Makin' Waves

Atonement Lutheran Church
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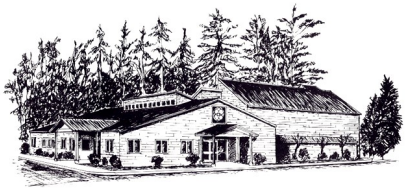

Worship Services
Sundays 8am & 11am

December 2019

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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

Midweek Advent Services

"Arise and Shine" by Pastor Ed

Join us for a special Advent season as we welcome the Christ child, who is the Light of the World which shines in our lives. In celebration, we, in turn, shine with the light of Christ in various ways for all the world to see the brightness of his love. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by him throughout our lives. Each service will also feature Holden Evening Prayer and will begin at 7:00p.m.

Our schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, December 4th - **"Rising Light":** Living in the light of Jesus, we prepare to celebrate his birth. Repenting of our sins, we put away the works of darkness and dress in the armor of light.

Wednesday, December 11th – **"Reflected Light":** During Advent we remember the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. We reflect his light in our daily lives.

Wednesday, December 18th – **"Healing Light"**: With repentant joy we anticipate the birth of our Savior. We listen to his Word and live according to it until he comes again.

Income/Expense Snapshot … ALC ~ October 2019

General Fund

	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Previous Year Actual	Previous Year Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	$151,423	$195,152	$156,164	$190,658
Grants	$1,909	$2,500	$2,231	$2,500
Room Rents	$6,781	$8,500	$8,409	$9,000
Transfer from Capital Fund	$4,844	$24,000	$4,000	$24,000
Total Income	$164,957	$230,152	$170,804	$226,158
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	$67,245	$80,096	$63,618	$76,282
PastoralBenefits	$25,281	$30,440	$25,584	$33,726
Pastoral Expenses	$2,147	$3,550	$2,029	$3,450
Staff Compensation	$21,621	$29,777	$20,965	$28,000
Staff Payroll Cost	$2,560	$4,500	$2,826	$6,000
Worship & Music	$2,954	$4,400	$2,945	$5,700
Education	$476	$900	$248	$900
Youth	$211	$600	$418	$350
Outreach/Hospitality	$799	$1,500	$800	$1,500
Social Ministry	$1,714	$3,400	$1,500	$2,300
Stewardship	$305	$1,050	$234	$1,425
Health Ministry	$0	$600	$0	$600
ELCA Mission Support	$6,500	$8,000	$5,500	$6,500
Parish Life	$963	$1,725	$879	$1,800
General/Administrative	$9,185	$12,175	$7,960	$12,050
Facility Maintenance	$20,710	$24,089	$14,564	$23,075
Utilities	$10,855	$12,850	$9,149	$12,500
Insurance	$8,555	$10,500	$8,822	$10,000
Total Expense	$182,081	$230,152	$168,041	$226,158
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	($17,124)	$0	$2,763	$0

Endowment Fund

	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 1/31/2019		$93,067	$36,680	$28,381	$9,994	$18,013
October	$1,891	$1,891	$756	$567	$189	$378
Balance @ 10/31/2019		$94,958	$37,436	$28,948	$10,183	$18,391

Capital

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2019			$106,222
INCOME	$98,387		
EXPENSES		$88,344	
BALANCE @ 10/31/2019			$116,265

from the Pastor

Pastor Ed Milliken

Dear Friends in Christ,

Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.
In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came, o Savior, to set free
Your own in glorious liberty.
Come, Sun and Savior to embrace
Our gloomy world, its weary race,
As groom to bride, as bride to groom;
The wedding chamber: Mary's womb
At your great name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n shall call you Lord.
Come in your holy light, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below,
From all assaults of our dread foe.
(8th century Advent hymn)

The month of December finds us celebrating the season of Advent and preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord. We who live in an ever darkening world long for that darkness to be reversed by the coming of the Son, the Light of the World.

Advent summons us to the beginning. The lavishness of God's compassion and mercy frame yet another year for us. With the arrival of Advent, we attend to this mystery one more time. We are a people who are clearly apprehensive, yet curious about the day of our Lord's coming. Many voices around us, tell us that these are the days of ending and that we'd better be careful if we don't want to be "Left Behind." But the gospel proclaims that in every ending there is a new beginning, so we live in hope, not fear.

The message of Advent and Christmas is the good news of God's coming to this earth in grace and in love. Jesus has come to set us free. He has come to save the world from darkness and to usher in the time of his glorious light.

Advent and Christmas, then, call us not so much to worship of a past event, but a present reality and a future hope; the continuing and lasting incarnation of God in Jesus. He comes to us as Immanuel, God with us, and he remains with us as Immanuel. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot and will not overcome it. The light of Christ is within us, among us, and around us. Our darkness has been shattered by his marvelous light.

May the light of Christ fill you and overflow from you during this holy season, and may you live as people of light, now and forever.

Pastor Ed Milliken

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS FILLED WITH PEACE AND LOVE, AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS.
PASTOR ED AND LUCY

Adult Forum… by Pastor Ed

Join us as the adult forum continues to explore seven core practices of the Christian faith and hear from seven Christian thought leaders. Topics in Nov. were "Prayer: Oriented Toward God" by Brian McLaren, "Food: Eating with Jesus" by Sara Miles, "Worship: Seeking God's Presence" by Mike Slaughter, and "Sacraments: A Tapestry of Traditions" by Phyllis Tickle. The adult forum meets on Sunday from 9:30 -10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The topics for December are:

December 1st: "Money: The Joy of Sharing" by Shane Claiborne. Shane's message can easily be construed as political, but he asks us to look beyond -isms and -ologies to see financial generosity as a kingdom call, rather than a social position.

December 8th: No Adult Forum – Decorating Christmas tree

December 15th: "Service: The Needs Right in Front of You" by Enuma Okoro. Enuma is a seasoned traveler, having lived and worked in countries on four continents. But she encourages us to see the needs around us. This local context can give us a new understanding of what service really look like.

December 22nd: "Community: An Unexpected Family" by Doug Pagitt. Doug pushes us to think of community as more than just a nice idea. He invites us to remake our communities by bringing our gifts, our talents, and our ideas with us wherever we go.

December 29th: No Adult Forum – One service at 10:00am

Sharing The Good News … by Pastor Ed

Congratulations to Susan Painter for being named the 17th recipient of the **Ken Morrow Lifetime Achievement Award.**

This award, given by the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association recognizes the lifelong commitment and significant achievements of attorneys who have worked in the defense community and have made important contributions to the administration of justice.

Prayer & Bible Study … by Rhonda Harman

Mondays in Narthex @ 1:00pm—2:30pm.

Please, come join us for a time of prayer, bible study and fellowship.

Women of the ELCA

by Jean Amundson

WELCA Luncheon December 18!

During this season of Advent, we look forward to fellowship and good food at the December WELCA meeting!

Rhonda Harman will share a special Bible study. Look for the invitations in your church mailbox and mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 18th @ 12:30pm.

The December luncheon is a highlight of the WELCA year, and we hope to see you there. Friends are always welcome at WELCA meetings, too!

The Ties That Bind … by Mary Lou Mate

Our Quilters group next meeting will be Monday December 2nd from 9:30am—11:30am. We will gather for laughs, conversation, fellowship, coffee and quit tying…tips and pointer on making quilts.

All are Welcome to participate in the wonderful experience!

Christmas Decorating

Join us for the tree-trimming/decorating on Sunday, December 6th around 9:15am between the two services. There will be fun tasks, crafts, holiday music and cookies (especially if everyone brings one or two dozen cookies to share). Cookies can be dropped off at the church office during office hours December 3rd thru December 6th or bring them on Sunday before 9:00am.

The Christmas tree will be put up on Saturday, December 7th. If you able to help with this endeavor, please contact Pastor Ed.

Also, to celebrate the season of Advent and Christmas, we would like to request help in decorating the sanctuary and narthex with poinsettias. It would be greatly appreciated and add to the wonderful Christmas service.

Please bring your poinsettias to the church and place them around the base of the Christmas tree. We will move them to the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. You can take your poinsettias home after the service on December 29th.

Property Committee …

by Mary Lou Mate & Marian Brown

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

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Blessing for the Day & Our Work:

submitted by Rhonda Harman

May the light of our souls guide us.

May the light of our souls bless the work we do with the secret love and warmth of our hearts.

May we See in what we do the beauty of our own souls.

May the sacredness of our work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with us and to those who see and receive our work.

May our work never weary us.

May it release within us wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.

May we be present in what we do.

May we never become lost in the bland absences.

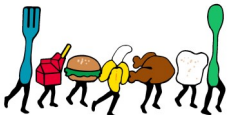
May the day never burden.

May dawn find us awake and alert, approaching our new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.

May evening find us gracious and fulfilled.

May we go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.

May our souls calm, console and renew us. … John O'Oonohue (Adapted)



No First Friday Brunch

For December 6th

GET INVOLVED! Come Join our Service Programs

If you are interested and want to participate in community service, (they would love to have you) please consider and contact the following Committees:

Choirs Jean Amundson & Tami Johnson—Directors
- Participate in the musical offering for Worship Services.

Education Sara Black—Chair
- Provides a lifelong program of Christian education that will enable members of all ages to learn the Scriptures and Lutheran teachings and apply them in their daily lives.

Library Barbara Utterback—Chair
- Provide year-round care of our Carton Olson Library. Purchasing new books and providing the displays to enhance the library area.

Musicians Jerryann Olson
- Provide the instrumental participation in worship.

Outreach/Hospitality Rhonda Harman
- Support the faith development of members, publicize congregational events, and seek ways to enhance the hospitality towards visitors.

Parish Life Jean Amundson—Chair
- To tend to the care and enrichment of the member of the congregation such as: assimilate new members; support ministries for food preparation and kitchen use; provide resources for the physical and emotional needs, oversight to Health Ministry in care and nurture the sick and shut-in members; work with Outreach in communicating with congregation about church events.

Ties that Bind—Quilt Group Marian Brown & Mary Lou Mate
- Sub group of Parish Life. Tie quilts for Atonement's High School graduating seniors and to folks in need in the community.

Property Mary Lou Mate—Chair
- Provide for the maintenance, repairs, safety, efficiency and improvement of all the real and personal property of the congregation.

Social Ministry Sally Jennings—Chair or Mike Rawles
- To lead congregation's efforts to address the social and economic needs of people both within the congregation and in the community at large.

Stewardship Dan Moore—Chair
- Provide year-round program of stewardship education; to invite all members to participate according to their means in the financial support of the congregation and of the ELCA; encourage and facilitate planed giving and challenge members to offer their time and talent in support of the work of the church.

Worship/Music Deb Adamson—Chair
- Assist Pastor in planning worship services; recruit and provide training of worship assistants, lectors, users, acolytes, altar guild and other volunteers who participate in worship service; work with music directors to develop ways music is used; new worship materials and give special attention to using the artistic gifts of our members.

Kid's Page

Merry Christmas

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 WORLD AIDS DAY 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Ed Mtg	2 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	3 Int'l day for persons with disabilities 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4 National Cookie Day 7:00pm Advent Service	5 8:00am Men's Brft @ Szabo's	6	7 8-11am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) Christmas Tree Setup Remember Pearl Harbor PEARL HARBOR Remembrance Day
8 8:00am Worship 9:30am Christmas tree Decorating 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Music & Worship	9 9:30am Property 1:00pm Bible Study DECEMBER 9 INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY	10 5:30pm Social Ministry 7:30pm Chancel Choir	11 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT 7:00pm Advent Service	12 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	13 Nat'l Cocoa Day	14 8-11am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
15 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School Dec. 15 Bill of Rights Bill of Rights Day	16 1:00pm Bible Study	17 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	18 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Advent Service 7:30pm Council	19 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)	20 *WAVES* **Deadline**	21 8-11am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) Winter Solstice
22 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School	23 1:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	24 Christmas Eve Worship 7:00pm & 11:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25 DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 8-11am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
29 10:00am Worship	30 1:00pm Bible Study	31 New Year's Eve		Human Rights For All Universal Human Rights Month		Safe Toys and gifts Month

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians	Recorder
1 8:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Denise Guild	Jerryann Olson	_____
11:00 am	Bette Harmon	Janice Delameter	Jerryann Olson	
8 8:00 am	Paul Amundson	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Walt Duvall
11:00 am	Lily Phelps	Lois Greenwood	Tami Johnson	
15 8:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Denise Guild	Melodie McKenzie	Walt Duvall
11:00 am	Deb Adamson	Bette Harmon	Melodie McKensie	
22 8:00 am	Jean Amundson	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	_____
11:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	
24 7:00 pm	Pete Kraack	Mary Lou Mate	Tami Johnson	_____
11:00 pm	Barry McPherson	Mary Lou Mate	Tami Johnson	
29 10:00am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	_____

Marilyn Day	12/2
Taylor Johnson	12/4
Shannon White	12/9
Meredith Gilbert	12/10
Susan Painter	12/11
Michael Banks	12/12
Tracy Goudy	12/12
Rick Gutknecht	12/15
Meredith Mann	12/25

Tom & Jean Hamilton 12/26

1 Terri McCully

8 _____

15 Cathy Devereaux & Ronda Harman

22 Paul & Laura Kimberly (12th Anniversary)

29 Bonnie Powell

1 Pete Kraack
Peggy Gilman

8 Peggy Gilman
Bob Olson

15 Bob Olson
Steve Johnson

22 Steve Johnson
Bette Harmon

29 Bette Harmon
Walt Duvall

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 **Stews & Soups**

Randy's Feed & Read … by Sally Jennings

There will be no Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out events in December due to the holidays. We will host our next Family Night Out on the 4th Thursday in January. Donations of gently used children's and juvenile books, all sizes of children's and baby clothes, coats, and new hygiene items are always welcome and needed. Donations can be placed on the cart in the Narthex.

Stone Soup … by Sally Jennings

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, December 23rd 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.

Samaritan House

Mark your calendars and invite family and friends to Dine Out for Samaritan House at Ring in the holidays at "Georgies Beachside Grill" December 4, 2019, as they host Dine Out for Samaritan House donating 15% of the days proceeds to the homeless family shelter.

Thank you for your continued support of our homeless families.

Rose Davies

Volunteer… Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter

Infant Formula/Diaper Program … by Denise Guild

When delivering a really large supply of diapers at the end of October, the nurses were so very appreciative on behalf of their clients. They always seem astonished and wanted me to express their thanks for the generosity of the Atonement Community.

I know some members have expressed particular satisfaction at being able to donate to a small project such as this and that is what keeps this diaper program going along with the grant that Pastor and Lucy were able to obtain this year.

Thank you all for your continued support! Cash donations would be welcome and much appreciated. Please, designate for Infant Formula/Diaper Fund on check or envelope.

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Return Services Requested

Reaching Out with God's Love

Reminders—

Audio Worship Services
& Calendar on website

Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This month
Stews & Soups