God. And, when we do, we find that our God is there with open arms of love and forgiveness to welcome prodigals home.

So Lent is also a time to remember God's gifts, God's promises, God's grace, mercy, and love for sinful people like us. We return to the Lord our God for we know that this is the only place where we will find those precious gifts given freely. (*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*)

Pastor Ed Milliken

Prayer & Bible Study

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



Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

During the season of Lent, the adult forum topic will be the video series: ***The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself***. Much of what passes for information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In "The Jesus Fatwah," seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we can be about building relationships across lines of faith. February sessions are as follows:

February 21 Session 1: Islam 101: In Which We Tell You Some of What You Need to Know About Islam.

February 28 Session 2: Misconceptions About Islam: In Which We Help You Adjust Your Malarky Filter.



Black History ... What??? by Rick Letherer

February is the month that the USA celebrates black history. This will pass almost totally unnoticed in Newport. We have, at most, a handful of black citizens in Newport; therefore, is this national recognition irrelevant to us?

African Americans arrived in the states from the practice of slavery, oppression, and the cruel, tortuous practices designed to mandate subservience. It is wise for us as Christians to remember this history and be advocates for peace and justice FOR ALL. It is easy to be oblivious to racial bias when we don't see it locally. I spent two Christmas holidays in Atlanta, Georgia. Trust me, racial bigotry against black Americans is a living, smoldering fire, however surreptitious. Southerners have learned how to be politically correct, yet many cling tightly to racial hatred.

We are biologically hard-wired to reject anyone that looks or acts differently than our image of "normal". We see this in many animal populations that kill offspring that appear different in color. This in NO WAY justifies bigotry in our species! We have highly developed brains to help us make rational, appropriate choices in our thinking and behavior, in spite of our biological predilections.

The observance of Black history for us white Americans is not about celebration as much as recognition. And for us whites, we need to commit to tolerance, understanding, and inclusion. It is much easier for me to be sensitive to African Americans, having made trips to Africa and enjoying the peaceful hospitality of native Africans when I am the minority in their country. My prayer is that we white Americans extend that same benevolence to our non-white American brothers and sisters.

I have a couple suggestions for your Lenten observance this February:

- ◆ Read something about the Black American struggle for freedom during the civil war.
- ◆ Pray for the children of black Americans and in Africa
- ◆ Enjoy a movie or play with black actors; listen to some black Music
- ◆ Consider a donation through the ELCA humanitarian funds for Africa.
- ◆ Practice tolerance: Jesus loves us each and every one! Show an unnecessary, unexpected kindness to a Native American or Hispanic person that we are more likely to interact with.



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News



Peace Village is unique, and an educational opportunity consisting of multicultural, multiracial, and interfaith, week long day camp experience. It is being planned now and scheduled for this summer, at the end of July or first of August. Campers are children, ages 6 to 12 and it will be during the daytime. The curriculum has not been determined as of yet. The classes and activities will rely on the teachers and volunteers who sign up. In general; they will hear story tellers from different traditions, participate in music, and inter-act with presenters from different faiths and cultures. There might be classes in yoga and inner strength. Each day will have sessions in non-violent conflict resolution, media literacy, and walk-about ecology. Other activities may include hikes, drama, a beach trip, and arts and crafts. It will be a full, fun filled week with a lot of good stuff for the children in our village.

Reverend Charles Busch, created this program in 1995. He is now retired from Lincoln City Congregational Church. To date Peace Village has spread to 21 villages (day camps) in 10 different states. This program is genuine and it is so important for our children to learn about peace in our world. For if we are ever to

have peace, we must begin with the children (M. Gandhi). Participating Adults really enjoy the program as well. At the end of the week there will be a final performance given by the kids to a full auditorium of parents and friends of Peace Village. You will see and hear what they have learned together in the village.

We have developed an amazing steering committee. We need and we are asking for our community's ideas and support. Our goal and our hope is to continue this program and maintain good focus for years to come. A power point presentation was given at the first open community meeting in late January in Fellowship Hall. A few others said they want to help but could not make the meeting that time.

Monthly meetings are tentatively scheduled towards the end of each month until camp this summer. We would love to have you join us and/or offer your pearls to me or by email. There is a very wide range of possibilities for volunteers. We need people for a one time, one day event as little as one hour up to much more. So, please get in touch with me. Love to have everyone at Atonement involved in some capacity or another. We got this!

Blessings, peace and grace,
Rhonda Harman



First Friday Lunch Bunch ... February 5th @ Fish Tails.

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



WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson

This year, the Leader's Guide is included in the WELCA magazine, "Gather,".
Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 17th.

The goals for this 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!).

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Health Ministry Team ... by Susan Painter

Welcome back Lynn!

After some needed time off and then a new job, Lynn Moody has returned to be our Parish Nurse. We are so grateful to Terri Homer for her many contributions as Parish Doctor during Lynn's absence.

Health Ministry is delighted to report that Terri and Lynn will both continue to work with Health Ministry and with our congregation. Lynn will be the first person to contact. She will delegate responsibilities to Terri as necessary

They will share and decide who will handle different situations and cover for each other's travel/vacations. We are so BLESSED to have them in this congregation!!!!!!!



Good Words ... by Linda Kilbride

I had the opportunity to visit with Taylor Johnson while she was home over the holidays – just to acknowledge her performance in the Wind Ensemble Winter Concert which was broadcast-live in late November. The program was modern and creative and it was evident that the Ensemble members really loved to participate! What talent! She certainly appreciates their director, as he is an inspiration to each of them – and FUN!

Taylor has this spring semester, then one more year at Whitman in Walla Walla before she graduates. She doesn't know 'what's next'! Performance is her thing, as we well know! She loves sharing her talent and her flute with us during worship!

Did you know that she is one of the students we support with a \$1,000 scholarship each year she is in college? Taylor told me that the scholarship came as a complete surprise, an amazing and generous gift from her friends at Atonement. "This is indicative of how generous members at Atonement are...thank you all! My college experience has fallen into place so well, what a blessing to my family!"



Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter

NADIA'S JOURNEY



"I'd assumed I'd be dead by thirty"
writes Nadia Bolz-Weber.

Brought up in the conservative Church of Christ, Nadia was baptized at age 12, but was a Pepperdine college drop out, a drunk and an addict by age 19. She became a stand-up comic back in her native Denver. She writes that she loved how she "looked in the outfit of using drugs and exercising poor judgment."

On the day after Christmas three years later, Nadia attended her first AA meeting. She began listening, gradually, to talk about God: "but never about an angry God who judged or condemned or was always disappointed in people... not the God I was taught to fear."

Years later, because she "was the religious one," her friends in the comedy club asked her to perform a memorial service for one of their number who had hanged himself. There, she writes, "in that underground room filled with the smell of stale beer and bad jokes...I saw God...God, among the cynics and alcoholics and queers." At that moment, she found, her early sobriety had led her from a reluctant willingness to pray again, to a return to Christianity and, finally, to a call to be a pastor "to my people."

From that beginning, to a living room, and finally to a space loaned on Sunday evenings by an Episcopal church, the House for All Sinners and Saints was born. It is an "alternative" ELCA church in Denver. Nadia started the church after she returned to college, graduated from

seminary, married a Lutheran pastor and had children of her own. She tells how her church began in *Pastrix*¹, her first book. She describes the challenges of her ongoing ministry in her new book, *Accidental Saints*.

Pastor Nadia writes that her story is about the development of her faith, the expression of her faith, and the community of her faith:

"And it is the story of how I have experienced this Jesus thing to be true. How the Christian faith, while wildly misrepresented in so much of American culture, is really about death and resurrection. It's about how God continues to reach into the graves we dig for ourselves and pull us out, giving us new life, in ways both dramatic and small."

She is ruthlessly honest and painfully realistic. She tells newcomers to HFAAS that they "will be disappointed. We will let them down or I'll say something stupid and hurt their feelings," but she encourages them to "stick around" so that they can experience the grace of God coming in to fill the holes left by the community's failure, something "too beautiful and too real to miss."

In 2012, invited to speak to 35,000 teenagers and adults at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, she declined several times; when finally she accepted, she learned that some parents and pastors were wary of having "someone with her past." She announced that to the assembly, admitting that they were

¹A term, Nadia declares, is used as an insult "by unimaginative sections of the church to define female pastors."

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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Library Committee ... by Lois Greenwood



Library Sunday

February 14th is Valentines Day AND Library Sunday--double fun. Between the 8 and 11am services we will have special treats, games with prizes, and a literary event or two (short ones).

Atonement has an exceptionally nice library, well stocked and well maintained, with a wide variety of books on many topics. If you are new to our congregation, or haven't browsed for a while, please take time to do so soon. There is a card catalog and check out is really simple, just sign the card in the back of the book and put it in the box on the left most window sill.

There will be no adult forum or church school that day, so everyone will be free to come --Library Sunday, February 14th, 9:30 AM. Please come!

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

"absolutely right." But, she went on, "someone with my *present*, who I am *now*" shouldn't be allowed either.

"I am a sarcastic, heavily tattooed, angry person who swears like a truck driver! I am a flawed person who really should not be allowed to talk to you. But you know what?... that's the God we are dealing with, people!"

Nadia's books are emotional and transforming. An "accidental" pastor in her own right, she is thoughtful, inclusive and powerful. Her ministry and her stories are an inspiration. ² Both books are worth the read.

² Both books are now included in the Atonement library, and I recognize them in honor of Library Sunday, which occurs in a few weeks.



February 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (Ed) 6:30pm Parish Life	2 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir Ground Hog Day	3 4:00pm Confirma- tion	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails World Cancer Day	5 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Fish Tails 12:30pm Blood Drive (FH) 	6 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
7 8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Ed Mtg Souper Bowl of Caring	8 Office Closed 10:00am Property 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (Ed) Chinese New Year	9 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	10 12:00pm Ash Wed Service 4:00pm Confirma- tion 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT 7:00pm Ash Wed Service	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	12 8-5:00pm OCQG Workshop (FH)	13 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
14 8:00am Worship 9:30am Library Sunday 11:00am Worship St Valentine's Day	15 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (Ed) President's Day	16 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	17 12:30pm WELCA 4:00pm Confirma- tion 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service 8:00pm Council	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	19	20 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
21 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship 12:15pm 50 th Anniversary Mtg	22 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (Ed) 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	23 WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 7:30pm Chancel Choir	24 4:00pm Confirma- tion 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service Flag Day	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read (FH)	26	27 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)
28 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship	29 Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/ Bible Study 5-7:00pm Weight Watchers (Ed)	 Black History Month	 Flag Day	Great American Pie Month	 American Heart Month	





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

7	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Dan Elbert	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
14	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman Donna White	Alice McCellan Bette Harmon	Marian Brown Marian Brown
21	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate Lois Greenwood	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
28	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Marian Brown



Lucy Milliken	2/1
Dick Tyler	2/9
Lois Greenwood	2/10
Dan Roumagoux	2/10
Lorinda White	2/12
Peggy Gilman	2/16
Paul Amundson	2/21
Kathy Elbert	2/23



7	_____
14	_____
21	Paul & Jean Amundson (Paul & daughter Maryliss birthday)
28	_____



7	Paul Stangeland & Pete Kraack
14	Pete Kraack & Peggy Gilman
21	Peggy Gilman & Bob Olson
28	Bob Olson & Dan Elbert

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 meats**.

Stone Soup ... February 22nd

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 Read & Feed ... by Sally Jennings



Our next Randy's Feed & Read program will be held on Thursday, February 25th. Our program has an ongoing need for help on the day of the event. Randy's Feed & Read is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month during the school year. Help (starting at 3:30) preparing the food and doing set up is welcome. Participant families arrive at 5:30, and help is always needed doing crafts with the children before dinner. Dinner servers, dish washers and a clean up crew are always welcome. After dinner, there is the opportunity to read with individual children.

Please consider helping out with Randy's Feed & Read.

Red Cross Blood Drive ... by Terri McCully



Every 2 seconds in the US someone needs blood. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. Give blood if you can on February 5th at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Go to the Redcross.org website and schedule an appointment. If you can't give blood, please help *by volunteering at the drive or bringing homemade treats*. At Atonement we are known for our treats people enjoy after giving blood.



Kum Yons Restaurant in Newport will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, February 3, 2016, donating 15% of the days proceeds.

Rose Davies

Volunteer, Samaritan House





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Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



**Souper Bowl of
Caring
February 7th**



*Welcome
to Our
Church*

**Audio
Worship Services
& Calendar
on website**



Food Pantry

**Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Canned
Meats**