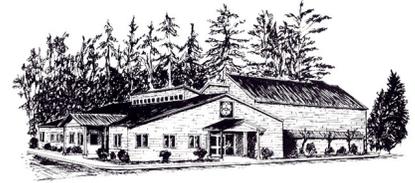




Makin' Waves

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



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

January 2020

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Office Hours

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



Congregational Meeting



Please mark your calendar and plan on attending our congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26th after second service.

We will gather at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck luncheon and the meeting to follow. Items on the agenda include: Reports from committees, financial report of 2019, budget for 2020 and elections.



Thoughts on Giving

by Paul Amundson

Our Adult Forum being held just about every Sunday at 9:30 am is almost always very interesting. Lately we've been watching an Animate series of short videos that highlight areas of both national and Christian concern. I'll illustrate what I mean by summarizing one of the more recent videos.

Shane Clairborne talked about growing up in the church. He said, "I grew up in the church and began to see that a lot of what we were talking about is life after death. Sometimes it began to feel like our faith was just a ticket into Heaven and a license to ignore the world around us.

"I remember hearing someone say, 'Our Christianity is so Heavenly minded that it's of no earthly good.' But as I grew up and started to read the words of Jesus I came to realize that Jesus just didn't come to prepare us to die, he came to teach us how to live."

Shane went on to say he had a pretty together kind of life and was successful at nearly everything he tried. But the more he read

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 ~ November 2019

General Fund

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$162,747	\$195,152	\$168,783	\$190,658
Grants	\$2,184	\$2,500	\$2,879	\$2,500
Room Rents	\$7,421	\$8,500	\$8,759	\$9,000
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$4,844	\$24,000	\$4,000	\$24,000
Total Income	<u>\$177,196</u>	<u>\$230,152</u>	<u>\$184,421</u>	<u>\$226,158</u>
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$73,919	\$80,096	\$69,980	\$76,282
Pastoral Benefits	\$27,932	\$30,440	\$28,142	\$33,726
Pastoral Expenses	\$2,448	\$3,550	\$2,161	\$3,450
Staff Compensation	\$23,788	\$29,777	\$22,834	\$28,000
Staff Payroll Cost	\$2,743	\$4,500	\$2,525	\$6,000
Worship & Music	\$3,107	\$4,400	\$3,316	\$5,700
Education	\$593	\$900	\$248	\$900
Youth	\$225	\$600	\$418	\$350
Outreach/Hospitality	\$894	\$1,500	\$891	\$1,500
Social Ministry	\$2,104	\$3,400	\$1,650	\$2,300
Stewardship	\$332	\$1,050	\$317	\$1,425
Health Ministry	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$600
ELCA Mission Support	\$7,100	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$6,500
Parish Life	\$963	\$1,725	\$879	\$1,800
General/Administrative	\$10,790	\$12,175	\$9,815	\$12,050
Facility Maintenance	\$22,406	\$24,089	\$15,274	\$23,075
Utilities	\$12,269	\$12,850	\$10,145	\$12,500
Insurance	\$8,832	\$10,500	\$9,715	\$10,000
Total Expense	<u>\$200,445</u>	<u>\$230,152</u>	<u>\$184,310</u>	<u>\$226,158</u>
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	<u>(\$23,249)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$111</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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		\$94,958	\$37,436	\$28,948	\$10,183	\$18,391
November	\$2,706	\$2,706	\$1,082	\$812	\$271	\$541
Balance @ 11/30/2019		\$97,664	\$38,518	\$29,760	\$10,454	\$18,932

Capital Fund

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2019	-	\$106,222
INCOME	\$108,043	
EXPENSES	\$96,682	
BALANCE @ 11/30/2019		\$117,583





from the Pastor

Pastor Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,

The month of January leads us into celebration of the season of Epiphany. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word *epiphania*, which means "manifestation" or "revelation." Thus, in the Epiphany season, we celebrate the light that has come into the world in Jesus Christ and the ways in which he manifests and reveals our God to us.

"Light Dawns on a Weary World – A Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany" will begin our celebration (Jan 5th). Isaiah 60:1-6, one of the readings for that day proclaims: *Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.* Jesus fulfills this ancient promise. Though born in Judea, he is a treasure for the whole world, the whole human race. The light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism and who are sent out into the world to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

The spotlight continues to shine of Jesus as we move through the Sundays after Epiphany. On the Baptism of our Lord Sunday (Jan 12th), we celebrate that in the waters of the Jordan River Jesus is revealed as the Son of God and the servant of God. Jesus is baptized for mission.

He came to bring righteousness to the world, a righteousness of grace and mercy. On this day we are also reminded of our baptismal calling to proclaim the good news of God's love to all who are op-

pressed or in need of God's healing love.

On the Second Sunday after Epiphany (Jan 19th), the identity of Jesus becomes a little clearer as we hear John the Baptist proclaim of him: *The is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.* John's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found. Pointing the way to Jesus is a large part of our mission as God's people too. Having had Christ revealed to us in word and sacrament, we go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive with us his gifts of grace and peace.

This mission is also the focus on the Third Sunday after Epiphany (Jan 26th), as Jesus utters the simple words that change human lives: *"Come, follow me."* Here is the mission that flows out of baptism: we are called to follow Jesus and be "fishers of people." We are sent to share the good news so that others might be caught in the net of God's grace and mercy, inviting them to join us on the journey of faith that we walk.

Join us in this exciting journey of following our Lord as we worship, witness, and serve he who is the light of our lives.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Adult Forum... by Pastor Ed

animate BIBLE

Beginning in January the adult forum will pick up 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:

January 5th – “Canon: Mining for the Word” by Eric Elnes. How did these 66 cultural history lessons, collections of poems, family genograms, allegorical stories, and community letters—all gathered from sources that stretch across time and place—become the Bible? Eric Elnes describes a process of canonization that is far messier, subjective, and ongoing that we might imagine. As Eric looks into the methodology used to extract sacred “gold” from the many, many streams of writing and thought that make up the history of our faith, we discover that the shifting and refining might not be complete. What work do we need to do as we seek to uncover the richness of the Bible?

January 12th – “History: Parchment to Pixel” by Phyllis Tickle. Does the way we access the Bible change the way we read and interpret the Bible? Phyllis Tickle believes this question is para-

mount as technology makes it easier for us to carry the Bible in our pockets or look up a verse online and out of context. By tracing the history of the Bible from its origins as a set of oral stories passed down from community to community, to the days of the Bible being read to the illiterate masses in Latin, to our current open-source approach to the Bible, Phyllis suggests that access is everything.

January 19th – “Testaments: One Story, Two Parts” by Rachel Held Evans. What do we do with the Old Testament? That’s the big question for Rachel Held Evans. For a long time, Rachel was troubled by the violence, the strange laws, and the treatment of women she found in the Old Testament. She’s not alone. So how do we make sense of the images of an angry God with the God of love? How do we find the sweet spot between the Law of Moses and the Grace of Jesus? And how do we not only make peace with the Old Testament but actually find value in it? Rachel’s suggestion might surprise you.

January 26th – “Gospels: Unexpected Good News” by Nadia Bolz-Weber. We know the four Gospels tell the story of Jesus. But why do they tell different stories? Why does Matthew say one thing and John something else? What does it mean to say that the Gospels are “good news”? Nadia Bolz-Weber peels away our assumptions about the Gospels and reminds us that Jesus didn’t come to make us feel comfortable, but rather to upend our ideas about what “good news” really looks like.



First Friday Brunch

January 3rd ... Pacific Kitchen @ 12:00pm



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about Jesus the more he found himself at odds with the world.

"As I worked hard to make money I saw Jesus saying we need to give it all away. As I focused on how to be the greatest I saw Jesus inviting me to be the least. As I climbed the ladder of success I was in danger of passing Jesus who was on his way down.

"It's funny but all the time I was meeting Christians who were saying to me, 'My life was such a mess and then I met Jesus and everything came together.'

"God bless them but for me, my life was pretty together and then I met Jesus and that messed me up."

Shane went to work with Mother Theresa, among the poorest of the poor, and he worked in a mega-church among the richest of the rich, but, he said, "I eventually found Jesus on the streets among the homeless and I ended up settling in a neighborhood on the north side of Philly where I and some friends have been building a community for the last 20 years. We like to say we're a web of friends conspiring to bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. And one of the most radical things we do is to share stuff."

He went on to say, "We live in a time of unprecedented disparity between the rich and the poor, between the haves and the have-nots. Masses of people live in poverty—at the same time a handful of people live in extraordinary wealth."

Shane went on to compare numbers—the one that stood out to me—is that the poorest 20 percent have only 1.4 % of the wealth. After pointing out the major differences Shane went on to say, "But that's the bad news. The good news is God didn't mess up. God didn't make too many people or too little stuff. God made just enough. There's enough for everyone's need but there's not enough for everyone's greed."

He went on to say, "We need a theology of enough. Not a theology of prosperity, nor a theology of scarcity, but a theology of enough."

He said, "That the manna from heaven was a good example of this. God commanded them to take enough for one day's ration and there will be enough." And, as I recall God told them if they took too much it would just rot before they could use it.

Shane also commented on the early days of Christianity. "The spirit of God fell upon them and they began sharing everything."

Shane spoke of several further examples of how there would be enough for all if some didn't take too much. And he ended by saying, "If you have too much, give it away."

Nearly all of the commentaries in the Animate series have been sources for great discussions and the basis for further thinking. Join the downstairs study group! We meet nearly every Sunday morning at 9:30am.



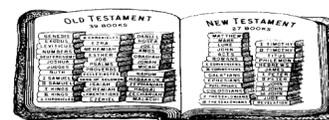
Property Committee ...

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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"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.

Session 1: Hearing God's Call. This session focuses on men and women in the Old Testament. Some of them heard and recognized God's call clearly. Others struggled to realize that it was God who was calling them or exactly what God was calling them to do. What can we learn from their stories?

Join us on Wednesday, January 15th at 12:30pm as we explore our callings.



The Ties That Bind ... by Mary Lou Mate

Our Quilters group next meeting will be Monday January 6th 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!



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 planned giving and challenge members to offer their time and talent in support of the work of the church.

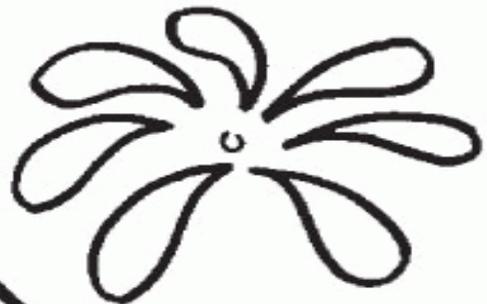
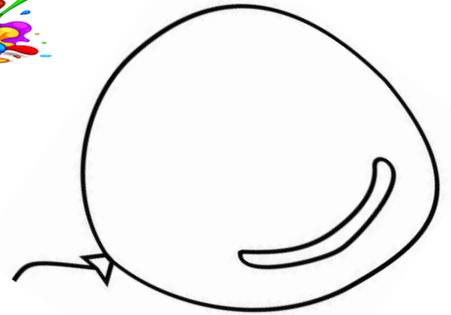
Worship/Music Deb Adamson—Chair

- ◆ 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.

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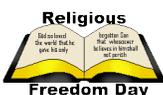


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January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Nat'l Mentoring Month</p> 			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Szabo's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Pacific Kitchen</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-10:30am Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11-5pm OCQG Mtg (FH)</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Music & Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Property 1:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30pm Social Ministry 6:30pm Early Risers</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>WAVES Deadline</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>1:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Nat'l Hug Day</p>  <p>6:30pm Early Risers</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Int'l day of Education</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>8-11 am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 12:15pm Potluck Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Commemoration Victims of the Holocaust</p> <p>1:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30pm Early Risers</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p>  <p>Human Trafficking Awareness</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Nat'l Hot Chocolate Day</p> 	





Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
5 8:00 am 11:00 am	Jim Walker Darcy de la Rosa	Mary Lou Mate Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown	_____
12 8:00 am 11:00 am	Sabine Maresco Gary Thompson	Denis Guild Janice Delameter	Melodie McKenzie Melodie McKenzie	_____
19 8:00 am 11:00 am	Peggy Walker Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown Lois Greenwood	Marian Brown Marian Brown	_____
26 8:00 am 11:00 am	Jean Amundson _____	Marian Brown Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie Melodie McKenzie	_____



Lester Day	1/1	Irene Shipley	1/19
Sylvia Pauly	1/1	Clara Mann	1/20
Don Freeman	1/1	Juliann Johnson	1/28
Beverly Kraack	1/7	Sally Jennings	1/30
Janice Delameter	1/10		
Donald Lindly	1/11		
Linda Goebel	1/13		
Mary Lou Mate	1/13		
Donna White	1/16	Dan Moore &	
Donald Davis	1/17	Melodie McKenzie	1/28



6	Marian Brown
12	_____
19	Raynette & Mike Rawles (daughter Brandye's Birthday)
26	_____



OFFERING COUNTERS

6	Walt Duvall Paul Amundson
12	Paul Amundson Pete Kraack
19	Pete Kraack Bob Olson
26	Bob Olson Peggy Gilman



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 **Chili**



Randy's Feed & Read ... by Sally Jennings/Mike Rawles

Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out is on Thursday, January 23rd. 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, January 27th 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.



Start the new year at Original Mo's Restaurant with a hot bowl of Mo's Clam Chowder and more, as they host Dine Out for Samaritan House, **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**, donating 20% 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



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.



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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