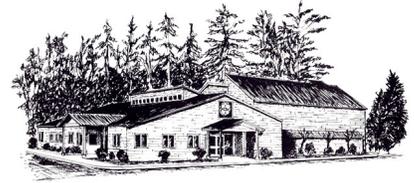




Makin' Waves

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



**Worship Services
Sundays 8am & 11am**

February 2020

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Office Hours

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



by Pastor Ed

Souper Bowl of Caring is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in your communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness.

Did you know?

- 48 million Americans live in poverty?
- 1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day?
- More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless?
- 23% of those struggling went to college?
- Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households?

On Sunday, February 2nd Atonement will join thousands of congregations and organizations around the country to raise money for those in need. The funds we raise will be donated to Lincoln County Food Share. Any food brought in will be donated to Newport Food Pantry.

Look for the soup kettle that day and give so others can eat.



Library ... by Barbara Utterback



Our Committee would like to remind our church family, that *Library Sunday*

will be held on February 9th between services. We will have a guest speaker, along with games and refreshments. We hope that you can make it.

Please bring along any suggestions that you may have on new books that can purchase for the library.

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 ... ALC ~ December 2019

<u>General Fund</u>	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$184,753	\$195,152	\$192,579	\$190,658
Grants	\$2,416	\$2,500	\$2,880	\$2,500
Room Rents	\$7,876	\$8,500	\$9,164	\$9,000
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$4,844	\$24,000	\$4,000	\$24,000
Total Income	<u>\$199,889</u>	<u>\$230,152</u>	<u>\$208,623</u>	<u>\$226,158</u>
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$80,594	\$80,096	\$76,342	\$76,282
Pastoral Benefits	\$30,582	\$30,440	\$30,700	\$33,726
Pastoral Expenses	\$2,544	\$3,550	\$2,467	\$3,450
Staff Compensation	\$26,032	\$29,777	\$25,618	\$28,000
Staff Payroll Cost	\$3,425	\$4,500	\$3,012	\$6,000
Worship & Music	\$3,367	\$4,400	\$4,045	\$5,700
Education	\$690	\$900	\$248	\$900
Youth	\$225	\$600	\$426	\$350
Outreach/Hospitality	\$952	\$1,500	\$949	\$1,500
Social Ministry	\$2,274	\$3,400	\$1,800	\$2,300
Stewardship	\$332	\$1,050	\$317	\$1,425
Health Ministry	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$600
ELCA Mission Support	\$8,200	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$6,500
Parish Life	\$963	\$1,725	\$1,004	\$1,800
General/Administrative	\$11,513	\$12,175	\$10,933	\$12,050
Facility Maintenance	\$24,706	\$24,089	\$17,425	\$23,075
Utilities	\$13,095	\$12,850	\$11,682	\$12,500
Insurance	\$9,109	\$10,500	\$10,609	\$10,000
Total Expense	\$218,603	\$230,152	\$204,077	\$226,158
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>(\$18,714)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,546</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		\$97,664	\$38,518	\$29,760	\$10,454	\$18,932
December	\$1,658	\$1,658	\$663	\$497	\$166	\$332
Balance @ 12/31/2019		\$99,322	\$39,181	\$30,257	\$10,620	\$19,264

<u>Capital Fund</u>		
BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2019	-	\$106,222
INCOME	\$118,063	
EXPENSES		\$105,019
BALANCE @ 12/31/2019		\$119,266





from the Pastor

Pastor Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

The season of Epiphany continues in the month of February and more about who Jesus is and what he is about is revealed to us. Fittingly, since mountains are places of revelation for ancient people, we spend the entire month with Jesus on the top of a mountain in February. The first three Sundays are spent on an unnamed mountain where Jesus gives his Sermon on the Mount. And, on the final Sunday of the month, we are with Jesus on the mountain of Transfiguration where the voice of God reveals once again that he is the Son of God.

Who are the blessed ones of God? This is the question addressed on the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (February 2nd). For the prophet Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness and foolishness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and our calling to this countercultural way of living and serving.

"Light shines in the darkness for the upright," the psalmist sings on the Fifth Sunday of Epiphany (February 9th). The prophet Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. Again from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to lives of loving service saying, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your

good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Through baptism, we are sent into the world to shine the light of Christ.

"Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord," is the psalmist's song on the Sixth Sunday of Epiphany (February 16th). In the first reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Jesus picks up this theme in the gospel which echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instruction to the crowd, and to us, reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because our God has promised us that to do so means life for us.

The Transfiguration of our Lord (February 23rd) closes the month and the Epiphany season. Here on the mountain, just before Jesus goes to Jerusalem and his crucifixion, he is revealed again as God's beloved Son, echoing the words spoken at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains him in the ordeal he is about to experience. In our baptism we also receive our identity as children of God and this promise sustains us as we seek to work in the valleys of this world proclaiming the good news of God's love for all people.

Join us on the mountain with Jesus that we may be fed and refreshed, strengthen and equipped, for our service in his name in the valleys of our world.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Adult Forum... by Pastor Ed



In February the adult forum will conclude the third of the "animate" studies that have been so well received by those in attendance for the first two.

Animate: Bible is an adult faith formation series that explores seven big conversations about the Bible, including the canon, history, testaments, Gospels, genre, interpretation, and grace. The topics are as follows:

February 2nd – "Genre: Rhythm of the Text" by Jose Morales. Poetry, history, songs, letters, prophecies, even dreams—this is the stuff the Bible is made of. So why do we struggle to make sense of the various genres of biblical literature. Jose Morales suggests there's more to understanding genre

than just knowing the difference between a psalm and an epistle. We have to know how to dance with all the rhythms we find in this sacred nightclub.

February 9th – No Adult Forum – Love Your Library Sunday

February 16th – - No Adult Forum – Portland Boys Choir downstairs.

February 23rd – "Interpretation: Scripture Reads Us" by Will Willimon. There are the words on the page and then there are the words behind the words—the history, the context, the intention of the author. So is it easy to understand the Bible or not? Will Willimon gives us the tools to move beyond just reading the Bible to finding ways to make sense of what we find there. For Will, this is how we move from just knowing what the Bible says to allowing it to grab us, take hold in our hearts, and truly interpret us.



"Clearwater Restaurant located on Newport's Bay-front will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, February 5, 2020, **donating 40%** of proceeds. We are excited to welcome a new restaurant to our Dine Out Family."

Thank you for your continued support of our homeless families.

Rose Davies

Volunteer... Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter



First Friday Brunch

February 7th @ 12:00pm

The Taphouse 515 NW Coast St Nye Beach

Come Join Us! Please call or email office if you are able to attend.





Lenten Services ... by Pastor Ed

The season of Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday services on February 26. We will have two services that day; one at 12:00 (noon) and one at 7:00pm. Both services will include the Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On Ash Wednesday, we will begin a series of worship services entitled "At the Crossroads." These services will continue during the Wednesday evening services during Lent. Each week we will hear, in a dialog sermon, the story of someone who came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go.

In the Ash Wednesday service

"Confession", the psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord. We are called to confess our sins to the "Son of David" and find forgiveness in him. The schedule for the remaining services is as follows:

March 4th: **"Betrayal"** – When Judas Iscariot come to the point where he must listen to Jesus or listen to the devil, he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted to betray our Lord, we must gain strength from our Savior to say "No" to temptation.

March 11th: **"Judgment"** – When Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgment call about Jesus, his decision

results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ to make definitive judgment calls in our life.

March 18th: **"Compassion"** – When Jesus is taken into custody, he chooses compassion to a wounded participant in the arrest. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those in our midst who we might consider enemies.

March 25th: **"Declaration"** – When Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus, he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ.

April 1st: **"Obedience"** – When Jesus nears the time when he must die, he asks his Father if the cup might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father's will. When we are called to follow God's will, we must obey.

Midweek Lenten events begin with a soup supper at 6:00pm, followed by the service at 7:00pm, which will also feature Holden Evening Prayer. Sign-up for soup/bread on the bulletin board next to the coffee bar.



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.



Property Committee ...

by Mary Lou Mate & Marian Brown

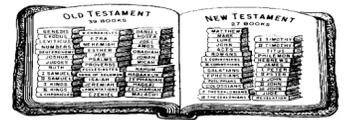


Room Rental: Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are available for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term (weekly/monthly) if needed. Please, contact our office for available dates and time.

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by Pastor Ed & Jean Amundson



"We are called!" is the title of the winter Bible study for WELCA. It is written by Kathryn A. Kleinhans who serves as dean of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

Reformer Martin Luther used the word "vocation" or "calling" to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. This four-part Bible study will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling

us—and how God may be calling others through us.

The ELCA points out that we should study the scriptures in four ways: through a historical lens, as literature, as theology, and as a devotion. We try to consider all these aspects in our reading and discussions.

Session 2: The Call of Jesus. This session focuses on Jesus' calling of the disciples, of Jesus' call to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, and on Jesus' call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow. As Christians, how do we see ourselves in these stories today? How do we respond to the call of Jesus?

Join us on Wednesday, February 19th at 12:30pm as we explore our callings.



The Ties That Bind ... by Mary Lou Mate

Our Quilters group next meeting will be Monday February 3rd 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 participate in the wonderful experience!



Slate of Officers & Council Members—2020

*T*hank you for your service for retiring Officers and retiring Council members:

Diane Combs, Mary Lou Mate and Sally Jennings

Welcome to those who have been elected to office and those serving for the coming years term. (1 year, 2 & 3 years)

Officers (1 year term)

President - Pete Kraack
 Vice President - Paul Amundson
 Secretary - Paul Kimberly
 Treasurer - Peggy Gilman
 Financial Secretary - Bette Harmon



Council Members

Parish Life (through 1/21) - Jean Amundson
 Outreach/Hospitality (1 year through 1/21) Peggy Walker
 Youth (through 1/21) Willow Buswell
 Property (3 years through 1/23) Randy Gilman
 Finance (3 years through 1/23) Susan Painter
 Education (through 1/22) Sarah Black
 Social Ministry (3 years through 1/23) Mike Rawles
 Stewardship (through 1/22) Dan Moore
 Worship/Music (through 1/22) Deb Adamson

Endowment Committee

Marian Brown (through 1/22)
 Joy Gutknecht (through 1/22)
 Braulio Escobar (3 year term through 1/23)
 Bruce Mate (3 year term through 1/23)
 John Baker (through 1/21)

Nomination Committee (1 year term)

Jean Amundson	John Baker
Sally Jennings	Randy Gilman
Sylvia Pauly	Lynn Moody

Synod Assembly Delegates (June 5-7/2020 in Portland)

Lay Male - Jim Walker
 Lay Female - Peggy Walker

Our New Oregon Bishop ... by Susan Painter



Laurie Ann Larson Caesar, after 26 years as pastor of Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church in Beaverton [a combined Lutheran and Roman Catholic

congregation], was installed as the first woman bishop of the Oregon Synod on December 14, 2019. She joined eight other women bishops elected this past year, a record achieved during a year which marked the church's first fifty years ordaining women.

In a joyful service attended by about 200 in Portland's Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, prayers and lessons reflected the diversity of the church. Interfaith and ecumenical partners included those from the Yakama Nation, the Hispanic community, the Jewish and Roman Catholic faiths and a Sikh companion.

ELCA national Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton [recently elected to a second 6 year term] exhorted all to be messengers and witnesses for Jesus, bringing the Good News of the Gospel, "not of a toxic, oppressive Jesus, but a God of reconciliation and a God of Love."

"In freedom and joy, let us serve," she urged.

Accepting the cross of her office, Bishop Larson Caesar offered a "vision of courageous love... reaching across boundaries to promote dignity, justice and kindness for all our neighbors."

As a lay delegate to the Synod Assembly choosing Laurie Larson Caesar [although I voted to support another term for David Brauer-Rieke], I was honored to attend the installation service and to offer support to our new Bishop from the Atonement community.



Portland Boychoir ... by Pastor Ed

Artistic Director: John Baker

Associate Director: Angela Herstedt



The Portland Boychoir will perform at Atonement on Saturday, February 15th @ 7:00pm and at both services on Sunday, February 16th.

They are a fabulous choir and you won't want to miss it.



February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
2 8:00am Worship 9-10:30am Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Ed Mtg	3 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life	4  6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5	6 8:00am Men's Brft @ Szabo's	7 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Taphouse Nye Beach 12:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FH) 	8 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
9 8:00am Worship 9-10:30am Library Sunday 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Music & Worship	10 9:30am Property 1:00pm Bible Study	11 5:30pm Social Ministry 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT	13 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH) Int'l Friends Day 	14 	15 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) 7:00pm Portland Boys Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
16 8:00am Worship 11:00am Worship Sunday School	17  1:00pm Bible Study	18 WAVES Deadline Nat'l Drink Wine Day  6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council	20 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake Nat'l love your pet day	21	22 8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
23 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School	24 1:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	25 Pancake Day  6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	27 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	28	29 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>
2 8:00 am 11:00 am	Rhonda Harman Dean Hill	Denise Guild Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown	_____
9 8:00 am 11:00 am	Joe Baumgarten Lily Phelps	Mary Lou Mate Bette Harmon	Marian Brown Marian Brown	_____
16 8:00 am 11:00 am	Jim Walker Paul Kimberly	Denise Guild Janice Delameter	Melodie McKenzie Melodie McKenzie	_____
23 8:00 am 11:00 am	Jean Amundson Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson	_____



Lucy Milliken 2/1
 Dick Tyler 2/9
 Lois Greenwood 2/10
 Dan Roumagoux 2/10
 Lorinda White 2/12
 Peggy Gilman 2/16
 Jim Walker 2/16
 Sana Banks 2/18
 Paul Amundson 2/21




 2 Ed & Lucy Milliken
 9 _____
 16 _____
 23 Jean & Paul Amundson (daughter Marlys)



OFFERING COUNTERS

2 Peggy Gilman
Dan Moore
 9 Steve Johnson
Bette Harmon
 16 Bette Harmon
Walt Duvall
 23 Walt Duvall
Paul Amundson



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/Mike Rawles

Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out is on Thursday, February 27th. 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.



Stone Soup ... by Sally Jennings/Mike Rawles

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, February 24th at 5:30pm.

If you would like to help: please call/text Mike at 541-961-9610 ... Sally at 541-961-4508, or talk with them in person. It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.



Donate Jewelry to Be Jeweled ... by Sally Jennings

This year's Be Jeweled fundraiser for Lincoln County Food Share is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, from 10 AM to 4 PM, at the Samaritan Center for Health Education. Be Jeweled is an annual major fundraiser for Lincoln County Food Share. Here's a great opportunity to turn unworn or broken jewelry into food for the hungry.

You can also donate beads, buttons, watches, jewelry making supplies and jewelry boxes. We will be collecting your donations at Atonement during February, March and April. Your jewelry donations can be dropped off in the box on the stand in the Narthex on Sundays, or in Raynette's office during the week. If you would like a tax receipt for your donations, or have any questions, please call Lincoln County Food Share at 541-265-8578



Red Cross Blood Drive ... by Terri McCully

February 7, 2020

If you can donate blood please sign up on the website. Blood is always in short supply. I need some volunteers to hand out juice and cookies to people after they donate.

Please let Terri McCulley know if you can help.

As always I need homemade cookies or bars. Atonement is known for the good treats we provide.



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Reaching Out with God's Love

Reminders—



Audio Worship Services
& Calendar on website



Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
This month
Canned Meats