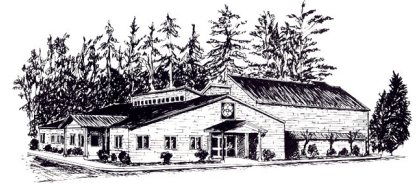




# Waves

**Atonement Lutheran Church  
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October 2019



## Office Hours

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



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## Welcome New Members ... by Pastor Ed



Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> was a special day at Atonement as we received into membership Jim & Peggy Walker, Harvey & Cheryl Dufrene and Paul, Laura, Colin, & Mariam Kimberly

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?



## Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Moore



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.



When we think of stewardship in the church we usually think of Sunday offerings and church budgets. Looking at definitions of stewardship in the Merriam Webster dictionary it states that stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something that is entrusted to one's care. More simply put to manage something on another's behalf. I believe as Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we need to embrace (a form of) stewardship that goes beyond church budgets or building projects, which are certainly important. Don't get me wrong, giving money is still an important aspect of stewardship that the physical church couldn't exist without.

However, perhaps we should consider that in following Jesus' example, that the most important aspect of being a steward is being kind to others both at home and at work. Especially being kind to our spouse, family, and neighbors. Perhaps stewardship is being the best that we can be at our job. Perhaps it's smiling and saying

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

<u>General Fund</u>	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members Offerings	\$120,241	\$195,152	\$122,001	\$190,658
Grants	\$1,138	\$2,500	\$1,955	\$2,500
Room Rents	\$4,674	\$8,500	\$5,419	\$9,000
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$0	\$24,000	\$4,000	\$24,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$126,053</u>	<u>\$230,152</u>	<u>\$133,375</u>	<u>\$226,158</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Compensation	\$53,895	\$80,096	\$50,894	\$76,282
Pastoral Benefits	\$19,980	\$30,440	\$20,467	\$33,726
Pastoral Expenses	\$1,758	\$3,550	\$1,295	\$3,450
Staff Compensation	\$17,143	\$29,777	\$16,634	\$28,000
Staff Payroll Cost	\$2,560	\$4,500	\$2,213	\$6,000
Worship & Music	\$2,197	\$4,400	\$2,134	\$5,700
Education	\$476	\$900	\$248	\$900
Youth	\$133	\$600	\$418	\$350
Outreach/Hospitality	\$646	\$1,500	\$684	\$1,500
Social Ministry	\$1,608	\$3,400	\$1,050	\$2,300
Stewardship	\$214	\$1,050	\$235	\$1,425
Health Ministry	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$600
ELCA Mission Support	\$5,300	\$8,000	\$4,500	\$6,500
Parish Life	\$626	\$1,725	\$824	\$1,800
General/Administrative	\$12,565	\$12,175	\$6,516	\$12,050
Facility Maintenance	\$16,640	\$24,089	\$11,470	\$23,075
Utilities	\$8,665	\$12,850	\$7,381	\$12,500
Insurance	\$5,328	\$10,500	\$7,035	\$10,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$149,734</u>	<u>\$230,152</u>	<u>\$133,998</u>	<u>\$226,158</u>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<u>(\$23,681)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$623)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>Endowment Fund</u>	<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		\$93,781	\$36,964	\$28,594	\$10,067	\$18,156
August	(\$727)	(\$727)	(\$291)	(\$218)	(\$73)	(\$145)
Balance @ 8/30/2019		\$93,054	\$36,673	\$28,376	\$9,994	\$18,011

<u>Capital</u>	BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2019	-	-	\$106,222
	INCOME	\$78,993		
	EXPENSES		\$62,825	
	<b>BALANCE @ 8/30/2019</b>			<u>\$122,390</u>





## from the Pastor

Pastor Ed Milliken



**D**ear Friends in Christ,

"*Stewards of God's Love*" is the theme for this year's stewardship campaign which begins on Sunday, October 6 and concludes on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme verse this year is Matthew 22:37b-39: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

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 response that happens every fall to ensure that there is enough money to fund the congregation's budget for the next year. While the annual financial campaign may be wrapped in religious language, at the end of the day it is about the need of the congregation to receive rather than the need of the Christian to give.

But stewardship encompasses so much more than just money. 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 that is 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 in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and neigh-

bor. At its heart, stewardship is about love.

This year, we will be looking at stewardship in a threefold, cruciform way, looking at it from three different directions: DOWN, IN, and OUT. We will begin by looking at how God comes DOWN to us and has graced and blessed our lives in so many ways. Then we will look IN and discover all that God has entrusted to our care. God has entrusted us with an abundance of tangible and intangible resources – time, talents, treasure, and so much more. God gives in abundance so we can share in abundance. So, we then look OUT to see how God is calling us to love and serve our neighbors with all that God has entrusted to our care. We are called to love, not just with our words, but with the **whole** of our lives. Stewardship is a way that we use our resources to love God and neighbor.

On Sunday Worship on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 in the mail soon, and I ask that in the coming days that you prayerfully consider what portion of yourself (your time, talent, and treasure) that you will give back to God in response to all that God has given to you.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

*Pastor Ed Milliken*



## Adult Forum... by Pastor Ed

Join us this fall as the adult forum explores seven central topics of Christianity and hear from seven Christian thought leaders. The adult forum meets on Sunday from 9:30-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We have already covered "God: Faith is a Quest" by Brian McClaren, "Religion: Spirituality is Not Enough" by Lillian Daniel, and "Jesus: The Revolution of Love" by Mark Scandrette. The remaining topics for October are as follows:

October 6<sup>th</sup> - "Salvation: Abundant Life Now" by Shane Hipps. The cross of Jesus stands as a symbol of God's saving work. But what, exactly, does it mean to be saved? From what? For what? Is salvation a reward we claim at death or something meant to change our lives right now?

October 13<sup>th</sup> - "Cross: Where God Is" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. The cross sits at the center of our faith, and yet our understanding of what exactly happened on that cross remains conflicted and confusing. Was Jesus our proxy? The payment? The only way to appease an angry God?

October 20<sup>th</sup> - "Bible: A Book Like No Other" by Lauren Winner. Why read the Bible? What gets in our way as we read the Bible and try to make sense of it?

October 27<sup>th</sup> - "Church: An Imperfect family" by Bruce Reyes-Chow who suggests that we take our changing notions of what it means to be family and let them seep into our understanding of the church. What does it mean to commit ourselves to the church family, for better or worse?



## Stewardship ... Continue from page 1

hello to others or even opening a door for others. (Being considerate of others.) Maybe stewardship is staying at home with the kids and providing structure and discipline for them.

What is biblical stewardship?

I propose that it's when the concepts of faith, work, and economics intersect. The 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm says, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it."

God created everything and put Adam and Eve in the garden to take care of it. They were the first stewards. So, simply put, all of us are managers acting on God's behalf. We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. Perhaps we can think of stewardship in three parts:

1. God owns everything. He owns it all.
2. All of us are stewards, or managers, of God's gifts to us.
3. All of us have a responsibility to manage everything for God's glory.

Probably most of us rarely think of this concept of being God's stewards, and the many ways we fulfill stewardship every day. Yes, we are all God's stewards of God's world in a large variety of various ways. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities, and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care.

Thanks be to God!





by Pastor Ed/Jean Amundson



**"No Hard Feelings? Poetry and Emotions in the Old Testament"** will be the theme for the WELCA gatherings this fall. The study will include selections from Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms, Lamentations, and Song of Solomon. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look to God for help in stewarding our deep emotions, finding hope and grace along the way. **"Stewarding the Ache of Grief"** is the topic for October.

The study is written by the Rev. Dr. Anna

Madsen who is a freelance theologian and proud mama to daughter Else, and son, Karl. She works with OMG: Center for Theological Conversation and enjoys seeing the occasional moose and bear in their wood in Two Harbors, Minnesota.

Join us on **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 12:30p.m. in the narthex for the study, dessert, and fellowship.

(Note: the change in date is due to the Former Bishops Dinner and church service on our usual day.



## The Bishops are coming to Newport

by MaryLou Mate

The Bishops are coming! The Oregon Coastal Gathering of former ELCA Bishops and spouses will be held at the Agate Beach Best Western Hotel on October 14-16. Atonement has been asked to host the Wednesday evening events which include a dinner for 125 people at 5pm and service at 7pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to take part that evening. We are in the process of finalizing the menu and will be asking for volunteers to help with set-up, serving on the 16<sup>th</sup> and clean up on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The congregation has been invited to participate in the evening Eucharistic

Service which will be led by Susan Briehl and Martin Wells with Charlie Maahs, former bishop of the Central States Synod giving the sermon. Following the service we will host a reception in the narthex so our congregation members can "meet and greet" the visiting bishops and their spouses. It should be an uplifting event for everyone!

Look for the Sign-up Sheets on the bulletin board. Sign-up to help in a variety of ways and everyone get your ovens warmed up to bake cookies for the reception. If you have any questions please contact Marian or MaryLou.



## 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.



# 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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# Stewardship Campaign ... by Paul Amundson

Our stewardship campaign this year will focus both on helping people and preserving and protecting our environment and our environmental resources.

Sally Jennings contributed the following information reminding us to conserve by reusing our used clothing to help others.

Many are in need of usable clothing, and recycling garments aids those in need and also helps the environment. Atonement is holding a used garment drive during October. Please donate your gently used clean **coats, socks, mittens, gloves and warm hats**. There will be a bin and a hamper in the Narthex to collect your donations. Your donations will be given to Randy's Feed & Read and Grace Wins Havens participants. Many local thrift stores accept all types of used clothing.

You may ask, "How does recycling used garments help the environment?"

In the United States, 21 billion pounds of textile waste entered landfills last year. Making your used clothing available to other people reduces the need to manufacture new items and thus saves resources. A lot of water and chemicals go into manufacturing a garment. As an example, manufacturing a pair of jeans uses up to 1800 gallons of water. Saving water

is becoming ever more important. Purchasing new clothing also adds tons of paper, plastic and metal packaging waste to landfills.

As the season changes, many of you may be sorting through your clothing, putting summer clothes away and getting out clothes for chillier weather.

As you do, ask yourself, "When was the last time I wore this item? Will I ever wear it again?" and remember that donating your used garment is an eco-friendly practice. It's part of the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

And although Sally focused on the overall benefits I wish to add a special note on conserving our water resources. Newport was running short of fresh water this year. We get so much rain we very seldom think of running short of water but that's what happened. And unless the trend toward drier summer changes drastically we're going to continue to run shorter and shorter of fresh water. We can save a lot of water by letting our cars go dirty in the summer and not watering our grass.

More to come in our three stewardship commentaries in October, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.



# Library Committee



## Update ... by Barbara Utterback

We are now into full swing once again. Hopefully, all of you had a good summer.

We had our first meeting of the Library Committee in September. We discussed ordering some books for the library. We want to add books for both the adult and children's sections. We would welcome any suggestions for books that you would like to see in our library.

There are so many good books out there that we aren't aware of that would make a great selection for our library.

We would love to have additional members on our committee. We need new ideas and suggestions. Any of you are more than welcome to join us. Please see Barbara Utterback or Jerryann Olson if you would like to join us. We also have treats!

## Book Report ... by Bonnie Powell

The book I am reporting on this month is entitled, *Inspiring Generosity, Stories of Faith and Grace in Art* written by John Busacher, Edward Klodt and Joanna Reily-Lindell.

It is published through Thrivent.

This beautiful book is genuinely an inspiration as the reader explores an interesting format combining scripture and art images throughout history. The book is divided into sections, Each section begins with a scripture and is accompanied with a corresponding image of skillfully portrayed artwork created by a well known artist. The artist's work provides a wonderful reflection relating to the scripture. "



The following pages, entitled, "word" relates an explanation of both the scripture and artwork. The last section entitled, "Reflection" is a synopsis of the author's viewpoint.

Rembrandt Von Rijn. Albrecht Durer, Barlozero Biscaino and Charles Dulas are some of the artists represented.

To me, the book is presented in such a meaningful format that the pages seem to draw you into wanting to read more. There is a powerful sense of history in the text which truly inspires the reader. It is an amazing addition to our church library collection.



## First Friday Brunch

October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm  
Pacific Kitchen 740 W Olive St





# Kid's Page



**Halloween ...color me orange**







# October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b></p> 		<p><b>Int'l Coffee Day</b></p>  <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>		<p>8:00am Men's Brkt Agate Beach Golf Course</p>	<p>12:00om First Friday Lunch Bunch @ Pacific Kitchen</p>	<p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p> <p><b>World Teachers Day</b></p> 
<p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p>9:30am Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life</p>	<p>5:30pm Social Ministry</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT</p>	<p>8:00am Men's Bkt @ Pig N Pancake</p> <p>11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)</p>	<p>8-5pm OCQG Workshop (FH)</p>	<p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p> <p><b>Nat'l Farmers Day</b></p> 
<p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Music &amp; Worship</p>	<p>9:30am Property</p> <p><b>Columbus Day</b></p>  <p>5:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>Boss's Day</b></p>  <p>5:00pm Retired Bishop Dinner 7:00pm Service</p>	<p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> <p><b>Int'l Day for the Eradicate of Poverty</b></p> 	<p>10-4pm OCQG Veterans (FH)</p>	<p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p>
<p><b>Stewardship Sunday</b></p>  <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>5:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>WAVES Deadline</b></p> <p><b>Nat'l Nut Day</b></p>  <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>		<p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> <p>5:00pm Randy's Feed &amp; Read</p>		<p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen 5:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>Nat'l Cat Day</b></p>  <p>6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>		<p><b>Halloween</b></p> 	<p><b>Bully Prevention Month</b></p> 	<p><b>Domestic Violence Month</b></p> 





# Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
6 8:00 am 11:00 am	Barry McPherson Dean Hill	Marian Brown Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
13 8:00 am 11:00 am	Denise McPherson Pete Kraack	Marian Brown Janice Delameter	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson	_____
20 8:00 am 11:00 am	Rhonda Harman Darcy de la Rosa	Mary Lou Mate Bette Harmon	Marian Brown Marian Brown	_____
27 8:00 am 11:00 am	Jean Amundson Deb Adamson	Marian Brown Lois Greenwood	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson	_____



Liliana Black 10/1  
Dean Hill 10/3  
Lynn Moody 10/5  
Arnie Anderson 10/5  
Debbie Dwyer 10/6  
Carol Freeman 10/8  
Mariah Harmon 10/9  
Jeanette Agre 10/18  
Mike Rawles 10/26

Sue Fowler 10/28  
Walter Duvall 10/31  
Lori Painter 10/31



John & Meredith Gilbert 10/3  
James & Tecia Ezzell 10/20



6 Dan Moore & Melanie McKenzie  
13 Susan Painter (40th Anniversary)  
20 Bette Harmon (Mariah's Birthday)  
27 Raynette Rawles (Mike's Birthday)



**OFFERING COUNTERS**

6 Paul Amundson  
Steve Johnson  
13 Steve Johnson  
Bette Harmon  
20 Pete Kraack  
Peggy Gilman  
27 Peggy Gilman  
Bob Olson



## 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 **Canned Meats**



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

Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out is on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Set up for our event begins at 3:00pm. Families usually arrive at 5:30pm. Help is always needed with reading with the children, cleaning up the kitchen after dinner and putting everything away after the program.

We have an ongoing need for gently used children's books, clothing and coats. Hygiene items, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste are always welcome.



### Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, October 28<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.



### 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 are able, cash donations would be welcome and much appreciated. Please, designate for Infant Formula/Diaper Fund on check or envelope.



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

Our Quilters group next meeting will be Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am—11:30am. We will gather for laughs, conversation, fellowship, coffee and quilt tying...tips and pointer on making quilts.

All are Welcome to join us!



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## Reminders—



Audio Worship Services  
& Calendar on website



**Food Pantry**

Fill our Food Barrel  
This month  
Canned Meats