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.

Welcome New Members ... by Pastor Ed

Sunday, April 29th was a very special day at Atonement as we rejoiced in receiving Anne Barker (associate), Roberta Baxter, and Diane Combs as new members at Atonement. 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.

Sunday, May 6th was also a very special day as we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Clara Louise Mann, daughter of Peter and Meredith and little sister to Graham and Bennett.

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?

Summer BBQ - by Jean Amundson

Don't miss the delicious summer barbecue at Atonement on Wednesday, June 27th! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled by our expert BBQ masters; you bring the side dishes of salads, veggies, and desserts.

There will be two more potlucks as well, so mark your calendars with big red letters . . . Wednesday, July 25th (chicken) and August 22nd (tuna, if available, and oysters). We're looking forward to fun and fellowship, along with plenty of good food. The mealtime prayer will be at 6pm. (In other words, that's when the meal will start.)

Got company? Just make some extra food to share, and bring 'em along! A Sign-up sheets is posted on the bulletin board for volunteers who can help with the BBQ. Thank You!

Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ April 2018

General Fund	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Previous Year Actual	Previous Year Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	$59,801	$59,622	$61,062	$61,534
Grants	$1,068	$1,140	$973	$2,843
Room Rents	$3,035	$4,345	$4,534	$4,245
Transfer from Capital Fund	$0	$8,000	$4,000	$8,000
Total Income	$63,904	$73,107	$70,569	$76,622
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	$25,447	$25,428	$24,706	$24,712
PastoralBenefits	$10,233	$11,242	$10,589	$11,133
Pastoral Expenses	$540	$1,611	$1,143	$932
Staff Compensation	$8,679	$9,410	$10,294	$10,633
Staff Payroll Cost	$1,291	$2,609	$1,653	$2,797
Worship & Music	$1,625	$2,085	$1,638	$1,492
Education	$139	$262	$76	$416
Youth	$105	$183	-$83	$77
Outreach/Hospitality	$387	$465	$326	$580
Social Ministry	$600	$767	$600	$767
Stewardship	$0	$116	$0	$117
Health Ministry	$0	$200	$0	$200
ELCA Mission Support	$2,500	$2,166	$2,000	$2,000
Parish Life	$221	$301	$31	$367
General/Administrative	$3,437	$4,985	$5,021	$5,087
Facility Maintenance	$6,109	$5,189	$4,030	$7,212
Utilities	$3,975	$4,544	$4,018	$4,356
Insurance	$3,335	$3,333	$3,196	$3,333
Total Expense	$68,623	$74,896	$69,238	$76,211
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	($4,719)	($1,789)	$1,331	$411

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 1/31/2018		$88,482	$34,819	$27,029	$9,572	$17,062
April	$566	$566	$223	$173	$61	$109
Balance @ 4/30/2018		$89,048	$35,042	$27,202	$9,633	$17,171

Capital Fund				
BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2018	-	-	$87,145	
INCOME	$38,240			
EXPENSES		$27,373		
BALANCE @ 4/30/2018			$98,012	

Prayer & Bible Study Please join us on Mondays each week for prayer /meditation and bible study. 5:30-7:00pm in Narthex. You are welcome to join us.

From the Pastor ... Pastor Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

"**Grace** and **peace** to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Those are words that St. Paul used at the beginning of virtually every one of his letters in the New Testament. No matter how much of a hurry he was in to get to the main point of his letter, he first began by noting the grace and peace which is ours as a gift of God through Christ. You may wonder why. Well, it is because grace and peace are the very best things he and God have to offer God's people.

The world we live in does not, for the most part, understand or appreciate such things. We live in a conditional world, a world which says, "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours." WE live in a world which teaches us that you get what you deserve, you get what you earn in this life.

But Paul knew better. At one time he was "Public Enemy #1" of the early Christian church. As he himself put it: *"For you yourself have heard of my former manner of life, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it"* (Gal. 1:13). Paul ravaged the early church, entering house after house and dragging men and women off to prison or even death (Acts 8:3).

It was on one of these "round-ups" that Paul's life changed forever. On the road to Damascus he received a vision of the risen Jesus who enlisted Paul to become a follower and an evangelist. When it seemed that Paul deserved nothing from God, indeed while he was still acting violently against God and God's church, God instead gave him grace and peace. As Paul later wrote, *"For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace toward me did not prove in vain"* (1 Cor. 15:9-10).

This was a lesson Paul never forgot. "By grace we are saved," became his primary message to the world. By grace: no questions asked, no conditions laid down, no strings attached. God loved him – even when he was an enemy – and by grace God saved him, brought him into the kingdom, and filled him with peace.

This grace and peace is yours and mine as well! God loves us – you and me – not because we are worthy of that love, not because we are good people, not because we are loveable. God's love for us is a free gift. God loves us "warts and all" and calls us into the kingdom of his grace and peace.

God's grace, the free gift of his love and mercy is the very best gift that God has to give to his people. And it is the very best gift that we, God's people, have to share with the world. In a graceless world, our message of love freely given is one that is powerful and transforming.

Know that you are a precious and beloved child of God. In Jesus Christ, God has poured out upon you the riches of his grace and peace. Take that good news to heart. Live in it. Trust in it. Let it transform you life. And then, share it, spread it around. *"And the grace and peace of God which passes all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 4:7). Amen.

Pastor Ed Milliken

Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

Partners in Service

We have had great fun in the recent adult forums learning about some of our "Partners in Service." We have heard from Kaety Jacobsen from the Lincoln County Foster Parent Association, Dee Teem of the Olalla Center, Lola Jones of the Samaritan House and Inter-Christian Outreach, and Katey Townsend of HELP (Homeless Education and Literacy Project). We will conclude with the following Partners:

June 3 – Someone from Habitat for Humanity

June 10 – Linda Grossman and Kristina Dirksen – Mental Health & Addiction.

Join us each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for this study.

Moments with Martin ... by Rick Letherer

In my attempt to stoke the fires of the 500th year commemoration of the reformation, I will share some of our namesake's quotes. Martin Luther was a prodigious, but also witty and poignant writer. His writing style was entertaining and sometimes inflammatory. Nearly everyone, even his severest critics, would agree that his prolific use of the printing press changed the world forever.

Luther's comment on our parents will be difficult for many of us; it is not easy (understatement) to honor parents that have failed us. But maybe acknowledging our parents' human failings will help?

"We must train young people to look upon their parents as God's representatives and to remember that even though they are lowly, poor, frail, and peculiar, they are still the father and mother that God gave them. They are not to be robbed of their honor because of their conduct and failings." ***Martin Luther***

Dr. Luther took his parenting very seriously as a commitment to raise his children in the Christian faith. It is obvious in pictures and accounts that he loved his children and family and enjoyed spending time and making music with them. For me, being a parent was the single most difficult job I ever had, and by far the most rewarding.

"For it is the duty of father and mother, nay for this very purpose they were made father and mother by God- to teach children and lead them to God, not according to their own notion and their own religious persuasion but according to the command of God" ***Martin Luther***

Notes from the President ... by Linda Kilbride

Member Moment ... Norm & Anne Barker

Anne was single mom living in Banks, Oregon for 28 years, while raising three girls and one boy. She worked as a material handler in the shipping and receiving departments at various companies including Tektronix and Fiji Tzu. Her work took her to Japan on two occasions, one trip for two weeks and the second in 1994 while she was the lead for four different product lines. She was there to learn about the product, soon to be imported to the U.S., where she would teach others how to operate it.

She was raised in a Catholic family the second of seven children. She followed very strict family rules. She remembers being awakened at 4 a.m. summer mornings so she and her siblings could catch a bus to the fields to pick strawberries and beans. The proceeds from the pickings allowed each child to attend their private Catholic schools where the tuition was high for the times but not when compared to fees charged today.

Norm was raised in the middle of nine children, served in the Air Force and moved around a lot. After his retirement he and his wife moved to (former Naval Air Station) Point Mugu, California where he worked in civil service for the Navy as an Electronic Technician. From there, they moved back to North Caroline where they built a home and subsequently followed Wayne, one of two sons, who had moved his family to Newport after serving in the Navy. The little two year-old grandson was the real draw, as Norm wanted to be close to all four grandchildren as they grew up.

Norm's other son, Wade has settled in Gladstone, so he made the right choice! Norm and his now former wife moved to the 2.5 acre property in Eddyville area in 1991.

They visited Atonement soon after arriving in the area. She had been raised a life-long Lutheran, so they became members right away with Dr. Dave Brauer-Rieke officiating.

Norm and Anne married
February 10, 2018 at Atonement

So how did they meet? On line of course! A friend of Anne's suggested she try match.com and the day after she registered she met Norm on the site. It took a couple of weeks to coordinate their calendars, but made plans to meet in neutral/public place in Salem. She didn't know where Eddyville was and was quite sure he wouldn't be able to find Banks – but that wasn't the reason for the neutral/public place for the meeting. She'd been carefully taught (strict family rules) not to put herself in a dangerous situation by meeting privately somewhere! Smart!

"And the rest is history. There is a little miracle going on here…miracles really do happen!", Norm admits. "But they require a little bit of help along the way!"

The newlyweds are happy as clams on their 2.5 acres in Eddyville. He has a large vegetable garden: eight tomato plants, green beans, corn and the grandest of all Noble Fir Christmas trees, and some flowers (in his first crop of 900

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Property Committee ... by Marian Brown & Mary Lou Mate

Room Rental: Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are available for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term (weekly or monthly) if needed. Please, check with our office for available dates and time.

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Mark Your Calendar and plan to join the Property Committee on June 11th @ 9:30am to increase the storage organization of the outside shed.

If you are able to help, please talk to one of the members of the committee: Bob Olson, Pete Kraack, Dan Roumagoux, Shannon White, MaryLou Mate, Marian Brown, Randy Gilman.

Library Committee ...

The church library is there for all to use, but please—

- 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.

Thank you from the Library Committee!

Notes from the President ... continued from page 5

trees he sold all but one tree), has replanted and has sold 60% in this rotation. He comes to the house with an armload of corn and the entertainment of the day can be taking the kernels off the freshly shucked cobs, mmm so sweet! The mail carrier at Eddyville loves the baggies of fresh tomatoes found in their mailbox when in season and there are enough green beans to give to Food Share and plenty left to can. Norm loves to chop fire wood and Anne bakes apple pies to make Norm happy. They will be in North Carolina for a visit soon and when they return they will get a new kitten or two.

"It's important to be happy! It's a decision you make…it is your choice!"

Ponderings at Page Seven ... by Susan Painter

June: The Month of Loving

"Love is stronger than death!" the pastor proclaimed. "There is power in love!" he insisted. "Love is unselfish. It is sacrificial… it is redemptive." The Black minister was not addressing a southern revival church, but presiding over a royal wedding. The American, Rev. Michael Curry, is the first African American bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. He was chosen by England's Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle to conduct their recent wedding in Windsor Castle.

Not only did the pastor's passionate speech raise eyebrows, but also the gospel choir startled some in the audience with its rousing "Stand By Me." The couple's triumphant exit to the civil rights anthem, "This Little Light of Mine" capped a ceremony unlike anything before in the ancient chapel.

The marriage, indeed, celebrated the power of love, and Rev. Curry's words reflected the power of the historic moment. In 1936, another member of British royalty, King Edward VIII, was forced to choose between his love or his throne. He abdicated his title and married Wallis Simpson, a divorced American.

Not only is Meghan Markle a divorced woman, but also she is biracial: her mother is a descendant of slaves on plantations in the South. But this time, Prince Harry could choose love and remain a royal.

Until the United States Supreme Court declared, in *Loving v Virginia,* just a half century ago, that interracial marriage was protected by our Constitution, those of mixed race who married could face ***criminal*** sanctions in many parts of our country.

In 1958, Richard Loving, a white man, legally married his longtime friend, Mildred Jeter, a woman of both African American and Native American heritage, in Washington, D.C. Five weeks after their wedding, back at home in bed in Virginia, the local sheriff barged in at 2:00 a.m. to arrest them. A grand jury charged them with violating the state's ban on interracial marriages, a felony punishable by a prison term of one to five years. After a guilty plea, the couple was ordered to live outside Virginia for 25 years or face a year in prison.

The Lovings returned to Washington but wanted to continue their married life in their home state, Virginia. When their appeal reached the United States Supreme Court in 1967, Virginia was one of 16 states which prohibited and punished marriages that violated its racial classification system. The rationale, the Court noted, was to "prevent 'the corruption of blood,' 'a mongrel breed of citizen' and the 'obliteration of racial pride.'" In argument before the Court, Virginia tried to justify its law, claiming it was "fair," because it applied the same sanction to whites and "Negroes" alike, in the sense that each would be punished to the same degree for a violation.

The Court found this rationale unacceptable. On June 12, Chief Justice Earl Warren spoke for the Court, noting that "Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and

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Good Gifts of ELCA ... by Rhonda Harman

Thank you to our kids, big and small for contributions to our PINK PIG for ELCA Good Gifts program. We will be writing a check for $100 and we will buy a pair goats! If there's a superhero of the barnyard, it just might be the goat. Why? Because goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's harshest environments – rocky terrain, drought-prone areas, small plots of land, you name it. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. And what's more, offspring can rapidly transform a community when shared with other families in need. The family will get fresh milk to feed their families and hopefully create baby goats they can sell or pass on for more families!

ELCA Good Gifts program provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church world wide. These gifts starting at $10 provide direct support for the church wide ministries of ELCA. Again thank you again for supporting the Good Gifts of ELCA!

Friday Lunch Bunch June 1st at 12:00am Off the Hook Restaurant

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survival." He wrote that denying this fundamental freedom "on so unsupportable a basis as …racial classifications" directly subverted the principles of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment and deprived our citizens of liberty without due process of law.

Until the Court's pronouncement, any marriage between a white person and another of even a "slightly mixed" race was illegal – even a felony, punishable by prison – in many states. In those jurisdictions, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's union would have been prohibited. My brother's marriage to a Native American woman would have been punished, as would another brother's marriage to a woman from Bangladesh. In those places, the recent wedding between a young woman of Atonement and her delightful fiancé of Filipino background could not have happened without risking penalties.

No wonder that in many places June 12 is celebrated as "Loving Day," a holiday which honors multiracial unions. As Bishop Curry proclaimed, the power of love – and the marriages it reflects – is, indeed, to be celebrated and honored by rejoicing:

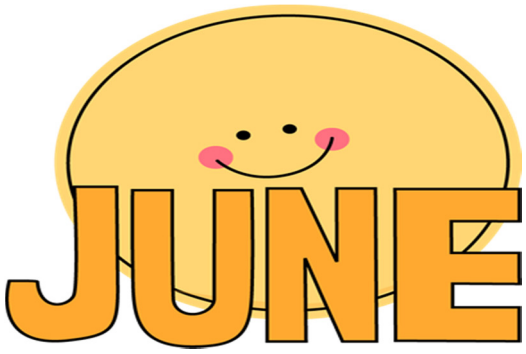
"Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends….
I Corinthians 13: 4-8.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nat'l Safety Month Month		Men's Health Month	Cataract Awareness Month		1 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Off the Hook	2 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers MT (Ed Rm)
3 8:00am Worship 9-10:30 Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Ed Mtg	4 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	5 2:00pm Staff Mtg World Environment Day 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6 DD Day WW11	7 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Shilo Cafe	8 Nat'l Best Friend's Day World's Ocean Day	9 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
10 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Worship & Music Mtg	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 at Pig n Pancake 4-9:00pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	15	16 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
17 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship Father's Day	18 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	19 *WAVES* Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	20 World Refugee Day 7:00pm Council	21 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig n Pancake Summer Solstice	22	23 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm)
24 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	25 Office Closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	26 2:00pm Staff Mtg Forgiveness Day 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	27 6:00pm BBQ	28 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Pig n Pancake	29	30

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians
3 8:00 p.m.	Willow Buswell	Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson
11:00 a.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Jerryann Olson
10 8:00 a.m.	Joe Baumgarten	Peggy Gilman	Tami Johnson
11:00 a.m.	Deb Adamson	Lois Greenwood	Tami Johnson
17 8:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Marian Brown
11:00 a.m.	_____	Janice Delameter	Marian Brown
24 8:00 p.m.	Jean Amundson	Peggy Gilman	Tami Johnson
11:00 p.m.	_____	Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson



Peter Kraack	6/1	Steve Johnson	6/22
Jim Rolph	6/1	Jan Hungerford	6/25
Roberta Baxter	6/11	Donna Bowman	6/26
Willow Buswell	6/11	Paul Stangeland	6/29
Randy Gilman	6/11		
Hallie Ezzell	6/11		
Colin Milliken	6/12		
Kyle Milliken	6/12		
Bonnie Powell	6/17		
Rowen White	6/18		

3 Barbara Utterback (In memory of Marlin)

10 Dan Moore (In memory of Mom-Patricia

17 Dietmar & Linda Goebel Arieanah's Birthday

24 Reg & Lois Greenwood (60th Anniversary)

3 Pete Kraack & Peggy Gilman

10 Peggy Gilman & Walt Duvall

17 Walt Duvall & Bette Harmon

24 Bette Harmon & Paul Stangeland

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: **Tuna**

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

On hiatus for June, July and August.

Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings

It is our turn to serve Stone Soup on Monday, June 25th, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. Each month, we prepare and serve a nutritious meal to 45 to 60 hungry people. Prep work at St. Stephens will begin at 3:00, with serving and clean up beginning at 5:15. Please let Sally know if you would like to volunteer for a shift at this month's Stone Soup.

Habitat for Humanity ... by Anne Stangeland

Buying Habitat for Humanity scrip is the easiest way I know to help that organization provide homes for families who otherwise would never own a home, let alone build one. Scrip comes in 100 and 50 dollar denominations in the form of a credit card.

Five cents of every dollar goes to Habitat for Humanity, Lincoln County. Each time the card is used the receipt will tell the buyer how much is left to spend with the card. Each family chosen to build a home puts in at least 100 hours of "sweat equity" and sometimes even more.

All other labor from the contractor to helpers is volunteer, which allows the cost of the home to be within the reach of each family. Scrip is sold the first two Sundays of each month after both church services at the table closest to the office.

Gift Cards ... This program provides an emergency meal for 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.

Many Thanks for the recent donation of subway food cards. It is greatly appreciated.

If you still want to help, we could use food cards ($5.00) from McDonald's, Burger King or Artic Circle. Please drop off gift cards at the office. Thank You!

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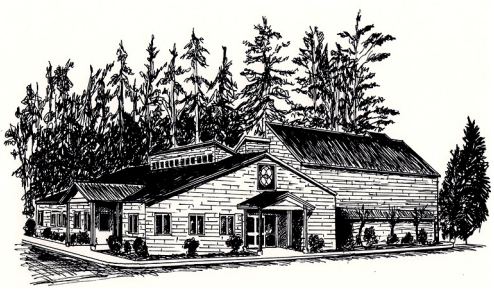

Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...

Audio Worship Services & Calendar on website

Fill our Food Barrel This Month: Tuna