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

Welcome New Members

In recent weeks, we rejoiced, in receiving Delores Anderson, Barbara Utterback, and Rick, Joy and Jesse Gutknecht as new members at Atonement, and Rich Gogl and Sharleen Harvey as associate members. We welcome them into our family of faith and pray that God will use their gifts in our mutual ministry in Newport and beyond. Please take time to get to know them and add your personal welcome.

More new members will be received soon! Exciting things are happening at Atonement. Who can you invite to be a part of what God is doing among us?

Reformation Celebration Potluck

This coming October marks the 500th anniversary of the start of Martin Luther's efforts to reform the Christian church. (Who knew we'd ever get that old. . .) Channel your inner German and plan to join in the fun on Sunday, October 29th after the 10:00am service. That's a fifth Sunday, so the party will start about 11:30am. There will be sausages—and maybe fresh sauerkraut—and some other German specialties such as German potato salad, cookies, and kuchen.

Bring a favorite German dish to share, but if you're not in that frame of mind, bring ***any*** favorite dish to share! We'll also tour important sites in Reformation history via a Rick Steves video, and there will be lots of fun and fellowship.

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

General Fund	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Previous Year Actual	Previous Year Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	$112,977	$108,263	$110,840	$110,628
Grants	$1,222	$3,749	$3,575	$2,420
Room Rents	$5,599	$5,742	$5,005	$6,597
Transfer from Capital Fund	$4,000	$14,000	$10,000	$14,000
Total Income	$123,798	$131,754	$129,420	$133,645
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	$43,235	$43,247	$43,235	$42,780
PastoralBenefits	$18,039	$19,483	$18,991	$18,511
Pastoral Expenses	$1,862	$1,934	$1,637	$1,738
Staff Compensation	$16,796	$18,210	$24,914	$27,930
Staff Payroll Cost	$2,826	$4,533	$4,316	$4,915
Worship & Music	$1,813	$3,323	$2,166	$2,522
Education	$36	$700	$471	$1,429
Youth	-$83	$127	$35	$379
Outreach/Hospitality	$682	$901	$594	$893
Social Ministry	$1,050	$1,342	$1,050	$1,341
Stewardship	$0	$204	$0	$525
Health Ministry	$0	$350	$0	$350
Parish Life	$138	$830	$478	$2,847
ELCA Mission Support	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500
General/Administrative	$6,788	$7,883	$7,120	$7,201
Facility Expenses	$13,048	$19,657	$16,235	$16,896
Insurance	$5,006	$5,833	$5,541	$5,600
Total Expense	$114,736	$132,057	$130,283	$139,357
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	$9,062	($303)	($863)	($5,712)

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 6/30/2017		$81,989	$32,122	$24,933	$9,193	$15,741
July	$1,283	$1,283	$647	$503	($184)	$317
Balance @ 7/31/2017		$83,272	$32,769	$25,436	$9,009	$16,058

Capital Fund

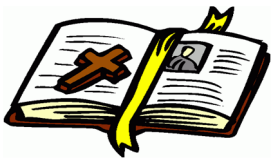
BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2017	-	-	$61,871
INCOME	$63,811		
EXPENSES		$48,363	
BALANCE @ 7/31/2017			$77,319

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,

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 they 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 ministries that are being planned, or start one yourself. Come to worship. Attend the adult forum. Join a choir. Make a quilt or prayer shawl. Teach Sunday school. Sign up to be a worship assistant or coffee hour host. Make and/or serve food at Randy's Read and Feed or Stone Soup. Be active in the women's group (WELCA) 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

Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

Reformation Roots

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:

Sept. 10 - Session 1: From Night to Dawn: The Stage is Set for the Reformation
Sept. 17 - Session 2: From Bondage to Freedom: Luther Rediscovers Grace
Sept. 24 - Session 3: From Scholar to Provocateur: Luther Takes on the Church

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 10a.m.**

Nov. 5 – Session 7: From Simple to Complex: The New Church Finds Common Ground
Nov. 12 - Session 8: Luther's Legacy
Nov. 19 - Session 9: Swiss Reformation: A Rationalist's Revolt
Nov. 26 - Session 10: Radical Reformation: Revolution and Withdrawal

Dec. 3 - Session 11: English Reformation: The Political Reformation
Dec. 12 - Session 12: The Catholic Reformation: Reaction and Renewal

Relay for Life ... by Tami Johnson

One in Three women and One in Two men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. One of those people could be you or someone you love. That's why we Relay.

When you participate in Relay for Life, as Team Atonement has done for the past two years, you're helping American Cancer Society fund groundbreaking research, crucial patient care programs, and education and prevention information. When you Relay, you help save lives.

On August 5th, Relay for Life Newport was held at the Armory. Thanks to all of you, Team Atonement raised just over $800.00, mainly in luminaria purchases. Each of you has been instrumental in contributing to the success of Relay. Thanks to those of you who purchased luminarias; walked during the Relay, came to support walkers, and otherwise provide your time, efforts, and support through prayer and thought. We could never have done any of this without all of you. We truly are a team. Thank You!

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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Endowment Committee ... Linda Kilbride

It is that time of year again – BACK TO SCHOOL !!! Your Endowment Committee met to review applications for the Annual Scholarship awards. This year each recipient will receive $1,000, payable to the university of their choice. They all are members of our congregation and outstanding students. They include:

Hallie Ezzell, who plans to attend Eastern Oregon University and will start in the Nursing Program to specialize in Pediatrics. Her church activities include Randy's Feed & Read, Stone Soup, and Chancel Choir. Extracurricular activities included Jazz, Concert and Marching Bands and the Gay Straight Alliance.

Willow Buswell, who plans to continue at Oregon Coast Community College where she completed her pre-requisites and will study nursing and get a job in the health care profession. She currently volunteers at the hospital and at Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center. She currently serves as president of the PTK honors society at OCCC.

Elah Banks is the final recipient. He plans to enter Oregon State University in the Political Science Department. His career goal is to become a lawyer and to practice somewhere on the west coast. He is looking forward to acquiring the tools he will need to succeed in law school. His extracurricular activities include Soccer, Student Counsel, Bodybuilding, Basketball, Big Brother/Big Sister Program, and Community Service with Union Gospel Mission. Awards include Albany Optimist Club Leadership Award, AP US History Award, Pac West Academic All-Star, etc.

They are such special people in their own ways and we wish them the best with their studies. Congratulations!

First Friday Lunch Bunch Friday September 1st 12:00noon.

Off the Hook Bar & Grill 3211 Oregon Coast Hwy South Beach

Library Committee ... by Nancy Hilton

Visit our Library and Borrow a Book...

- Sign your name and date on the card in the book pocket.
- File the card alphabetically by the author's last name.
- Bring the item back after a couple of weeks and put it in the **"RETURN"** slot under the first set of shelves.

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. September's theme is "I Believe in God…" Pastor Seymour writes, "The first article talks about God, the Holy Creator and Parent of all things. We'll explore what the Apostles' Creed says about God - and what it leaves undefined - as well as how it stirs our imagination. WELCA is for all interested women and meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30p.m. Join us on September 20th.

Zach's Bistro in Nye Beach will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Enjoy lunch (11:30 am - 2 pm) or dinner (4 - 10:30 pm) while helping our homeless families.

Thanks for your continued support.

Rose Davies, Volunteer
Samaritan House

Community Rewards Program of Fred Meyer

We have earned $41.93 of donations. This contribution was due to our church supporters(9 households) who shopped at Fred Meyers between 4/1/2017 – 6/30/2017.

If you would like to be added as a church supporter, please sign up by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card at following link: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 84754. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping (non-profit) earn a donation!

See Rhonda Harman for more information or help.

Ponderings from the President ... by Susan Painter

DIVERSITY

At a remote wilderness village, atop a winding dusty road above Lake Chelan, we gathered to reflect, to retreat, to be renewed. Holden Village was a mining site for two decades before its reincarnation fifty years ago as a Lutheran based retreat center. The village has been closed the past four years, first to begin reclamation from effects of the mine's environmental assault, and then because of the 2015 Wolverine forest fire that surrounded, but spared, the Village. In re-opening this summer, the Village chose the theme, *Beginning Together.*

Meeting in song, with art, in study, to listen and to share, we heard the stories of "Radical Lutherans and Lutheran Radicals."[1] We looked at efforts to restore the Mississippi River Delta. We heard of struggles to bring peace to Northern Ireland and the Middle East. We reflected anew on some old, old stories: the woman at the well in Samaria and the farmer who entrusted talents to his workers. But when asked the most difficult issue of our nation, we heard one answer: the Methodist minister from Belfast; the tattooed ELCA pastor from Denver; and the quiet professor from Illinois uniformly said that our history of slavery and white privilege must be confronted fully, honestly and courageously before we have hope of healing our divisions.

At home after our Holden respite, we've seen hateful marchers with tiki torches shouting "blood and soil"; we've watched peaceful protestors mowed down with cars; and we've heard our leader's deafening silence.

In this month's *Christianity Today*, Portland writer D.L. Mayfield's story, featured with a noose on the cover, is "Facing our Legacy of Lynching." Studying racism in Oregon, she learned that Alonzo Tucker, a black man had been lynched in 1902 in Coos Bay. Accused of a crime against, white woman, without benefit of either judge or jury, he was hanged from a bridge in the heart of town by an angry mob eager for a public spectacle.

On vacation, Mayfield and her husband found a chain link fence near the spot where the bridge once stood. They planted a large, white home-made cross on the site. As a police car drove by, Mayfield – a white woman – experienced "a stab of fear… I was surprised at how nervous I was and by how small our action felt." The gesture led her to consider "the subtle power memorials have over the sins of our past – the power either to hide them or to bring them into the light, " and she noted, we cannot repent of "buried sins."

Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke letter points out that the "true" civil war memorials erected just after the war were modest structures usually placed in cemeteries to remember the dead. Others, however, such as those recently targeted in Charlottesville, were meant to be public displays "as if they were meant to underscore racist values and honor the ***reasons*** for a civil war which" struck at the heart of our union.[2]

In partnership with volunteers across the county, Alabama's Equal Justice Initiative has collected glass jars, each filled with dirt, from sites of confirmed lynchings in that state. Founder Bryan Stevenson describes the exhibit:

"In this soil, there is the sweat of the enslaved…. In the soil there is the blood of victims of racial violence and lynching. There are the tears in the soil from all those who labored under the indignation and humiliation of segregation. But in the soil there is also the opportunity for new life, a chance to grow something hopeful and

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[1]The title of a book edited by Jason Mahn, one of the faculty at Holden this summer.
[2] Pastoral Letter on Current Events, 25 August 2017, from Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke to the Oregon Synod

Trio Concert Great Success ... by Susan Painter

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed Trio Musicorum Medicorum's performance at Atonement on Sunday, July 30th. The violin, cello and piano group offered selections from Astor Piazolla and Antonin Dvorak, as well as two encores.

Although free, the concert was also offered as a benefit for the Newport Food Pantry. The audience donated 126 pounds of food, and Atonement also provided a check in the sum of $228.00 to Jim Myers, Board member of the Newport Food Pantry after the concert.

The Trio provided special music during the morning's worship service. In addition, violinist, Alistair Kok, spontaneously joined in accompaniment to the congregation's hymns.

Jim Meyers
Representative
for Food Pantry

Susan Painter
President of ALC

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healing for the future."[3]

Stevenson, whose memoir, *Just Mercy,* traces his journey from a southern black childhood to Harvard Law school and back, began the project to tell the long-ignored story of lynching victims. Lynching was "not isolated hate crimes committed by rogue vigilantes. Lynching was targeted racial violence at the core of a systematic campaign of terror perpetuated in furtherance of a [repressive] social order."

The EJI has documented over 4,000 racist killings of black people who were hanged, burned alive, shot, drowned and beaten to death by white mobs between 1877 and 1950. Yet Montgomery alone has 59 monuments to the Confederacy. In response, the EJI has begun construction of The Memorial to Peace and Justice, a national lynching memorial. On six acres of a rise overlooking Montgomery, it will be a classical structure which includes 800 columns, one for each county documented to have allowed a lynching. Over 4,000 names will be inscribed. Just outside, a field of identical columns will rest with an invitation for each county to retrieve its monument, confront its meaning, and place it in the county where the lynching occurred. Stevenson sees the monument as an agent of repentance, a tool to encourage us to turn from sin to a different path. "I am not interested in punishing America with this history," he says. "I want to liberate us…. to find the path to redemption. And we can't get there if we are unwilling to give voice to the truth of our past."

But when we know a white, urban writer is frightened by a passing police car after she places a memorial to a century-old injustice in a small coastal Oregon town, we also know the path to redemption may be long – and uncertain.

[3] Equal Justice Initiative website description of The Memorial to Peace and Justice, "A Community Remembrance Project."

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nat'l Preparedness Month		Childhood Cancer Awareness		Nat'l Suicide Prevention Awareness Month	1 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Off the Hook Bar & Grill	2 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
3 8:00am Worship 9-12pm Blood Pressure 11:00am Worship 12:15am Ed Mtg	4 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	5 2:00pm Staff Mtg Int'l Day of Charity 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6	7 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Pig n' Pancake	8 Int'l Literacy Day	9 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
10 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship & Music Grandparents Day	11 Office Closed 9:30am Property 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	12 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	13 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	14 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Pig n' Pancake 4-9pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	15	16 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 8-5pm OCQG Workshop Octoberfest Starts
17 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship Constitution/ Citizenship Day	18 Office Closed Nat'l Cheeseburger Day 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	19 *WAVES* Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	20 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council	21 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Pig n' Pancake Int'l Day of Peace	22 Native American Day	23 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)
24 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship	25 Office Closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	26 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	27 World Tourism Day	28 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Pig n' Pancake 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	29	30 Nat'l School Success Month

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians
3 8:00 p.m.	Dick Tyler	MaryLou Mate	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	Terri Homer	Bette Harmon	Marian Brown
10 8:00 a.m.	Joe Baumgarten	Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	_____	Janice Delameter	Jerryann Olson
17 8:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson	Peggy Gilman	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson
24 8:00 a.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	_____	Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown

Raynette Rawles	9/5
Sharleen Harvey	9/15
Linda Kilbride	9/17
Melodie McKenzie	9/17
Denise Guild	9/27
Michael Schulz	9/30

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

3 Paul & Jean Amundson 56th Anniversary
10 Shannon & Donna White—53rd Anniversary
17 Deb Christensen Karen's Birthday
24 Dick & Lois Tyler

3 Terri Homer & Peggy Gilman
10 Bob Olson & Paul Stangeland
17 Paul Stangeland & Paul Amundson
24 Paul Amundson & Walt Duval

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: **Hot & Cold Cereal**

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, September 25th "God's work, our hands"

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 28th. 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.

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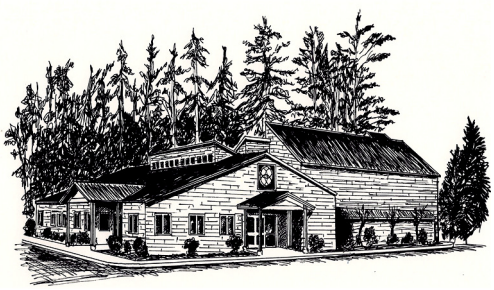

Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

Audio Worship Services & Calendar on website

Fill our Food Barrel This Month: Hot and Cold Cereals