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Waves



Worship Services

Sundays @ 10:00am

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Office Hours

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



Our Website — Facebook Page

Sunday Worship Service on YouTube

www.atonementluthern.com



Library Sunday... by Bonnie Powell

Sunday February 5, 2023 after Service

We'll be celebrating our Library directly after the service with some games, prizes and special treats!

This is an annual tradition in our congregation.

Please join us for good fellowship as we celebrate our Library!



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.



YouTube Alert!

Fellow Worshipers: Through the magic of technology, we are now broadcasting our Sunday services on the YouTube platform. If you have any concerns about possibly appearing in our video, please let the ushers and/or Pastor John know. We will offer communion to you while seated in the privacy of your pew.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ December 2022



Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

General Fund: Revenues during December '22 were \$ 20,061

Expenses during December '22 were \$ 16,452

The \$10,500 of 2022 budget allowance from the capital account was transferred

General Fund balance is \$ 17,556

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

Our mortgage balance fell below \$ 266,669.83

Our Investment with Thrivent took a hit this month ending with a downturn of (\$12,175) for 2022

Capital Fund balance is \$ 57,656

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 70,268

A wire transfer of \$1,023.00 was sent to our Polish churches (Lod & Golasowice) in December.

Atonement received Evelyn Price's Estate offering of \$47,437

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 109,697 — downturn of \$21,362) in 2022.



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.



Pastor John Smithies

Time starts flying by quickly. I feel like we just wrapped up Christmas, and now it is time for us to prepare ourselves for Lent. In the early church the Vigil of Easter was the appointed time when all the baptisms occurred. This was a time when most people entering the church were in adulthood so most baptisms were of adults.

Lent became the final 40-day preparation for those seeking baptism. I should also add that this was the culmination of a two year process of study and initiation. It was also a period when the rest of the baptized prayed for those in their final preparation. That the ancient origin to our season, things shifted though as the primary recipients of baptism became infants and with this shift Lent became less about Baptism and more about repentance. But I wonder in this our first Lent together if we should not find wisdom in this older vision of Lent. It is after all baptism that joins us to the church, joins us to Christ and each other, it is the washing of water that creates us into the New Creation of God's kingdom.

As we approach Lent this year let us focus on the promises of God in Baptism and the promises we made and or our parents made for us in the moments of our washing. May we be invited to journey back to our beginnings in Christ, and receive a renewal for our journey. I invite you all in the weeks to come to find some sacred moments by a body of water to remember your salvation is Christ, remember that God is in the process of new creation, and dwell in this mystery. Then we will journey together through these waters in our 40 days of Lent culminating with the Easter Vigil on Saturday night and on Easter Sunday when we once again rise with Christ through the power of the resurrection. May we spend this time deepening our faith and growing into the promises of God. The promises that God is here with us and for us to restore all things. Thanks be to God!

Pastor John Smithies



Mark your Calendar

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd

Worship Service @ 12:00pm and 7:00pm

Holden evening prayer and soup supper will begin on the 1st of March.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday April 6th @ 7:00pm Good Friday April 7th @ 7:00pm

Vigil of Easter April 8th @ 7:00pm Easter Sunday April 9th @ 10:00am





Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

Adult forum we are going to look at questions from our question and answer box then enter a discussion on your lectionary readings. Then in March we will start a discussion on the liturgy and meaning of the Easter Vigil.



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters next Quilting will be February 20th @ 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.



Some Good Humor ... submitted by Stan Wilde





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. 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, just stop by. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Amundson, Mike Rawles or the office.



Special Donation

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.



Gift Cards ... This program provides an emergency meal card for people who stop by the church and need help. Raynette will be purchasing \$10 food cards from Food vendors.



Infant Formula/Diaper Program ... providing formula and diaper donations for many mothers. The visiting nurse distributes formula/diapers,



Support for Ukraine's Refugees ... funds collected and sent to our sister churches in Poland for Ukraine refugee relief.



Hello from the Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

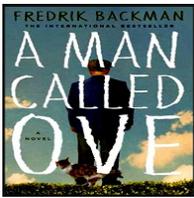
*I*t's with a sense of excitement that our committee will be making new plans for the Church Library!

We invite any members who would like to join us as we make plans to move forward. Our monthly meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am. Our next meeting will be February 13th @ 9:30am-11:30am.

Our goal is to make our Library accessible and interesting to our members.

Thanks from your Library Committee!

Book Review ... by Bonnie Powell



"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

A book that starts out tragically, but show the healing love of God's Grace through interaction with others in a community. An elderly man whose wife has died, decides that he has nothing to live for after he is forced to retire. The narrative is one that draws your attention to what happens to many older people, when they have lived their lives with little to no interaction with others surrounding them. It is a shoutout, to how we need to make our neighbors, especially the elderly, feel that they can help make a difference. The book has been made into a major motion picture just being released titled "A man Called Otto".



Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

*Y*our supporters (17 households) who shopped at Fred Meyers between October 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022 have contributed to your \$32.72 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)**.



Symphony Concert

Sunday, February 12, 2023 @ 2:00pm

Ensemble name is Duo Seirá.

Violin Sonata No 1 in G major op. 78 "*Regensnate*," by Johannes Brahms

Vivace ma non troppo Adagio/Più andante Allegro molto moderato

Czardas by Vittorio Monti

Sofie Yang, originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, resides in Eugene, Oregon and is currently Associate Concertmaster of the Rogue Valley Symphony and violinist in the Oregon Mozart Players and Eugene Opera. She also plays in the Eugene Symphony and Eugene Concert Orchestra. An active teacher, Sofie runs a String Academy class through the Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestras along with teaching students at the John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts, Sound of Light Music Academy, and Emily Lassen's piano studio.

Juan Avendano is a pianist from Bogotá, Colombia. He has a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the National University of Colombia and a Master of Music in both Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy from the same institution. In 2018, Avendano moved to the United States to pursue a Master of Music in Piano Performance at Western Michigan University. He received the degree in 2020, and is currently enrolled at the University of Oregon, where he is working towards a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance. Throughout his studies, he has had the opportunity to work with a number of well-known pianists and teachers, including Alexandre Dossin, Lori Sims, and Mac McClure.

Note: See Flyer on Bulletin Board for more information about ensemble.



Photos for Our Picture Board by Marian Brown

We are 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.



Kid's Page



Color me





February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 	3	4 8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm) 
5 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast Library Sunday	6 Office closed 	7	8 4:00pm Finance Mtg	9 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11am OCQG F/H 1:00pm Outreach 4:00pm S/M Mtg	10 Nar'l Pizza Day 	11 8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
	13 Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg	14 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg 	15 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 7:00pm Council Mtg	16 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	17 	18 8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
19 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	20 Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 	21 WAVES Deadline	22  ASH WEDNESDAY Service @ 7:00pm	23 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	24	25 8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)
26 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:30pm Music & Worship Com Mtg	27 Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	28				



Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
5 10:00 am	Darcy dela Rosa	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
12 10:00 am	Sandy Cramer	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
19 10:00 am	David Cramer	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
26 10:00 am	Karen Grams	Bette Harmon	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
5 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Jan Day/ Karen Grams	Bob Olson/ Pete Kraack	Sylvia Pauly
12 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Pete Kraack/ Cathy Devereaux	Susan Painter
19 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Bonnie Powell/ Dan Moore	Dan Moore/ Bette Harmon	Travis Fox
26 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy	Dan Moore/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox



Lucy Milliken	2/1
Fantasia McCue	2/12
Lorinda White	2/12
Peggy Gilman	2/16
Paul Amundson	2/21
Kristen Bracklein	2/23

5	Marian Brown
12	Paul & Jean Amundson
19	Anne Stangeland
26	_____



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



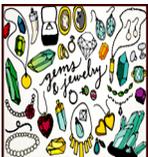
Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, February 27th at 5:30pm.

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 Sally Jennings @541 444-2687 It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.

Do You Have Expensive Jewelry to Donate to Be-Jeweled? by Sally Jennings



If you have expensive jewelry you are not wearing, Food Share is happy to receive your jewelry donation and give you a receipt. You can drop your better jewelry off at the Food Sharen office at 535 NE 1st Street anytime Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. and ask for a receipt for your tax deductible donation.

We will continue to collect costume jewelry, broken jewelry, watches, jewelry boxes, buttons, and jewelry making supplies at Atonement through the end of March.

Clothing Drive for Grace Wins Continues by Sally Jennings



We will continue to collect adult outerwear and shoes throughout the year. Please place your clean, gently used adult clothing and gently worn shoes suitable for street wear in the tubs under the bench in the Narthex.



Reaching Out with God's Love

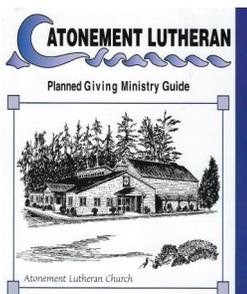
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 .