



# Makin' Waves

**Atonement Lutheran Church  
2315 N Coast Hwy—Newport, OR**



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**Office Hours  
10:00am ~ 3:00pm  
Tuesday thru Friday**



## Welcome New Members

by Pastor Ed

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> was a special day at Atonement as we received into membership Ed and Susana Doll and Virginia Steele.

We welcome them into our family of faith. 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?



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.



## FOOD FOR THE POOR

*Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope*

by Pastor Ed

Please join us on Sunday, August 4 to hear the Rev. Darrell D. Golnitz speak at both services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and all the Caribbean. Pastor Golnitz will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Golnitz was ordained in 1976 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Before joining Food for the Poor he served as a hospital chaplain and in parishes in Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Georgia.

Please join me in welcoming Pastor Golnitz.



# Income/Expense Snapshot ... ALC ~ June 2019

## General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members Offerings	\$98,439	\$195,152	\$94,054	\$190,658
Grants	\$919	\$2,500	\$1,625	\$2,500
Room Rents	\$3,426	\$8,500	\$3,796	\$9,000
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$0	\$24,000	\$4,000	\$24,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$102,784</u></b>	<b><u>\$230,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$103,475</u></b>	<b><u>\$226,158</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Compensation	\$40,546	\$80,096	\$38,171	\$76,282
Pastoral Benefits	\$14,960	\$30,440	\$15,350	\$33,726
Pastoral Expenses	\$1,499	\$3,550	\$1,086	\$3,450
Staff Compensation	\$13,187	\$29,777	\$13,132	\$28,000
Staff Payroll Cost	\$2,206	\$4,500	\$1,887	\$6,000
Worship & Music	\$2,037	\$4,400	\$1,858	\$5,700
Education	\$380	\$900	\$304	\$900
Youth	\$67	\$600	\$105	\$350
Outreach/Hospitality	\$544	\$1,500	\$535	\$1,500
Social Ministry	\$1,268	\$3,400	\$920	\$2,300
Stewardship	\$214	\$1,050	\$0	\$1,425
Health Ministry	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$600
ELCA Mission Support	\$4,100	\$8,000	\$3,500	\$6,500
Parish Life	\$210	\$1,725	\$261	\$1,800
General/Administrative	\$11,286	\$12,175	\$4,952	\$12,050
Facility Maintenance	\$12,898	\$24,089	\$9,070	\$23,075
Utilities	\$6,573	\$12,850	\$5,547	\$12,500
Insurance	\$2,674	\$10,500	\$4,998	\$10,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$114,649</b>	<b>\$230,152</b>	<b>\$101,676</b>	<b>\$226,158</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>(\$11,865)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,799</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

## Endowment Fund

	<u>Monthly Activity</u>	<u>Investment Account</u>	<u>General Endow</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Memorial Gardens</u>	<u>Organ Upkeep</u>
Balance @ 1/31/2019		\$90,002	\$35,453	\$27,461	\$9,688	\$17,400
June	\$3,008	\$3,008	\$1,203	\$902	\$301	\$602
<b>Balance @ 6/30/2019</b>		<b>\$93,010</b>	<b>\$36,656</b>	<b>\$28,363</b>	<b>\$9,989</b>	<b>\$18,002</b>

## Capital Fund

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2019	-	\$106,222
INCOME	\$60,346	
EXPENSES		\$46,150
<b>BALANCE @ 6/30/2019</b>		<b>\$120,418</b>



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



Pastor Ed Milliken

## from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,  
 Some time ago I read a short article about a man named John Beck. He was a football star at the University of Kentucky who went on to become a preacher. He was then selected to be the Chaplain for the U.S. Olympic teams. For a number of years he traveled all over the world with these elite athletes leading them in devotions, counseling and praying with them.

As he watched these young men and women train for the events in which they competed, he thought that this was a good picture of what Christianity really ought to be. Here were people who were fervent, sincere, single-minded, and totally dedicated to the task before them. They were willing to pay any price, regardless of how much suffering or pain they had to endure, in order to be number one, to be at the very top of their sport.

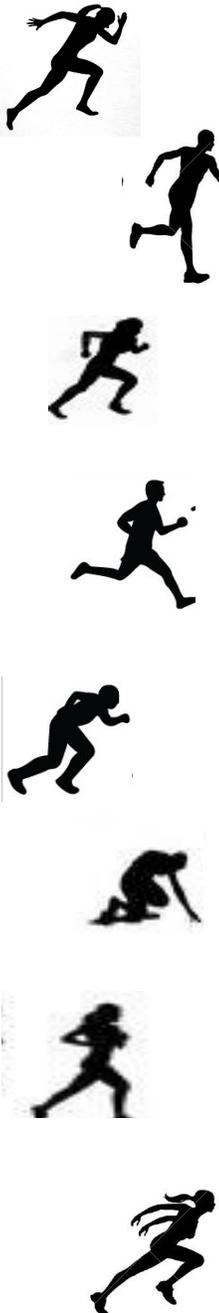
But then something happened which changed his perspective. One day he was invited to attend the Special Olympics, a competition for athletes who suffered from some form of physical or mental impairment. He watched as eight runners lined up to run the 100 yard dash. They all took off when the starter's gun fired and he was amazed at how well each of them was doing. But, as they reached the halfway point in the race, one of the runners fell down, scraped his knee on the rough cinder track, and began

to cry. What happened next astounded him and left him, and all who were in attendance, in awe. All seven of the other runners stopped in their tracks, turned around, and went to the boy who had fallen. They helped him to his feet and then, arm in arm, all eight walked across the finish line together. Beck said that he then realized that he had witnessed the true meaning of Christianity, not in the Olympics, but in the Special Olympics.

I think Jesus would agree. Remember the story he told about the shepherd who left the 99 sheep in order to find the one who was lost. Or about the father who waits and waits for the wayward son to come home and, when he does, throws a great party in his honor. Or about the king who holds a wedding feast but who won't begin until every place is filled at the great table. Remember how Jesus knelt before his disciples and washed their feet. Or how taking a small child into his arms said, "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Or how he said, "Whoever wants to be great among you must be a servant to all."

It makes me wonder...what would this world be like if we lived by this rule: **NOBODY WINS UNTIL WE ALL DO?** Or, as Jesus put it, what would this world look like if we loved our neighbors more than we loved ourselves? Something to think about, isn't it?

*Pastor Ed Milliken*



## Facets of Christianity... by Paul Amundson



Many Christians believe that only Christians have a chance of going to Heaven. Even more restrictively, some groups of Christians believe only their narrowly focused type will be welcome in Heaven.

Scientists often develop theories about something or another in their specialty area. They then state a premise that what they believe is true. Then they search for counter examples, and if they find, even just one, then their premise is proven to be false.

So let's take a scientific look at the premise that only Christians can go to Heaven. Let's limit our search to the Bible in our search for counter examples. And, wouldn't you know it—right away we find a huge counter example. Jesus grew up Jewish. And God told the Jewish people they were His chosen people.

So the premise that only Christians can go to Heaven is likely false.

A minister friend told me he'd go along with this, but that was his limit. Only Christians and Jews could go to Heaven, and that was it. Except "that" is not it.

Let's go to the beginning of the subject in the Bible. Adam and Eve were neither Christian nor Jewish. It was pretty clear God loved them. I see Adam and Eve as a prototype for all early people. God loved them and lived with them out in the world. Of course they got booted out of the Garden of Eden, but that didn't mean God didn't love them. I mean after all, He created all of us—what's not to love? Or, at least to laugh at.

But let's move forward in the Bible to see if we can find other examples.

Before we can get out of Genesis we come across the story of Abraham, the really old guy who doesn't have any

kids. But God intervenes and Sarah, his wife, has a son who they named Isaac. But there's a problem—naturally. Abraham had had a son, Ishmael, with his slave woman, Hagar. Ishmael mocked Isaac, like sons sometimes do, and Sarah demanded that Abraham get rid of Hagar and her son. Abraham was upset because he loved Hagar and Ishmael. But God chooses to intervene. He tells Abraham that a great nation will come from Isaac, but that a great nation will also come from Ishmael.

The first great nation is the Jewish one. The second great nation could very well be the Muslim people. The region is correct and the time of the beginning of this great nation seems to be about right.

So we have the pre Jewish group that God loves. We have the beginning of the Jewish nation that God loves. We have Hagar and Ishmael that God loves. And we're still in Genesis.

There are many other examples, but I'll choose Jonah because of his extreme reluctance to do as God wants. Jonah has been sent to Nineveh to tell the Ninevites to repent or their city will be destroyed. After his little adventure with the whale Jonah gives a minimal talk to the Ninevites and leaves the city. The Ninevites repent and their city is not destroyed. This is only one of many examples that show God is extremely forgiving and loves everyone in His creation.

We move forward in time to Jesus' ministry. He was initially focused on those of Jewish faith. He wanted the religious leaders to get back to doing God's will.

Later on Jesus expanded his ministry to include all people. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> our reading was from Luke 8:26-39. This portion of Luke was reporting on Jesus expansion of His ministry to include the Gentiles.

The following is from a commentary on



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these verses by David Lose. (He is a well known and well written Bible commentator who we in the Men's Prayer Breakfast have seen a lot of.)

"First, he (Jesus) leaves the comfortable, predominantly Jewish area of Galilee and crosses the sea to the land of the Gerasenes. This is Gentile territory, not a place a Jewish rabbi would normally venture.

"Once on land he is encountered—many would say 'accosted'—by a man possessed by an unclean spirit. That's an interesting designation, reminding us that there are a variety of spirits, some life giving, some not. This one is not. And, in Jewish custom, it is therefore not only perilous to himself and others, but religiously unclean.

"Moreover, this young man no longer abides among the living in the local town but rather dwells among the dead in the tombs. Tombs, we should note, are another place considered ritually unclean. All of which means that Jesus, the Jewish itinerate rabbi proclaiming the coming kingdom of God, goes to an unclean land to meet a man possessed by an unclean spirit living in an unclean place.

"This is, in short, the last place where Jesus should be.

"Which, when you think about it, is where God usually shows up."

The following, after a short break, is a continuation of the comments written by David Lose.

"All of which suggests to me that there is absolutely nowhere that God is not willing to go to reach and free and sustain and heal those who are broken and despairing.

"Might we remind our folks this week that

there is no place on earth that is God-forsaken.

"Moreover, and more importantly, there is no person who is God-forsaken. Unclean. Outcast. Abandoned. Unpopular. Incarcerated. Unbeliever. No one is left out. Consider, there is no indication that this Gentile man later became Jewish, or for that matter, Christian. He wants to follow Jesus, but Jesus sends him back home with the instructions, 'Go and tell what God has done for you.'

"To put all this in another way: There are no conditions to be met to receive God's love. You don't have to be wealthy...or poor. You don't have to be from one ethnic group...or another. You don't have to have believed your whole life, or come to faith only recently, or have any faith at all. Jesus seeks out everyone, even this unclean man possessed by an unclean spirit living in an unclean place. And just so, God loves all: male and female; young and old; gay or straight; white, black, Asian, Latino, (everyone); believers and non-believers; Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, atheist; the list goes on."

God loves us all. No one is excluded.

Jesus went to an unclean place to heal an unclean man; and He expected nothing in return. I believe He expects us to do the same.

In our Bible there seems to be many, many valid counterexamples to the premise that only Christians are going to Heaven.

God loves us all. I believe He wants all of us, along with our foibles, to join Him in Heaven for eternity.

You may not agree with me, and that's okay. You might think of this as food for thought.





# Property Committee ...

by Mary Lou Mate & Marian Brown

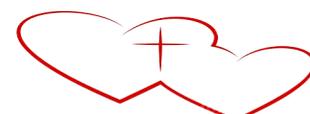


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## Choose Love ... by Rhonda Harman



Americans believe in the freedom of choice. We choose our constitution and rule of law as our way of life. It is our way to live together in respect of one another. The White House is demonstrating aggressive behavior. He and his sheep choose self-interest. Our choice is to support each other. We choose love over hate. Only love and light can rule over darkness.

Oregon is blessed with representatives who are good people and work hard to try and do the right thing for all of us. Still, it is so difficult to remain upbeat and hopeful. So, what CAN we do? We can become even more loving and kind and improve our community. Let's work to make a difference supporting each other by caring for each other.

Pastor Ed recently gave us God's words to love God and love our neighbors. For instance, do we know our neighbors? Talk to them and learn who they are, what they do, have kids, pets? It is easy, but we need to choose to take the initiative. Talk to your neighbor waiting in line at the post office or the grocery store. Smile

more! This alone makes us feel better!

Let us demonstrate God's love and live an assertive life. Not passive not aggressive. Stand up for love! When there is a demonstration don't just honk and drive by. Park and join us! Together we can make a difference. We went to Yachats on July 12<sup>th</sup> for a candlelight ceremony. The estimate was 150 people who participated. I hope you saw it in the paper. We lit our candles to bring light into the darkness for immigrants at the border.

We are still free to make our own choices and honor freedom, but it is still scary these days. United we stand, divided we fall. Let others see your true heart. I think hate is in the world largely because of deep fear and lack of faith. There are a lot of reasons we fear. Perhaps some don't feel loved. So, we go to God's people and love them. The key is in the loving and the choice to do so. The basis for self-esteem is love!

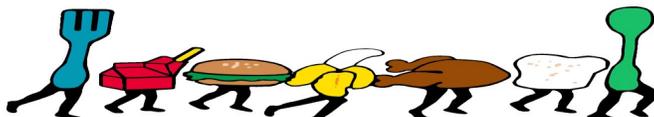
"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35



## The Ties That Bind ... by Mary Lou Mate

Monday August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am

We gather on the first Monday of each month for laughs, conversation, fellowship, coffee and quilt tying...tips and pointers on making quilts. All are welcome to join us!



## First Friday Brunch ... August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:00pm

TapHouse in Nye Beach 515 NW Coast St.



## Last BBQ for the Summer

Don't miss our last BBQ for the summer on August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. We will be featuring Oysters and Tuna. Bring a side dish and if you got company, make some extra food to share and bring them along.



## Musical Blessings ... by Pastor Ed

We were richly blessed at Atonement in July with two very special concerts. IJenNeh performed on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at both worship services and then a Sunday afternoon concert. Their uplifting African Christian music had some dancing in the aisles! Thank you to Lasana, Morris, and Karalee for coming and sharing your gifts with us.

The Trio Musicorum Medicorum performed a concert of beautiful classical music on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Then they also performed at the 11am service on Sunday, July 28. Rebecca Reese (cello), Andrew Bonner (piano) and Alistair Kok (violin) combined to thrill us with their immense talents.

A big thank you to them for the musical treat they provided.

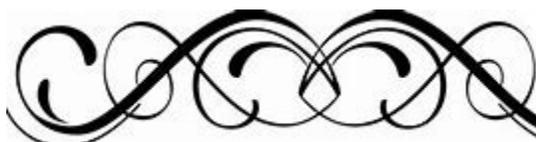




# August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Nat'l Immunization Month 			1 8:00am Men's Brkt Agate Beach Golf Course	2 12:00om First Friday Lunch Bunch @ TapHouse	3 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) Nat'l Watermelon Day 
4 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship 	5 9:30am Quitters 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	6	7	8 8:00am Men's Bkt @ Pig N Pancake 4:00—9:00pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	9 Book Lover's Day 	10 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) Nat'l Smores Day 
11 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	12 9:30am Property 5:30pm Bible Study	13 5:30pm Social Ministry	14 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	15 8:00am Men's Break-fast @ Pig N Pancake	16	17 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
18 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship	19 World Humanitarian  5:30pm Bible Study	20 WAVES Deadline	21 Senior Citizens Day  7:00pm Council	22 8:00am Men's Break-fast @ Pig N Pancake Nat'l Tooth Fairy Day 	23	24 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) Nat'l Waffle Day 
25 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship Women's Equality Day 	26 5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen 5:30pm Bible Study	27	28 6:00pm BBQ	29 8:00am Men's Break-fast @ Pig N Pancake	30	31 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)





# Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
4 8:00 am 11:00 am	Sabine Maresco Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown Janice Delameter	Marian Brown Marian Brown	_____
11 8:00 am 11:00 am	Paul Kimberly Deb Adamson	Mary Lou Mate Diane Combs	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson	_____
18 8:00 am 11:00 am	Barry McPherson Bette Harmon	Denise Guild Marian Brown	Marian Brown Marian Brown	_____
25 8:00 am 11:00 am	_____	Mary Lou Mate Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson	_____



Dee Waldo 8/1  
 Rudy de la Rosa 8/3  
 Olga Buswell 8/4  
 Landon Goebel 8/5  
 Graham Mann 8/10  
 Peter Mann 8/20  
 Braulio Escobar 8/25  
 Richard Letherer 8/27

Walter & Carol Duvall 8/3  
 Edward & Lucy Milliken 8/12  
 Bruce & Mary Lou Mate 8/19  
 Bob & Jerryann Olson 8/21  
 Dick & Lois Tyler 8/27  
 Arlen & Enid Wogen 8/28  
 Paul & Jean Amundson 8/31

4 Raynette & Mike Rawles (Desi & Devon's Birthdays)  
 11 Denise McPherson (Jack & Elsa Guthrie's 70th Anniversary)  
 18 Bob & Jerryann Olson  
 25 Paul & Jean Amundson (58th Anniversary)

### OFFERING COUNTERS

4 Betty Harmon  
Walt Duvall  
 11 Walt Duvall  
Paul Amundson  
 18 Paul Amundson  
Steve Johnson  
 25 Steve Johnson  
Pete Kraack



## Social Ministry ...



### Food Pantry 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 **Shelf Stable Milk**



### Atonement's Annual School Supply Drive Continues ... by Sally Jennings

The Newport Homeless Education & Literacy Project (HELP) will hold their annual school supply distribution event at the new Compass Center on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue to collect these much needed school supplies through Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. This year, we've been asked to donate as many boxes of colored pencils, 24 count boxes of crayons, and rulers as we are able. Any and all other school supplies are welcome and needed. The HELP goal is to furnish school supplies to 400 plus needy children this school year. Please put your donations in the tub in the Narthex. Thank you for helping children return to school with the supplies they need.



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

We have given thousands of books to children and teens over the years, at our Randy's Feed & Read events. Our first program this school year will be on the fourth Thursday in September, and we will continue to encourage reading and literacy. Children love to take books home to read, so we are in great need of more books throughout this school year. Gently used story book, picture books, juvenile fiction and non-fiction are all popular with our families. If you have children or grandchildren who have outgrown their books, we will happily find these books new homes. If you enjoy garage sale or thrift store shopping, please keep an eye out for good used books, and consider purchasing some for our program. Please put your donations on the bottom shelf of the cart in the Narthex. Thank you.



### Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

If you would like to help, please call or text Sally at 541-961-4508, or talk with her in person. It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.



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**Reaching Out with God's Love**

## Reminders—



Audio Worship Services  
& Calendar on website



**Food Pantry**

Fill our Food Barrel  
Shelf Stable Milk