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## Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



## Find the Good News and Praise It

- ◆ Atonement raised over \$1,000.00 for the fight against cancer by selling Relay for Life luminaries.
- ◆ Les Day received a Quilt of Valor at the recent Quilt Show in honor of his service in the U.S. Marines.
- ◆ "The classical music performance by the Trio Musicorum Medicum on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. The passionate musicians had a great time, and the appreciative audience provided a standing ovation and demanded an encore! The event raised \$140 in cash and 246 pounds of food for the Newport Food Pantry which was a welcome and needed gift to the Pantry. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this great afternoon!" ... by Susan Painter
- ◆ Our supporters (19 households) who shopped at Fred Meyer between 4/1/2016 and 6/30/2016 (Cycle 2016, Qtr 2) have contributed a total donation of \$110.23 to our church. To join our supporter, sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to (non-profit) at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 84754.
- ◆ Blood Pressure Screening will resume on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Our Summer BBQ's have been a great success ending on August 25<sup>th</sup> with great food, fun and fellowship.
- ◆ The Bible Study & Prayer Group will be meeting on Thursdays at 5:30pm in Narthex

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.



## Website Calendar

Check out our website calendar. It includes all activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It is updated to include all changes and new events ... website: <http://www.atonementlutheran.com>



# Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ July 2016

General Fund	Current Year		Previous Year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members Offerings	\$110,840	\$110,627	\$108,763	\$99,347
Grants	\$3,575	\$2,420	\$2,965	\$0
Room Rents	\$5,005	\$6,597	\$6,555	\$6,825
Capital Fund Transfer	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$6,000	\$16,100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$129,420</b>	<b>\$133,644</b>	<b>\$124,283</b>	<b>\$122,272</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Compensation	\$43,236	\$42,781	\$41,177	\$41,177
Pastoral Benefits	\$18,991	\$18,510	\$16,937	\$19,379
Pastoral Expenses	\$1,637	\$1,738	\$2,173	\$2,252
Staff Compensation	\$24,914	\$27,931	\$21,549	\$26,600
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$210
Staff Payroll Cost	\$4,316	\$4,915	\$3,791	\$4,083
Worship & Music	\$2,166	\$2,522	\$1,105	\$1,528
Education	\$472	\$1,429	\$196	\$875
Youth	\$35	\$379	\$199	\$379
Outreach/Hospitality	\$594	\$893	\$589	\$922
Social Ministry	\$1,050	\$1,342	\$1,050	\$1,167
Stewardship	\$0	\$525	\$0	\$831
Health Ministry	\$0	\$350	\$0	\$350
Parish Life	\$478	\$2,846	\$979	\$787
ELCA Mission Support	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
General/Administrative	\$7,120	\$7,200	\$6,119	\$6,998
Facility Expenses	\$16,235	\$16,896	\$13,717	\$13,780
Insurance	\$5,541	\$5,600	\$5,935	\$4,783
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$130,285</b>	<b>\$139,357</b>	<b>\$119,016</b>	<b>\$129,601</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>(\$865)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,713)</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,267</u></b>	<b><u>(\$7,329)</u></b>

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 6/30/2016		\$72,093	\$28,243	\$21,922	\$8,088	\$13,840
July	\$3,207	\$3,207	\$1,257	\$975	\$359	\$616
<b>Balance @ 7/31/2016</b>		<b>\$75,300</b>	<b>\$29,500</b>	<b>\$22,897</b>	<b>\$8,447</b>	<b>\$14,456</b>

<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 2/1/2016</b>		\$52,172
	<b>INCOME</b>	\$59,170	
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		\$54,408
	<b>BALANCE @ 7/31/2016</b>		<b>\$56,934</b>



**Flower Chart Signup...** Providing flowers is a great way to remember birthdays, anniversaries and special events.



## From the Pastor



Pastor Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

I know it is hard to believe, but 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, while others will be brand new. It will be an exciting time as we will be busy being the people of God in this place.

This 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 through their words and their deeds. They had a mission. They had a sense of urgency. They preached and taught. They listened to the word of God together. They 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 and, as that message is preached and taught and lived and shared, men, women, and children are being touched by the Spirit of God and 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, sharing, caring, serving and being served. God's mission is carried out and the purpose of the church is being fulfilled.

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

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



*Pastor Ed Milliken*



**Monthly Setup/Cleanup/Snacks...** Please sign up on any open dates. Sign-up sheet located on bulletin board... We appreciate your time and effort!



## Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

### "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries"

This fall the adult forum will begin its year by reading and reflecting on the ELCA's social statement on criminal justice. The social statement, "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries". presents a comprehensive perspective on matters related to the U.S. criminal justice system and the many communities affected by this system. The statement affirms the principles of the U.S. criminal justice system, but also reveals the desperate cries that reflect the system's serious deficiencies. Drawing from the biblical witness to God's rich forms of love and justice for all humanity, the ELCA is compelled by a "holy yearning" to address the need for a change in public attitude and posture, and to call for dramatic reforms in policies and practices in the criminal justice system.

- ◇ **September 11 - Session 1:** Hearing the Call: Why are we called to care about our broken system?
- ◇ **September 18 - Session 2:** Hearing the Voices: Who is crying out?
- ◇ **September 25 - Session 3:** Hearing God's Call for Justice: How does God guide us to seek justice?
- ◇ **October 2 - Session 4:** Hearing How to Respond Wisely: What are some models of ministry?
- ◇ **October 9 - Session 5:** Hearing How to Make a Difference: How can we advocate for change?



### 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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#### Monthly Work Party



Mark your calendar and plan to join the Property Committee Work Party from 9-12 on the 3rd Monday of each month. It is a great time to get to know members as you work together to keep the church grounds picked up and our building clean.



## Family Ministry/Education News

by Rhonda Harman



**T**hank you all for contributing to Peace Village Newport! We are so grateful for use of Atonement for our many meetings. Camp was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, August 8 to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Lunch was provided to our 40 to 50 volunteers, including 14 Teen Leaders by 5 churches during the week. Thank you especially to **Dee Waldo & crew; Sue Fowler, Anne Stangeland, Jerryann Olson, Sally Jennings & Lois Greenwood** who provided Monday's lunch. (It was the best one!) Thanks also to: St Stephens & St. Luke, Trinity Methodist, Unitarian Universalists, and then First Presbyterian. The children are asked to bring their own sack lunch and eat together outside with supervision, giving our volunteers a bit of a break and reflection time. This is amazing! July 31st we had only 21 kids registered but between then and August 8th, we filled to capacity at 45! I imagine families were skeptical because PVN was canceled last year at the last minute so wanted to wait.

Briefly, Peace Village Newport is a one week day camp serving children entering first thru sixth grade. It is multi-cultural and multi-faith. Children learn about different traditions all over the world. The curriculum includes non-violent conflict resolution, mindfulness, media literacy and ecology. Respect and cooperation, listening better and learning to respond not so much to react. They learn empathy and deepen personal values, it's all about peace.

The program consists of classes in the morning, with activities, (related to the morning classes) in the afternoon. Kids

learn together in three age groups, each group with a teacher, an assistant teacher and one or two teen leaders as needed. In the afternoon they can choose activities individually.

**Thank you Ann Stangeland and Carla Johnsen!** These girls worked every morning all week and were awesome teachers and inspiration for all of us. They seemed to really enjoy their creative time with their age group of kids.

The afternoon activities included: Making Peace flags, listening to multicultural stories, learning the Yoga moon salute and Southern Food manners. Sign language was taught while learning peace and ecology songs. The kids created pet paintings, and painted pictures on bamboo. They did nature rubbings, made a quilt wall hanging. Peace Totem Pole which can now be viewed at the library. They did several origami projects. They made flower cards and balloon animals.

They learned cooperative activities, like competition as a 3 legged race versus a 6 legged race. They had a field trip to the garden and learned about, planting, use of tools and care. Chandler Davis led a drumming circle for them. Walker Farms brought farm animals for the kids to experience. They had a scavenger hunt. Imagine!

They did 2 service projects and created one more. They made up personal toiletry bags and dog food bags for our less fortunate neighbors. These are being given out at Stone Soup, Randy's Read and Feed, and Newport and Toledo's Food Pantries. Friday's lunch had left over sandwiches.

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## WELCA News... by Jean Amundson



Atonement's WELCA group meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month for Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer. Of course, treats are always provided.

The Bible Study for September through November is entitled "**When God's Not Fair – Coming to Terms with a Merciful God**" and is written by Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The texts explore the stories of Jonah, the Prodigal Son, and the Conversion of Paul. Join us for these studies:

- ◆ **September - Session 1:** Jonah and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day: When God forgives the guilty
- ◆ **October – Session 2:** Jesus and the evil eye: When God blesses the undeserving
- ◆ **November – Session 3:** Paul and the power of failure: When God chooses the unlikely



## First Friday Lunch Bunch...

Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> Cannon Book Store @ 12 noon

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

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

Two little girls suggested the kitchen crew make up 15 sack lunches and sent me out to distribute them on the streets in their behalf. I missed the closing ceremony but it was ok with me.

The week ended in the closing ceremony attended by camper's friends and families and the volunteers. The kids showed off their stuff including songs with signing.

Peace village is committed to the dream creating a more peaceful world where children can grow, learn, play and lead peace together.

Due to serious health concerns I had to resign as Director. I am so grateful 11 Steering Committee members showed up and had an emergency meeting to finish the remaining details and kept it on schedule. My heart would have truly broken had PVN not happened!

**Thank you to Joyce Atchley-Krueger for accepting my Director position and carried it off so wonderfully. It indeed takes a village!**

*Rhonda Harman*



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

### A Time of Mercy



On March 13, 2015, Pope Francis proclaimed that the year beginning on December 8, 2015, would be an exceptional, "Extraordinary Jubilee" Holy Year of Mercy. His reflections on that decision and his belief in the centrality of mercy in God's approach to His fallen creatures are offered in the Holy Father's first book as Pope, "The Name of God is Mercy".

This small work offers a powerful message as we enter a season of contentiousness and discord in our national political life. It also can serve as a guide during this autumn's adult forum as we study the ELCA position paper about criminal justice, "Hearing the Cries."

Mercy, the Pope says, is difficult to understand. It does not erase sins. What erases sin is God's forgiveness. But mercy is the way in which God forgives. That the Pope considers mercy, rather than love, central to knowing God seems, at first, surprising. But mercy encompasses God's great love:

"[Mercy] is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it... Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." [p 106]

The Holy Father has a remarkable affinity for those in prison; mercy is central to understanding his approach. He writes that he has always been attached to those deprived of their freedom because of his

awareness of being a sinner. When he visits a prison, he wonders, "Why them and not me? I should be here. I deserve to be here. Their fall could have been mine..." [p 41] He honors the love of mothers and wives who bring food and gifts to their imprisoned sons or husbands on weekends: they don't reject these men, even though they have made mistakes. "This seemingly small gesture is great in the eyes of God. It is a gesture of mercy, despite the errors that their dear ones have committed." [p 73]

We need to enter the darkness, the night in which so many of our brothers live. We need to be able to make contact with them and let them feel our closeness, without letting ourselves be wrapped up in that darkness and influenced by it. Caring for outcasts and sinners does not mean letting the wolves attack the flock. The Pope counsels that we need not open the gates of prisons and let the dangerous loose; but rather, we should "help those who have fallen to get back up," to work toward rehabilitation rather than trying to shut a man in prison for all of his life or even to execute him.

"Justice on its own is not enough," he points out. With mercy and forgiveness, God exceeds justice in the higher experience of "love, which is at the root of true justice." Central to mercy is our recognition that we are sinners, but that God forgives... again and again.

The Pope proclaims that the repentant one who sins repeatedly because of his weakness will find forgiveness if he recognizes his need for mercy, but he cautions against the corrupt person who sins

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## Library Committee ... by Nancy Hilton



**H**idden Inheritance is a memoir written by Heidi Neumark a pastor at Lutheran Trinity Church in New York City. She also was minister at South Bronx Church where she worked with the low-income multi-ethnic community.

After 30 years as a Lutheran pastor, Heidi learns that her father was Jewish. Her discovery on the internet led Heidi to search further for relatives. She knew her father had come to America in 1938, but he had never revealed his true lineage before he died.

Through Wikipedia, Neumark found information titled: "The History of Jews in Wittmund and the Jewish Family Neumark" by Edzard Eichenbaum. The next step was travelling to Wittmund, Germany and meeting with eighty year-old Eichenbaum.

Eichenbaum a local historian who lived all his life in Wittmund was researching what happened to the local Jewish families. He started with fire insurance records of the town which had been kept since 1819.

He combed through local archives and libraries and town halls and newspapers. From Eichenbaum's information Heidi was able to put the pieces of her family together.

The author also writes about the how the Nazi Germans removed everything Jewish from the church's scripture, worship and teaching and life. The entire Old Testament was scrapped and all references to Hebrew Scriptures were eliminated and even the word "Hallelujah" was taken out of hymns.

Neumark reminds us that the United States became fearful of the Jewish refugees coming to America to escape the Nazi's in 1938, the same year her father came to America. Polls at the time showed that 80 percent of the US population opposed increasing the quotas for Hebrew refugees. How timely Neumark's writing is as we hear the rhetoric today of racial profiling and the call for excluding Muslims from entering the United States. Her personal story ties the social injustices of the past with today's challenges.

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

without repentance, one whose sin has become a "mental habit, a way of living." Corruption, he declares, is a condition in which one is closed off, contented in his self-sufficiency, blaming others and taking opportunistic shortcuts at the cost of his own and others' dignity. The corrupt man complains about unsafe streets when his wallet is stolen, but cheats on his taxes and boasts about his clever ways.

We should pray, Pope Francis suggests, particularly in this Holy Year of Mercy that God grant the corrupt the grace of shame, the grace to recognize themselves as sinners in need of forgiveness. We should pray, as well, for us all to continue in our humility, our pleas to be forgiven. For God does forgive: He never tires of forgiving, although we may tire of asking Him for forgiveness:

"Because he is God, because he is mercy, and because mercy is the first attribute of God. The name of God is mercy." [p 85]



# September 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Preparedness Month	 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	National Suicide Prevention Month	 National Courtesy Month	1 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study	2 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Cannon Way Book Store 	3 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
4 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Ed Mtg	5 Office Closed Labor Day	6 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7	8 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG Mtg (FH) 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study	9 8-5pm OCQG Workshop (FH)	10 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 8-5pm OCQG (FH)
11 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship Rally Day 9/11 Remembrance Day 	12 Office Closed 9:30am Property	13 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	14 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	15 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study	16	17 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)  Constitution Day
18 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship	19 Office Closed 9-12pm Work Party	20 WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	 Int'l Peace Day 7:00pm Council	21 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	22 Native American Day 	23 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)
25 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship	26 Office Closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	27 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	28 Self Improvement Month	29 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study	30 Hispanic Heritage Month 	





# Worship Page

## Worship

## Readers

## Altar Guild

## Musicians

4	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mike Rawles Terri Homer	Lois Greenwood Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
11	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen Bette Harmon	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
18	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Deb Christensen _____	Peggy Gilman Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
25	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Donna White	Peggy Gilman Marian Brown	Marian Brown Marian Brown



Raynette Rawles 9/5  
Dolores Bennett 9/15  
Linda Kilbride 9/17  
Michael Schulz 9/30



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



4 Sue Fowler (Dan & Kathy Elbert's 7th Anniversary)  
11 Shannon & Donna White (Anniversary)  
18 Deb Christensen  
25 Dee Waldo



4 Paul Stangeland & Pete Kraack  
11 Pete Kraack & Paul Amundson  
18 Paul Amundson & Dan Elbert  
25 Dan Elbert & Bob Olson



## Evangelism ... Donna White ~ Director of Evangelism

### The Going Out & The Coming In ... Moving On



At the fiftieth anniversary celebratory dinner, our dear friends and previous members the McCains were in attendance, along with others we hadn't seen for many years.

Some of you may share my initial reaction when I hear about someone moving away as they did, something like "Oh no, they CAN'T leave, how can we get along without them?" Or perhaps someone may be experiencing what could be their final illness, and our feelings are the same. The service of some people is so great as to give pause at the thought of their loss from our midst. But as I told the McCains that day, even as I thanked them for all their good work, we all DO move on eventually, and those left behind manage somehow, thus learning a valuable lesson.

This brings me to my point, which is the inevitability of loss, and our great good fortune to be part of this church body. I expect others have read obituaries which end with the words, "No services will be held." From this I draw the conclusion that this person was unchurched, and thought WHO KNOWS WHAT about what happens at a memorial service. Of course, this will vary from church to church, but the deceased person has moved on. They do not need to feel embarrassed by the kind words or various stories which might be told about them to console their friends and loved ones. Though the service is to honor their life; they are no longer there except in spirit. A memorial for them offers consolation to those who are left with their grief, hoping somehow to receive comfort. They really may not believe that they won't be there to hear what is said about them, or they

may be like me and simply cringe at the thought.

There is, however, that other loss which we experience at Atonement. Many reading this will remember Pastor Keith Swenson, who was our interim Pastor for eighteen months after Pastor Mitch Watney left. From the summer of 2003 through November of 2004, Pastor Keith had the distinction of bringing 50 new members into the church. Yes, he had a system, and he had charisma, but I mention this because so few of these people remain members today. Of course some have become, for reasons of age and or health, inactive at least by the standard of their presence at church. But many have simply moved on. I was new at that time to this awareness.

When I first became an official greeter--welcoming visitors, encouraging new people to get to know us--I was terribly naive about the continuous movement of persons through our doors, the "in the front door and out the back" sort of thing which is apparently common, even in the church, in our extremely fluid society. I simply cannot help feeling bad when people move on, which brings me to my point. THIS CONTINUOUS GOING OUT AND COMING IN around us, that fluidity of people through our doors, may be seen as preparation! For this may be as God ordained it, at least in these times, that we should have the opportunity for growth and learning and acceptance in this world in coming to love the new people who join us, but that we also must accept that some among us must, for a variety of reasons, move on, and that their precious time among us should be treasured.

## 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).**



### Randy's Reed & Feed ... by Sally Jennings



With the new school year, we will resume our 4th Thursday Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out for homeless and/or low income families. The families we serve either reside at Samaritan House or are part of the Newport Homeless Education & Literacy Project (H.E.L.P.). Our church provides a safe and relaxing evening of crafts, play, reading, singing, and socializing, as well as a nutritious dinner for families in need. We send families home with books, leftovers, hygiene items and children's clothing. Most importantly, we send families home with a sense of caring and community.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Donate young adult and juvenile chapter books and nonfiction, as well as children's picture books. Gently used books are happily accepted.
- Donate hygiene items. There is especially an ongoing need for toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream and razors. All new hygiene items are gratefully accepted.
- Donate money. This program operates on financial donations. Checks should be made out to Atonement Lutheran Church, with Randy's Feed & Read written on the memo line.
- Donate clean, gently used baby, toddler and children's clothing.
- Donate your time. Much help is needed on Thursday, September 22nd. Cooking and set up begin at 3:00. Playground supervision and crafts help is needed at 5:15. Dinner servers should be ready to serve by 6:00. After dinner, help is needed singing, doing rhyming activities, and reading with the children. In the kitchen, leftovers need to be packaged up, dessert needs to be served and help is needed with clean up. With lots of help, we will finish and head home by 7:30.

Everyone is invited to get involved with Randy's Feed & Read and to help make this year's program a success.



## Social Ministry... (continues from page 12)

### Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings



Our church will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Monday, September 26th. Members of Atonement provide a delicious healthy meal to hungry, often homeless, people on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

New volunteers are needed and welcome.

We especially need volunteers to help prepare and cook the meal. Please arrive at St. Stephen's at 3:00, if you would like to help with the cooking. Our goal is to send all the cooks home by 5:15. Servers are needed from 5:15 until 7:00. We ask that servers stay and help with clean up and dishes, so we can all make it an early evening.

If you would like to be the head cook for a meal, or if you have lined up a restaurant that would like to donate prepared food for 60 hungry Stone Soup guests, please talk with Dee Waldo or Sally Jennings. (We will happily pick up the prepared food at the restaurant.) Please consider helping once a month at Stone Soup.

### Annual School Supply Drive a Success ... by Sally Jennings



Thanks to the generosity of our church community, we once again donated lots of school supplies to the H.E.L.P. Back-2-School school supply distribution event, which was held on August 27th.

With over 500 homeless and/or low income children and teens in Lincoln County, the need is great. Our donations make a big difference in helping many students start the school year right, with the supplies they need. Thank you to all who donated!

### Habitat for Humanity ... by Anne Stangeland



As fall approaches, I would like to encourage readers to purchase Habitat scrip, which is sold after both services the first two Sundays of each month by Anne Stangeland.

The scrip comes in the form of a Fred Myer gift card. The cards come in 50 or 100 dollar denominations. Five cents on every dollar spent on the card goes to help build housing for people here in Lincoln County. To date, 14 houses have been built. Work on these houses are all volunteered and each family who is awarded a Habitat house pledges to contribute 100 hours of "sweat equity" while the house is under construction. A volunteer contractor over sees each project.

Buying scrip is an easy way to help families own a home who otherwise could never do so. If you have any questions, contact Anne Stangeland at 541-265-7103.



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