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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.



Our Website — Facebook Page Sunday Worship Service on YouTube

www.atonementluthern.com



Kornelia Rudkowska, an ELCA International Women Leadership scholarship recipient, who works with Ukraine refugees in Radom Poland, is touring the Oregon Synod with Synod representatives. They will be here next week on August 6th and we will be able to meet and greet each other. We can learn how God is moving in her life, her dreams, and experience the bonds of Christ that hold us all together. Adult forum that week will be an open discussion with her, and will be able to share our stories of how God is moving here in Newport, and learn of her work in Poland and her dreams for the future. This will be a good time to share about the history of this congregation and all the great ongoing support we give to our sister churches in Poland. They will then attend service with us, and after service will have some time devoted in the fellowship hour to hear more about her and interact together. The synod has shared a few highlights of her life.

A few facts about Kornelia: She is 22 years old, from Radom, Poland, Her father is a pastor. In 2022, her mother was one of the first women ordained in Poland. She is a student at Newberry College studying communications. She is a vegetarian. She has assisted refugees fleeing violence in the war in Ukraine. She has served at one of our Lutheran outdoor ministries this summer. She speaks three languages. She enjoys singing, swimming, and meeting new people. She is eager to be with us, to share her experiences, and to accompany us in our unique context here in Oregon! Please feel invited to attend all or part of this next week, I know we will extend the ever so loving welcome that you all give here.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ June 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during June '23 were \$ 10,425

Expenses during June '23 were \$ 17,042

General Fund balance is \$ 14,424

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 72,883

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 21,757

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 118,145



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.



Last BBQ by Marian Brown

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the August barbecue on Wednesday, August 23rd at 6pm. The church will provide seafood. Members and friends are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. If you would like to help with the set-up or clean-up please contact Sue Fowler. Plan to join us, and feel free to bring a friend for a wonderful evening of good food and conversation.



Pastor John Smithies

Dear Church

When I was in high school, I secretly dreaded the start of August, not because I dreaded the month, I have always looked forward to those hot summer days. But August marked the turning point, that said the school year is approaching, your time in vacation mode is short. And with August would come the renewal of football practice with the dreaded double practices a day. I always felt those practices were unfair. It was still summer vacation I should not have to give it up to play in a school sport. But that is the month of August, the time when we start to look ahead to the fall, and that is what we are transitioning with at the church. Summer is still here, and we are still looking forward to one more summer Barbecue, I am personally still trying to get as many surf sessions as possible in, and yet we are now looking ahead and planning for the return of school and the opening of our fall programs.

August also marks a milestone for us together, it was August of last year that I first came here. It was in August that I was welcomed amongst you all, to a journey with you all. So, in This August I want to say thank you to all of you for welcoming me in. Thank you for sharing your lives with me and for being part of the church. I feel truly blessed to be in this special place called Atonement. When I started the candidacy process church leaders would always ask me what type of church, I wanted to be in. I had a standard answer, I am open to wherever God leads and will go where I am called, but I hope I am called to a place that is within driving distance of a surf spot. I would say that in jest knowing that there are not too many churches within a drive of a surfable beach. And yet here we are now together. What a blessing this journey has been. So again, thank you!

I hope August is about these three things, rest, introspection of the past, and joy of looking and planning to the future. And we have some plans for the fall. September will see our youth returning to school, September 10th will be our rally day, and we invite our youth and families to bring their school backpacks to church that Sunday as we will have a time of prayer and blessing for their upcoming year. We have a few social events planned for later in the fall and discussing some other options, stay tuned for some exciting things. We will be connecting with our newer members and finding time to incorporate and connect them to the ministries of Atonement. The fall will also see some returning to some of our cherished liturgical practices, and more of that later, but I look forward to continuing to deepen our worship experience together.

We will be starting a new ministry here at the church, we are starting a **"book club."** I am not sure if that is the appropriate name for it, it's not really a club, but a time to engage deeper in our Spiritual formation. I am really looking forward to this. Reading



Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

Adult Forum will resume our lectionary discussion. This is an opportunity to deepen our engagement with the text. Please come with questions and an open heart.

Adult Forum Brewmasters needed!

If you are willing to come in at 8:30am to set up and brew the coffee please sign up on the board upstairs across from the coffee station.

Thank you!



Walk on the Beach ... Thursdays 1:00pm

Meet at the Church and car pool to the beach.



Worship & Music ...

Through August, those of you who would like to lead hymns for Sunday service please make your way up to the choir loft by 9:30 am to practice. All are welcome.



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and discussing books is a great opportunity to share ideas, especially with our friends who might not attend church. I would encourage you all to think about participating and using this as an outreach to the community. The books we read should be engaging and help us deepen our understanding of God, grace, and our own Spiritual journey. The first book we will be reading is from Rob Bell called *What we talk about, when we talk about God*. This book is a jewel of books, easy to read and will challenge us to see God all around and I am looking forward to discussing it with you in September.

May God, who is forever with us, bless us in this month, a month of continued joy of the warmth of summer, and yet also a time to begin to focus on the path ahead. May we find rest together this month as we look ahead.

Blessings, *Pastor John*



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. Mask are welcome, but not required. Contact our office for available dates and time.

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



Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group meets at 8:00am on Thursdays at Pig N Pancake. If you would like to join us, just stop by. If you have any questions, please contact, Mike Rawles or the office. Note: Breakfast on August 3rd will be at Elmer's in Albany.

Please RSVP Pastor John if you will be attending.



WELCA will continue to meet during the summer months for a monthly Bible Study. The group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, August 16th at 12:30pm August study will be led by Pastor John. The meetings can be attended by zoom. All are welcome to participate.



Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

Your supporters (19 households) who shopped at Fred Meyers between April 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023 have contributed to your \$33.09 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).**



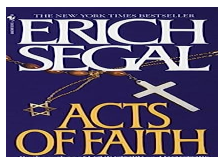
The Library Committee by Bonnie Powell

Hello from the Library ... A note to let you know, that all books on display are available for checkout. We make an effort to change books on display each month. Also, parents, please be aware your children may check out books on display in the children's corner.

It is a simple process to check out a book. Just sign name on the card on the back of book and date. Put it in the small black box according to the author's last name. The Box is located on the first window sill.

We hope you will enjoy browsing through the books we have on display!

Book Review ... by Dan Moore



An Act of Faith by Eric Segal

One of the best engaging fiction books about what God's love really is about. The family dynamics, of the strict Kosher old fashioned Jewish family who lived in Brooklyn, are explored as well as another Irish Catholic Family living in the same neighborhood. Filled with interesting facts about both religions and how families are affected by their religious beliefs. A well written book, that reinforces what God's love is really about. Highly Recommended.



Red Cross Blood Drive- by Terri McCully

September 22, 2023

In Fellowship Hall @ Atonement Lutheran Church

If you can donate blood, please sign up on the Blue Cross Blood Drive website. Atonement is known for the good treats for the donors. Looking for volunteers in the canteen and making homemade treats. If you can help out please contact Terri McCulley (541) 270-3424.

Atonement Visits Yakona ... by Susan Painter



On the first day of July, about 20 members and friends of Atonement explored the rich history and remarkable landscape of the privately owned Yakona Nature Preserve and Learning Center, south of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. Yakona is part of a 400 acre peninsula once home to the Yaqo'n people who lived there peacefully for millennia. Since learning of the area and its rich history in 2008, Bill and JoAnn Barton purchased a significant portion of the land. They have built trails, replanted clearcut areas with native trees, shrubs and wildflowers and set up a pavilion and out-buildings for education and conservation, preserving the property and its heritage.

Bill and JoAnn hosted our hike, headed by executive director Natalie Schaefer. We heard about the peaceful Yaqo'n [or "Yakona"] who owned neither guns nor horses and were sustained by the bounty of the bay and the land. European hunters and trappers came to the area, bringing avarice, disease, and alcohol which decimated the people who became nearly extinct by the mid 19th century.

We learned the difference between Sitka spruce, Douglas Fir and hemlock, stopping for stories of timber harvests for the 20th century war efforts. Resting on unique wooden benches Bill's brother crafted by hand, we heard about wealthy Colonel T. Egenton Hogg, an "entrepreneur" who founded a town he named Yaquina City, now the site of Sawyer's Landing. Boasting that his town could be the "San Francisco of the North," Hogg supported construction of a railroad from Corvallis to the coast. Soon, a companion settlement on the peninsula - West Yaquina - was plotted, offering homes for wealthy investors across from Yaquina City. [Hogg's grandiose ideas went down with his ships when the two vessels he purchased to transport product from the area sunk in the Bay.] We looked down several deep, mysterious wells from the safety of sturdy, well-crafted fences around them.

Across one stream leading to the Bay, we walked on a spectacular bridge whose design echoes that of the Yaquina Bay Bridge, complete with supporting arches below. Bill told stories of the cougar, birds and bears whose lives and safety Yakona protects. We saw the memorial "wind telephone," installed to honor Maryann Bozza, who died too soon. Modeled after one created by a Japanese farmer after the 2011 tsunami, it gives loved ones a chance to "talk" with deceased friends or family in words of reassurance.

The profoundly enlightening morning offered a sense of wonder, reinforcing our need to respect and to preserve the natural world God has provided.

More information about Yakona's history, photographs of the preserve and opportunities for involvement are on the website, www.yakonaoregon.org

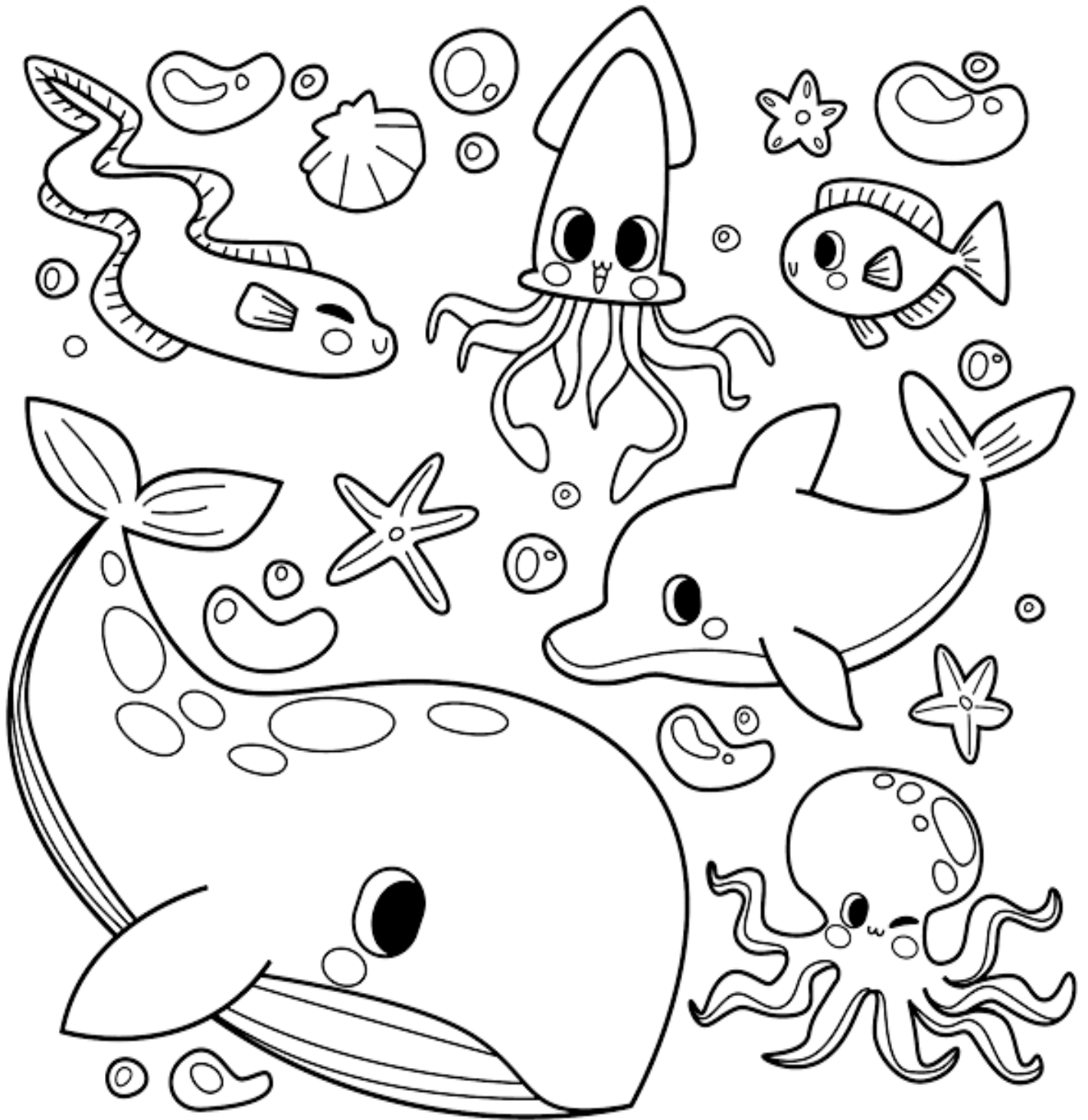




Kid's Page



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August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1		3 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	 Obama Day	5
6 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast	7 Office closed	8 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg 	9 4:00pm Finance Mtg	10 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11:00am Social Ministry 12:00pm Outreach Mtg 1:00pm Beach Walk	11 	12
13 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	14 Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg	15 	16 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 7:00pm Council Mtg Tell a joke day	17 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	18 	19
20 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	21 Office closed 	22	23 6:00pm BBQ 	24 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	25 WAVES Deadline	26 
27 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:45 am Worship & Music Mtg	28 Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	29 	30	31 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk		





Worship Page

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

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
6 10:00 am	_____	Karen Grams/ Dan Moore	Pete Kraack/ Dan Moore	Barbara Ward
13 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Dan Moore/ Cathy Devereaux	Susan Painter
20 10:00 am	_____	Bonnie Powell/ Barbara Ward	Cathy Devereaux Bob Olson	Travis Fox
27 10:00 am	_____	Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy	Bob Olson/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox



Dee Waldo	8/1
Kevin Ward	8/2
Rudy de la Rosa	8/3
Olga Buswell	8/4
Landon Goebel	8/5
Graham Mann	8/10
Peter Mann	8/20
Mariam Kimberly	8/21
Richard Letherer	8/27
Braulio Escobar	8/29



6	Karen Grams
13	Bonnie Powell
20	Susan Painter
27	Jerryann & Bob Olson 58th Anniversary

Karen Grams & Jim Kittilsby	8/1
Walt & Carol Duvall	8/3
ED & Lucy Milliken	8/12
Sara & Will Black	8/12
Sally & Herb Jennings	8/13
Megan & Tim Miller-Morgan	8/15
Bruce & MaryLou Mate	8/19
Bob & Jerryann Olson	8/21
Paul & Jean Amundson	8/31



Social Ministry ...



Stone Soup

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, August 28th at 5:00pm.

We are asking for Pet Food (Dog and Cat) donations to give out at Stone Soup.

Please bring into church leave next to wall across from upstairs kitchen.

If you would like to help: please call Sally Jennings @541 444-2687

Information on Current Projects ... by Sally Jennings



Food Pantry Program

The blue barrel by the south entrance is ready for shelf stable food you may want to donate. Help fill the blue barrel in the Narthex with food for the Newport Food Pantry. Anything is welcome and helpful.

Donating to Dedicated funds

If you would like to contribute to the following programs and be part of Atonement's efforts and receive a tax deduction for your money – please make a donation to Atonement Lutheran Church. You can do this simply by indicating it on the "memo" portion of your check what fund you would like to support.



Samaritan House Dedicated Fund



Grace Wins Haven Dedicated Fund.

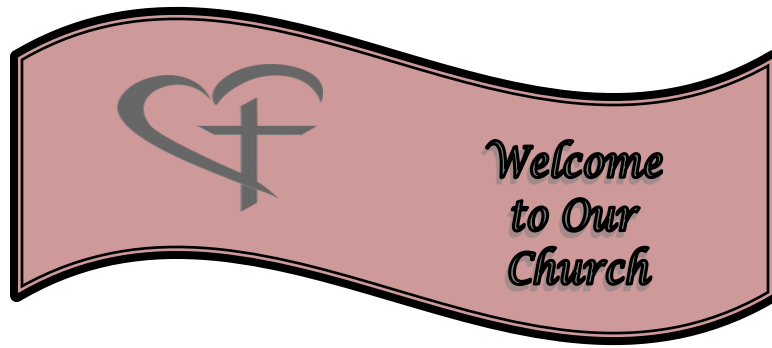


Gift Cards This program provides an emergency meal card for people who stop by the church and need help. We have been having a great number of people requesting food cards in the last two months. We are setting up food card limit per month because of restraint of funds.

Raynette will be purchasing \$10 food cards from Food vendors as funds are available.



Support for Ukraine's Refugees ... funds collected and sent to our sister churches in Poland for Ukraine refugee relief every six months... June and December.



Reaching Out with God's Love

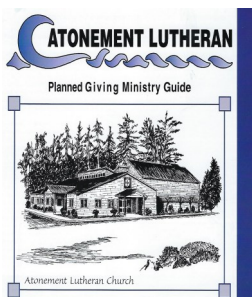
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 .