

Atonement Lutheran Church 2315 N Coast Hwy—Newport, OR





Worship Services Sundays @ 10:00am

March 2022

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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





# Our Journey thru Lent

by Marian Brown

On Ash Wednesday (page 3), we begin our forty-day journey through Lent towards Easter with a self-guided service of reflection, meditation, prayer and placing of candles on the Altar.

This year the congregation will as a group, use the daily devotions for lent "Grace Abounded". These devotions will be used for discussion during our Wednesday evening Zoom Soup & Bread gathering at 6:00pm.

With the return of in person worship, our Journey has added meaning, as we once again gather in the sanctuary on Sunday morning as well as offering our Sunday service on Zoom.

The Members of Atonement, will also celebrate the arrival of new pastoral leadership during Lent. We look forward to the celebration of Holy Week and Easter Sunday with Pastor Jane Baker. We are blessed and have much to be thankful for.

Take some time out of your busy days to follow the path of Jesus and his journey thru Lent.



#### 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 ~ January 2022



Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

**General Fund:** Revenues during Jan '22 are \$ 8,773

Which includes a grant donation as well as room rental income.

Expenses during Jan '22 are \$ 15,212

Stewardship exceeded budget due to 2022 invoice for offering envelopes ordered last year. General & Administrative we're slightly over budge due to our annual Living Lutheran subscription.

Net cash flow YTD is (\$ 6,439)

Which is very similar to the 2021 deficit.

General Fund balance is \$ 15,355.27

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

Capital Fund balance is \$89,937

Thrivent mortgage balance is \$ 336,925.03

**Dedicated Fund** Balance remains at \$ 16,273

The memorial donations are now reflected under the commit-

tees who have access to these funds.

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 122,509

Our investments in Edward Jones as well as Thrivent took a hit

in January.



# Estate Planning



Have you remembered Atonement Lutheran Church in your Will or Estate Plan? This is a good time to consider this, as you review your finances for the tax man.



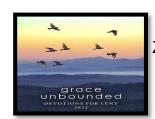
#### Midweek Lenten Service Schedule

#### Ash Wednesday ... March 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:30am—12:30 pm 6:00pm-7:00pm

- It will be a self-directed service.
- In-person—sanctuary will be open for meditation
- Ashes on foreheads-do it yourself
- Pick up a votive candle prior to entering the sanctuary and place near the Christ candle.
- Music will be provided.

#### Lenten Wednesday Services ... March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

6:00pm Wednesday evening



Zoom Soup & Bread gathering







 $\mathscr{W}^{\text{ELCA Bible study, will be dealing with the Kingdom of God.}}$  We will be 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, March  $16^{\text{th}}$  at 12:30pm.

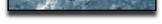




# Men's Breakfast Group ... by Paul Amundson

The Men's Breakfast Group that meets at 8:00am on Thursdays at Pig N Pancake. If you would like to join us, please contact the office and we will add you to our reservation list.







### The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

T he Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters are "stitch quilts" at the present time. The group is meeting this month on March 7<sup>th</sup> & March 21st. We will gather 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.





# 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.





Pe are reaching out to you because the pantry needs new volunteers! Our flyer with the important details will be posted on ALC Bulletin Board.

We are looking for volunteers who can regularly lift 50 lbs or more, any folks who have a special interest in cooking, and of course a passion for serving those in our community. We anticipate a growing

need in the coming months and we are trying to actively recruit and schedule support for our current staff and volunteers.

You are welcome to contact us via email or phone with any questions or leads you may have.



#### WHEN COMICS TELL TALES OF TRAGEDY

by Susan Elizabeth Painter

"Maus?" the Newport librarian asked me quietly, "You want to see why it's banned?" Yes, I acknowledged, I had never heard of the book in 1986. I never knew about it when it won a Pulitzer Prize. But now, censored by a school board in Tennessee, the book beckoned.

It is a graphic novel about the Holocaust. Crafted in comic book form, the story is Art Spiegelman's version of his parents' persecution during the terrors of Nazi Poland. The drawings are powerful – more stark, because only black and white. The Jews are mice – maus – and the Nazis are cats. Other characters are different animals or mice with masks to disguise their true appearance.

The story charts the harrowing story of Vladek and Anja: their courtship and marriage, the insidious Nazi infestation in their lives, their efforts to hide, to bribe, to run and ultimately to escape from the threats on their lives. The couple is separated in the concentration camps. They send an infant son away, hoping to save him, but they never see him again. Eventually re-united, wasted in body but strong in spirit, they have another son, Art. Overcome later by the ravages of their experiences, Anja slits her wrists and Vladek finds her in the bathtub.

The story has a quiet power. A school board in McMinn County, Tennessee recently pulled it from the eighth grade courses in which it had been taught, objecting to the "rough" language and the drawing of part of Anja's nude body in the bathtub. The author noted perhaps the board wanted "a kinder, gentler Holocaust." But sales of the book have soared, and libraries have waiting lists of borrowers. At least two stores have volunteered to send copies to the junior high students being "protected" from it in Tennessee.

At the same time, the Multnomah County Library has chosen another graphic story, Mira Jacob's memoir *Good Talk*, as this year's selection for its annual "Everybody Reads" program. The organization is offering free copies of the book in each of its Portland branches. The story tracks the lives of an interracial family – a Jewish dad and his Indian wife – through conversations with their young son, Z, as he tries to make sense of the world after 9/11. He wonders if he will be safe and why the towers fell. He asks about those who hate us so much. As the 2016 election changed the face of the country, he wonders if the new president will "want to ban him too." The parents' talks are wrenching: is prejudice against a Jew worse than the invisibility suffered by a brownskinned woman? How to protect a child without terrifying him? What honest answers can a child hear without pain?

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# 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





#### Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

Your supporters (18 households) who shopped at Fred Meyers between October 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021 have contributed to your \$32.98 total donation.

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



#### Tales of Tragedy

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Each book reminds us of the atrocities of the past and the abuses of the present. Banning a book – or failing to ask the hard questions each story requires – will simply continue our sad history of injustice and failure. As Bishop Desmond Tutu said, "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, let us be open to the tragedies that are part of our common humanity. Let us remember that Jesus' suffering happened for each of us; it binds us to Him in a common need to stop suffering in our broken world.

# Social Ministry ...

#### Food Pantry Program



the blue barrel by the south entrance is ready for any package T aged/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 eam Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, March 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 Anne Stangeland

Social Ministry is having a hygiene drive for Grace Wins from

#### February14<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>.

We need the following hygiene items in small personalized containers: soap, shampoo, conditioner and disposable razor blades. We also need gently used or new wash cloths and bath towels. There will be a table in the narthex for donations.

Your help with this project is much appreciated.





# Come Join our Service Programs

I f 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.











# **March 2022**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March is NATIONAL WOMEN'S LISTORY Month		1	2 Ash Wednesday 12:00-1:00pm 6:00 –7:00pm	8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake  weeld wildlife Day	Employee Appreciation Dayl	5
10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast	Office closed 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	9:00am Property Mtg	4:00pm Finance Mtg 6:00pm Lenten Service	8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11-3pm OCQG F/H 1:00pm Outreach Mtg 4:00pm Social Ministry Mtg	11	12
10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:30pm Music & Worship Mtg	7 4 Office closed	15	12:30pm WELCA Bible Study 6:00pm Lenten Service 7:00pm Council Mtg	8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake?	18	19
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10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	28 Office closed  5:30pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	29  MARCH 29** VIETNAM VETERANS DAY	6:00pm Lenten Service	31 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake		NATIONAL NAT



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# **Worship Page**

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

<u>Ushers</u>

#### Zoom Host

# 6 10:00 am Sylvia Pauly Joe Baumgarten 13 10:00 am Maryellen Murphy Joe Baumgarten 20 10:00 am Travis Fox Joe Baumgarten 27 10:00 pm Joe Baumgarten







Sarah Black	3/3
Ed Milliken	3/5
Terri McCulley	3/8
Renee Andrews	3/10
Carol Duvall	3/14
Rhonda Harman	3/20
Bennett Mann	3/21
Norman Barker	3/23
Vo Newell	3/25
Sabine Maresco	3/25
Tecia Ezzell	3/29



Bob Olson Peggy Gilman Pete Kraack



Pete & Beverly	
Kraack	3/5
Rhonda Harman &	
Cathy Devereaux	3/12



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**Return Services Requested** 



Reaching Out with God's Love

### Reminders—



Audio Worship Services & Calendar on website





Fill our Food Barrel Any dry or canned goods.