Makin' Waves

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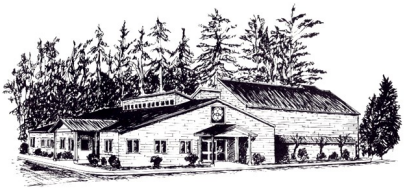

Worship Services
Sundays @ 10:00am

July 2022

Office Hours

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

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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.

Second BBQ for the Summer

July 27th @ 6:00pm

Our 2nd Summer BBQ's is coming. All food for the BBQ's will be prepared in the kitchen and served buffet style. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to sit outside or seating will be available in the fellowship hall. Windows and doors will be open, so bring a sweater to make sure you are warm enough. It will be wonderful to hear the "chatter" as we gather to share a meal. Watch the weekly WOW for more information.

Photos for Our Picture Board

by Marian Brown

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 talk to Marian Brown. We will schedule a date and time.

Financial Snapshot … ALC ~ May 2022

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

General Fund: *Revenues* during May '22 were $ 11,776

Expenses during May '22 were $ 19,756

YTD, our expenses have exceeded revenue by $27.

General Fund balance is $ 22,236.49

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

Rent increase from 2021 to 2022 is $1,420 per month.

Capital Fund balance is $ 90,404

Thrivent mortgage balance is $ 305,129.39

Dedicated Fund we have collected $930 to benefit Ukrainian relief

Restricted/Endowment balance is $ 114,545

Funds to spruce up memorial garden will be deducted from the restricted dedicated funds.

Vanco Online Donation/Offering

Our Vanco online Donation option is located on our website home & contact pages at: **https://www.atonementlutheran.com.**

If you are using this for the first time, signup is necessary to have your information on hand. Once you are in the system, it will bring up your information to complete transaction. If you need it, there is a *How to Use Direction Sheet* in the office.

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.

Note: We would welcome any Review for books in our library to be published in our newsletter.

Now that we are gradually back to normal, I like to give an update regarding the library.

We have a wonderful library. I would like to see it used more. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping us out. We need volunteers who can assist us in putting away books or anything along those lines.

Our main issue is that we need somebody who knows how to process new books. I am willing to learn how to do this if somebody can teach me how to do it.

If any of you are interested in working with us, please call me at (541) 265-5675 or let Raynette know.

Thank you in advance.

Barbara Utterback

Men's Breakfast Group ... by Paul Amundson

The Men's Breakfast Group meets at 8:00am on Thursdays at Pig N Pancake. If you would like to join us, please contact the office.

The Ties That Bind … by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters next Quilting will be September 19th. 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.

Outreach Committee Project

by Dan Moore

As a new community project, Atonement has committed to clean up and maintain the outside grounds of the Newport Post Office. It has been 2 years since the grounds were cleaned up and there are a lot of areas that need weeds pulled.

For whatever reason, no Federal funds have been allocated by the Government for this maintenance. If you interested in helping, we will be meeting at the Post Office on the Saturday afternoons listed below from *1:00-3:00pm* when the Post Office is closed. Please bring gloves and a kneeling pad. Trash bags for the weeds will be provided. The afternoons we will be working, are *July,9th,16th,23rd*.

Dan Moore is the contact person at 541-867-3762 or at danielscottmoore@comcast.net.

Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

The 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).**

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. Current Covid Protocols will be followed.

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

contact our office for available dates and time.

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

Harmony by Alora M. Knight

Outside my window flowers bloom
In a rampant disarray.
They pay no heed to color schemes
In their wonderful display.

I thought I heard a pansy say
In a low voice to a lily,
"I simply do not understand
Why human beings are so silly.

They will argue about color,
They will argue about size,
They even seem to disagree
About the shape of someone's eyes.

Though we're crowded in together,
There never seems to be
Any sign of agitation,
No disrespect that I can see."

An ageratum said, "You know,
Though I am low down on the ground,
I never feel that I am less
Than the tallest flowers around.

It is too bad that people
Cannot seem to realize
They should listen to their hearts,
Not just depend on ears and eyes.

It would help them understand
How much joy there then could be.
Accepting everyone as equals
Would give their lives sweet harmony."

Source: https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/harmony-3

Oregon Synod

Walking Together Toward Courageous Love

Yet again, Beloveds, we stand in hard and polarized times.

I realize many of us have strong feelings about Roe v. Wade and whether or not women should have the right to access safe and legal termination of pregnancy. Please pray for our nation, for the most vulnerable among us, and that justice would roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Wherever you stand, I encourage you and your congregation to read this pastoral word from Bp. Elizabeth Eaton below, and to revisit our social statement on abortion.

Bishop Laurie

Bishop Eaton issues pastoral message on SCOTUS ruling regarding Roe v. Wade

Dear church,

Whatever personal perspective one might take on the June 24 abortion ruling from the Supreme Court, it is the legal framework in which we now minister, and I wish to speak a pastoral word at this time.

The Supreme Court has voted to overturn Roe v. Wade, removing federal constitutional protection for safe and legal abortion and leaving decisions about abortion law largely to the states. As a result, safe and legal abortion will likely not be accessible in every state. This church's 1991 social statement *Abortion* argues that "the number of induced abortions is a source of deep concern" but teaches that the practice should be legal (pp. 3, 9-10). In other words, "Laws should be enacted and enforced justly for the preservation and enhancement of life, and should avoid unduly encumbering or endangering the lives of women" (p. 9). Overturning Roe v. Wade and placing decisions about abortion regulation at the state level encumbers and endangers the lives of all persons who need to make decisions about unexpected pregnancies.

First, as a pastor of this church, I want to acknowledge that this decision affects many people, especially those whose pregnancies unfold in complex situations and the people who love them. Many now find their moral agency restricted because federal law no longer guarantees access to legal and safe abortion. They already face difficult moral questions, and the Supreme Court decision only adds to their anguish. As our social statement reminds us, we have both the freedom and the obligation to serve neighbors in complex situations. As a church, we are called at this moment to recognize and spiritually support people who are struggling with decisions around pregnancy.

Second, as presiding bishop, I want to remind this church that, despite this new legal landscape, we continue to depend on our social teaching for guidance. Our social statement provides the moral framework for our church's communal discernment and

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Pastoral Message

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ministry, holding in tension both the strong Christian presumption to preserve and protect all life as well as the complex moral situations in which pregnancy sometimes occurs. Our social teaching is complex and does not hew to clear categories or labels such as "pro-abortion" or "anti-abortion."

That complexity is reflected in several points. The statement recognizes that pregnant persons have moral agency; they are the ones to make decisions about a pregnancy (see pp. 5-6). This church and its ministers trust them to decide but expect them to make such decisions in relationship—with God, self, partner, family, ministers and others.

I also want to underscore for the whole body of Christ the statement's exhortation "that those who counsel persons faced with unintended pregnancies respect how deeply the woman's pregnancy involves her whole person—body, mind and spirit—in relation to all the commitments that comprise her stewardship of life" (p. 5).

Further, our church teaching holds that there are no exclusive rights in pregnancy. A pregnant person does not have an exclusive right to abort a fetus at all points during the pregnancy. A developing life does not have an exclusive right to be born (p. 2). This church does not support abortion as a normative form of birth control but rather understands it as necessary in some morally responsible circumstances. This church does not condone late-term abortions except in extreme circumstances, which must be determined by the individual with their medical caregivers (p. 7).

This church acknowledges that individuals and religious traditions hold divergent viewpoints over when life begins. These divergent views are not only scientific but also biblical and cultural. The ELCA social statement acknowledges these ethical ambiguities and states that "the closer the life in the womb comes to full term the more serious such [moral] issues become." (p. 7).

As we live into this new legal framework, we can respond to and minister in the current situation, for instance, by ministering to individuals who seek abortions; advocating for laws that provide free or affordable health care, child care and education; providing and promoting sex education; continuing to be a community of discernment where thoughtful and diverse perspectives can be shared and heard; and advocating for state laws that provide legal, safe and affordable abortions, and against legislation that would outlaw abortion in all circumstances (p. 9).

Finally, I wish to remind everyone that this church supports peaceful means of expression within a diverse society. Peaceful protest is a crucial element of civic engagement; violent protest is not, and this church reproves it. Likewise, this church is on record against hate speech. Let us be instruments for peace where there is none. Let us listen to one another. Let us serve the needs of neighbors in all the complexities life presents. God calls us to be *for* others, just as God in Christ is for us.

In Christ, The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop

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Kid's Page

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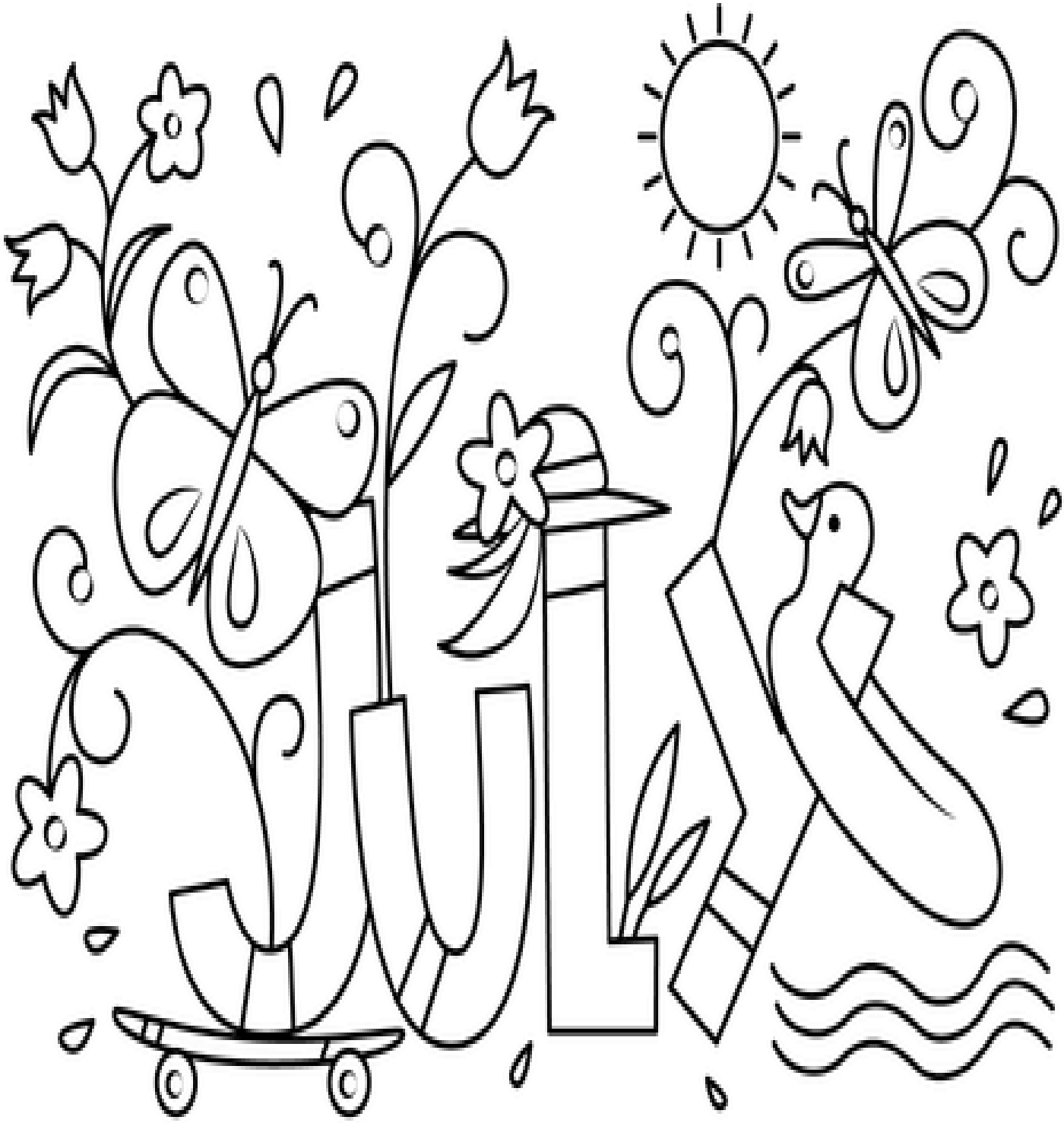

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	National Parks Month		National Picnic Month		1	2
3 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast	4 Office closed	5	6 Nat'l Fried Chicken Day	7 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	8	9
10 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:30pm Music & Worship Mtg	11 Office closed	12 9:00am Property Mtg 10:30am Parish Life Mtg	13 Nat'l French Fry Day 4:00pm Finance	14 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 7am OCQG F/H 1:00pm Outreach 4:00pm S/M Mtg	15	16
17 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	18 Office closed	19 World Music Day	20 7:00pm Council Mtg	21 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ?	22 *WAVES* **Deadline**	23 Vanilla Ice Cream Day
24 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	25 Office closed 5:30pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	26	27 6:00pm BBQ	28 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ?	29	30
31 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast			UV Safety Month			

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians	Recorder
3 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
10 10:00 am	Karen Grams	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
17 10:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Bette Harmon	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
24 10:00 am	Tami Johnson	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
31 10:00 am	Sabine Maresco	Bette Harmon	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson

	Ushers	Greeters	Counters
3 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Dan Moore/Maryellen Murphy	Bob Olson /Peggy Gilman
10 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Penelope McCue/Patty Fox	Peggy Gilman /Cathy Devereaux
17 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Dan Moore/Maryellen Murphy	Cathy Devereaux/Bob Olson
24 10:00 pm	Joe Baumgarten	Penelope McCue/Patty Fox	Pete Kraack/Dan Moore
31 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Dan Moore/Maryellen Murphy	Dan Moore/Bette Harmon

Dan Moore	7/4
Joe Baumgarten	7/11
Corinne Johnson	7/17
Joan Rolph	7/20
Anne Stangeland	7/21
Marian Brown	7/23
Jean Amundson	7/28

Randy & Peggy Gilman	7/1
Lester & Marilyn Day	7/25

3	_____
10	Suzi Budeau (in memory of Ken & Shirley Zeek
17	_____
24	Paul & Jean Amundson
31	_____

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, July 25th 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.

Food Pantry … Prepared Food Program by Jim Myers

We have a new Pantry program called the Prepared Food Program which will prepare and serve ready to eat foods once or twice a week to transitional shelters in Newport such as Samaritan House.

I attached a short article asking for volunteer cooks to help in preparing the food in the program. The article and Pantry logo is on Atonement's bulletin board.

Appreciate any help in getting the word out! This will be a valuable new addition in the Pantry's fight against hunger in Newport.

Gift Cards …

This program provides an emergency meal for people who stop by the church and need help. Many thanks for previous donations of food cards. It is greatly appreciated. If you still want to help, we could use food cards ($5.00 or 10.00) from McDonalds, Burger King or Taco Bell.

Welcome to Our Church

Reaching Out with God's Love

Pastor … Jane Baker

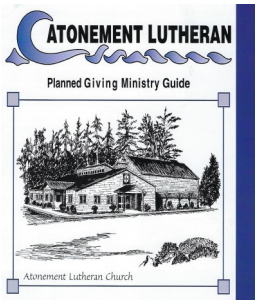
pastorjane@atonementlutheran.com
541 265 2554

Website … www.atonementlutheran.com

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

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 mailbox area.



Estate Planning

Have you remembered Atonement Lutheran Church in your Will or Estate Plan?

For you convenience and interest, we have pamphlets available on table near mailbox area .