Makin' Waves

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Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday

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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.

Ein Feste Burg ... by Rick Letherer

The title of this article is in German, and translated means A Mighty Fortress. This is the well-know and frequently sung hymn written by Martin Luther. Terri Homer and I had the honor and privilege of singing this cantata hymn, composed by Johannes Bach, in the largest protestant cathedral in Germany, the Berliner Dom. We had a German director, German orchestra, and sang in German language to approximately 2,000 German residents of Berlin. The choir was comprised of 280 singers from 12 church choirs from several states in the USA. I can't speak for Terri, but it was difficult for me to sing with a persistent lump in my throat. The majesty of the cathedral, the potency of our music and its historical significance were, to say the least, overwhelming. Making music with my small voice in the largest protestant cathedral in Germany was overpoweringly emotional.

I write this article NOT as a travel adviser, and certainly not to boast about my individual experiences. I find it fascinating that I despised history classes during my school days, but now revel in reliving history as I travel to different continents. As we begin in earnest this fall our observance and celebration of the Protestant reformation's 500th birthday, I encourage the Atonement congregation to remember that this is being celebrated all around the world. This historical event of Reformation is why we Lutherans exist today.

I attended church services in Martin Luther's home town. He sang as a choir boy in the church where I attended services and sang also. The entire service of liturgy, music, and sermon was in German. A small choir of four women and four teenage boys sang parts of the liturgy (very beautiful). My language skills were insufficient to understand most of the content, but the presence of God in the

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

General Fund	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Previous Year Actual	Previous Year Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	$125,215	$122,762	$126,769	$135,087
Grants	$1,872	$4,142	$3,950	$3,082
Room Rents	$6,454	$6,470	$5,640	$7,161
Transfer from Capital Fund	$9,000	$16,000	$12,000	$16,000
Total Income	$142,541	$149,374	$148,359	$161,330
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	$49,412	$49,425	$49,412	$48,892
PastoralBenefits	$20,523	$22,267	$21,704	$21,155
Pastoral Expenses	$1,862	$2,095	$1,761	$1,813
Staff Compensation	$18,377	$20,572	$27,148	$31,920
Staff Payroll Cost	$2,967	$4,949	$4,515	$5,415
Worship & Music	$1,813	$3,659	$2,439	$2,754
Education	$336	$750	$1,102	$1,633
Youth	-$83	$143	$35	$434
Outreach/Hospitality	$740	$1,034	$684	$1,020
Social Ministry	$1,200	$1,533	$1,050	$1,533
Stewardship	$0	$233	$0	$600
Health Ministry	$0	$400	$0	$400
Parish Life	$323	$1,228	$739	$3,254
ELCA Mission Support	$4,000	$4,000	$4,000	$4,000
General/Administrative	$7,519	$8,471	$7,633	$7,882
Facility Expenses	$20,174	$22,557	$18,365	$19,310
Insurance	$5,840	$6,667	$6,370	$6,400
Total Expense	$135,003	$149,983	$146,957	$158,415
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	$7,538	($609)	$1,402	$2,915

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 7/31/2017		$83,272	$32,769	$25,436	$9,009	$16,058
August	($440)	($440)	($173)	($134)	($48)	($85)
Balance @ 8/31/2017		$82,832	$32,596	$25,302	$8,961	$15,973

Capital Fund				
BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2017	-	-	$61,871	
INCOME	$74,271			
EXPENSES		$59,363		
BALANCE @ 8/31/2017			$76,779	

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,

We Give Out of Love for Christ!

Those words are the theme that I have used over the many years of my teaching and preaching about stewardship. Our stewardship thinking and living begins with God: God's love, God's mercy, God's grace. *"For God so loved the world that he* ***gave*** *his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him"* (John 3:16-17). It is this kind of giving – God's giving everything to us which, in turn, inspires our response to give everything to him.

This thinking is expressed well in the offertory prayer that we will use this month: *Merciful Father,* ***we offer*** *with joy and thanksgiving what you have* ***first given us,*** *ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him* ***who offered himself for us,*** *Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* This prayer reminds us that everything we have is a gift to us from God, that we own absolutely nothing. Everything we have belongs to God who, in his graciousness and love, gives us the gift of our lives, our time, our talents, our possessions. He gives us these gifts to manage, to be caretakers of, and to use in his name in this world in which we are called to be his servant people.

Because God offered himself for us; because, by his grace, we have been made children of God; because we have been so richly blessed, we respond by giving ourselves back to God as an offering of thanksgiving and praise. Stewardship is **not** just about our money, it is about our lives, our love, our calling to serve God and neighbor in our church, our community, and our world.

During the month of October we will focus on this important topic by remembering God's gifts and our calling. On October 8 we will remember that "We Give Out of Love for Christ Who Names Us and Claims Us in the Waters of Our Baptism." On October 15 we will remember that "We Give out of Love for Christ Who Feeds and Nourishes Us at His Table." And, on October 22, we will remember that "We Give Out of Love for Christ Who Gives Us a New Purpose for Living." On that final Sunday we will make our commitment to Christ's ministry through Atonement Lutheran Church by bringing our commitment forms forward and placing them on the altar as an act of worship and devotion. On that Sunday we will also have a Celebration Brunch.

Let this be a month of celebration as we raise our voices in thanksgiving to God for the many ways God has gifted our lives and our church. Let it be a time for reflection and response as we seek appropriate , faithful ways to respond to what God has given to us. Let it be a time of commitment as we ask God to give us a clearer vision of how we can be more faithful in serving him. Through it all, remember:

We Give Out of Love for Christ!

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Adult Forum News ... Reformation Roots by Pastor Ed

Do you ever wonder why we have so many Christian denominations and if there is really much difference between them? The answers to these questions lie in the dramatic and turbulent times of the Reformation. This high definition series brings to life the stories and struggles that still impact us today. Join us each Sunday morning at 9:30 as we explore this topic in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Session topics are as follows:

Oct. 1 - Session 4: From Priest to Outlaw
Oct. 8 - Session 5: From Heretic to Hero
Oct. 15 - Session 6: From Scholar to Father: The Domestic Luther
Oct. 22 – **No Adult Forum** – **Stewardship Brunch**
Oct. 29 - **No Adult Forum** – **One service at 10:00a.m.**

Recreation Bonfire ... by Rhonda Harman

Saturday, October 14th at 4:00pm, we are celebrating the success of our gardens with all of you, our church family and friends. My hope and prayer is you will be able to attend. We can roast hotdogs, marshmallows or "each other" in good fun. The 4:00pm time is because some of our people do not drive at night. We will offer rides, as well ,if requested. We can carry 5-7 depending on fit. We need to pray for clear weather, but we could also put up a shelter nearby. Horseshoes another possibility.

This will be our last opportunity to use our fire pit because we will bury it so no one would think its ok to use. Also, this would avoid additional liability to our beautiful grounds here at Atonement. Please let me know if you have any ideas!! It will be fun!

Blessings & Thank you...*Rhonda*

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congregation was palpable and comforting, just like at home. For communion, several congregants at a time went to the chancel, received wine and bread, then received a group blessing from the woman pastor while we held hands. There was a young black man to my left and a young mother with two beautiful young girls on my right. The girls were fidgety and distracted, just like Oregon children.. It was a potent reminder that we Lutherans are a world-wide phenomenon with a presence in many continents. I felt one with the world in worship. We Lutherans may worship in different locations, using different languages, but we are all worshiping the same loving Lord.

I am profoundly aware of what a blessing it is for me to experience walking in the footpaths of Martin Luther, Johannes Bach, and Felix Mendelssohn. I hope that during this fall Reformation celebration you will pause to remember that we are one with the World in the Lutheran church! Celebrate our diversity and our worldwide presence!

Stewardship ... by Paul Aumundson

I've been thinking of the biblical story about the feeding of the Five Thousand. Some of you may recall I talked about this in my August 6th sermon. I believe a brief recapitulation of that sermon is pertinent to the upcoming Stewardship campaign.

At the beginning of the day Jesus has withdrawn from the crowd to grieve John the Baptist's death. After a short time Jesus returns to where the disciples, those waiting to be healed, and the observers were waiting. He began his healing and healed people throughout the day. After each healing, stories flowed outward and many of these stories found their way to the edges of the encampment. Healing numbers were not reported but this was a huge healing event.

Meanwhile across the encampment the women had gathered together in groups to socialize, and prepare the food for dinner and the upcoming trips home. Many of the stories of Jesus healing reached these smaller encampments where they were told and retold. The excitement grew on each telling and retelling of these stories.

As the healing day ended, and after the disciples whined about lack of food, Jesus asked the people in the crowd to share. The core of the crowd: the disciples, those having been healed, and the watchers have little or no food to share—except for the one kid whose mother had given him food so he could go watch.

But the request went out into the encampments and those who heard decided to share. They sent their kids among the core of the crowd with loaves of freshly baked bread or dried fish, or whatever they had.

Many of the women were excited because now they had become an integral part of this wonderfully exciting day—Can you imagine—Jesus asked them to share—and they did.

And this day—this mountaintop high--lived on in the memories of all those who were there—a lifetime of memories and a lifetime of sharing.

To my way of thinking three miracles happened there on that day.

- The all day healing event—this was a prime mover and was a big deal.
- The families sharing their food—Can you imagine.
- And the Mountaintop-High memories that lived on forever.

Although there are many parts of this story that would work for Stewardship, I think the one that lives on in our hearts even today is the one where Jesus, who has just healed hundreds of people, asks us to share. ***Can You Imagine***—Jesus has asked us to share!

We have made up buttons for you to wear that carry the message, "***Can You Imagine***." But you know the rest of the story.

First Friday Lunch Bunch Friday October 6th

12:00noon at *Pig n Pancake*

Library Committee ... by Anne Stangeland

Book Review: My Grandfather's Blessings

Dr. Rachel Remen has blessed her readers with another book (her first was "At the Kitchen Table") that deals with the spirit and healing. This time, she tells her readers how she was influenced by her Grandfather, a mystic Jewish scholar. Even though she lost him when she was only eight years old, his actions and words helped sustain and guide her when she, contracted Chron's disease at age 16. Through her own tribulations she was able to apply her grandfather's advise and use it in her counseling of cancer patients.

He considered all life as a blessing and was not to be taken for granted. He taught her the meaning of L'chiam, the Jewish toast to life. He told her, "... the wine is sweet to remind us that life itself is a blessing." She found that the toast represents way of living life. In her counseling, she has often seen patients choose to live their lives, despite its "pain, loss and difficulty" and to live it with joy. Rachel's stories are filled with patients who have chosen life over death, who have not failed to hope and continue their courageous lives where ever they lead.

If you want a book that is as poignant as it is profound in describing our human condition and a spiritual dimension that shows us the best way to deal with adversity, be sure to read "My Grandfather's Blessings".

WELCA News ... by Pastor Ed

The Apostles' Creed will be the theme for the WELCA Bible Studies this fall. The study is written by Pastor Julia Seymour who serves at Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage, Alaska. October's theme is "I Believe in Jesus Christ…" Pastor Seymour writes, "In Scripture, Jesus is called the Messiah, the Son of God, a teacher, a healer, the pioneer of our faith, the rock of our salvation, Son of Man and other titles. In the Apostles' Creed, Jesus' life and ministry is briefly summed up. Jesus is described as God's only Son and our Lord—one who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born by the Virgin, who suffered under Pilate, who was crucified, died and was buried. The creed is a definition of the work of the Father, Son and Spirit, yet there is also fullness to being followers in the Way of Christ that is not described in the creed. How does the creed encompass faithful living in imitation of Christ? In other words, what does it mean to believe even more about Jesus and following Jesus than we say in the words of the creed?"

WELCA is for all interested women and meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30. Join us on October 18th.

Ponderings from the President ... by Susan Painter

Autumn showers have come and, with them, hope for a parched earth. At last, the fires that ravaged our forests and strangled our breath can be being beaten down. As the rains cleanse and renew, we recall the gifts of hope and generosity our forebears received from Native peoples in this brave new world centuries ago.

Autumn is a time for gathering the fruits of the harvest, for preparing for winter and for giving thanks. As we consider the wealth of our country and the riches we have, we gather also to consider our responsibilities in stewardship – to our land, to our community, to our church.

Giving of ourselves, our possessions, our time, our funds offers us an opportunity to experience ultimate faith in God's goodness. By sharing, we not only give thanks, but also trust that the God who made us and who sacrificed his Son for us will turn our gifts into miracles of growth.

Pastor Ed urges us to be joiners, be leaders, be learners: "share your time and talents in…vital ministries… and as you give of yourself, your life will be enriched and our God will be served and glorified."

Our fall stewardship campaign encourages us, as well, to consider our financial gifts which support our church's work. Proverbs cautions not to toil "to acquire wealth," for "when your eyes light upon it, it is gone; for suddenly it takes …wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven." [Proverbs 23:5] The wild winds and floods battering the southeastern part of our country and our Caribbean neighbors show us, indeed, how fragile and transitory our possessions – even those essential to house and feed us – can be.

But this shows us, too, the opportunity and richness in ***giving*** away.

A news reporter, covering last week's devastation in the San Juan Islands, was mistaken for an aid worker when she was approached by a woman who had nothing but a bottle of water to her name. But when the beleaguered woman learned her questioner's identity, she reached over to offer the reporter a sip from her water bottle – sharing a drink of sustenance from all that she had left.

Our young member, Michelle Johnson, recently thanked the Atonement family for the scholarship which helped meet her expenses in college. She told us that Pacific Lutheran University matched the funds, so our gift was doubled. As she pointed out, it was like "the loaves and fishes," which grew to feed a multitude and then some.

My good friend, Sara, battling stage IV cancer, shared dinner two weeks ago. Instead of focusing on her upcoming [and dreaded] chemo treatments, she told me she had received an inheritance from her mother. She asked my thoughts about how best to use the gift as a scholarship fund for young lawyers needing help with expenses for special courses in representing the accused who face a potential death penalty. Just as Michelle's gift from our church was able to grow, so Sara's gift from her mother will go forward to enhance the skills of others.

Professor Harry Reis at the University of Rochester says that, "Humans are wired to give," and his studies are showing that spending on others can bring a person emotional happiness – but only when the goal is to benefit another, not to impress with generosity or to expect something in return." *

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Property Committee ... by MaryLou 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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Reformation Celebration Potluck! Got Ideas! ...

by Jean Amundson

This coming October marks the 500th anniversary of the start of Martin Luther's efforts to reform the Christian church. Channel your inner German and plan to join in the fun on Sunday, October 29th. If you have ideas to enrich the celebration—or a special German dish you want to share with everybody—come to the Parish Life meeting on Monday, October 2, at 6:30. (Or email Jean Amundson at mjeanamundson@gmail.com if you can't make it to the meeting.)

October 29 is a fifth Sunday, so the potluck/party will start about 11:30. There will be sausages—and maybe fresh sauerkraut—and some other German specialties such as German potato salad, cookies, and kuchen.

We'll also tour important sites in Reformation history via a Rick Steves' video, and there will be lots of fun and fellowship, as always.

Hope to see you all there!

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

Each of us has something to give: All that we have, be it a sip of water or a plate of gold, is a gift from God. It could disappear in an instant. While it is momentarily ours to use, to invest, to enjoy, it is also an opportunity: to give it away, as it has been given to us.

During this month's stewardship conversations, let us consider our chances to share what we have, to let our gifts grow in generosity, and to reflect the love of the God who surrounds and keeps us.

"Love doesn't just sit there, like a stone, it has to be made, like bread;
remade all the time, made new."

Ursula K. Le Guin, *The Lathe of Heaven*

* Quoted in *Time* magazine, October 2, 2107, p 32.

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship 12:15am Ed Mtg Int'l Coffee Day	2 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	3 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	4 Nat'l Golf Day 	5 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6 12:00pm First Friday Brunch World Smile Day 	7 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
8 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship & Music	9 Office Closed 9:30am Property 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	10 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	11 Int'l Day of the Girl 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	12 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Pig n' Pancake 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	13 8-5pm OCQG Workshop	14 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
15 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Recreation Bonfire	16 Office Closed Bosses Day 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	17 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	18 12:30pm WELCA 2:00pm Altar Guild 7:00pm Council	19 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Pig n' Pancake	20	21 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
22 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship	23 Office Closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	24 *WAVES* Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg United Nations Day 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	25	26 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Pig n' Pancake 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	27	28 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm) Nat'l Chocolate Day
29 10:00am Worship 11:30am Reformation Potluck Nat' Cat Day 	30 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	31 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel	Breast Cancer Awareness Month 	 Clergy Appreciation Month	Nat'l Diabetes Month 	

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians
1 8:00 p.m.	Marian Brown	Peggy Gilman	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	Pete Kraack	Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson
8 8:00 a.m.	Joe Baumgarten	MaryLou Mate	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	Janice Delameter	Marian Brown
15 8:00 a.m.	Susan Painter	MaryLou Mate	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	_____	Lois Greenwood	Tami Johnson
22 8:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler	Peggy Gilman	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	Bette Harmon	Bette Harmon	Jerryann Olson
29 10:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson	Marian Brown	Marian Brown

Liliana Black	10/1
Dean Hill	10/3
Lynn Moody	10/5
Arnie Anderson	10/5
Debbie Christensen	10/6
Carol Freeman	10/8
Mariah Harmon	10/9
Alice McCellan	10/9
Jeanette Agre	10/18
Mike Rawles	10/26
Sue Fowler	10/28
Walter Duvall	10/31
Lori Painter	10/31

20 Jim & Tecia Ezzell
Michael & Sana Banks

1 Janice Delameter

8 Bette Harmon
(Mariah's Birthday)

15 Susan Painter

22 Michael & Sana Banks
(Anniversary)

29 _____

1 Walt Duval&
Pete Kraack

8 Pete Kraack &
John Stern

15 John Stern &
Terri Homer

22 Terri Homer &
Bob Olson

29 Bob Olson &
Peggy Gilman

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: **Canned Meats**

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.

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, October 23rd "God's work, our hands"

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

Our 4th Thursday Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out for homeless and/or low income families is set for October 26th . 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.

Much help is needed. Cooking and set up begin at 3:00. 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.

gift card Emergency Meal Gift Cards

Thank you to those who recently donated food gift cards. This program provide an emergency meal to people who stop by our church and need help. This is part of our Social Ministry program and hope to continue helping those who are hungry.

Samaritan House Local Ocean Seafoods will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday October 4, 2017, donating 15% of the days proceeds.

Thanks for your continued support.

Rose Davies, Volunteer
Samaritan House

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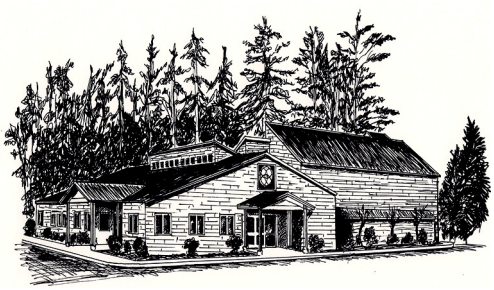
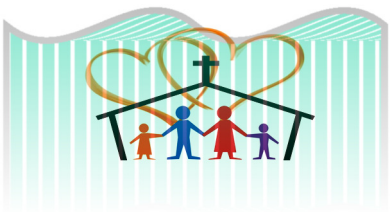


Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

Audio Worship Services & Calendar on website



Fill our Food Barrel This Month: Canned Meats