



Makin' Waves

Atonement Lutheran Church
2315 N Coast Hwy—Newport, OR



Worship Services
Sundays @ 10:00am

May 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



Did You Know by Pastor Jane Baker



That large white candle in the sanctuary is called the Paschal Candle?

The term *Paschal* comes from the Latin word *Pascha*, which came from the Hebrew word *Pesach*, which, in Hebrew means "Passover," and correlates to the Paschal mystery of salvation. This candle is also called the "Easter candle" or the "Christ candle."

Paschal, in Judeo-Christian terms, means pertaining either to Easter (the Pascha) or to its forerunner, the Hebrew Passover. In the Old Testament, God's Passover resulted in the gift of freedom to the Hebrew people from their Egyptian masters.

On Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, the entire church is darkened by extinguishing all candles, symbolizing the darkness of a world without God. For churches that celebrate the Easter vigil on the night of Holy Saturday the ceremonial lighting of the Paschal candle is one of the most solemn moments of the service.

A new Paschal candle is blessed and lit every year at Easter, and is used throughout the Easter season of the liturgical church year, as well as on special occasions such as baptisms, funerals, some feast days such as The Baptism of Jesus, and All saints day, and during the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany. With the advent of oil-refillable-Paschal candles, a "new" one is not necessary every year.

At the opening of the Easter Vigil a "new fire" is lit and blessed. The Paschal candle is the first candle to be lit, representing the light of Christ coming into the world. This represents the risen Christ (light & life) dispelling darkness (death). During the Easter service the candle is lit, reminding the people of the



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ March 2022



Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

General Fund: *Revenues* during March '22 were \$ 19,843

Expenses during March '22 were \$ 15,337

This is the second consecutive month that an annual offering was received in a positive income for March.

Net cash flow YTD is \$ 18,006

General Fund balance is \$ 33,926

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

Council approved Ukrainian relief of \$3,000 was accomplished by an international wire. The extra principal for March had already been applied to our March 23rd payment. Therefore, the relief sent will be our April extra principal substitution.

Capital Fund balance is \$ 89,721

Thrivent mortgage balance is \$ 318,078.03

Dedicated Fund Balance is \$ 19,413

Atonement received a final distribution from the estate of Keith M Swenson directed to fund Randy's Feed & Read which increased dedicated fund.

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 122,806

Increase due to investment with Edward Jones.



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light of Christ's resurrection overcoming the darkness of the tomb. Therefore, the Paschal candle is a symbol of Christ rising from the dead to be the Light of the World. The Paschal Candle is kept near the baptismal font because it is used during the Liturgy of Baptism. It is lit during baptism to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit. During the baptismal rite, a small lit candle is given to the newly baptized, with words: "Let your light so shine before others, that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

The Paschal candle is also lit and placed near the casket or urn during funeral and memorial services, signifying the hope of the resurrection into which Christians are baptized.



from the Pastor

Pastor Jane Baker



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Most of us, at one time or another, find it difficult to pray, either because we are angry at God, distracted by our busyness, filled with guilt, unsure of how to pray, or a host of other reasons. But most of us sense a deep need and hunger for a more profound, intimate connection to God through prayer. Often we don't even know what words to use. I commend the Psalms to you as a way to jumpstart your prayer life.

According to Ellen Davis, in her book *Getting Involved With God*, "The Psalms are the single best guide to the spiritual life currently in print. They will likely still be on the shelf long after everything else in the spirituality section of the bookstore has gone out of print." I think she is right. Just about anything you could learn from the other books is already there, at least in bite-sized pieces, in the Psalter.

You might be thinking: but some of those Psalms are about being mad at God. Maybe we shouldn't think things like this: *we must have already forgiven our enemy before God will listen to our prayer. Or, since we are a people of hope, there is no place for despair or fear in the Christian life.* Or this thought: (which has probably squelched more prayer than any other) *You must never, ever be mad at God.* But we cannot have an intimate relationship with someone to whom we cannot speak honestly—that is, someone

to whom we can show our unseemly side. It's the same with our relationship with God. That is what the Psalms are about. The Psalms are a kind of First Amendment for the faithful. They guarantee us complete freedom of speech before God, and they give us a detailed model of how to exercise that freedom.

The Psalms are not all rhapsodies of praise, proclaiming that God is enthroned in heaven and all is right with the world. Many of them accurately suggest that there is a great deal wrong with the world and they demand that God do something about it! Take, for instance, the psalmist's pious wish that his enemies would melt like a slug on a hot road (Psalm 58:8). Yet, they still come to us as the Word of God.

The Psalms are formulated as prayer—as human words to God, yet because they are part of the Bible, we understand them as God's word to us—or better, the Psalms are God's word *in* us. To paraphrase Paul in the letter to the Romans (8:26), the Psalms are the Spirit of God speaking through us, helping us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought, which is most of the time.

In these turbulent and uncertain times we need to be praying. Give the Psalms a try. They are a gift to us. God will be there to listen and to speak, and God will bless your time together.

Resurrection Peace & Easter blessings,
Pastor Jane



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters are "stitch quilts" at the present time. The group is meeting this month on May 2nd & May 16th. 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.



Mother's Day Chamber Concert

Newport Symphony Orchestra violinist Alistair Kok and his Trio Musicorum Medicorum Trio will be presenting a free community Mother's Day Chamber Concert Sunday afternoon May 8th & 2:00pm at Atonement Lutheran Church located at 2315 North Coast Highway in Newport. Also, on the program is the McKay High School Chamber Orchestra from Salem.

This special chamber concert is a presentation of the Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival which recently held its fourth annual event in Newport. The Festival will return next April for its fifth season. For more information about the Festival go to their web-site at www.youthsymphonyfestival.org.



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.



Practicing Resurrection in Poland

by Susan Painter

When Dick, Bill Sharp's long-term running buddy, planned travel to Poland to help with Ukraine relief, Bill said "yes! Me too!"

When Dick asked Bill to gather first aid packs, refresh his CPR and AED training and ask for donations to the effort, Bill said "yes."

After the 20 hour flight across the world to Przemyśl, when World Central Kitchen asked them to make sandwiches from 9 am to 8 pm every day, Bill said "yes."

Bill is my colleague, a lawyer from Eugene. For the past three weeks, he and Dick helped serve delicious food created by "great and some well-known chefs" in Poland. In the first couple of weeks after the brutal Russian attack on Ukraine, Przemyśl, a city of about 66,000 people near the border, welcomed over 350,000 through the town to buses and trains and a different, uncertain life. Every day, "spurred on by great rock music," Bill and his companions labored in repurposed warehouses to label, organize and serve soup and sandwiches to grateful and gracious Ukraine people invited for a meal...or several.. for as long as they wanted or needed to stay. They served about 500 to 1200 Ukrainians each day.

When Pawel, the owner of an electric supply company who was also working at the Kitchen, invited Bill to help him make deliveries at the border crossing, Bill said yes, it was one of the places he wanted to go. There, they saw people who had walked many, many miles. It was cold and raining, but Bill observed, "The main thing to see was: joy, smiles, soldiers picking up bags for those

fleeing and carrying them through all the aid tents until they could reach a bus." Bill found the Polish people "heroic on many levels." The soldiers walked humbly with refugees, patiently waiting as they stopped at any aid tent, carrying the suitcases, "the best examples of public servants."

When Bill and Dick met the president of the city, personally delivering humanitarian supplies throughout western Ukraine, and realized how much he could use the AED, dental supplies, major-trauma EMT backpacks and clothes they had brought along, they said "yes," and gave him all they had.

When Dick tested positive for Covid and had to leave, going to Krakow for treatment, Bill of course said, yes, he would carry on their efforts. At the front-door tent in the town's train station, Bill met more than 300 Ukrainian people. Despite "being roused from their homes by a criminal of historic dimensions," the people were overwhelmingly "polite, patient, gracious and appreciative... truly nice people. Beautiful people with beautiful kids. As they take our sandwiches, they take our soup, they thank us and they even smile. I say, 'you're welcome' in my few words of Ukrainian. **Boy**, are they welcome!"

When a Ukrainian teenage girl offered to help label and sort the sandwiches, Bill said "yes," even though he knew he was bending the rules. When she told him her dreams of becoming a doctor, Bill exchanged contact information as she departed and offered to help. And when a



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.*

contact our office for available dates and time.

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



News to Share



Her name is Reed Iris Minch. Her parents are Chloe' (our daughter) and Jon Minch. Chloe' Is the vice principal at Newport middle school and Jon Is a special ed teacher at Taft.

She was born on Monday, March 11 at 7:50am here in Newport. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and is 21 inches long. Mom and baby are both healthy and their little family is thriving. She is their first child and our first grandchild. So far she loves being read to And rolled halfway over on day three. She is the love of all of our lives.



Practicing Resurrection in Poland

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small, three year old boy looked longingly at a stuffed animal, Bill got down on his knees, said "Yes," and gave it to him, thinking, "if the only thing I got done in my trip was to hand the stuffed animal to that little boy, ... the whole trip was worth it."

On Easter Sunday, Pastor Jane asked us, "Where have you seen resurrection lately?" One answer for me is my friend Bill. Like Jesus' disciples, he became braver and stronger, visiting strangers, bringing aid and food because of what was set free in him. He truly "practiced resurrection" in Przemyśl.



Wednesday May 18, 2022 @12:30pm



*M*ay finds WELCA having its last meeting May 18th, after which we will take a summer respite and then resume again in the fall.

So please join us for coffee, cookies and a devotional time led by Ann Stangeland at the church at 12:30pm. You can also join us by zoom. Come one come all!



National Day of Prayer

*A*tonement Lutheran Church Members and Friends are invited to attend the National Day of Prayer. It will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th St Newport, OR, on May 5th @ 5:00pm. Zoom @ www.facebook.com/newportfpc.



Men's Breakfast Group ... by Paul Amundson

*T*he 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.



A Meadow Grows ... by Teena Tincan

Magenta violets, low, still to the ground
 For no wind strengthens its roots on this day.
 Calmly entering daybreaks golden, warm embrace.
 Easter tulips resurrected, guarding the serenity of the meadow.
 Distracting danger away from the fragility, below its long stems.
 As each creature awakens, from the coolness of the night air.
 Scurrying about the meadow's morning offering.
 Flowing waters from a nearby stream, feeding the landscape.
 Winter's icy grip no longer restraining.
 Each new seed from a visitor has taken root and its place.
 Lovelier evermore.



Kid's Page



Color me



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast	2 Office closed 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	3 11am Coffee w/Pastor Jane 	4 First Presbyterian Church @ 5:00pm	5 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 	6  1pm Coffee w/Pastor Jane	7
8  10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast 11:30pm Music & Worship Mtg 2:00pm Mother's Day Concert	9 Office closed	10 9:00am Property Mtg 11:30am Parish Life Mtg 7pm Coffee w/Pastor Jane	11 11am Coffee w/Pastor Jane 4:00pm Finance	12 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11am OCQG F/H 1:00pm Outreach 4:00pm S/M Mtg	13 8-4:30pm OCQG Workshop	14
15 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 	16 Office closed 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	17 7pm Coffee w/Pastor Jane	18 12:30pm WELCA Bible Study 7:00pm Council Mtg	19 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	20 SAVE A LIFE!  ADOPT A PET!	21
22 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	23 Office closed 5:30pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	24 WAVES Deadline 	25 1pm Coffee w/Pastor Jane	26 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ?	27	28 HAPPY NATIONAL BURGER DAY 
29 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	30 Office closed 	31	Nat'l Physical Fitness and Sports 			





Worship Page

Worship

1 10:00 am
8 10:00 am
15 10:00 am
22 10:00 am
29 10:00 am

Readers

Karen Grams
Darcy de la Rosa
Gary Thompson
Jean Amundson
Rhonda Harman

Altar Guild

Marian Brown
Marian Brown
Marian Brown
Marian Brown
Bette Harmon

Musicians

Marian Brown
Marian Brown
Tami Johnson
Melodie McKenzie
Tami Johnson

Recorder

Arnie Anderson
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Zoom Host

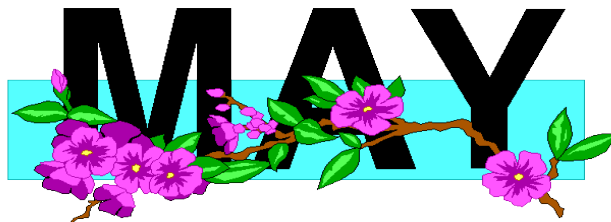
1 10:00 am Sylvia Pauly
8 10:00 am Maryellen Murphy
15 10:00 am Travis Fox
22 10:00 pm _____
29 10:00 am _____

Ushers

Joe Baumgarten
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Joe Baumgarten

Greeters

Susan Gordon/Dan Moore
Patty Fox/Maryellen Murphy
Dan Moore/Susan Gordon
Penelope McCue/Rhonda Harman
Patty Fox/Maryellen Murphy



Bob Olson 5/4
James Ezzell 5/5
Laura Swanson 5/9
Helen Ezzell 5/11
Penny McCue 5/11
Tim Miller-Morgan 5/20
Lily Phelps 5/20
Karen Grams 5/23
Debbie Adamson 5/24
Tami Johnson 5/25



Bob Olson
Peggy Gilman
Pete Kraack
Dan Moore



1 Karen Grams—memory of daughter Sonja & Brother Paul
8 Paul & Jean Amundson—daughter Kara's birthday
15 Raynette & Mike Rawles
22 _____
29 _____

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.

Food Pantry ... Prepared Food Program

by Jim Myers



We are starting up 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.

Stone Soup ... by Mike Rawles



Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, May 23rd 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.



Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

Your supporters (17 households) who shopped at Fred Meyers between January 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2022 have contributed to your \$35.71 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)**.



Reaching Out with God's Love

Pastor ... Jane Baker

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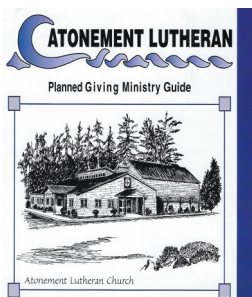
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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