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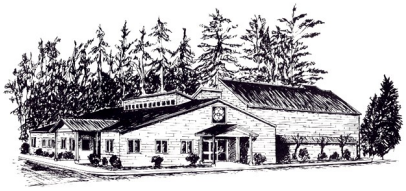

Worship Services
Sundays 8am & 11am

March 2020

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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

Lenten Midweek Services ... by Pastor Ed

Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of these experiences at various crossroads helps us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. Join us each week as we encounter someone at the crossroads.

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.

Income/Expense Snapshot … ALC ~ January 2020

General Fund

	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Previous Year Actual	Previous Year Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	$33,689	$204,521	$24,099	$195,152
Grants	$0	$2,500	$222	$2,500
Room Rents	$2,826	$8,500	$1,080	$8,500
Transfer from Capital Fund	$0	$24,000	$0	$24,000
Total Income	$36,515	$239,521	$25,401	$230,152
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	$7,008	$84,100	$6,362	$80,096
PastoralBenefits	$2,658	$31,432	$2,393	$30,440
Pastoral Expenses	$89	$3,450	$112	$3,550
Staff Compensation	$1,862	$30,014	$2,112	$29,777
Staff Payroll Cost	$203	$3,500	$234	$4,500
Worship & Music	$93	$4,350	$87	$4,400
Education	$0	$650	$41	$900
Youth	$175	$500	$0	$600
Outreach/Hospitality	$119	$1,450	$119	$1,500
Social Ministry	$300	$4,300	$0	$3,400
Stewardship	$0	$700	$0	$1,050
Health Ministry	$0	$600	$0	$600
ELCA Mission Support	$700	$8,400	$1,100	$8,000
Parish Life	$0	$1,375	$162	$1,725
General/Administrative	$1,781	$12,050	$2,072	$12,175
Facility Maintenance	$1,558	$26,850	$1,972	$24,089
Utilities	$1,248	$15,300	$851	$12,850
Insurance	$277	$10,500	$893	$10,500
Total Expense	$18,071	$239,521	$18,510	$230,152
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	$18,444	$0	$6,891	$0

Endowment Fund

	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 1/1/2020		$99,322	$39,181	$30,257	$10,622	$19,264
January	$984	$984	($25)	$1,029	($7)	($13)
Balance @ 1/31/2020		$100,307	$39,156	$31,286	$10,613	$19,252

Capital Fund

BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 1/1/2020	-	-	$119,266
INCOME	$754		
EXPENSES		$8,338	
BALANCE @ 1/31/2020			$111,682

from the Pastor

Pastor Ed Milliken

A Journey Through Lent

Dear Friends in Christ,

The month of March finds us, just barely, into the season of Lent. We began that 40 day journey on February 26th with the Ash Wednesday service. On that day we received the mark of ashes on our foreheads in the baptismal form of the cross. The dual meanings remind us both of our mortality, that "from dust we have come and to dust we will return," and the new life we received in our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

The First Sunday in Lent (March 1st) leads us into the garden of Eden and the wilderness of Jesus' temptation. There we will be confronted again with the tempter's voice, "If you are a child of God…?" The question hangs in the air. Will we trust God to be our God, or will we succumb to the temptation to be gods unto ourselves? Will we trust that God will carry out the promises made in baptism, or will we seek security elsewhere? The temptation is to turn our back on God who promises life and salvation from a cross.

In the gospel for the Second Sunday in Lent (March 8th), Jesus directs our attention to the baptismal font where, by water and the Word, the Holy Spirit gives us new life. In these waters we are "born from above" and we become people blessed by God and called forth into the world, not to condemn but to offer mercy.

The Samaritan woman asking Jesus for "living water" on the Third Sunday in Lent (March 15th), is an image of our great thirst for God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness. In baptism we receive the promise of never again thirsting for God's acceptance and, in worship, we encounter the One who gives life-giving water, and the gift of himself in bread and wine.

The man born blind and healed by Jesus on the Fourth Sunday in Lent (March 22nd) is a profound image of our human condition: blind to our greed, our selfishness, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our pride; blind to our neighbors in need or sorrow; blind to a world in torment. Wrapped up in trying to live the "good life" we just don't see. But this story, too, is a baptismal image of washing and receiving sight. Christ heals us so that we can see, and in response to God's forgiving love, walk as children of light.

Finally, on the Fifth Sunday in Lent (March 29th), we stand with Mary and Martha at the grave of a loved one and hear Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life." His words give hope to all who live in the shadow of death. This hope is the content of our faith, for the promises of God, spoken in our baptism, are true and can be trusted. Washed by our God, we are joined to Christ in his death and are raised with him to new life.

Join us on our Lenten journey from darkness to light, from blindness to sight, from death to life. By returning to the waters of our baptism we gain new strength and vitality, new hope and commitment, a renewed sense of peace and joy. Our eyes are opened once again to the truth about Jesus our Lord and, having seen all the blessings of our God, we are renewed in our faith, hope, and love. Our thirsty souls are refreshed, and we go forth to serve our God in all that we do.

Pastor Ed Milliken

Adult Forum… by Pastor Ed

The Book of Ephesians will be the focus of the adult forum during the season of Lent. Ephesians is an invitation into a world of grace, sweeping us into an all-encompassing vision of God's eternal plan to redeem all creation. In this letter, we learn about the geography of grace where God labors to fulfill the mystery of the divine plan.

Sunday, March 1 - "Drawn into God" (Ephesians 1:1-14)

Sunday, March 8 – **No Adult Forum**: Pastor Ed on vacation

Sunday, March 15 – "Jesus is our Peace" (Ephesians 2:1-22)

Sunday, March 22 – "Knowing the Unknowable" (Ephesians 3:1-21)

Sunday, March 29 – **No Adult Forum** – One Service at 10:00am

Sunday, April 5 – "Imitating the Inimitable" (Ephesians 4:1-16, 25-32; 5:1-5, 15-20)

Sunday, April 12 – **No Adult Forum** - Easter Sunday

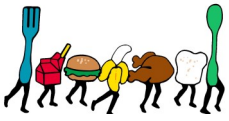
Samaritan House

Chowder Bowl will host the March 4th "Dine Out for Samaritan House." The restaurant, renowned for their thick and creamy clam chowder, will generously donate **50% of sales** to help support Samaritan House, a shelter for homeless families with children. Theirs is by far the biggest donation of any monthly Dine Out each year! In fact, they are the largest donor in the Because We Care Club, made up of corporate or group donors to Samaritan House.

Thank you for your continued support of our homeless families.

Megan Schain

Board Member … Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter



First Friday Brunch

March 6th @ 12:00pm

The Taphouse 515 NW Coast St Nye Beach

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

THE TAPHOUSE AT NYE CREEK NEWPORT, OR

Women of the ELCA

by Pastor Ed & Jean Amundson

Called to Serve

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 3: Called to Serve. "If we just ***talk*** of thoughts and prayers, and don't live out a faith that dares . . ." These are the opening lines of a poem written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette and set to the tune of a Traditional English melody.

Jesus is clear that one of the central ways we respond to God's call is by serving others. When we serve others, we are recognizing Christ present in their need. When we serve others, they see Christ visible in our loving service.

"Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 18th, 12:30 when Atonement's WELCA (Women of the ELCA) meet to study God's call to ***love and serve others***. This session engages scriptural texts that help us focus on the questions, "Who is my neighbor, and what does my neighbor need?"

Our discussion will center on serving others as individuals, in communities, and, when appropriate (i.e., not partisan), in society.

Hope to see you on March 18th for fellowship, treats, and learning how God's words apply to us. Friends are always welcome at WELCA meetings, too!

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.

Also, please note, we will not meet on Monday, March 30th due to carpet cleaning.

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.

Phone# 541 265-2554 email address: office@atonementlutheran.com

Come Join our Service Programs

If you are interested and want to participate in community service, (they would love to have you) please pick up a copy of committee program information on table below window in mail box area.

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!

Stitching Good Time … by Mary Lou Mate

Come share the "Quilting Spirit" and help "tie" a quilt. **The Ties that Bind** quilting group invites you to a sandwich buffet on **Sunday, March 29th** following the 10am service (it's a 5th Sunday). We'll provide the food, thanks to a Thrivent Grant, show how a quilt is made, help you learn how to "tie" a quilt and give you the opportunity to bid on some silent auction items made and donated by our members.

The money raised from the auction will be used to purchase backing sheets and batting. Last year our quilts were given to Camp Lutherwood and the South Beach Memory Care Center. Both organizations were thrilled to receive the quilts! The recipients for this years quilts will be determined late spring before we have the Blessing of the Quilts. Mark your calendar and join us for a "stitching good time".

Visit our Library ... by Barbara Utterback

- Sign your name and date on the card in the book pocket.
- File the card alphabetically by the author's last name in the recipe container.
- Bring the book back after you are finished and put it in the "RETURN" slot under the first set of shelves.

Guatemala Medical Trip ... by Denise Guild

Dear contributors to the Guatemala medical trip,

Thank you so much for donating to Emory Helps Guatemala! We cannot fully express our gratitude for your support of our project to work with underserved communities in rural Guatemala! Your donation is invaluable in giving us the opportunity to change lives and to have long-lasting impacts through medical education and community development projects.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the project, as you have played an integral role in helping us achieve our goals. I would like to invite you to follow our Instagram page @emoryhelpsgtm and our Facebook page @EmoryHelpsGuatemala for more general updates.

Again, we are incredibly appreciative of your generosity!

Sincerely,

Denise Guild on behalf of the Emory HELPS Guatemala Team

Sharing The Good News ... by Raynette Rawles

My grandson, Devon Rawles pasted his test and received his Real Estate license this month. He will be working with Century 21.

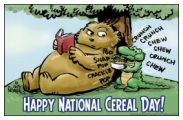
Check out our website calendar. It includes all activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It is updated to include all changes and new events.

Website: **http://www.atonementlutheran.com**

Kid's Page

Color me

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship 9-10:30am Blood Pressure 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 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4 6:00pm Soup & Bread Supper (FH) 7:00pm Lenten Service	5 8:00am Men's Brft @ Szabo's	6 12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ @ Taphouse Nye Beach	7 8-11am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) 
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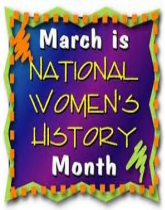
15 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School	16 1:00pm Bible Study	17 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	18 12:30pm WELCA 6:00pm Soup & Bread Supper (FH) 7:00pm Lenten Service 7:30pm Council	19 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 	20	21 8-11am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
22 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Sunday School 	23 1:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	24 ***WAVES* Deadline** 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	25 6:00pm Soup & Bread Supper (FH) 7:00pm Lenten Service	26 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read	27	28 8-11am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
29 10:00am Worship Sunday School 11:00am Sand-wich Buffet 	30 **No Bible Study** Carpet Cleaning Upstairs & Fellow-ship Hall	31 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir				

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians	Recorder
1 8:00 am	Paul Amundson	Denise Guild	Marian Brown	_____
11:00 am	Gary Thompson	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	
8 8:00 am	Jean Amundson	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	_____
11:00 am	Deb Adamson	Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson	
15 8:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	_____
11:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Janice Delameter	Marian Brown	
22 8:00 am	Sabine Moresco	Mary Lou Mate	Tami Johnson	_____
11:00 am	Dean Hill	Lois Greenwood	Tami Johnson	
29 10:00 am	Jean Amundson	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	_____

Sarah Black	3/3
Rocklynn Drake	3/3
Ed Milliken	3/5
Jaya Lapham	3/7
Terri McCulley	3/8
Renee Andrews	3/10
Carol Duvall	3/14
Rhonda Harman	3/20
Bennett Mann	3/21
Michelle Johnson	3/22
Norman Barker	3/23
Vo Newell	3/25
Sabine Maresco	3/25
Tecia Ezzell	3/29
Nicole Goebel	3/29

Pete & Beverly 3/5

1	Membership
8	Rhonda Harman & Cathy Deveraux (44 years)
15	_____
22	_____
29	_____

1	Paul Amundson Bob Olson
8	Bob Olson Pete Kraack
15	Pete Kraack Steve Johnson
22	Steve Johnson Peggy Gilman
29	Peggy Gilman Dan Moore

Social Ministry …

Food Pantry Program … by Terri McCulley

Thank you for all the support we have received for this program. Anything is welcome and helpful, but this month we will focus on **Cereals**

Randy's Feed & Read … by Mike Rawles

Randy's Feed & Read Family Night Out is on Thursday, March 26th. 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 Mike Rawles

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, March 23rd at 5:30pm.

If you would like to help: please call/text Mike at 541-961-9610 or talk with him 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

The Red Cross Blood drive on February 7th was the most successful ever, with 40 donors and 40 units of blood collected. There was plenty of good treats.

Thank you all for providing treats and helping with the blood drive.

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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
Cereals