

Atonement Lutheran Church 2315 N Coast Hwy-Newport, OR





Worship Services Sundays @ 10:00am

December 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**





Midweek Advent Services

by Pastor Shelley

December 1st, 8th & 15th @ 6:00pm

Je wanted to do Holden Evening Prayer again this Advent but still don't feel like it is safe for people to be singing together in our sanctuary.

So Worship & Music committee decided that by having the service on Zoom, you all could sing along (with your microphones muted) and no one has to drive out at night. The Trio has recorded the music and slides will be prepared with the words, so please join us at this link at 6pm on Wednesdays, December 1st, 8th & 15th.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86277222938

This link will be email to members and friends on Tuesday before service





Christmas Eve Services

December 24th Friday (Christmas Eve) we will have an inperson caroling "non-singing" service @ 6:00pm. Carols will be recorded and the service will be built around the music. There will be candles, communion and a liturgy. Please join us inperson or on Zoom as we do on Sundays Worship Services.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ October 2021

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

General Fund: Revenues during Oct '21 are \$ 8,889

Our expenses during Oct '21 are \$ 15,445

Our net cash flow YTD is (\$ 11,182) General Fund balance is \$ 11,517.13

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 108,779

Thrivent mortgage balance is \$ 359,504.32

Dedicated Fund Balance remains at \$ 15,971



Christmas & Advent Decorating



 ${\it J}$ oin us for the tree decorating on Sunday, December 5th at 10:00am Worship Service. The tree will be set-up in the Sanctuary this year.

Upon entering the Sanctuary, you will be given a decorating item. Someone will be there to guide you to tree and seating.



T o celebrate the season of Advent and Christmas, we would like to request help in decorating the sanctuary and narthex with poinsettias. It would be greatly appreciated and add to the wonderful Christmas service.

Please bring your poinsettias to the church and place them on the table near the office. We will move them to the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. You can take your poinsettias home after the service on December 26th.



 $m{B}$ ishop Laurie checked in with Pastor Shelley and determined that another two weeks would be needed for Pastor Shelley's recovery.

Bishop Laurie suggested some possibilities for substitutes. Based on her recommendation we have contracted with Pastor Thomas Dodd (recently retired from Lutheran Church United—ELCA in Eugene) for December 5th and 12th.

He will bless our communions as well.



Meaning of the Advent Wreath

Written by Kelly Roper

The Advent wreath is a circle representing God's unending love And eternal life won for us by Christ our savior above.

<u>The wreath</u> holds four simple candles, each with a <u>special meaning</u>. Three are violet. one is pink; together they look quite appealing.

The first is the violet Prophecy candle meaning the coming of the Messiah is at hand. The second is the violet Bethlehem candle for Joseph and Mary's journey to that land.

The third is the pink Shepherd's candle, which represents joy at Jesus' birth. The last is the violet Angel's candle, which represents peace and good will on earth.

One candle's lit first Advent Sunday. Each Sunday afterward we light one more, Until all four are lighted the last Sunday of Advent to honor the Lord we adore.







by Debbie Adamson



December 2021

Please join us for the December WELCA meeting on Dec 15 at 12:30pm via Zoom. As we did last year, we will have a "bring your own cookies" event, and will share stories of the "best gift you have ever given to someone else".

We hope to see you there!



News to Share

School Volunteers ... by Mike Rawles



 \mathcal{L} incoln County School district is not able to fill many Teacher Aide positions and we are also short of teachers AND substitutes,

At the last school board meeting I suggested, asking citizens of Lincoln continues County to volunteer a few hours a week to assist in the schools and on field trips.

Those who volunteer could read to the younger children, usher children from one class to the next and help during meals.





The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

T he Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters are "stitch quilts" at the present time. The group are meeting this Month on December 6^{th} and 20^{th} (the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Monday of the month) in the lower meeting room. Morning quilters will start at 9:30am and the afternoon group starts at 1pm.

Everyone is invited! It's a great way to get to know each other as we tie the quilts and share stories.

If you have questions, please contact Marian Brown.

Masks are required.





Dear Workers on the Way of Jesus,

This bishop wants to say thank you for your continuing collaboration as you walk the Way of Christ in the world! I'm a better and braver bishop when we are connected, when we share our hopes, dreams, prayers and lives. And as bishop, "epi-scopa" in Greek, here's what I see: the pandemic has changed the details of how we worship and work together, but not the content of Christ's call. The compassion, kindness, justice, humility and hope we are invited to embody in our lives, abides still.

Your courageous generosity throughout this second pandemic year has enabled my

staff and myself to accompany you through dozens of transformational transitions and interim seasons, COVID decisions, wildfire relief projects, World Hunger Sundays, Reckoning with Racism conversations, congregational anniversaries, installations and ordinations, Reconciling in Christ and sanctuary congregation discernment, church and neighborhood listening seasons, congregational vitality cohorts, courageous stewardship programs in congregations, and so much more. And our synod continues to share your gifts with generously (42%) the ELCA's Churchwide expression.

Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar

The SALM (Synod Authorized Lay Ministry) and Lay Education Coordinator

Finding Liturgy in Life and Life in Liturgy

An Oregon Synod Lay Education Course

How does liturgy shape us? How might we shape it? Gather with people from across the Oregon Synod this January and February to explore liturgy in daily life, communal worship, and public witness. We'll pay particular attention to the seasons of the church year, the flow of worship, the invitation of sacraments, and daily practices that help us cultivate a life of depth and meaning. We'll create space for the integration of blessing, celebration, lamentation, prayer, song, symbols, and ritual crafting. You're encouraged to bring your whole self as we seek to live in holy rhythm. Pr. Matta Ghaly will be the primary instructor. The course is designed with a Lutheran lens and inclusive heart; all are welcome.

This on-line course is offered through the Oregon Synod's <u>SALM and Lay Education Program</u>. We'll meet the following eight Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 6:30-8pm (Pacific Time): January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, and March 1. Authentic participation and relationship-building are the priority. Course participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to donate, as they are able, on a sliding scale between \$20-\$160, but donations are not required to register. If you'd like to sign up for the course, please do so through the <u>registration</u> form.



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Property Committee by Randy Gilman



Rental: Room Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are open 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



Note from Call Committee ... by Peter Mann



T he Call Committee recently had the opportunity to interview wonderful candidates over Zoom. We are prayerfully considering the second state of the second state o over Zoom. We are prayerfully considering the candidates and we are moving forward with the Call process. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as we discern God's will for Atonement.





Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

he Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support.

If you would like to participate and support our church, please contact Fred Meyers and link your rewards card to Atonement Lutheran Church (VB494).



Book Review by Barbara Utterback

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens



Every holiday season, I make time to read this wonderful story. It never fails to teach me lessons that I ponder on all year.

Greed, selfishness, and unkindness are all traits that Ebenezer Scrooge carried with him, right along with me. There was and still is so much for me to learn from Ebenezer Schrooge.

On the other hand, Ebenezer taught me that it's never too late for us to change. Hurray, there is hope and redemption.

AND, it is possible for us to change no matter how old we are. Thank You God.

I will end with my favorite line in this story.

God Bless Us Every One! Happy Reading



Social Ministry ...

Gifts for Foster Children ... by Sally Jennings

 \mathcal{H} elp a foster child get their Christmas gift wish this year. Choose one of the 20 gift tags from our giving tree in the Narthex and put your gift under the tree by December 12th. Wrap your gift or leave it unwrapped.

Be sure to attach the gift tag.

Infant Formula/Diaper Program ... by Denise Guild

F or a long time now we've been supplying diapers to the district nurse office here and I have continued to check in with them about their needs.

Because of Covid they actually received a good deal of money from the Federal Government and for now are well supplied. Thank you all for your generosity in the past. I will continue to follow up.





December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Safe Toys and gifts Month		6:00pm Zoom Holden Vesper Service	8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	Int'l day for persons with disabilities	Notional Cookers
5 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	6 Office closed 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	PEARL HARBOR	4:00pm Finance Mtg 6:00pm Zoom Holden Vesper Service	8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 12:00pm Outreach Mtg 4:00pm Social Ministry Mtg	Thursday 11-3pm OCQG Mtg	11
10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast 11:30pm Music & Worship Com Mtg	7 3 Office closed 5:30pm Council Mtg Nat'l-Cocoa Day	9:00am Property Mtg	1 2:30pm WELCA Bible Study 6:00pm Zoom Holden Vesper Service	76 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	17	18
19 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	Office closed 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	21 Winter Solstice	22	8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	6:00pm Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Worship	25
26 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	27 Office closed 5:30pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	28 WAVES Deadline	29	30 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	31	Universal Human Rights Month



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Worship Page



<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	Recorder
5 10:00 am	Lynn Moody	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
12 10:00 am	Jean Amundson	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
19 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
24 6:00 pm	Pete Kraack			Arnie Anderson
26 10:00 am	Mike Rawles	Bette Harmon		Arnie Anderson

<u>Greeters</u>	Ushers

5	10:00 am	Dan Moore/Patty Fox	Joe Baumgarten
12	10:00 am	Penny McCue/Paul Amundson	Joe Baumgarten
19	10:00 am	Maryellen Murphy/Patty Fox	Joe Baumgarten
24	6:00 pm	Rhonda Harman/Dan Moore	Joe Baumgarten
26	10:00 am	Marvellen Murphy/Rhonda Harman	Joe Baumgarten





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12/25



Bob Olson Peggy Gilman Pete Kraack





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- 19 Bonnie Powell
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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

 $T^{\rm eam}$ Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, December 27th at 5:30pm.

If you would like to help: please call Mike @ 541 961-9610 or Sally Jennings @541 444-2687 It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.

Update ... by Mike Rawles

This past month has been extremely busy for Atonements Social Ministry.



The coat drive for Grace Wins was a huge success. Atonements generous congregation has donated over 150 coats, along with other winter gear, for the homeless. Thanks you to everyone who contribution to this project!



Our turn at Stone soup on October 25th saw an increase in meals delivered (56) and we expect this number to increase again next week.



The PJ drive for Foster Children is well on its way and I urge people to pick up a slip for a child at the display.



On Wednesday, November 17^{th} , I picked up half a ton (940 bottles) of water from Costco in Albany and delivered them to Grace Wins. They were soooo appreciative.



On Thursday, November 18th the Ministry bought Eight \$50.00 JC market gift cards for the families at Samaritan House so they can have a nice Thanksgiving.



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Reaching Out with God's Love

Reminders—



Audio Worship Services & Calendar on website





Fill our Food Barrel Any dry or canned goods.