



Makin'

Waves



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Worship Services

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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



On this Independence Day
We remember the years past and present
We honor this very day
For our flag, old glory, has lasted.
On this Independence Day
Over two centuries ago, we
Declared our independence
For justice and liberty.
Let us celebrate with joy and honesty.

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.



Second BBQ for the Summer

by Marian Brown

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the July barbecue on Wednesday, July 26th at 6pm. The church will provide barbecue chicken. 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.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ May 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during May '23 were \$ 13,272

Expenses during May '23 were \$ 22,905

General Fund balance is \$ 21,972

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 66,532

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 23,035

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 115,282



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.



Reminders ... by Raynette Rawles

Please let me know

- 1) If I have missed anyone's birthday or wedding anniversary.
- 2) Any changes in your address, phone numbers or email address.
- 3) If you are not receiving church emails.



Pastor John Smithies

Paul writes in Ephesians 3:18 "I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

I have been pondering these verses from Ephesians. Paul prays that they have the "power to comprehend" and then describes something unimaginable the breadth, length, height, and depth of the love of God. To make this point even clearer he states that this knowledge surpasses all knowledge. Some translations put, that surpasses all human understanding. What a mystery, that we may know something beyond all knowing. Knowing is something beyond just thinking but encompasses our whole body and soul. To Know in this sense includes every fiber of our being. Paul's prayer I think could be reworded to say, "May you be absorbed by the love of God so that you can just be the beloved of God."

As I search for metaphors on what this looks like, I can help but think of the encounter of waves. There seems to be no limit to the power of the ocean, whose depth is unimaginable for us, whose presence is all round us. To encounter the Holy Spirit's movement in the sea, is what surfing is all about for me. That moment you are on a wave is like encountering the majesty of God's love for us. It is to be in union, to be whole, to be who you truly are. As I ponder these mysteries, I have been thinking a lot about something in surfing called progression. Surfing is all about a series of skills added to each other but can only be learned one step at a time. Once one skill is learned and obtained then the next skill can be started. This addition of skills and movement is progression. But it's not just the surfer who is progressing, but all of life is a progression. We are always changing, always in motion. The seasons of the year speak this truth to us, nothing stays the same. And of course, this is a metaphor for our spiritual journeys and our life together as a church. What is the next progression in my spiritual journey, but also what is the journey for us together in community.

A surfer progresses in their journey, and we can progress in our deepening encounter of the Love of God in Christ. As a surfer grows in their ability to ride a wave, it's my prayer that we can grow together in our experience of God's love. Knowing the whole time that the wave of God's love is pure grace that enfolds in our lives, pure grace of being loved, pure grace that moves us forward. May we find ways to do that together. May we find ways to progress in our knowledge and experience of God's presence amongst us, with us, and in us. May we grow together.

Amen, Pastor John



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.



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 at 12:30. Summer meetings are July 19th and August 16th. The group study in July will be led by Pastor John and the August study will be led by Barbara Ward. The meetings can be attended by zoom. All are welcome to participate.



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

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.



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, talk to Marian Brown or the greeters at the welcome table.



TRIO MUSICORUM MEDICORUM RETURNS

by Susan Painter

The Trio Musicorum Medicorum, well known for performances at Atonement since 2015, will return to Newport on July 1st.

This time they will perform Beethoven's "Archduke" Trio and Schubert's Trio No 1 in B Flat, and the concert will occur on Saturday July 1st at 7:30pm at the Pacific Maritime History Center's Doerfler Theatre.

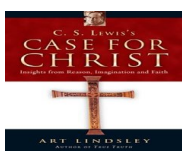
Tickets are \$25 online [www.tm2pdx.com] and at the door. Pianist Andrew Bonner and cellist Rebecca Reese will provide musical offerings at Atonement's Sunday service the next morning, July 2nd. Violinist Alistair Kok, unfortunately, will not be able to join them then.



The Library Committee by Bonnie Powell

- *We have some new books added to our shelves on the topic of Reparations.
- * Please look for books on the current Church Season near the check out shelf.
- *In the future, new shelf markers will be added to denote areas by subject.
- *There is a complete set of audio cassettes of the Bible on the bottom shelf near the check out. These are a new addition to our Library. Happy Reading!

Book Review ... by Dan Moore



C.S. Lewis's Case for Christ by Art Lindsley

A well written theological discussion of how C.S. Lewis came to believe in Christ. Lots of theological terms until the last 3 chapters which really are the heart of the book. A challenging read with many facts about Lewis. Suggest reading the great message in the last 3 chapters.



Faith Based Book Club by Marian Brown

We have heard that the congregation would like to start a Faith Based Book Club. Pastor John has agreed to lead the book discussions. The meetings will be zoomed and email reminders will be sent out. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey, available on the "greeters" table so that we can choose a day of the week and time for the meeting.



Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just be a part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support.

If you would like to participate and support our church, please contact Fred Meyers and link your rewards card to **Atonement Lutheran Church (VB494)**.

Special Donation

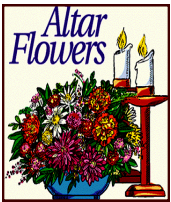
If you would like to contribute to the following programs and be part of Atonement's efforts and receive a tax deduction for your money – please make a donation to Atonement Lutheran Church. You can do this simply by indicating it on the "memo" portion of your check.



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 online.



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.



Flower Chart... signup for Sunday Altar Flowers—Birthdays, anniversaries, Remembrance. (located on the Bulletin Board across from upstairs kitchen. Thank You!



Some Good Humor ... submitted by Stan Wilde

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,

'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait. '

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,

'Ryan, you be Jesus! '

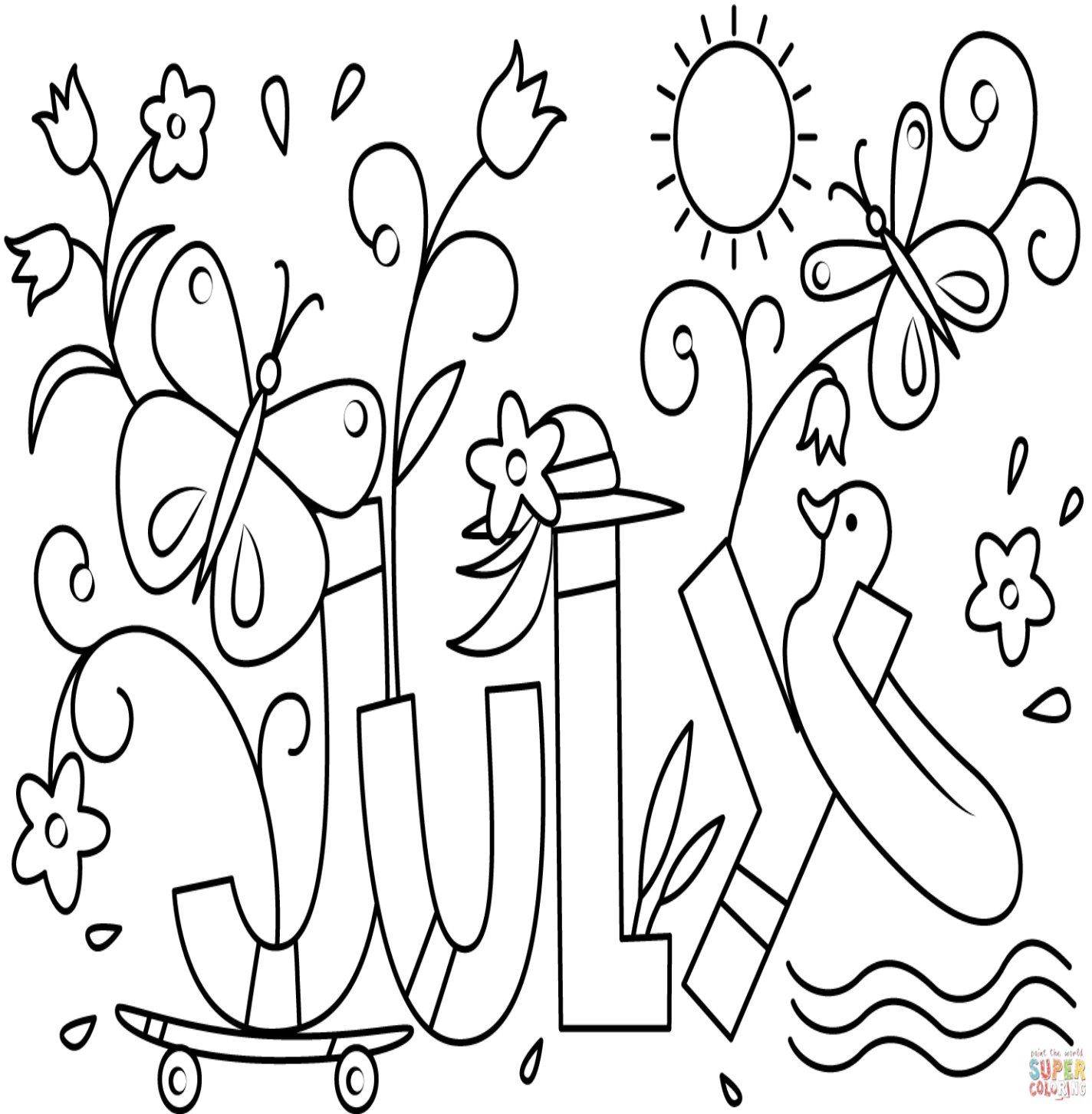




Kid's Page



Color me





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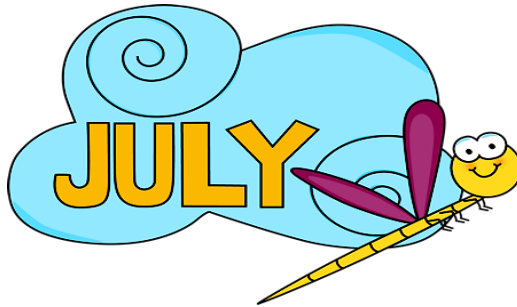


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	National Parks Month 		 National Picnic Month			1
2 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast	3 Office closed	4  JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	7  Nat'l Fried Chicken Day	8
9 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	10 Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg	11 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg 3:30pm Mutual Ministry	12 4:00pm Finance Mtg	13 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11:00am Social Ministry 12:00pm Outreach Mtg 1:00pm Beach Walk	14	15
16 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	17 Office closed	18  INTERNATIONAL Nelson Mandela Day	19 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 7:00pm Council Mtg	20 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk  NATIONAL BISCUITS Day	21	22
23 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:45 am Worship & Music Mtg	24 Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen  National Parents' Day	25 WAVES Deadline	26 6:00pm BBQ 	27 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	28	29
30 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:45 am Worship & Music Mtg	31  WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY		UV Safety Month 			



Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
2 10:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
9 10:00 am	Gary Thompson	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
16 10:00 am	Sabine Maresco	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
23 10:00 am	David Cramer	Karen Grams	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
30 10:00 am	_____	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
2 10:00 am	_____	Karen Grams/ Dan Moore	Cathy Devereaux/ Pete Kraack	Jen Smithies
9 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Dan Moore/ Cathy Devereaux	Travis Fox
16 10:00 am	_____	Bonnie Powell/ Barbara Ward	Dan Moore/ Bob Olson	Susan Painter
23 10:00 am	_____	Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy	Bob Olson/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox
30 10:00 am	_____	_____	Peggy Gilman Pete Kraack	Travis Fox



Dan Moore 7/4
 Joe Baumgarten 7/11
 Corinne Johnson 7/17
 Joan Rolph 7/20
 Anne Stangeland 7/21
 Marian Brown 7/23
 Jean Amundson 7/28



Randy & Peggy Gilman 7/1

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 16 _____
 23 Marian Brown
 30 _____



Social Ministry ...



Stone Soup

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, July 24th 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.

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.

Help Wanted ... Social Ministry is looking for a volunteer to contact the Lincoln County Health Department visiting nurses once every three months to determine their needs for baby diapers and wipes, and then to shop for and deliver the diapers and wipes. Please talk with or call Sally Jennings (541-961-4508) for details, if you are interested in doing this work.

Donating to Dedicated funds ... If you would like to help Social Ministry help those in need, there are two dedicated funds you can donate to: Samaritan House Dedicated Fund and Grace Wins Haven Dedicated Fund.

Social Ministry used our Samaritan House funds to work with our Sunday School to provide big bags of summer fun and books to the 16 children who live at Samaritan House.

The Grace Wins Haven funds are used to purchase water, juice, and paper bowls and lids for our monthly Stone Soup meal. We are currently serving 140 meals each month. Your donations are much appreciated.

Sunday School Children Bring Joy to Samaritan House

This Spring, our Sunday School children teamed up with Social Ministry to plan for and purchase summer entertainment items for the 16 children living at Samaritan House.

Gift bags included balls, bubbles, craft kits, coloring books and crayons, word puzzles, books, sunscreen, sun hats and much more. A big thank you to Vo Newell for sewing sun hats for the toddlers, to Patty Fox for heading up this project, to our Sunday School children, and everyone who helped to bring summer fun to the children at Samaritan House.



Reaching Out with God's Love

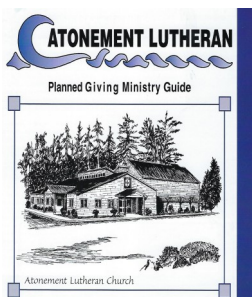
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 .