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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



Holy Week/Easter Schedule

By Pastor Ed

Thursday, April 13th – Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00p.m.

Friday, April 14th – Good Friday Service at 7:00p.m.

Saturday, April 15th – Easter Vigil Service – “This is the Night” with Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptism at 7:00p.m.

Sunday, April 16th – Easter Sunday Festival Services with Holy Communion at 8:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.



An **Easter Brunch** will be served between the services and an Easter Egg Hunt for children will also be held between the services.



Easter Brunch

by Jean Amundson

*I*t's almost Easter! The Parish Life Committee asks you all to sign up to bring deviled eggs, breakfast rolls, or fruit.

After Easter Sunday first service, we invite all to come down to the fellowship hall and enjoy a delicious brunch.



New Members

*N*ew members will be received on Sunday, April 30th at the 10:00a.m. worship service. If you would like to become a member at that time please let the church office know.

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 ~ February 2017

General Fund	Current Year		Previous Year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$27,495	\$30,795	\$34,017	\$34,147
Grants	\$549	\$725	\$691	\$1,352
Room Rents	\$3,619	\$2,977	\$2,595	\$1,580
Transfer from Capital Fund		\$4,000		\$4,000
Total Income	\$31,663	\$38,497	\$37,303	\$41,079
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$12,353	\$12,356	\$12,353	\$12,223
Pastoral Benefits	\$5,623	\$5,567	\$5,460	\$5,289
Pastoral Expenses	\$454	\$430	\$333	\$229
Staff Compensation	\$4,791	\$5,105	\$7,232	\$7,980
Staff Payroll Cost	\$583	\$1,478	\$1,499	\$1,002
Worship & Music	\$425	\$561	\$335	\$521
Education	\$0	\$276	\$69	\$408
Youth	-\$407	\$43	-\$365	\$109
Outreach/Hospitality	\$209	\$271	\$177	\$255
Social Ministry	\$300	\$383	\$499	\$383
Stewardship	\$0	\$58	\$0	\$150
Health Ministry	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100
Parish Life	\$0	\$208	\$276	\$814
ELCA Mission Support	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
General/Administrative	\$3,225	\$3,243	\$2,991	\$2,294
Facility Expenses	\$3,844	\$5,382	\$4,177	\$4,828
Insurance	\$1,611	\$1,667	\$1,505	\$1,600
Total Expense	\$34,011	\$38,128	\$37,541	\$39,185
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>(\$2,348)</u>	<u>\$369</u>	<u>(\$238)</u>	<u>\$1,894</u>

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 1/31/2017		\$77,831	\$30,492	\$23,668	\$8,729	\$14,942
January	\$1,147	\$1,147	\$449	\$349	\$129	\$220
Balance @ 2/28/2017		\$78,978	\$30,941	\$24,017	\$8,858	\$15,162

Capital Fund			
BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2017			\$61,871
INCOME	\$18,165		
EXPENSES		\$12,675	
BALANCE @ 2/28/2017			\$67,361



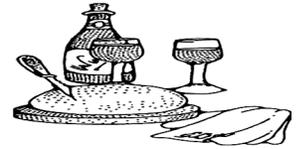
Prayer & Bible Study

Please join us on Mondays each week for prayer /meditation and bible study. 5:30-7:00pm in Narthex



From the Pastor ...

Pastor Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

Later this month our Lenten journey will conclude as we move into the church's holiest season, Holy Week and Easter. On Maundy Thursday (April 13th), we encounter a humble, servant Messiah who bears a towel and a basin of water, stooping to wash the feet of his disciples. He comes too, sharing himself in bread and wine, promising that one day we will drink this cup anew in the kingdom of God. The towel and water, the bread and wine, all point to a self giving God who is trying to woo us back into a loving relationship, not a vengeful God threatening punishment for all who would resist.

Water, towel, bread, and wine speak of the tender love of our God who comes to serve and to give himself away to us and for us. But this love and redemption will be costly. It will involve pain and suffering. The cross of Good Friday (April 14th) reveals that God will endure much in order to win us back to him. The Japanese theologian, Kazoh Kitamori, points out

that there can be no greater pain than for a father to see his son suffer. So, the cross reveals the full extent of God's love for us and shows us how much our God is willing to give in order to restore us to relationship.

We begin to turn the corner toward Easter joy on Easter Saturday (April 15th) as we celebrate the vigil of new creation and the power of light over darkness. We will hear stories of God's saving activity in our world and celebrate the gifts given to us in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

All of this finally culminates on Easter Sunday (April 16th) the first of fifty days of celebration of God's victory over sin and death. "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" will be our joyful cry. Christ is risen and because he is risen we know that we will rise too. "Christ is risen" is the foundation of our faith, the bedrock of our hope, and the glorious good news that we as Easter people take out into the world.

Pastor Ed Milliken

Social Ministry ... by Sally Jennings



Mark your calendar and practice your "game face", because Social Ministry is hosting a Congregational Game Day right after the combined 10:00am service on Sunday, April 30th.

Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for delicious, hearty snacks and refreshments provided by Social Ministry Committee. If you like to play games, or have been wanting to learn some games, this event is for you! We will be playing/teaching Mexican Train, Cribbage, Hand & Foot, and a variety of card games and board games.

If you would like to host a table and play/teach a favorite game, please let Dee Waldo know. Game on!



Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

In early April we will conclude our look at "The Forgotten Luther: Advocate for the Poor" focusing on the following two topics:

April 2: "The Forgotten Lutherans: An Economic Reading of Martin Luther's Catechisms" by Dr. Jon Pahl, Professor in the History of Christianity at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and author of "Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence."

April 9: "Luther: Forgotten but not Gone" by Dr. Gordon "Tim" Huffman recently retired as professor of Christian Mission at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH.

April 16 is Easter Sunday so there will be **no Adult forum** on that day.

As a part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, on April 23rd we begin a study of the history of Lutheranism in America. "We Must Plant This Church" is the title of the class and the sessions are as follows:

April 23: On New Soil: The Colonial Lutherans

April 30: **No Adult Forum** – One Service Sunday

May 7: In Times of Trial: Arriving in Waves

May 14: To Meet Human Need: Building Institutions

May 21: Working Together: Lutherans Uniting

May 28: In Modern Times: Becoming an American Church



Soup and Bread Suppers

Our last Lenten supper is on Wednesday April 5th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall before we go up to the church for the midweek services. This is a great time of fellowship and the soup and bread is always delicious. If you would like to provide soup and/or bread for this last supper, please sign up on the bulletin board near the coffee kitchen in the narthex. Thank you.



Find the Good News and Praise It

- ♦ Matt Utterback, son of Barbara Utterback, was recently named National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators. A 1985 graduate of Newport High, he is Superintendent of the North Clackamas School District. He was selected for this high honor from over 13,000 candidates. Congratulations to Matt and Barbara!
- ♦ Dean Hill's great great grandson Dakota Russell Raymond Durland born March 3rd, 2017... 5lbs 12oz 19" long.



Property Committee ...



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.



Work Party ... by Marian Brown

Come join us for a fun work party to prepare for Easter Sunday on Saturday, April 1st from 9am - 12noon. We will have projects for everyone from outside grounds, picking up sticks, weeding, window washing (outside and inside), inside cobwebs, vacuum pews, spot clean walls and painting one wall in the fellowship hall.

Since we are Lutherans we'll also have a "coffee break with goodies" and expect lots of conversation, laughter and fellowship as we work together to prepare for Easter Sunday.

If you have questions or are unable to come to the work party but would like to help with one of the projects, please talk with a member of the property committee. MaryLou Mate, Pete Kraack, Randy Gilman, Shannon White, Dan Roumagoux, Bob Olson, Marian Brown.



Easter Lilies ... by Marian Brown

Easter Sunday we will decorate the sanctuary with Easter Lilies and invite everyone to "bring a Lily to share". We would like the flowers to be at church by Saturday afternoon and they can be taken back home after the 11am Easter Sunday service. If you have questions please talk to MaryLou or Marian.



Nana's Irish Pub will host the next "Dine Out for Samaritan House" on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. The popular Nye Beach eatery will donate 20% of the day's proceeds to help support Samaritan House, a shelter for homeless families with children.

Rose Davies
Volunteer, Samaritan House Homeless Shelter



First Friday Lunch Bunch... April 7th 12:00 noon at Mollies Food Follies located at 3101 SE Ferry Slip #125 South Beach (Aquarium Village)



WELCA News ... by Jean Amundson

We're Part of the Family!

We will continue our study of Galatians at the April WELCA (Women of the ELCA) meeting. Chapters 3 and 4 assure us that we're children of God because of God's gift and promise. Wow! What a deal! Join us for dessert, fellowship and Bible study on Wednesday, April 19th, at 12:30pm in the narthex. Also, we'll plan our May salad luncheon.



Blind Faith? ... Not For Me! ... by Rick Letherer



I don't know where this phrase initiated, but it implies to me unfaltering, unquestioning, and unchanging faith. I often perceive this in many of you and I am jealous. Many of you fellow Christians are part of my model of faith. I frequently question my faith (mainly provoked by the prolific examples of inequity and violence throughout the world). I often think I may be alone in my quandary. The interesting paradox of faith was revealed to me in one of the recent Adult forum documentaries. A woman testified that faith could only become stronger with continuous challenge and query. Her model was similar to the building of a house that frequently needs remodeling, repair, and sometimes replacement to facilitate growth and replace decay. Faith needs to grow in size and perspective to be genuine. My previous model of faith was "a mighty fortress": strong, impenetrable, and unchanging. The advantage of this concept is the illusion of security. Any concept based on permanence resists the bend, don't break rule. It is a recipe for failure without flexibility.

Make no mistake; if you have ever remodeled, this is a frustrating, inconvenient, dirty, and painful process. No pain ... no

gain! It takes commitment and perseverance ... just like faith remodeling. It is wonderful when completed; but future change is inevitable. Faith must be in a continuous, if not sporadic state of flux. When we re-structure our faith we can bring it into greater harmony with the world around us and within us. Make no mistake: I crave stability and loathe change; but faith that grows needs room to expand.

Faith restructuring has danger of discarding the baby with the bath water. Many elements of the framework of our faith in Jesus Christ don't need "remodeling". The trick of course is to know what we keep and what we discard. You can't devise a faith system for me, and I can't do that for you. We each need our own. My advice is to be open to opinions that may differ from your own, and pray for guidance. Reading other faith perspectives can be helpful. I love the phrase from Desiderata: "listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story."

Blind is a four-letter word in my clinic and represents some level of failure.

Perhaps we might agree to replace blind faith with vision faith? Keep looking forward!



Ponderings from the President ... by Susan Painter

Springtime



*"Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in."
-- Leonard Cohen, Anthem*

The rains come, bringing new buds from the soggy ground, affirming life. But the rains also let rivers overflow their banks, unleash drenched hillsides which tumble below, bringing disaster and death with all its slippery ooze.

Spring is the season of Lent. As we worship, we share stories of beginnings and endings. We recall that, as God created the world, He gave us power to choose. Choice gives the chance for sin. Eden's apple was both food and failure, both sustenance and separation from God.

As the season began, we reflected on Christ's temptation. After forty days and forty nights of fasting, unlike Eve, He resists the devil's offerings. He pushes evil away, and angels minister to him. We hear Christ's teachings to Nicodemus and recall that, "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:17. We see Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at a well, and are strengthened by His promise that "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but... [have] everlasting life." John 4:14. As Christ restores sight to a blind man, he promises healing to all of us, in spite of our sin. God's grace offers us a chance to walk in the light as children of a forgiving God. Finally, we stand at Lazarus' tomb

as the Lord restores him to life, showing clearly that His gift to us all, through death, is eternal life: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.

Shakespeare's Friar Laurence ponders the tension between our free will and God's grace, the paradox of life springing from death:

*"Virtue itself turns vice, being misapplied;
And vice sometime's by action dignified.
Within the infant rind of this small flower
Poison hath residence, and medicine
power:
For this, being smelt, with that part
cheers each part;
Being tasted, slays all senses with the
heart.
Two such opposed kings encamp them
still
In man as well as herbs, - grace and rude
will;
And where the worser is predominant,
Full soon the canker death eats up that
plant."*

The resurrection shows us that we live both as abundant beings and as creatures on the edge of destruction. The plant that could kill can also heal. The spring which could destroy can bring new life. And so, this Easter, let us accept grace.



Library Committee ... by Bonnie Powell



We have some great new books in our library focusing on children's literature. Adults would enjoy many of the books as well! **They will be available for checkout by Palm Sunday.**

- ◆ Ages 3-5
 - Happy Easter Mouse! by Laura Numeroff/Felecia Bond
 - Duck & Goose, Here Comes the Easter Bunny! by Tad Hills
 - Peppa's Easter Egg Hunt by Scholastic
 - Here Comes the Cat by Frank Asch & V. Vagin
- ◆ Ages 6-10
 - The Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine Tegan
 - The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story by Jan & Mike Berenstain
 - John Brown and the Midnight Cat by Jenny Washer
 - Pinkalicious Eggstraordinary Easter by Victoria Kahn
- ◆ Ages 10 & Up
 - The Bigger Easter Basket Ever by Steven Kroll
 - The Easter Egg by Jan Brett
 - Hedgie's Surprise by Jan Brett
 - Sleep Like a Tiger by Mary Logue (Caldeott Medal Winner 2017)

Stewardship ... Linda Kilbride



Mark your calendar... Leanne Bowker, estate planning attorney from Portland, returns with more information on Estate Planning. Please plan to join us Sunday May 14th following second service in the Fellowship Hall.

Health Ministry ... by Terri McCully



CPR: If you would like to learn Basic Life Support CPR and how to use an AED there are monthly classes at Samaritan Health Services education building for the public for a fee. There is an AED located in a box inside the door in Atonement's upstairs kitchen.

Infant Formula/Diaper Program



Monetary donations towards the purchase of infant formula/Diapers are always welcome. Checks should be made out to Atonement Lutheran Church with "Infant Formula/Diapers" indicated on the memo line. Thank You!



April 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Keep America Beautiful Month		 * Hatfield Marine Science Center Day April 8th 10-4pm		 April Fool's Day	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 9-12pm Work Party</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:00pm Soup/Bread 7:00pm Lenten Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG Mtg (FH)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>12:00pm First Friday Brunch World Health Day  Nat'l Beer Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 8-5pm OCQG Workshop * Hatfield</p>
 Palm Sunday <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship/Music Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Office Closed 9:30am Property Nat'l Siblings Day 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Int'l Moment of Laughter Day 7:00 pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) Husband Appreciation Day 7:00pm Easter Vigil Service</p>
 Easter <p>8:00am Worship 9:00am Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt 11:00am Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>12:30pm WELCA 2:00pm Altar Guild 7:00pm Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm) Earth Day  Nat'l Jelly Bear Day</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Office Closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens 5:30pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg World Malaria Day 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Administrative Professional Day </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails Nat'l Prime Rib Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Arbor Day Celebrate Arbor Day  Plant A Tree</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>10:00am Worship 11:00am Game Party </p>		<p style="text-align: right;">National Humor Month</p> <p></p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Nat'l Poetry Month</p> <p></p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Sexual Awareness Month</p> <p></p>



Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

2	8:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	Joe Baumgarten Bette Harmon	Peggy Gilman Lois Greenwood	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
9	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Rhonda Harman	Peggy Gilman Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
16	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	_____ Terri Homer	Peggy Gilman Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown
23	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson _____	Peggy Gilman Bette Harmon	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
30	10:00 a.m.	Deb Christensen	Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson



Katheryn Lewallen	4/4
Barb Abshire	4/6
John Baker	4/7
Gene Hogan	4/9
Herb Jennings	4/9
Megan Miller-	4/9
Morgan	
JerryAnn Olson	4/9
Dene Bateman	4/10
Kathleen Knight	4/21

Bruce Mate	4/24
Sylvia Smith	4/25
Darcy de la Rosa	4/27
Lucille Gibson	4/28
Bette Harmon	4/30



9 Rudy & Darcy
de la Rosa



2	Bob & Jerryann Olson
9	Palms
16	Congregation
23	Shannon & Donna White (Shannon Jr Birthday)
30	Bette Harmon



2	Bob Olson & Terri Homer
9	Terri Homer & Peggy Gilman
16	Peggy Gilman & Paul Stangeland
23	Paul Amundson & Terri Homer
30	Terri Homer Pete Kraack

Social Ministry

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: **Peanut Butter**

Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings



Volunteers from Atonement serve Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the fourth Monday of each month. Our next Stone Soup meal is Monday, April 24th. Help is needed preparing the food at St. Stephens beginning at 3:00pm. If you would like to serve and help with clean up, please arrive by 5:15pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to volunteer at our monthly meal. Please let Dee Waldo or Sally Jennings know if you would like to volunteer at Stone Soup.

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



Our next Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out will be on Thursday, April 27th, in our Fellowship Hall. You are invited to help make our monthly event a success. Cooking and event preparation begins at 3pm. Help is needed with sign ins, transportation and crafts starting at 5:15pm. Dinner is served at 6pm and kitchen clean up follows. After dinner, reading volunteers are needed to read with the children.

Donations Needed For Easter Food Baskets ... by Sally Jennings



Our annual Atonement Easter food drive continues. On Good Friday, volunteers from our church family will be assembling and delivering Easter Food Baskets to families who participate in our Randy's Feed & Read program, and those who live at Samaritan House. Our goal is to provide the makings for an Easter dinner, plus some extra food, for each family.

In order to reach out to those in need, we ask for your donation. Grocery bags with shopping lists attached are on the tables in the Narthex. Please put your purchases in the Easter Food Basket tub in the Narthex by April 13th. Cash donations are also needed in order to buy ham, rolls, eggs, fresh vegetables and fruit. Please make your check out to Atonement Lutheran Church and designate "Easter Food Baskets" on the memo line.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in filling and delivering Easter Food Baskets on Good Friday. We will meet at 1:00pm to pack the boxes, and will need some "heavy lifters" at 1:45pm to deliver the food boxes to the families.



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



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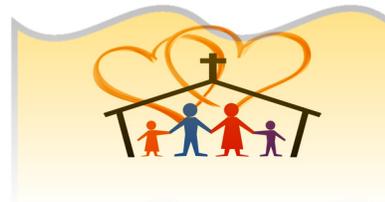


Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



**Audio Worship
Services &
Calendar on website**



Food Pantry

**Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Peanut
Butter**