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# Waves



## Worship Services

Sundays @ 10:00am

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## Office Hours

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



## Bishop's Visit... September 11<sup>th</sup>

by Pastor John Smithies

We are excited to announce that Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar and the Assistant to the Bishop Juan Carlos La Puente Tapia will be joining us for our September 11<sup>th</sup> Worship Service at 10:00am. After service, they will be joining us for a period of questions and answers at 11:30am.

We are blessed and delighted to have them in our midst! You are all invited to join us as we welcome them to celebrate and worship with us.

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



It's hard to believe that Fall is already here and school is ready to start. This also means that it's time for our programs at Atonement to start. There are many ways that each of you can participate and share your talents, and make new friends.

Church Activities: Library, WELCA (Women's Bible Study), Men's Breakfast Group, Quilters, Early Risers, Adult Forum, Sunday School and Zoom Hosts.

Committees: Education, Worship & Music, Social Ministry, Property, Parish Life, Outreach, Stewardship and Finance.

I am sure that I have forgotten some things in this list, but want to make sure that you know there are many ways that you can participate in the life of Atonement. So watch the announcements of upcoming events. It is so good to be able to be back together again and if we can't meet in person we now know how to gather together using ZOOM.

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 ~ July 2022

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



**General Fund:** Revenues during July '22 were \$ 9,766

Expenses during July '22 were \$ 25,709

Due in part for Pastoral expenses as Pastor Jane's moving expenses were reimbursed and the pulpit supply continues in her absence along with her salary. I transferred \$7,000 from the Capital fund (2 months budget allowance), but plan to transfer more as the Capital Fund permits.

General Fund balance is \$ 5,788.89

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

Our mortgage balance fell below \$292,087.82

The additional principal payments have been suspended until further notice. The Finance Committee will bring the recommendations to increase payments before the Council as deemed appropriate.

Capital Fund balance is \$ 72,998 with only \$1,734 in readily available funds to supplement the General Fund shortfall.

**Dedicated Fund** balance is \$ 21,741

We have collected \$1,255 to benefit Ukrainian relief. A wire transfer to our sister church in Lodz, Poland will be sent in August.

Donations for Street Ministry earmarked for gift cards stand at \$340.



## 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

I have been reading a book entitled "We Shall Be Changed". It is a series of essays written about church life during the pandemic. It is about its challenges and the ways we have been changed by it. It's a play on the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:51 "We will be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye." St. Paul is of course talking about the resurrection, and yet for us everything has changed in what seemed like a twinkling of an eye. We went to bed one night, after only hearing about a pandemic and woke up, and the world had changed. We are still in the midst of this, we live in this tumultuous moment of history and none of us yet knows what all the impacts will be. All we know ultimately, is that we will be changed.

I am reminded of this every time I step into the water. You all know by now of my love for surfing. I will be in this great living body we call the Pacific Ocean as often as I can, and I know that every time I step into the water it is a new and different experience. The water moves with a life of its own and it is never the same twice, the wind, the swell, the tide, they all change, making the time in the water different. If you take time to sense it, everything is different, I can sense the life of the Spirit moving in this body, and it's always different, from the temperature to its movement, the feel of the different currents, the way the waves form and crash in a thousand different ways though quite subtle,

the whole experience is unique. I think each time I experience this I am changed. I believe the Holy Spirit moves in our lives much like it moves in the waters, there are thousands of pressure points always building, always moving about us beckoning us to wade in the depths of life, and through these moments we are changed.

As we journey in this time together, we don't know what the future holds, we don't know what lies ahead, but we know that we will be changed. Changed by each other, changed by the gospel, and changed by the Spirit of God moving in our midst. We are in a time of change both globally, locally, and personally. Changed by each other and changed by the Gospel of our Lord.

But with this certainty of change comes another certainty, that God moves in the world through the ministry of the church, in our lives, and in the word and sacraments. The Spirit moves so that we may know and experience the indwelling of God in our lives. May we be transformed by this divine presence and know that we are loved and that we belong. May we learn together, to feel God's presence in our lives and learn to trust more deeply in our Savior.

My prayer, for you all this month is that we may feel the Spirit move in our hearts and minds, open our eyes to see,

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# The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters next Quilting will be September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## Red Cross Blood Drive ... September 2, 2022

11:00am -7:00pm Atonement Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

If you are able to *give/donate* Blood, please signup on Blue Cross Blood Drive website as soon as possible.

Also, Terri McCully is looking for help with registration at this event. Please call her @ 541-270-3424 or email: [mccully@samhealth.org](mailto:mccully@samhealth.org) .

Your help will be much appreciated in this effort to help our community. Thank You!

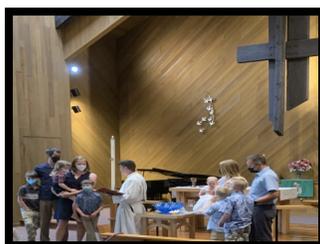


## News to Share

Baptism of Charles Peter Mann

on Sunday August 21, 2022

Parents  
Peter and Meredith Mann



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and give us courage and love for the World, that God created and loves. May we continually be changed by the knowledge of God, knowledge that we are at peace and reconciled to God through Christ. To be at peace knowing that we are forever invited to eat at the Lord's table. May the God of peace be with us all.

Peace, *Pastor John Smithies*



## 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.



## Photos for Our Picture Board by Marian Brown

We are still 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.



There is more to Life than measuring its speed.

Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slow and well.

Slow me down, Lord. And inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values.



# God's work. Our hands.

What is "God's work. Our hands." Sunday? Scheduled for Sept. 11, 2022, "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. The COVID-19 pandemic brought about significant changes to our world, and we continue to witness how communities across the globe are experiencing its impact. But one thing is certain — we continue to be church together. Throughout the ELCA we witness the love and concern God's people have for one another. Our congregations continue to support ministries that assist vulnerable people in their communities. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. On "God's work. Our hands."

*See Below for our Community Project*



## Post Office Cleanup by Dan Moore



The Outreach Committee put together a group of volunteers from Atonement to cleanup the grounds around the Newport Post Office. The effort began on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It took two hours for a hearty group of volunteers to fill 18 eighty gallon bags with weeds growing around the Post Office that day but, they weren't done yet. They returned to continue the job every afternoon in July and even into August. What a difference it has made. In total, they filled over 120 eighty gallon bags of weeds! Many positive comments were made by community members as they came by the Post Office. We were blessed to have Susan Painter take pictures and write an article published in the Newport Times Newspaper identifying Atonement as the volunteer group who was working on those Saturday afternoons with plans to maintain the area going forward.

Participating in this effort were: **Patty and Travis Fox, Yon Bower, Bob Olson, Rick Letherer, Paul Amundson, Paul Stangland, Cathy Devereaux, Randy and Peggy Gilman, Dan Moore and Melodie McKenzie.** Job well done! Many thanks to each of our volunteers and to our Outreach Committee for choosing a project that benefits everyone living in our community.





PARSONS ASSISTANCE CENTER  
101 N. GARDEN HWY  
NEWPORT ON THE PENINSULA



My Offering

## Offering Envelopes ... Raynette Rawles and Peggy Gilman

We are ordering Personal Offering Envelopes soon.

If those of you who presently have envelopes and have used other means for donation (example-Vanco, or Bank online payable) and do not need the envelopes, please let us know and we will not re-order your assigned envelope #.

*Thank you to those that have contacted the office by email, phone or in person.*

**Note:** For Your Information: Use any Personal offering envelope with your number on it. The imprinted dates are irrelevant ... (ie: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of XX).

Also, to those who would like Personal Offering Envelopes, please let us know and we will assign a # and order envelopes.



## Social Ministry ...

### Upcoming Projects ... by Mike Rawles



We are going to start collecting winter clothes in October for the homeless who go through Grace Wins. We will do the same as last year with clothes racks near the front door on the South side. Please try to bring things like heavy coats, hoodies, boots, socks, hats, gloves scarves and any rain gear you can find. Anything that will make winter less miserable for those unable to find shelter. We will also apply to Thrivent for a \$250 loan for boots.



We will, once again, forgo giving Samaritan House food baskets and instead get them \$50 JC Market gift certificates for Thanksgiving. The number of cards will have to be determined as we get closer to Thanksgiving.



We also decided that since the Giving Tree for foster children was such a huge success last year that we'd do the same this year. Thirty (30) tags will be put on the tree with the age and size of a child and what they'd like to receive.



# Kid's Page



# Color me





# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Nat'l Preparedness Month</b></p>		<p><b>Childhood Cancer Awareness Month</b></p>		<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>11-7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (F/H)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person &amp; Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>11:30pm Music &amp; Worship Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:00am Quilters</p> <p>1:00pm Quilters</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p><b>Read a Book Day</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> <p>11am OCQG F/H</p> <p>1:00pm Outreach</p> <p>4:00pm S/M Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>8-4:30pm OCQG Workshop (F/H)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person &amp; Zoom Simulcast</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>9:00am Property Mtg</p> <p>11:00am Parish Life Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>4:00pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person &amp; Zoom Simulcast</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:00am Quilters</p> <p>1:00pm Quilters</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>7:00pm Council Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p><b>WAVES Deadline</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person &amp; Zoom Simulcast</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake ?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	





# Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
4 10:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
11 10:00 am	David Cramer	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
18 10:00 am	Karen Grams	Bette Harmon	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
25 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
4 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Dan Moore/Jan Day Karen Grams	Pete Kraack/ Cathy Devereaux	Susan Painter
11 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Jan Day/ Karen Grams	Bette Harmon/ Dan Moore	Travis Fox
18 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Penelope McCue/ Patty Fox	Peggy Gilman/ Bob Olson	Susan Painter
25 10:00 pm	Joe Baumgarten	Bonnie Powell/ Maryellen Murphy	Bob Olson/ Cathy Devereaux	Travis Fox



Raynette Rawles	9/5
Ocean McCue	9/6
Sharleen Harvey	9/15
Melodie McKenzie	9/17
Denise Guild	9/27



Gary & Lori Painter 9/28

4	Mike & Raynette Rawles- Raynette's Birthday
11	Bonnie Powell
18	_____
25	_____



## Social Ministry ... Continue from page 7

### 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, September 26<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.* So far, we have received \$340. Raynette will be purchasing \$10 food cards from McDonald's, Taco Bell, Subway & Burger King.

### Samaritan HOUSE Helping Samaritan House

It is that time of year for helping with school supplies for Samaritan House. They have eight children and we have donated Fifty dollar Wal-Mart gift cards for each one.

### 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. Their Covid grant has run out, so it is up to us.

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

Thank You!



**Reaching Out with God's Love**

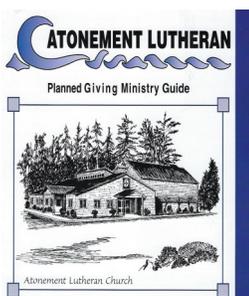
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Check out our website. It includes newsletter, service information, events, activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It is updated to include all changes & new events.



**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 .