Makin' Waves

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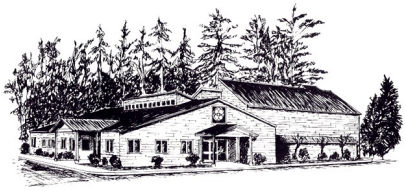

Worship Services
Sundays @ 10:00am

September 2021

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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

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Message from Bishop Easton

On Sunday, September 12th, congregations will join together for **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday.**

This annual day of service is an opportunity for us to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.

We rejoice that many in-person church activities have resumed, and we encourage you to plan your day of service in compliance with local health guidelines. Consider offering options that are outdoors, drive-through or virtual.

Worship & Music Committee

by Debbie Adamson

On September 12th we will be doing a Wildfire Remembrance Service as part of our "God's Work, Our Hands" participation.

Website Calendar

Check out our website calendar. It includes all activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It is updated to include all changes & new events. Website: **http://www.atonementlutheran.com**

Financial Snapshot … ALC ~ July 2021

General Fund: Revenues during July '21 are $ 16,223

Our expenses during July '21 are $ 16,844

All expenses are within budgeted range

Our net cash flow YTD is ($5,192)

General Fund balance is $ 17,506.96

Capital Fund: Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.

Capital Fund balance is $122,921

The Thrivent investment funds have been transferred to a moderate fund (more earnings potential) on July 17th.

Thrivent mortgage balance is $385,823.86

Dedicated Fund balance is $ 15,274

Restricted / Endowment balance continues to increase at $126,439 .

Church Garage/Rummage Sale

by Dan Moore

Saturday September 18, 2021 9:00am—3:00pm

Please notify Raynette @ 541 265-2554 or email office@ atonementlutheran.com if you want to participate, so we can set up a table for you.

For further information, please contact Dan Moore @ 541 867-3762 or danielscottmoore@comcast.net

from the Pastor

Pastor Shelley Willem

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we can not see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us strength to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but trusting that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

This is my "Go-To" prayer. I find that it fits many circumstances life has thrown my way and my anxiety lessens as I feel gifted with strength and good courage.

It seems like the right prayer for this September 2021 newsletter when COVID is once again surging and getting in the way of our plans to discover the new "post-COVID" normal. Just as we want to celebrate being able to worship in the sanctuary again we find out that 8 year old Liliana Black has tested positive for COVID. She seems to be getting better already (Thank you God!) and so we continue to pray that it will be a mild case and it is all over when her 10 days are completed. And yet it is frustrating that she and her parents were so careful for so long and still she got it. This reminds me that we are still traveling through perils unknown and we need to do everything we can to keep as many people as safe as possible. So thank you for wearing your mask when in the church building and worshiping over Zoom if that is the safest choice for yourself and our congregation.

September 2021 will see the completion of the Ministry Site Profile by the Transition Team. This now 12 page description of Atonement will help the synod staff identify prospective pastoral candidates and help those candidates get to know Atonement. This milestone gets us closer to finding your next called pastor. My prayers include thanks to the Transition Team who have done this work, for the about to be formed Call Committee that will interview and select from the candidates the synod provides and for the candidate who will ultimately be the right fit for Atonement as it moves into the new paths. I hope your prayers are somewhat similar.

At the August 18th Council Meeting, we again discussed how we do church among the current COVID conditions. At the moment we are continuing with in person worship with all protocols staying in place (everyone wears masks, no congregational singing, no moving around in the sanctuary, and simulcast over Zoom).

If conditions change, Paul Amundson & I will talk and decide if going back to Zoom only worship is the safest thing for our community. A congregation wide email will be sent if and when this decision has to be made. At this time we are not going to begin the normal education offerings that usually start up in September. Council reviews these matter each month and will keep you posted as things change.

In the meantime; \

- earthquakes & tropical storms are hitting Haiti. Lutheran Disaster Response

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EXPERIENCE YAKONA NATURE PRESERVE

A special hike on September 18, 2021

In 2008, Newport residents Bill and JoAnn Barton first began learning the rich history of a 400 acre peninsula located at the point where the Yaquina River widens to become the Bay. In 2013, they made their first purchase of property on the crest of the peninsula. Since then, they have been working to establish a protected wild area with forested Sitka spruce, hiking trails, native flora and fauna, birds and animals. They have established a charitable organization to honor the rich history of the area, including the stories of the lost Yakona people who once lived off the land and the tales around the glory days of Yaquina City.

Bill and JoAnn will open this special place to members and friends of Atonement during a guided hike on ***Saturday, September 18, beginning at 11:30 a.m.*** The trails involve elevation gain/loss of 250 – 300 feet multiple times over 3+ miles. There will be many stops at historic sites and to talk. The hike will take about three hours.

We expect to return to the church by 4:00 p.m. or earlier.

Plan to meet at the church to carpool to the property by 11:00am that morning. Please also honor the following requests:

1) Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex NO LATER THAN Friday, September 10th
2) No smoking and no pets
3) Walking sticks, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, snacks & water bottles are welcome
4) Masks are recommended
5) There are restrooms at the property. Be prepared to "leave no trace," bringing out with you all that you bring in, such as snack wrappers, empty drink bottles, etc.

Feel free to preview the experience at the preserve's website,
www.yakonaoregon.org

Contact Susan Painter at 541-265-5657 with any questions.

From the Pastor

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is at work and if you want to support them check out https://elca.org/disaster.

- See article page 5 for Oregon Synod Day of Learning.
- Thank you for all your prayers for my health. I am hoping the new drug makes me feel better soon. Thanks for your love and support.

Blessings & Good Courage, Pastor Shelley Willem

Women of the ELCA

by Debbie Adamson

Summer is cooking, COVID may or may not be on it's way to remission, and the church is slowly but surely reopening. And as part of that re-opening we will gather again as WELCA. To be consistent with the Church Council's decisions about adult Church School, we will be waiting until at least October to meet in person, but we will have a zoom meeting in September. We will also be moving the meeting date to the 2nd Wednesday each month. That means our first meeting in the fall will be on zoom on September 8th, at 12:30pm.

In the upcoming Bible Study for the fall will be talking about the Holy Spirit.

Session 1: Spirit of God: Revealer and Resource (Sept 8)

Session 2: Breath of God: Reviver and Reformer (Oct 13)

Session 3: Wind of God: Reviner and Rerouter (Nov 10)

Please join us for this time of fellowship and regathering!

Oregon Synod Day of Learning

Synod Day of Learning: Please join us for the second annual Synod Day of Learning, Saturday, September 25th from 9:15am to 3:45pm. The rise of the Delta variant will not stop us - workshops and the keynote address will all be offered via Zoom!.

Conversations and workshops will follow the theme of the year here in the Oregon Synod: Faithful in the Fray. This fall we will be looking at faithfulness as it applies to faith and racism, and we are delighted to share that local leader and author Pr. Lenny Duncan has agreed to be our keynoter. Workshops will be both morning and afternoon, and will include themes such as anti-racist reading of the Bible, facing the climate crisis with honesty and hope, hidden stories from the margins and our own lives, crafting new liturgies as sacred collective action, how to have tough conversations in congregations, and honoring our grief around the history of racism in our state and world.

Check out more information at https://mailchi.mp/1320c5cf7248/day-of-learning-2021?fbclid=IwAR0fvW8mdmhvOP200OLypD9tBkR9RoJZaMXXvPRXPdgGsVISYKOqVs2y3fo

The entire day's event is only $50 per screen for adults over 21. Under 21 is free. Scholarships are available by contacting the Bishop's Office @ office@oregonsynod.org.

Screening for a large group? Please consider an additional offering to help support this event. Registration closes September 20th at 9pm.

Property Committee

Room Rental: Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level will reopen in October 2021 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.

Men's Breakfast Group … by Paul Amundson

The Men's Breakfast Group has started meeting at 8 AM each Thursday at Pig & Pancake. Although it's a small group we're mighty ("mighty-old" some might say) and we have lots of fun.

All who are interested are welcome to join us.

Photos for Our Picture Board

We are updating our Members & Friends picture Board in the Hallway by Stairs.

If you would like to be added to our board or update the current picture, please contact Raynette in the office or talk to Marian Brown. We will schedule a date and 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.

News to Share

Celebration of Life for Anne Swinehart

The family of Anne Swinehart invites you to join in celebrating her life at an open house on September 11, 2021 from 1-5 PM at 1975 Tigertail Road, Eugene, Oregon. We will have refreshments and on the hour toasts, and we'd love to hear your memories of her. The drop-in event will be indoor and outdoor, and masks will be required while indoors. Parking is limited and the driveway is steep so wear comfortable shoes for walking**. RSVPs are welcome but not required: text/call 541-554-1233, suzquz@gmail.com,

or feel free to contact a family member to let them know you plan to attend.

** If you are able to walk 2-3 blocks on a hill, please park on 34th and walk, leaving the closer spaces on Tigertail for folks who need it. Alternately, if you must park far away and need assistance, text or call and someone can come fetch you.

Outreach Committee ... by Peggy Walker

The Outreach Committee is happy to share the good news that we are four strong now … Bonnie Powell, Rhonda Harman, Dan Moore, and Peggy Walker.

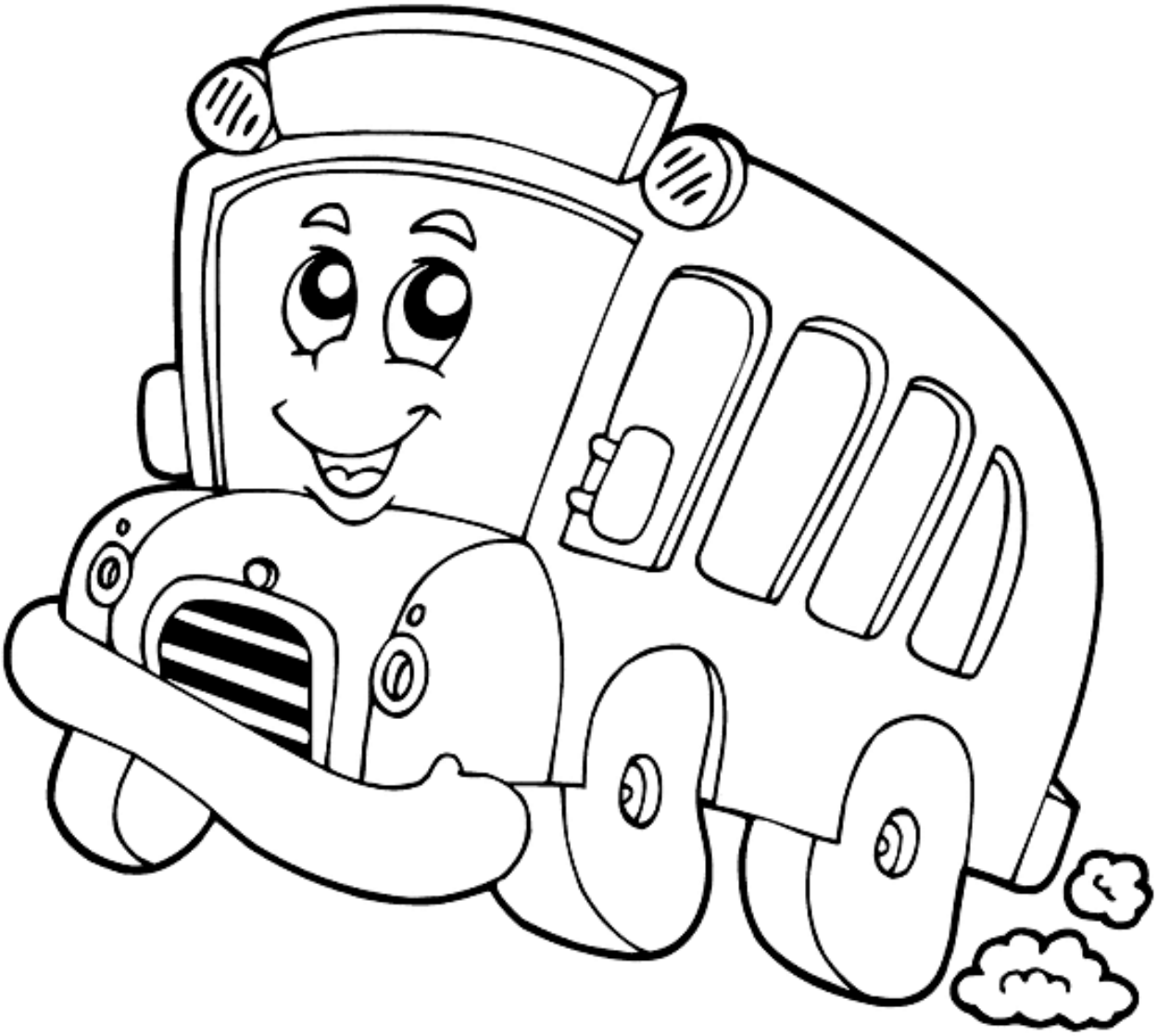
We are actively sending out notes and cards to those with cause for celebration, or suffering with health concerns or emotional needs. The response from the congregation has been most satisfying.

Also, we are active at the Greeter's table each Sunday, and meet once a month to discuss activities. We would welcome any suggestions as we move forward, as to improving our greeter duty or any community outreach that you have in mind.

Kid's Page

Color me

Back to School



September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig & Pancake	3	4
5 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast 	6 Office closed	7 9:00am Property 1:00pm Outreach	8 12:30pm WELCA 4:00pm Finance	9 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 4:00pm Social Ministry Mtg	10 	11
12 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast 11:30pm Music & Worship 	13 Office closed	14	15 5:30pm Council	16 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	17	18 Yakona Nature Walk @ 11:30am Church Garage/Rummage 9-3pm
19 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	20 Office closed	21	22	23 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	24 *WAVES* **Deadline** 	25 Synod Day of Learning
26 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	27 Office closed 5:30pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	28	29	30 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	31	

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians	Recorder
5 10:00 am	Sabine Maresco	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	_____
12 10:00 am	Dean Hill	Janice Delameter	Tami Johnson	_____
19 10:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	_____
26 10:00 am	Jim Walker	Bette Harmon	Marian Brown	_____

Raynette Rawles	9/5
Ocean McCue	9/6
Sharleen Harvey	9/15
Melodie McKenzie	9/17
Denise Guild	9/27

Bonnie & Jerry Powell	9/4
Gary & Lori Painter	9/28

5 Dan Moore

12 Janice Delameter

19 Mike & Raynette Rawles

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Social Ministry …

Food Pantry Program …

is back on board. The blue barrel by the south entrance is ready for any packaged/canned goods you may want to donate.

Thank you for all the support we have received for this program in the past. Anything is welcome and helpful.

Stone Soup … by Mike Rawles

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, September 27th at 5:30pm.

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

Winter Coat Drive … by Mike Rawles

Social Ministry is starting a coat drive early so we can have a jump on the rains (god willing) in October. We will keep a coat rack in the Library area and if we need more racks we can bring them up from downstairs. Coats can include anything that will provide warmth, cover, etc. including hoodies (please note I've gotten rid of a Duck hoody I had hidden deep in the closet).

Thanks you so much for your charity

Randy's Feed & Read … by Mike Rawles

A decision to re-open our program is still pending since Covid/Delta Variant still a major problem .

School Supply Drive … by Mike Rawles

As we participated in the School Supplies Drive in the past, we continued to do so this year as well. Because of time and protocols, we have provided gift cards to the children at Samaritan House and given cash donations made by members and friends to Lincoln County School District, Compass Center Program in the amount of $400.00.

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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
Any dry or canned Goods.