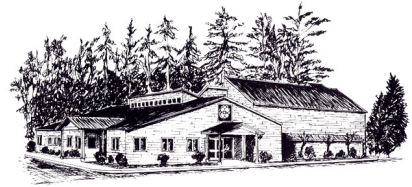




Waves

Atonement Lutheran Church
2315 N Coast Hwy—Newport, OR



Worship Services
Sundays @ 10:00am

February 2022

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Congratulations, Atonement!



Pastor Jane Baker has accepted our call! She hopes to start here by Sunday, March 27th. (Now she's wrapped up in all that has to be done to leave her Roseburg church and move the household . . . and maybe feeling a bit overwhelmed, as we all would.) Pray for all to go smoothly and that she and Barry will find a new home here quickly.

Our special congregational meeting on January 23rd went quite smoothly, thanks to the many people (especially Marian and Raynette) who made it all happen. And now some of us have more experience with Zoom and voting online with secret ballots! The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of calling Pastor Jane.

Many thanks also to the Transition Team and the Call Committee members as well as to Pastor Shelley, who provided guidance and advice during the process.

Now, sit back, stay safe and well, and be ready to welcome our new pastor and Barry when they arrive.

Love and blessings,

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>

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.





Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ December 2021



Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

General Fund: Revenues during Dec '21 are \$ 9,497
Our expenses during Dec '21 are \$ 18,593
Our net cash flow YTD is (\$ 1,012
General Fund balance is \$ 21,691.83

Capital Fund: Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.
Capital Fund balance is \$ 93,410
Thrivent mortgage balance is \$ 341,814.13—after reducing the principal an additional \$36k over regular payments

Dedicated Fund Balance remains at \$ 16,273

I plan to shift the memorial donations in 2022 to be reflected under the committees who have access to these funds. A 2022 template follows the Dedicated Fund report

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 131,059

A \$16,044 increase this year with YTD earnings of 13.40%



The next three sessions of the WELCA Bible study, are going to be dealing with the Kingdom of God. February at WELCA will find us delving further into the 'Kingdom of God' and specifically how it is used and defined in the teachings of Jesus. Join us on Zoom ... Wednesday, February 9th at 12:30pm.



Men's Breakfast Group ... by Paul Amundson



The Men's Breakfast Group that meets at 8:00am on Thursdays at Pig & Pancake ... suspended until covid shut down is lifted (hopefully in 2 weeks).



Say Hello to your Deaconess!

Wait . . . what's a Deaconess?

by Deacon Sabine Maresco

In the last few weeks some of you may have been puzzled to see me at the altar, speaking the words of institution, blessing bread and wine. In the Lutheran church this ritual must be performed by a rostered minister, usually a pastor. When a pastor is not available, the bishop can authorize a deacon to take that place.

But back to "what's a Deaconess" and how did she change into a Deacon?

In the church, women have been servants of God and of the people of God. We especially remember women of the Hebrew scriptures, Miriam and Debora. . . In Romans 16, St. Paul writes, "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess in the church at Cenchreae . . ."

Those were some of the words spoken during my consecration (setting apart) into the diaconate of the Lutheran Church. It does come quite natural for my sisters of the Lutheran Deaconess Conference and me to look at *Phoebe* as the original deaconess – our 'founding sister.' However, Phoebe lived in a time and place that has little in common with today's society; so let me start my brief deaconess history just 200 years ago - instead of 2000.

In 1836, Pastor Theodor Fliedner and his wife Friedericke Münster, using the story of New Testament Phoebe (Romans 16:1), called women to serve as deaconesses in Kaiserswerth, Germany. Soon, the movement spread throughout Germany and into Scandinavia, France, and

Switzerland where the deaconesses ministered with vagrants, epileptics, those in prison, those recently released from prison, the sick, orphans, and anyone in need.

Throughout the latter half of the 19th century, pastors and deaconesses arrived in North America. They started hospitals and other institutions of mercy, as well as motherhouses in which to train deaconesses for service. It was in 1849 that the very first Lutheran Deaconess hospital (in fact, the first Protestant hospital in America) opened its doors. If looking close enough, one can find the name of a deaconess in the beginnings of almost every Lutheran Social Service agency.

By 2002, the year in which I started my 3-year formation period with the Lutheran Deaconess Association in Valparaiso, IN, much had changed again. While the original American Deaconesses were mostly nurses, my sisters and I are now administrators, chaplains, musicians, seminary faculty, social workers, teachers, therapists and - of course - still nurses. Minimum education requirement is a BA but, depending on the path taken, a professional degree may be needed. We understand our mission as providing service in and for the church, to be the connection between the church and the world. My place in the world became the hospital. As health



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters are "stitch quilts" at the present time. The group meeting for February 7th is cancelled. The February 21st meeting is on hold until Atonement Luther Church re-opens.

If you have questions, please contact Marian Brown.



News to Share



Parents: Peter and Meredith Mann

Our newest baby boy is Charlie Peter Mann, born on Saturday 1/22/2022 at 5:34 pm. He weighted 7lbs 10oz and was 22 inches long at birth. Both mom and baby are doing well. His siblings are in love and enjoying holding and snuggling him.



Deaconess

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care chaplain, I felt blessed to come alongside the patients at the Providence Cancer Center, to walk with them and their families the difficult path of diagnosis, treatment, and the many facets of God's healing.

One year after my chaplain/deaconess retirement, in 2016, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly laid the groundwork to move their ministerial rosters into two distinct venues: Word and Sacrament (Pastor) remaining the same, but Word and Service (Deacon) now combining - and renaming - diaconal ministers, deaconesses and associates in ministry in one unified roster.

So, say hello to your Deacon Sabine and, if you like, ask her about the story of the deaconess bonnet.



Oregon Synod

Walking Together Toward Courageous Love

*I*t's been two weeks since our letter recommending the closing of church buildings while we wait out the Omicron wave. Here is where we stand now:

- On Friday OHA reported another record-breaking day: 10,947 new cases. (Remember this number is most likely an undercount as it does not include positive tests taken at home.)
- There were 11% more new cases over the last week than the week prior, and three times as many as the week before that.
- State epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger predicts that the Omicron surge in Oregon has not yet reached its peak.
- As of Friday, January 21st 1000 people in Oregon were hospitalized with COVID. Some cases are incidental, but the patients still must be isolated, which increases the strain on hospitals.

Fortunately, things have improved modestly since we last wrote—most likely attributed to people changing their behavior because of the omicron surge, including churches!

OHSU has reduced their estimate for peak COVID hospitalizations from 1652 on January 27 to 1553 on February 1. (Assuming those that are practicing social distancing continue to do so.)

Our collective efforts are having the desired effects. Peter Graven, director of the OHSU Office of Advanced Analytics, said "This update reflects the fact that Oregonians are flattening the sharp upward curve of hospitalizations by stepping up public health measures to reduce the spread of infection." Dr. Sidelinger said Oregon's comparatively higher rates of mask-wearing and vaccination are blunting the peak of the current surge. "I want to thank the vast majority of Oregonians who continue to take these steps. Your actions have helped keep the death rates from COVID amongst the lowest of the states."

However, we are not out of the woods yet. 1553 is still a high number that will strain our healthcare system. (The peak during the fall Delta surge was ~1200.)

We need to stay the course for at least another two weeks.

This is HARD. We have entered our third pandemic year. We don't know when surges will end and we will transition from the pandemic to the endemic stage of the virus. For the time being, we need to remain nimble, steadfast, and loving.

We continue our prayers of gratitude for the highly effective vaccines, for new treatments, for reduced hospitalizations and deaths. We remain grateful for our faithful communities, looking out for the collective good and doing their best to protect the most vulnerable. (The COVID death rate in Oregon is half the national average.)

May we all do what we can to care for each other. Amen.

With deep gratitude, Bishop Laurie



Property Committee

by Randy Gilman



Room Rental: 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. Covid Protocols will be followed including wearing masks at all times.

*All food/snacks and drinks must be individual wrapped
and separate eating area designated.*

Please, contact our office for available dates and time.

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



Within a Circle of One Meter

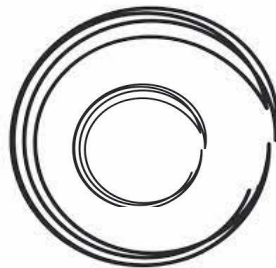
Submitted by Pastor Shelley Willem

Within a circle of one meter,

Within a circle of a mile,

Within a circle of 10 miles,

Within a circle of 100 miles,



You and I sit, pray and sing.

I eat, sleep, ???

I shop, watch movies, ???

I smell the ocean, ski the slopes, ???

Within a circle of 1,000 miles, I soak up the peace of Holden Village, ???

Within a circle of 10,000 miles, is the damage at Ground Zero, ???

Within a circle of 100,000 miles, are the children of Afghanistan,
the hunger in Africa, ???

Within a circle of 1,000,000 miles, I am swimming in the sea of shooting stars, ???

Within a circle ten billion kilometers large, I am outside the solar system,

Within a circle ten thousand light years large, Our galaxy - The Milky Way is growing

Within a circle one billion light years large, The next galaxy - Andromeda is
melting away

Within a circle ten billion light years large, All thoughts of time and space are
burnt away

Now - I sit, pray and sing!



Social Ministry ...

Food Pantry Program



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, February 28th 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.

Hygiene Drive ...Benefit Grace Wins Haven

by Sally Jennings

Grace Wins Haven shower van continues to provide showers to over 20 people each week.

We can help provide much needed supplies for this important service. Due to Covid precautions, single use hygiene items (like motels offer) are needed for the shower van.

Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, disposable razors, and deodorant are a constant need.

Dollar Tree and Dollar General are among the stores where these items can be purchased.

We will also be collecting new and gently used bath towels and washcloths. Please put your donations on the cart in the Narthex.

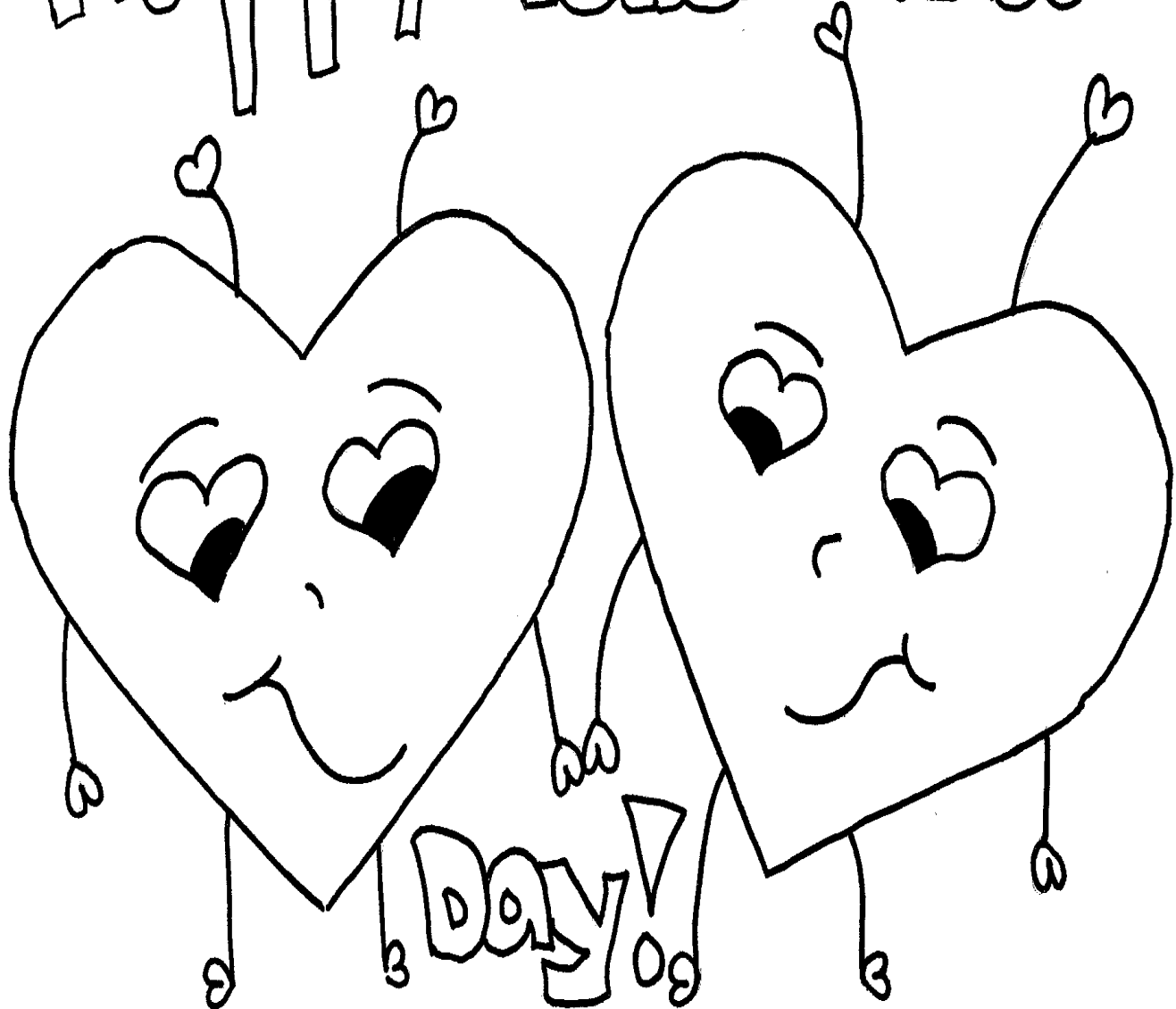


Kid's Page



Color me

Happy Valentines





February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 GROUND HOG DAY 	3	4 11-7pm Red Cross Drive (F/H) 	5 
6 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	7 Office closed	8 9:00am Property Mtg	9 12:30pm WELCA Bible Study 4:00pm Finance Mtg	10 1:00pm Outreach Mtg 4:00pm Social Ministry Mtg	11	12
13 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast  11:30pm Music & Worship Mtg	14 Office closed 	15	16 Life Screening (F/H) Rental 5:30pm Council Mtg	17 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ? 	18 Nat'l Drink Wine Day 	19
20 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast 	21 Office closed 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 	22 <i>WAVES</i> Deadline	23	24 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ?	25	26
27 10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	28 Office closed 5:30pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen					





Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
6 10:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
13 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
20 10:00 am	Susan Painter	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
27 10:00 am	Gary Thompson	Bette Harmon	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson



Bob Olson
Peggy Gilman
Pete Kraack



Lucy Milliken 2/1
Lois Greenwood 2/10
Lorinda White 2/12
Peggy Gilman 2/16
Paul Amundson 2/21



Norman & Anne
Barker

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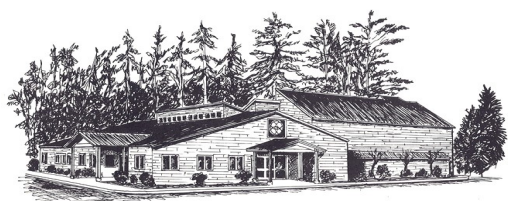




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Reaching Out with God's Love

Reminders—



Audio Worship Services
& Calendar on website



Food Pantry

Fill our Food Barrel
*Any dry or canned
goods.*