Makin' Waves

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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.

Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2017
Potluck at Noon, Meeting follows
Agenda: Reports from Committees,
Financial Report, Elections
Vote on Constitutional Changes

Stewardship ... by Linda Kilbride

Times Change...Have your plans?
Whether you realize it or not, your estate plans may need to be changed.

If you don't have a clearly stated estate plan currently OR the addition or loss of family members, new or revised tax laws or changes in asset values or in your charitable priorities can, over time, indicate the need for review and revisions to even the most well-considered plans.

Join us for a "tune up" now!
Leanne Bowker, attorney & estate planning expert, returns and tells it like it is, in easy to understand terms.

"Estate Planning Basics – what do I really need?
Sunday, June 4th, following second service at Atonement Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall.
Light refreshments and coffee will be served. If you have a specific topic you'd like Leanne to address or to schedule a possible private consultation with Leanne - please call to make arrangements with Linda Kilbride – 265-3555, member of the Endowment Committee.

Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ March 2017

General Fund	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Previous Year Actual	Previous Year Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	$42,336	$45,244	$49,013	$49,444
Grants	$549	$2,261	$2,156	$1,352
Room Rents	$4,094	$3,511	$3,060	$3,352
Transfer from Capital Fund	$4,000	$6,000		$6,000
Total Income	$50,979	$57,016	$54,229	$60,148
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	$18,530	$18,535	$18,530	$18,335
PastoralBenefits	$8,106	$8,350	$8,190	$7,933
Pastoral Expenses	$728	$560	$432	$449
Staff Compensation	$7,471	$7,611	$10,797	$11,970
Staff Payroll Cost	$1,332	$2,381	$2,409	$1,327
Worship & Music	$1,354	$1,365	$1,308	$1,707
Education	$172	$349	$73	$612
Youth	-$83	$60	$35	$163
Outreach/Hospitality	$268	$403	$268	$383
Social Ministry	$450	$575	$450	$575
Stewardship	$0	$87	$0	$225
Health Ministry	$0	$150	$0	$150
Parish Life	$0	$312	$332	$1,220
ELCA Mission Support	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500
General/Administrative	$4,099	$3,981	$3,701	$3,510
Facility Expenses	$6,018	$8,112	$6,092	$7,241
Insurance	$2,416	$2,500	$2,258	$2,400
Total Expense	$52,361	$56,831	$56,375	$59,700
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	($1,382)	$185	($2,146)	$448

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 2/28/2017		$78,978	$30,941	$24,017	$8,858	$15,162
January	$487	$487	$191	$148	$54	$94
Balance @ 3/31/2017		$79,465	$31,132	$24,165	$8,912	$15,256

Capital Fund				
BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2017	-	-	$61,871	
INCOME	$27,875			
EXPENSES		$23,013		
BALANCE @ 3/31/2017			$66,733	

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,

The season of Easter is seven weeks long. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost (from the Greek, meaning "fifty") Day. Seven has long been a crucial metaphor in religious vocabulary. It symbolizes perfection. Seven times seven is perfection to the infinite power. And seven times seven plus one – or fifty – is beyond infinite perfection. Such is Easter, the Fifty Days.

The meaning of the resurrection unfolds gradually and keeps expanding. We need time to take it all in and to discover what it means for us. It took time for Jesus' friends to grasp what had taken place at the tomb, although they never grasped it completely. And it took a variety of resurrection appearances to help convince them.

In the wisdom of the church the gospel for the second Sunday of Easter is always the story that begins in a locked room full of frightened people. The doors are bolted against outsiders – and then, suddenly Jesus is among them, extending his peace. He breathes upon them the forgiving, life-giving Spirit and sends them out in his name. The story that ends the season finds the believers still huddled in fear behind locked doors fifty days later until the Holy Spirit blows upon them like a holy hurricane, again imparting the power they need to live and act as God's people in the world.

In between those two stories Jesus is present with his followers opening their eyes to Easter's new reality and teaching them how to carry on when he departs from them at the Ascension. In Cycle A of the lectionary, which we are following this year, the season draws to an end with Jesus in prayer. Jesus promises his followers that he will not leave them orphaned and that, through the Holy Spirit, he will continue to abide in his disciples of every generation. He prays that we who continue his work in the world will live in unity amid the many religious, social, and economic divisions of our world.

As Easter people, as people filled with God's Spirit, may we continue to be his faithful servants in this world proclaiming the good news of Gods' love for all people.

Pastor Ed Milliken

2017 Oregon Synod Assembly

The Oregon Synod Assembly will be held at the Red Lion in Portland on May 5th-7th. The theme this year as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is "Built on a Rock 500: Rooted, Reforming, Resilient." Susan Painter, Braulio Escobar, and Pastor Ed will represent Atonement at this assembly.

Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

As a part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we take a look at our history in America.

"We Must Plant the Church:
The Story of Lutherans in America"

This DVD series on the history of Lutherans in America transports learners through four centuries of the planting of the Lutheran church in this new land. Henry Muhlenberg provides the title for this series. His motto was *Ecclesia Plantanda*: "We must plant the church."

Sessions:

- May 7th – In Times of Trial: Arriving in Waves
- May 14th – To Meet Human Need: Building Institutions
- May 21st – Working Together: Lutherans Uniting
- May 28th – In Modern Times: Becoming an American Church

Atonement's Garden for Newport Food Pantry ... by Rhonda Harman

There have been far and few blue sky rays of sunshine days this year. Surely we deserve a gold medal for the "wettest ever in 44 years". Nevertheless, we have hungry neighbors and 3 deep bed gardens to plant and care for. Please join us on May 13th @ 9:00am.

We need six people to team up and get this service project going hoping for sunny days to come! It takes team work and a commitment but after the initial clean, plan and plant Saturday, maintenance does not take that much time. Weekly visits are scheduled for the team and water is on a timer. I have posted, **Community gardens in the spring: Top-10 tips** on the bulletin board with a sign up sheet. Please share in the joy of serving others.

Easter Celebration ... by Linda Kilbride

Our hats are off to you - with thanks for each and everyone for all you did to make our Easter Celebration so special! It was beautiful!!!

First Friday Lunch Bunch... May 5th 12:00 noon at Deep End Café. Address is 740 W Olive Newport.

Guardian Angels... by Paul Amundson

Many of you know I spent my working life as an experimental physicist. This means I rarely knew exactly what I was doing or how my work would turn out. Sometimes this meant I'd spend a lot of time trying things that didn't work. This process of being surprised by the unknown was what I used to call fun, and I had a lot of fun at work. But every once in awhile things worked exactly as I thought they might…that was an even bigger surprise.

After I retired I discovered my desire for doing new things hadn't abated and I've continued to do lots of new things just to see how they'd turn out. One of these involves making Native American flutes – I'll probably never get things just right in this endeavor.

All this talk about my desire to do new things just to see what will happen is a precursor to thinking about old topics in new ways and writing about them…just a new way of looking at things--Guardian Angels is the topic de jour today.

As I've been getting older I've found myself kind of looking forward to dying just so I can see what's on the other side. As many of you know I'm optimistic, this means many of my conjectures about what might lie on the other side of death carry a lot of fun with them. This is one of those.

I, for example, would be bored to tears if I get to Heaven only to find out I'm expected to play a harp for the next twelve jillion years.

Don't put too much credence into my thinking, but I started wondering where all the guardian angels I grew up with came from. And then I started wondering that if God possibly delegates the task of watching over individuals to guardian angels, what about the huge job of making sure the rest of God's Universe is running correctly?

You might see where I'm going with this. I want to be one of the Guardian Angels that gets sent out to make sure some demon or another hasn't tossed sand into the works someplace way out near the edge of the universe. But if these evil minions had done this then I'd get to fix the problems they've caused to get things running again…this might even involve black holes.

I believe it's also possible God wouldn't be satisfied with having humanity as His only grand experiment. I could easily imagine God has a few billion on going grand experiments. Just think about the huge numbers of Guardian Angels needed across the width and depth of the universe, and all of the "G" angels getting to do new things...and maybe doing them over and over again until he or she gets the job done right. Wouldn't that be a hoot?

Of course my little mind experiment might be wrong. I expect, I'll be surprised after I make the big transition. I really and truly hope the surprise doesn't involve harps and background music.

Peace Village

Newport will be August 7 to the 11th and will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Volunteers are needed to support the village of children grade 1 through 6th. It is a one week day camp and everybody has fun learning and sharing a unique experience. Speak to Rhonda Harman for more info or to volunteer.

WELCA News ... by Jean Amundson

Attendees at the May 17th WELCA meeting will enjoy a salad potluck. The program will feature some short but very pertinent reflections from a diverse group of women who have reflected on the topic "You Are Not Alone." What does it mean to trust God with our joys and struggles? Be embraced and empowered with fellowship, Christian hope, and the knowledge that you're not alone!

This meeting will start at 12:30pm, so that we can visit during the luncheon. Call or email Jean Amundson regarding what you'd like to bring for the potluck.

Yummy Bowl in Newport will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, May 3, 2017, donating 20% of the days proceeds to Lincoln County's only homeless family shelter.

Rose Davies
Volunteer, Samaritan House Homeless Shelter

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.

Easter Food Baskets ... by Sally Jennings

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Easter Food Baskets possible again this year. Our church family provided Easter dinner, plus some extra groceries, for 15 families this Easter. Nine of the families live at Samaritan House. Lola Jones (Samaritan House Director) told me there were many happy faces and much gratitude at Samaritan House on Easter weekend. Six Easter Food Baskets were given to other families in need who participate in our monthly Randy's Feed & Read program.

Because of your generous donations of nonperishable food, we did not need to purchase any extra for the food boxes, so we were able to spend your monetary donations on more fresh food.

Thanks go to Marian Brown for receiving a Thrivent Financial grant for $250, which was also used to purchase fresh food. Each family received a ham, a dozen eggs, dinner rolls, bread, butter, a salad box, cherry tomatoes, a cucumber, mini carrots, strawberries, mandarin oranges, bananas and a box of mini Easter cupcakes, as well as a generous amount of nonperishable food.

Our hardworking (and heavy lifting) volunteers met in the afternoon on Good Friday to fill and deliver the food boxes. Families were so grateful to receive this abundance of food. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ponderings from the President ... by Susan Painter

A Cornerstone

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalms* 118:22-24

In 1948's Los Angeles, an arrogant young man with a record of petty theft was arrested, tried and convicted of crimes committed by an offender the press called the "Red Light Bandit." The label came from the man's using a red light, similar to one on police cruisers, to stop cars in a "lover's lane" and rob the occupants. Twice he forced a woman companion out of a car for acts of oral sex. Under California's "little Lindbergh" law [passed in reaction to the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh's son], these were death penalty offenses.

The young man, Caryl Chessman, was sentenced to die. His story was relatively unremarkable at the time. Also not remarkably, he insisted he was innocent of the crimes. But over the next twelve years, as errors in his trial were argued through the appeal process, the young man grew up. He read and he learned. He began to consider not only his poor choices and misdeeds, but also the system in which he found himself: a jungle where retribution smothered redemption and horror strangled hope.

From his Cell 2455 Death Row, [1] Chessman wrote and managed to publish four books. Three addressed his story, his prison experiences and the futility of the death penalty. The fourth, a novel, traced the life of a prize fighter and, as a psychiartist wrote in its introduction, "stirred us all to think about the violence in our own hearts."

He studied the law and philosophy, linguistics and mathematics. He became, as prison chaplain Byron Eshelman said, "the spokesman for the lost and twisted everywhere, a tenuous link of understanding between them and the rest of society." [2] He debated religion with Eshelman and Father Edward Dingberg. He won the respect and friendship of journalists – men and women – assigned to cover him. His touching correspondence with his literary agent reflects a sensitivity uncommon generally, but even more remarkable from a man sentenced by our law to die.

Chessman faced nine execution dates. As his struggle gained attention, supporters from across the globe – actors, politicians, theologians, Pope John XXIII – implored the governor to commute his death sentence. The protests carried special weight, because his crimes did not involve taking a life – or even an accusation of it. But 57 years ago this month, the state of California snuffed out Chessman's life in its gas chamber.

Over 3500 miles away, in the tiny high school of a small town in Pennsylvania, I followed Chessman's plight for reasons I could not explain. Studying his case [daunting in those days before the Internet] convinced me of his innocence and, more broadly, inspired my passionate opposition to the death penalty. Facing resistance from parents and teachers when I announced I planned to be a criminal defense lawyer, I wrote to Rosalie Asher, the attorney who had worked with Caryl

[1] The title of his first book, published in 1954 and translated into at least ten languages

[2] Byron Eshelman, *Death Row Chaplain*, Prentice-Hall: 1962, p 193

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Library Committee ... by Nancy Hilton

"Good Grief" by Bobbie Lippman... A Collection of stores as one woman journeys from heartbreak to healing through honesty and humor.

As many of you know, Bobbie Lippman writes a human-interest column titled "Bobbie's Beat "every week since 1985 in Newport's News Times. In her latest book "Good Grief" Bobbie writes about the period of grief that enveloped her after the sudden death of her husband Burton "Burt" Lippman.

Each chapter is a separate story as she weaves humor and memories of her 44 years with Burt, her best friend and partner. She also wrote how she was so overcome with grief that she would just as soon hide under the covers, but friends would intervene with a new adventure. Bobbie and Burt were completely engaged in the Newport Community, Rotary, church, Newport Performing Arts and Symphony and many more. She mentions by name several people that helped her through this period of grief.

Her cat, Lapsitter, was also a great comfort to her in her grief. Lapsitter had an attitude, but also knew when to snuggle.

Bobbie takes us through two years of memories of life in the Newport area with humor and reflection. She writes, **" the Grief Journey does not stop—it only loses its original intensity."**

If you have recently lost a loved one this is a great read, you can laugh and cry and move through your own grief.

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

Chessman during his years on death row. Her long and thoughtful reply led to supportive mentoring and a deep, forty year friendship ending only with her death a few years ago.

Chessman's observations still resonate:

> "We know that there are those who walk among us who seemingly are not of us. And because some of them rob and hate and kill and throw away their lives we call them children of the Devil… but we, as well as they, are wrong, and when we wreak blind vengeance upon them we do a futile and tragic thing." [3]

His struggle, his words and his transformation illumintated my path toward the broken, the forgotten and the damned. He was, perhaps, one of those Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber calls an "accidental saint:" people who inadvertently stumbled into redemption when they were looking for something else at the time.

But he became my corner stone. Let us rejoice… and be glad in it.

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[3] *Cell 2455, Death Row* p 325

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed May Day 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	2 2:00pm Staff Mtg National Teacher's Day 7:30pm Chancel	3	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails National Day of Prayer	5 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Deep End Cafe Cinco de Mayo	6 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
7 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Ed Mtg	8 Office Closed 9:30am Property 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	9 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	10 9:30am Library Mtg 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	12 8-5pm OCQG Workshop	13 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
14 Mother's Day 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship	15 Office Closed 9-12pm Work Party 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	16 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	17 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	19	20 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) Armed Forces Day
21 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Congregation Potluck and Mtg	22 Office Closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	23 *WAVES* Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	24 Nat'l Brothers Day	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	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 Memorial Day Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	30 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	31 Nat'l Bike Month	World No Tobacco Day	Nat'l Mental Health Awareness	Nat'l Physical Fitness & Sports

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians
7 8:00 p.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	Jim Ezzell	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
14 8:00 a.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson
21 8:00 a.m.	Joe Baumgarten	Peggy Gilman	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman	Bette Harmon	Jerryann Olson
28 8:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson	Peggy Gilman	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson

Bob Olson	5/4
James Ezzell	5/5
Tom Hamilton	5/5
Arlen Wogen	5/5
Reuben Johnsen	5/7
Laura Swanson	5/9
Helen Ezzell	5/11
John Stern	5/16
Carol Baker	5/19
Tim Miller-Morgan	5/20
Lily Phelps	5/20
Tami Johnson	5/25
Ed Lord	5/25
Johnathan Elbert	5/26
Roger Snelling	5/28

5/30 Dick & Linda Kilbride

7 Paul & Jean Amundson- (Kara's Birthday)

14 Sue Fowler— Celebrate Moms & Grandmothers

21 Shannon & Donna White –Magan White Callahan's Birthday

28 Dick & Linda Kilbride

7 Bob Olson & Terri Homer

14 Terri Homer & Peggy Gilman

21 Peggy Gilman & Paul Stangeland

28 Paul Amundson & Terri Homer

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: **Soups**

Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings

Stone Soup is a great opportunity to follow Christ's teaching to feed the hungry. Volunteers from Atonement prepare and serve Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the fourth Monday of each month. We provide nutritious meals to 40 to 60 hungry, often homeless, people.

It would be great to have a group of volunteers who are committed to doing the prep work for or serving and clean up for Stone Soup every month. We often find ourselves shorthanded or having too many volunteers. It is especially difficult to prep, serve and clean up when we are shorthanded. Please consider becoming a regular monthly Stone Soup volunteer, and letting Dee Waldo or Sally Jennings know if you will be helping, or not, each month.

Prep work at St. Stephens begins at 3:00 P.M. Serving and clean up work begin at 5:15pm. Our next Stone Soup is on Monday, May 22nd. God's work, our hands.

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

Our last Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out for this school year is Thursday, May 25th. We traditionally host a end-of-school-year family picnic with picnic games and Bingo for the children and parents. We are always looking for little prizes for the games. *If you would like to donate small prizes (under $4), please put them on the Randy's Feed & Read cart in the Narthex. Some ideas are: kites, balls, sand pails, sand toys, healthy cereal, crackers, salted nuts, and granola bars.*

You are invited to come help with this fun event. If you know any picnic games or camp songs, please come and share them. We will be serving barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, plus traditional picnic food, for dinner. Your help is always welcome doing prep work and cooking, beginning at 3 P.M. Lots of help is needed at the event (beginning at 5:15 P.M.) with sign ins, transportation, games, visiting with the families, serving dinner and clean up.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this another successful year of providing a family night and encouraging literacy for families who are part of the Newport Homeless Education and Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.) and/or who live at Samaritan House. It takes a village....

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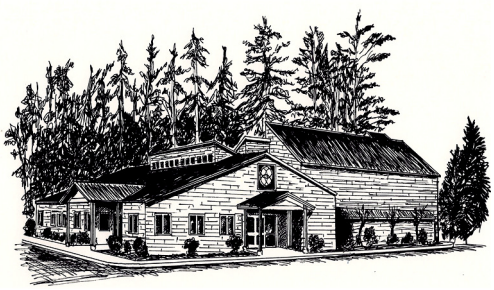

Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

Audio Worship Services & Calendar on website

Fill our Food Barrel This Month: Soups