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# Waves



## Worship Services

Sundays @ 10:00am

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## Office Hours

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



# ATONEMENT LUTHERAN WELCOMES PASTOR JOHN SMITHIES

by Susan Elizabeth Painter, Atonement Vice President



On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Atonement Lutheran, an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregation, welcomed Pastor John Smithies to serve as a Bridge Minister for several months. John recently completed all steps in the process of becoming an ordained Pastor in the ELCA and is awaiting his first call. He comes to Atonement with the dispensation of the Bishop to perform all functions of an ordained minister. Pastor Jane Baker, who accepted a call as pastor of the church earlier this year, has suffered an unexpected medical setback and taken a leave of absence from her duties.

Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar and the Bishop's Associate, Juan Carlos La Puente Tapia, visited Atonement this past weekend to endorse and support this transitional ministry. They also took an opportunity to thank the congregation for its faithfulness during the past difficult years, and also for the blessings offered to the late Interim Pastor Shelley Willem during her final illness.

Pastor John remembers being called to the ministry during a conversation with a friend in high school. On his way home from a football game, he and his friend began a chat about faith which led to his decision that he wanted to become a pastor. He was raised in northern California, leaving home for Portland to attend Multnomah Bible College. From there, he travelled to seminary in Philadelphia. While studying, he also had a job as youth director in a Lutheran Church. He had not been raised Lutheran, but

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 ~ August 2022

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



**General Fund:** Revenues during August '22 were \$ 8,181

Expenses during August '22 were \$ 18,613

The pastoral expenses and outreach and hospitality expenses remain outside budget, but have been explained in previous meetings. Donations for the summer BBQ will bring Parish Life back with \$150.00 of budget. The glaring overage in General and Administrative expenses is due to a duplicate entry correction which occurred in 2019 for a computer purchase

General Fund balance is \$ 13,611

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

Our mortgage balance fell below \$ 287,037.11

In August, it was necessary to dip into the Thrivent Investment in order to subsidize the General Fund as approved at last month's meeting.

Capital Fund balance is \$ 58,961

**Dedicated Fund** balance is \$ 21,072

We have issued a wire transfer of \$3,210 to our sister church in Lodz, Poland. Thank you to all who contributed to Ukrainian refugee relief.

**Restricted/Endowment** balance is \$ 110,460

Down from a beginning balance of \$131, 059 in January. We have Had 3 months of positive returns and 3 months of stinging negative adjustments. Likewise, the Thrivent investment (in Capital Funds) is down greater than \$10,000.



## Vanco Online Donation/Offering

**O**ur 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.



Pastor John Smithies

Many blessings to you all as we start a new month and continue our journey together. It always amazes me how fast time starts to go by, and it's amazing to me that we are starting a new month together. As we gather in the beginning of the changing of seasons, it is fall now, we are trying to return to old cycles of our church life, and I invite you all to the different ministries and opportunities that are returning. It's been a long journey the last few years, and we don't know yet what the future holds, but at the moment we are looking forward to continuing the journey of renewing ministries, this is the moment we are in.

A few things that I am looking forward to in October is Francis of Assis day, a day when we remember our animal companions both currently with us and those who have passed. Our relationship with God's creation can form meaningful and lasting relationship with different and various kinds of creatures, we will be honoring those relationships and asking for God's blessing on the lives of those in our care. This will take the form of an outdoor blessing on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> in which you are invited to bring your animals to be blessed. On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> we will continue this theme in a festival Sunday, please no animals inside, as we continue to praise God for the wonders of creation.

Also, I am excited to be starting up Adult Forum on Sunday mornings. We will meet at 9:00am in the fellowship hall, both in

person and on zoom. In October, I thought it would be fun and meaningful to look at issues related to worship and liturgy. We will be looking at what we do, why we do it, and how we do it. This will be an opportunity maybe as review, but also a time to go deeper at the meaning behind the actions and movement in the liturgy. If you have ever wondered why we do the things we do, this is an opportunity to come and look deeper into it, ask questions, and explore. Please bring your questions and you're musing. In November, we will start looking at the Gospels with an introduction to the Gospel of Matthew as we prepare to begin a New Church year at the start of Advent.

Also, I encourage everyone to feel free to stop by the church during our business hours and say hello. We always have coffee at the ready and I am always happy to meet and talk with you. Please note, if the door is closed, than I am in a meeting, but if its open come on in!

As we continue our journey together know that I am here for you all and I invite you all to this wonderful journey together, as we experience God in our midst and hold those in need in our prayers.

Blessings

*Pastor John Smithies*



# The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters next Quilting will be Monday October 3rd and 17th @ 9:00am and 1:00pm. 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.



## ALC Welcomes ... Continue from page 1



while working in that church, he found a spiritual home, embracing the Lutheran theology of grace and community of welcome.

After seminary, John decided to take time for reflection and to pursue a different career path before seeking to serve a church. He considered Jesus' admonition that, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me." [Matt: 25:40] and applied to work in the massive Monroe Correctional Complex in Washington. Over the next 16 years, he labored, first as a corrections officer, then as a sergeant and finally as a lieutenant. A few years ago, he determined that the time was right to resume his journey and begin the process of seeking a call to a church. That decision led him to an internship at Edmonds Lutheran Church in Edmonds, Washington, a congregation he served until the end of this July.

Pastor John played football and wrestling in high school and tried his hand at rugby during the years of his prison work. About 8 years ago, intrigued when his daughter wanted a boogie board, he began surfing. The water and the waves, he says, offer a powerful and compelling spiritual dimension. His love for surfing added to the attraction he felt when Atonement offered him this chance to serve during its time of transition.

Pastor John and his wife have three children all of whom are nearly ready to pursue careers of their own. They currently share their home with four ferrets. His wife was hesitant at first about these pets, succumbing to negative stories she'd heard about the small creatures. But when she learned that ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has a ferret, she agreed to give them a chance. They now describe the four tiny beings - each with a name starting with "M" - as smart, playful, curious and challenging.

Pastor John sees his time at Atonement as handling the "relief shift" before Pastor Jane returns. He plans to resume the Adult Forum on Sundays and has begun regular office hours with an "open door policy" at the church. He hopes to coordinate community service with other local churches and plans a service to include a Blessing of the Animals in the autumn season.



## 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



## 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 Paul Amundson, Mike Rawles or the office.



## News to Share



Jim Lynn ... He was an Associated Member of our church, retired Methodist Pastor and a friend to all ...  
reported by his wife Diane Lynn

On Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, Jim passed away at Springtown Park. We had just brought him in Hospice that day and within hours, he died. We are grieving and it seemed so soon and yet we knew it was coming. It has been a long road but the journey is over and he has gone home.

He loved you all at Atonement Lutheran and wanted to serve where he could. He kept his prayer list as long as he was able. The folks at the care facility loved his sense of humor that somehow kept showing up.

I wanted to let you know as I know he would have wanted. There will be a celebration of his life in the United Methodist Church in California sometime closer to his birthday in January.



## Hello from the Library Committee ... by Bonnie Powell

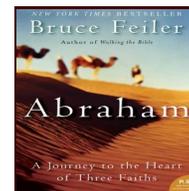
It's with a sense of excitement that our committee will be making new plans for the Church Library!

We invite any members who would like to join us as we make plans to move forward on Monday, October 10th from 9:30-11:30 in the Library. Our monthly meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at the same times.

We do have an important request; We need a person who has computer skills and would be willing to learn the software the church has purchased which is used to process new books. This is not a pressure type position but one requiring computer skills. Please contact our Office Manager, Raynette if you are interested . We would so appreciate this help!

## Book Report ... by Dan Moore

Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths  
by Bruce Feiler



Feiler is a New York Times best seller author and writes from a Jewish perspective. The book was easy to read and understand with lots of facts. Feiler challenges the reader to think out of the traditional role we see Abraham in, as the founder of Christianity. He ties together the similarities and differences of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, in an easy to understand manner. Some of the highlights for me were the following paragraphs:

- "Most of us are not comfortable with silence. The message of Abraham is to be alone, to be quiet, and to listen is the only way to find peace with God."

- "The story of Abraham was one of struggle, doubt, and the importance of having an heir during his lifetime and the agrarian, trading society he lived in.
- "Abraham loves God so much, that he will sacrifice his son Isaac because God asked him to. God loved humanity so much, that he sacrificed his Son for us."
- "Much of what we know about Abraham comes from Jewish and Muslim writings and books. Christianity was established over a thousand years after the Jewish religion and over a thousand years before Islam.

This 224 page book is well documented, researched, and never bores one, as much of historical research does.



## Message from Our President ... by Marian Brown

**I**t is an exciting time at Atonement as we start our fall activities "together" for the first time in a couple of years. There is laughter and warm greetings as members and friends arrive on Sunday mornings for service and during the week, committees are once again meeting in person and by zoom.

There will be many opportunities for everyone to participate and help with the upcoming services and events. Keep your eyes on the WOW and Newsletters for ways that you can participate.

Don't be bashful, volunteer, make new friends and remember:

"All Are Welcome In This Place"



October 19, 2022 @ 12:30pm

Please join us on Wednesday October 19th in the Church Library for Session 2 ...

Jesus and nature: Teachers of Faith by Sara Olson-Smith



## Adult Forum ... Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

Please join us, starting October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Zoom will be available if you are unable to attend in person. See article "from the Pastor" for more information.



## Support for Ukraine's Refugees

Please, leave donations for in our Donation Basket. Again, please note on check what the donation is for. Thank You!!!



# Kid's Page



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# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b>					<div style="text-align: right;">1</div> 
<div style="text-align: right;">2</div> 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast 	<div style="text-align: right;">3</div> Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	<div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">5</div>  World Teacher's Day	<div style="text-align: right;">6</div> 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	<div style="text-align: right;">7</div>  <b>World Smile Day</b>	<div style="text-align: right;">8</div>
<div style="text-align: right;">9</div> 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	<div style="text-align: right;">10</div> Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg  <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	<div style="text-align: right;">11</div> 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg	<div style="text-align: right;">12</div>  <b>Nat'l Farmer's Day</b> 4:00pm Finance Mtg	<div style="text-align: right;">13</div> 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11am OCQG F/H 1:00pm Outreach 4:00pm S/M Mtg	<div style="text-align: right;">14</div>  <b>Nat'l Dessert Day</b>	<div style="text-align: right;">15</div>
<div style="text-align: right;">16</div> 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	<div style="text-align: right;">17</div> Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters  <b>HAPPY BOSS'S DAY</b>	<div style="text-align: right;">18</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">19</div> 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 12:00pm Luther Pastors Mtg (FH) 7:00pm Council Mtg	<div style="text-align: right;">20</div> 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ? <b>SPIRIT DAYS</b>	<div style="text-align: right;">21</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">22</div>  <b>Nat'l Nut Day</b>
<div style="text-align: right;">23</div> 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	<div style="text-align: right;">24</div> Office closed <b>Nat'l Food Day</b>  5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	<div style="text-align: right;">25</div> <b>WAVES Deadline</b>	<div style="text-align: right;">26</div>  <b>Nat'l Pumpkin Day</b>	<div style="text-align: right;">27</div> 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ?	<div style="text-align: right;">28</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">29</div>  <b>Nat'l Cat Day</b>
<div style="text-align: right;">30</div> 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:30pm Music & Worship Mtg	<div style="text-align: right;">31</div>  <b>Happy Halloween</b>					



# Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
2 10:00 am	Susan Painter	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
9 10:00 am	Karen Grams	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
16 10:00 am	Sabine Maresco	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
23 10:00 am	Jean Amundson	Bette Harmon	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
30 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>	
2 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Patty Fox/ Bonnie Powell	Pete Kraack/ Dan Moore	Travis Fox
9 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Jan Day/ Karen Grams	Bette Harmon/ Dan Moore	Travis Fox
16 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Maryellen Murphy/ Dan Moore	Peggy Gilman/ Cathy Devereaux	Sylvia Pauly
23 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Bonnie Powell/ Dan Moore	Bob Olson/ Pete Kraack	Susan Painter
30 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Peggy Gilman/ Bette Harmon	Travis Fox



Liliana Black	10/1
Dean Hill	10/3
Lynn Moody	10/5
Arnie Anderson	10/5
Mariah Harmon	10/9
Laura Kimberly	10/15
Jeanette Agre	10/18
Mike Rawles	10/26
Sue Fowler	10/28
Walter Duvall	10/31
Lori Painter	10/31



2	Marian Brown
9	Bette Harmon—Mariah's Birthday
16	Atonement
23	Raynette Rawles — Mike's Birthday
30	Jean & Paul Amundson – Reformation Sunday

John & Meredith Gilbert	10/3
Jim & Tecia Ezzell	10/20



## 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, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

We are asking for Pet Food donations to give out at Stone Soup.

Please leave next to wall across from upstairs kitchen.

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.



**Gift Cards ...** This program provides an emergency meal for people who stop by the church and need help. *Many thanks for donations for food cards.* Raynette will be purchasing \$10 food cards from McDonald's, Taco Bell & Subway.



### Infant Formula/Diaper Program ... by Denise Guild

We're back in the delivery of diaper business. Lori, who works with new mothers in the Lincoln County Dept, contacted me for an urgent need for diapers.

Whatever you can contribute to "The Diaper" budget is so very much appreciated.



### Help Those in Need Stay Warm ... by Sally Jennings



God's work, our hands.

The nights are getting colder and soon the rainy season will start. Many folks in our community will be sleeping in tents, or vehicles, or a doorway. They need our help. We will be doing a Cold Weather Gear Drive at Atonement through the month of October. Please donate new or gently used and clean warm coats, raincoats, rain pants, hoodies, wool socks, warm hats, gloves and mittens. Your donations will be given to Grace Wins Haven to distribute. Please leave your donations on the hanging rack and cart in the Narthex. In addition, because of the great need for *new and gently used Men's and Women's jeans*, a separate BIN will also be in the Narthex.



Reaching Out with God's Love

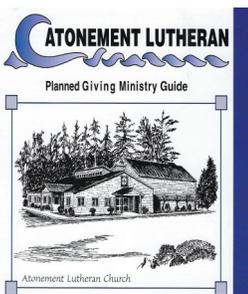
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Check out our website. It includes newsletter, service information, events, activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It is updated to include all changes & new events.



**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 .