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Atonement Lutheran Church

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 **Office Hours** 

10:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday thru Friday



Notes from the President ...

by Linda Kilbride



Stewardship

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;
The world, and those who live in it.*

Psalm 24:1

Our hearts are filled to overflowing...all the great community outreach projects we accomplish! With the help of our Lord our talents are being put to good use when we feed the poor with vegetables from our gardens, with wholesome meals at Stone Soup, and with Holiday Food Baskets. We clothe foster children; encourage kids to be readers along with a supper of nourishing foods at the church. We attract others with community invitations for presentations of quality music both during worship services and in concerts with talents of invited guests. We have increased the number of newcomers who attend our potlucks and BBQs.

Our Church family is expanding!

God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. He then commands us to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. *1 Timothy 6:3-10, 17-19.*

Our Stewardship journey this fall is filled with warm thoughts of good deeds. We've chosen to feature a theme of "God's Work – Our Hands..." The threefold emphasis will be: "Stewardship of the Earth," with Bruce Mate; "Stewardship of Time and Talents," with Paul Amundson; and "Stewardship of Resources," with Linda Kilbride.

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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.





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

General Fund	Current Year		Previous Year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$122,001	\$122,584	\$125,215	\$122,762
Grants	\$1,955	\$2,193	\$1,872	\$4,142
Room Rents	\$5,419	\$6,185	\$6,454	\$6,471
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$4,000	\$16,000	\$9,000	\$16,000
Total Income	<u>\$133,375</u>	<u>\$146,962</u>	<u>\$142,541</u>	<u>\$149,375</u>
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$50,894	\$50,855	\$49,412	\$49,425
Pastoral Benefits	\$20,467	\$22,484	\$20,523	\$22,267
Pastoral Expenses	\$1,295	\$2,699	\$1,862	\$2,095
Staff Compensation	\$16,634	\$18,132	\$18,376	\$20,572
Staff Payroll Cost	\$2,213	\$5,170	\$2,967	\$4,949
Worship & Music	\$2,134	\$2,828	\$1,813	\$3,659
Education	\$248	\$453	\$336	\$750
Youth	\$418	\$267	-\$83	\$143
Outreach/Hospitality	\$684	\$1,079	\$740	\$1,034
Social Ministry	\$1,050	\$1,533	\$1,200	\$1,533
Stewardship	\$235	\$233	\$0	\$234
Health Ministry	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$400
ELCA Mission Support	\$4,500	\$4,333	\$4,000	\$4,000
Parish Life	\$824	\$1,310	\$323	\$1,228
General/Administrative	\$6,516	\$8,171	\$7,519	\$8,471
Facility Maintenance	\$11,470	\$12,626	\$12,468	\$14,049
Utilities	\$7,381	\$8,723	\$7,706	\$8,508
Insurance	\$7,035	\$6,667	\$5,840	\$6,667
Total Expense	<u>\$133,998</u>	<u>\$147,963</u>	<u>\$135,002</u>	<u>\$149,984</u>
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>(\$623)</u>	<u>(\$1,001)</u>	<u>\$7,539</u>	<u>(\$609)</u>

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 1/31/2018		\$91,236	\$35,903	\$27,870	\$9,870	\$17,593
Aug	\$568	\$568	\$224	\$173	\$61	\$110
Balance @ 8/31/2018		\$91,804	\$36,127	\$28,043	\$9,931	\$17,703

Capital Fund	BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2018	-	-	\$87,145
	INCOME	\$75,828		
	EXPENSES		\$63,561	
	BALANCE @ 8/31/2018			\$99,412



 **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,

"**God's Work – Our Hands**" is a slogan that the ELCA has been using for several years now. As it states on the ELCA website, "*God's Work Our Hands is an opportunity to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.*" Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes that this slogan, "*reminds us that we are a church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and it's that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference.*"

This fall, we will also be using this theme "God's Work – Our Hands" as the focal point of our stewardship emphasis. Our stewardship campaign will begin on Sunday, October 7th and conclude on Sunday, October 21st. The theme verse this year is Ephesians 2:10: "*For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*"

Ask most Christians what stewardship means and you will likely hear, "It is the church asking me for money." The word brings to mind the annual financial campaign that happens every fall to ensure that there is enough money to fund the congregation's budget and ministry for the next year. And while it is true that finances are a part of stewardship, it is really about so much more. It calls for integration between our faith and the way we live our lives so that we live with integrity.

Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline much bigger than a three week financial campaign. As someone once said, "Stewardship is everything we do after we say 'I believe.'" It is the way we put our faith into action.

This year we will be looking at three important aspects of stewardship. On Sunday, October 7th we will focus on **Stewardship of the Earth** and Dr. Bruce Mate will speak to us about our calling as God's people to be caretakers of the beautiful creation given to us by our God. On Sunday, October 14th we will focus on the **Stewardship of Our Time and Talents** and Paul Amundson will remind us that God has given us work to do – and gifts to use in doing that work. And on Sunday, October 21st we will focus on the **Stewardship of our Resources** and Linda Kilbride will speak to us about how we are called to use the resources God has given to us in doing God's work of love in this community and world.

On Sunday, October 21st, at worship, you will be invited to bring your commitment form to the altar as an act of consecration and worship. This form will come to you soon in the mail. In the coming days, please prayerfully consider what your response will be to all the blessings God has given you.

Thank you for your generosity!



Pastor Ed Milliken



Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed



Partners in Service

The Adult Forum this fall is focusing on some of the "Partners in Service" that we are fortunate to have in our community. We have already heard from My Sister's Place, CASA, and Shangri La.

In October we will hear from the Children's Advocacy Center, Grace Wins Haven Shelter and others. Join us each Sunday as we hear from these community partners.



Moments with Martin & Teaching ... by Rick Letherer



501 years ago this October 2018, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the Church door in Germany. Thus began the reformation that changed people of faith forever! To commemorate this month of the Reformation, I will share some of our namesake's quotes. Martin Luther was 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.

Dr Luther wore many hats: Husband, Father, Teacher, Citizen, Pastor and of course Reformer. Luther claimed his greatest love was Pastoring.

"It is commonly said that these are the three qualifications that mark a good preacher: First that he step up; secondly, that he speak up and say something (worthwhile); thirdly, that he know when to stop." ... Martin Luther"

This is Christ's commission: "Go therefore, i.e., just go on preaching; don't worry about who will listen; let me worry about that. The world will be against you; don't let that trouble you. Nevertheless, there will be those who will listen to you and follow. You do not know them now, but I know them already. You preach and let me manage." ... Martin Luther

Martin Luther especially enjoyed his reading in the book of Romans. He developed many devoted followers in faith who read his writings about Romans. I have copies of an October calendar with daily readings in Romans. If you would like one, ask me in person (one per household, please; I will not respond to electronic requests).

May the peace of God be with you always!



The Ties That Bind ... Mary Lou Mate



Our Quilter group first meeting will be Monday, October 1st from 9:30am—11:30am. We will continue to meet on the first Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

No experience needed and folks will easily learn how to help. The mission is to have fellowship of members and create quilts which are tied, but not quilted.

They will be donated to different groups in our community and to every Atonement graduating high School student.

All Persons are welcome and all supplies are provided. It will be fun to gather together. Sit and chat is okay too.

Next meeting will be Monday November 5th.



Designer Note Cards



Mary Lou Mate has designed two note cards based on quilts she created...

Love thy neighbor ~ Silk Convergence

Packs of 5 for \$5.00



First Friday Lunch Bunch ... Deep End Café @12:00pm



Readers and Worship Recorders... We have several openings in October and November Signup Sheets located on Bulletin Board in Narthex.

Monthly Setup/Cleanup/Snacks... Please sign up on any open dates.

Signup Sheets located on Bulletin Board next to Kitchen

A great thanks to all who volunteer their time in participating in our Sunday service.



Find the Good News and Praise It



Olga Buswell is proud to announce the birth of her first great-granddaughter named Georgia on September 23rd. She weighs about 8lbs. Her parents are Shane & Ilene Brock living in Vancouver, Washington.



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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WELCA News ... by Jean Amundson



The bible study on Wednesday, October 24th at 12:30pm will be on the subject of repentance. The three-part study will explore how we as Lutheran Christians understand the role of repentance in our faith, especially since we believe that God's grace is unearned and freely given.

The study guide is in the WELCA magazine, "Gather (for Faith and Action)". If you don't subscribe, you can borrow a copy from the magazine kiosk in the church library. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

Invite a friend or two. See you There!

Notes from the President ... continued from page 1

With the help and direction of our Creator, there is much talk of expanding our outreach with creative thoughts and increased involvement. Opportunities will be abundant and we encourage all to participate.

Fall is the time to renew our commitment to the Lord our God. Our journey includes our role as stewards of the gifts God has bestowed upon us. We are looking for an overall commitment 10.5% in pledges over that of last year. Just think of what we can accomplish as we step out to serve the community. We can do it! Let's give above and beyond and celebrate together on October 21, with a brunch in the Narthex surrounded by those who share in the spirit of Atonement.

We give thee but thine own,
 What e'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord from thee.

1 Chronicles 29:14



Ponderings at Page Seven ... by Susan Painter

Hope Is A Broken World

"How can a good and just God allow evil? ... Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do good things happen to bad people?" Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton considered these age-old questions in a recent column in *Living Lutheran*. Her [fairly inadequate] answer was that, "We live in a broken world." But she urged that crisis and evil move us to action and reconciliation.

Around us, if we look, we can see hope springing from despair. A young man dies in an accident, and his donated heart brings new life to a waiting recipient. A woman succumbs to cancer, and down the hall in the hospital, a new baby is born. In the forests devastated by fire, hardy pink fireweed grows forth from the ashes.

66 men and women from the investment firm Sandler O'Neill & Partners were murdered by the hijackers' attacks in New York on September 11. Out of the ruins of the firm, the members established a foundation to pay college tuition for all the children of their lost colleagues. In the 17 years after, 62 young men and women have been able to pursue higher education, from Stanford to Notre Dame, from community colleges to technical institutes.

Jimmy Dunne, one of the partners involved in the extraordinary response, explains the decision of love that sprang from the violence: "How we conducted ourselves in those first few hours and days would define who we really were...if we were not honorable, then we stood for nothing." Instead of hatred, the partners

chose to sow love: "We want our defiance and reverence to echo for a century so that the grandchildren of our people will know we stood for something, and acted honorably when it really counted." *

In our small community, we see hunger in the eyes of those asking for money on our corners. We see homeless camps under bushes and on hillsides. We know many of our children have trouble affording paper and pencils as school begins. As citizens of our world, we have an opportunity to share. As members of Atonement, we have a chance during our Stewardship efforts this fall to "reach out with God's love" and to make a difference.

Our school supply drive provided many needed essentials for our youngsters. The "pajama-rama" brought colorful clothes to the smallest ones. The ministries of Randy's Feed and Read, to Synod support, the Food Pantry and many other services offer small miracles in response to great need and sometime large tragedies.

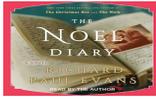
As we rejoice in the hope first offered when "the Crucified One has been raised from the dead," ** we must look for ways to translate frustration and anger into service and celebration. During this fall's stewardship efforts, let us look for as many ways as we can to make ourselves instruments of Christ's peace.



* Quoted by Brian Doyle in a 2015 commentary reprinted in *The Oregonian* 12 September 2018, p A19.

** From Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's column, "Living in a Broken World," *Living Lutheran*, November 2017, p 66.

Library Committee . . . by Jean Amundson



"The Noel Diary," by Richard Paul Evans

Richard Paul Evans, the famous author of "The Gift" and "The Christmas Box," along with many other spiritually inspiring novels, has written another insightful story in this new addition to our library. Evans hints that the novel is somewhat autobiographical.

Whatever its background, this story is well worth reading. The protagonist, Jacob Churcher, hasn't been home since his mentally ill mother kicked him out when he was just sixteen. When the novel opens, it's twenty years later, and Churcher is a famous, best-selling novelist. He returns to his former home to settle the estate, filled with angry and unhappy memories, and finds a diary that seems to hold some clues regarding a recurring dream.

Jack thinks the house seems smaller than he remembers, leading up to some imagery I found very appealing: ". . . maybe it's because our minds make things seem bigger than they really are, like the opposite

of a car's rearview mirror."

He also has some unexpected visitors—a young woman named Rachel who is looking for the mother who gave her up for adoption thirty years before—and Elyse, who knew Churcher as a lovable and lonely young boy.

Jack and Rachel find clues to their pasts in the diary written by a young woman named Noel who seems to have some ties to both young people. They begin searching for her, and end up finding and giving grace, forgiveness, and love.

Part way through their journey, as Jack considers whether to visit the father who abandoned him, Rachel has some thoughts about grace: "If he deserved it [grace], it wouldn't be grace, now would it?"

Like most of Evans' books, "The Noel Diary" is fairly short and easy to read, but it has lots of insights. Check it out and maybe think some more about grace!

Diversity Day . . . submitted by Rhonda Harman (from brochure)



Sunday, October 21, 2018 2:30—4:30pm
Dance and All That Jazz Studio... 630 SW Hubert, Newport

Music, Song, Dance and Storytelling will be hosted by the Baha'is of Newport in celebration of multicultural diversity and unity. This year's performers include: Alex Llumiquinga and his family Chayag, Ecuadorian music and dance. Mark Pullam Nat. Am. Storyteller. Rachael Barreras-Kleemann (Sambamama) and her Afro-Brazilian dancers. Local drummer will also join in and you may join them too.

A suggested donation of \$10 will go to Peace Village Newport and Lincoln City Warming Shelter.



October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 9:30am Quilters 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	2 7:30pm Chancel Choir	3	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study Bkt @ Pig n Pancake Nat'l Golf Day 	5 World Smile Day 	6 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers MT (Ed Rm)
7 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 9-10:30 Blood Pres 11:00am Worship / Sunday School 12:15pm Ed Mtg	8 Office Closed 9:30am Property  Columbus Day 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	9 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chance Choir	10 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study Bkt @ Pig n Pancake 11-5pm OCGG Mtg (FH) Int'l Day of the Girl 	12 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Deep End	13 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)
14 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School 12:15pm Worship & Music Mtg	15 Office Closed 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	16 Bosses Day  6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	17	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study Bkt @ Pig n Pancake	19	20 8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 8-5pm OCGG Workshop (FH)
21 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School	22 Office Closed 5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens 5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	23 WAVES Deadline 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	24 12:30pm WELCA United Nations Day 7:00pm Council	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study Bkt @ Pig n Pancake 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 11:00am Worship/ Sunday School Nat'l Chocolate Day 	29 Office Closed Nat' Cat Day  5:30pm Prayer/ Bible Study	30 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	Breast Cancer Awareness Month 	Clergy Appreciation Month 	Nat'l Diabetes Month 



Worship Page

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorders</u>
7	8:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dick Tyler Shannon White	Peggy Gilman Marian Brown	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson	
14	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Bette Harmon	Peggy Gilman Janice Delameter	Melodie McKenzie Melodie McKenzie	
21	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Deb Adamson	Mary Lou Mate Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson	
28	8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Mike Rawles	Marian Brown Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Walt Duvall



Liliana Black	10/1	Sue Fowler	10/28
Dean Hill	10/3	Walter Duvall	10/31
Lynn Moody	10/5	Lori Painter	10/31
Arnie Anderson	10/5		
Debbie Dwyer	10/6		
Carol Freeman	10/8		
Mariah Harmon	10/9		
Alice McCellan	10/9		
Jeanette Agre	10/18	20 Jim & Tecia Ezzell	
Mike Rawles	10/26	Michael & Sana Banks	



7	Bette Harmon (Mariah's birthday)
14	
21	Reg & Lois Greenwood (In memory of son Paul)
28	Jane Heida



7	Paul Stangeland & Bette Harmon
14	Bette Harmon & Pete Kraack
21	Pete Kraack & Paul Amundson
28	Paul Amundson & Walt Duvall



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**



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



Randy's Feed & Read will be held on Thursday, October 25th, at 5:30pm, in our Fellowship Hall. Volunteer help is always welcome, beginning at 3:00pm. We offer an evening of crafts, a delicious dinner and reading activities to families in need. We also offer free books, clothing, coats and hygiene items to the families. There is a basket on the cart in the Narthex for your donations.



Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings

It is our turn to serve Stone Soup on Monday, October 22nd, 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 3:00pm, with serving and clean up beginning at 5:15pm. Please let Sally Jennings know if you would like to volunteer for a shift at this month's Stone Soup.



Local Ocean will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday October 3th, 2018, donating 15% of the days proceeds to Lincoln County's only homeless family shelter.

See You there!
Rose Davies, Volunteer
Samaritan House



Infant Formula/Diaper Program



by Denise Guild

We are still providing formula and diaper donations for many mothers. The visiting nurse distributes formula/diapers, if needed, at the end of each month. If you able, Cash donations would be welcomed and much appreciated.



Please, designate for Infant Formula/Diaper Fund on check or envelope.

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Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



**Audio Worship
Services &
Calendar on website**



Food Pantry

**Fill our Food Barrel
This Month: Canned
Meats**