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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



First BBQ for the Summer

June 28th @ 6:00pm

Get ready, get set, go --to the first of summer barbecues to be held Wednesday, June 28th at 6:00pm. This year we will return to the popular POTLUCK barbecues with the meat and beverages furnished. There's no need to sign up--just come with your dish to share, a hearty appetite, and desire to have fellowship with others. Members are encouraged to bring guests who can join in the fun.

Mark your calendars for the two remaining potluck barbecues on Wednesday, July 26th and Wednesday, August 23rd.

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.



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.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ April 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during April '23 were \$ 59,655

Expenses during April '23 were \$ 63,937

General Fund balance is \$ 13,794

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 80,816

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 23,035

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 115,912



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.



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters will not be meeting again till September. Everyone is invited when we get back together in the fall! It's a great way to get to know each other as we tie the quilts and share stories.



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



Pastor John Smithies



Summer is truly my favorite part of the year. There is nothing that highlights the encounter with the ocean, like a hot sunny day. I get it, some people think there is a point when it's too hot, but overall - sun, beach, surf!! Summer also brings those gentler summer swells in our Ocean, that are oh so perfect for someone at my surfing skill level. I am really looking forward to dedicating some good time in the ocean to improve my surfing skills! If you can't tell, I am super excited to be here with you all for my first summer in Newport!

It is also a time for fun and fellowship, I am really looking forward to our summer barbeques with our good food and fellowship. I only got to experience one of these last year, so again, I am really looking forward to our time together and the opportunity to enter deeper into relationships and the life that is all around us.

To continue, I would like to engage with the following two themes:

- 1) I will be hosting a *summer walk* on the beach on Thursdays starting June 8th at 1:00pm rain or shine. Hopefully more sun than rain! I invite all who want to go with me to assemble at the church a little before 1:00pm. We will, most likely, go to Agate Beach and enjoy some fellowship in the outdoors. I might come up with a fun question, at times to discuss and see where the Spirit leads us. 4 legged friends are welcome to join us on the walk!! Hopefully this can become a fun summer tradition for us!
- 2) I am also hoping and working towards some sort of *service on the beach* in the evening for August. I don't have much to say at this moment, as it is all in the thinking-through stage of my mind. But, as people gather and are called by water in our baptism, I find a tangible connection to the great body of water that we live nearby. I am always thinking through ways of spiritually connecting to the ocean as a symbol of the promises God made to us in our baptism, and ways we can share this grace with the world.

Dear Church, let us continue to journey in grace, journey together and find ways of sharing this journey with others. My prayer is that these summer months provide times for deep breaths, rejuvenation, renewal, and that we are always open to the way God is moving in our community and in our lives; and ways we can encounter that movement of Spirit. May God be with you all and may the Peace of Christ be with you.

Amen

Pastor John



Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

This Sunday June 4th, Marianne Seifert from the Lincoln County Health Department will be with us to engage in a discussion about Health priorities for the county. They are in the midst of setting goals and priorities for the county and we can help with that by being engaged in conversation about what we feel the county should prioritize. All are welcome to attend and engage in this conversation.

Starting June 11th, Adult Forum will continue to meet for the summer, and resume our lectionary discussion. This is an opportunity to deepen our engagement with the text. Please come with questions and an open heart.

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!

Forum Brewmasters

June 2023

4 Marian Brown

11 Cramers

18 Marian Brown

25 Cramers



Some Good Humor ... submitted by Stan Wilde



After the christening of his baby brother in church,
Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.
His father asked him three times what was wrong.
Finally, the boy replied,
'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'



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.



WELCA

WELCA will meet on June 21st at 12:30pm



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.



PASTOR JOHN SMITHIES INSTALLED AT ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

by Susan Elizabeth Painter - Vice President of the congregation, ALC

On Saturday, April 29th, in an afternoon full of joy and celebration, Oregon Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar ordained John Michael Smithies as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The public ceremony and church service occurred in the sanctuary of Atonement Lutheran Church. Immediately following that action, Atonement's congregation president Marian Brown formally issued a call for Pastor John to lead the church in ministry. He accepted at once, and Bishop Laurie then officially installed him as the pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church, and ELCA congregation.

This service marked the end of a long period of sadness and uncertainty for the church. In the autumn of 2020, amid the restrictions of the Covid 19 pandemic, Pastor Ed Milliken retired from his 15 years of leadership at Atonement. A few months later, interim Pastor Shelley Willem was diagnosed with cancer which took her life on March 13, 2022. After the church conducted a complex and intricate hiring process, Pastor Jane Baker accepted Atonement's call to ministry. With blessings and love from the church she had served in Roseburg for fourteen years, she and her husband Barry moved to Newport in early 2022. That summer, however, Pastor Baker unexpectedly received her own cancer diagnosis which required an indefinite medical leave from her duties.

In August, 2022, Bishop Larson Caesar authorized John Smithies to accept an appointment at Atonement as a Bridge minister. At the time, he had just concluded an internship as Vicar at Edmonds Lutheran Church, Edmonds Washington. He had completed all steps required to become an ordained minister in the ELCA and was in the process of seeking his first call. In response to Atonement's need for professional assistance to Pastor Jane while she was on leave and during the early stages of her expected return, John Smithies joined Atonement in what all expected to be a "relief shift." Bishop Laurie granted dispensation for him to perform all the functions of an ordained minister in this capacity, despite his not having been formally ordained.

After Pastor Jane Baker died the day after Christmas last year, Atonement voted to conduct a formal call process to explore the possibility of John Smithies' becoming the church's pastor. On March 19, the congregation unanimously approved the call committee's recommendation that Pastor John, once ordained, be issued a call to become pastor of the church.

Bishop Larson Caesar, recognizing the difficulties Atonement has faced in the past few years, thanked the congregation for its love and faithful ministry during a time of prolonged trial. Several pastors and deacons, including retired Pastor Ed Milliken and Pastor Scott Postlewait of Edmonds, Washington's Advent Lutheran Church, joined the Bishop as participants in the afternoon service. A completely full sanctuary included

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many of Pastor John's friends and family, both near and far, who gathered to commemorate Pastor John's ordination as a full minister of Word and Sacrament. Atonement hosted a sumptuous dinner for everyone following the services.

In gratefully accepting his new role with the church Pastor John acknowledged that, "We have all been on this intense journey, both individually and as a community, years of uncertainty and change. So much has forever changed and will be a part of our stories together. And all this time God has been in our midst...and now we start a new chapter of all our lives together and I am ever so thankful and blessed to be here amongst you all. Thank you all for the support, the trust and the welcome of the celebration together."



EXPERIENCE YAKONA NATURE PRESERVE

by Susan Painter

A special hike on Saturday, July 1, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Newport residents Bill and JoAnn Barton established a private nature preserve on a 430 acre part of a peninsula on Yaquina Bay which once was the land of the Yaq'on [Yakona] people who shared their life peacefully with birds, bear, native plants and trees.

Yakona's director, Natalie Schafer, offers a guided hike in this special place to members and friends of Atonement on **Saturday, July 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** The trails involve elevation changes of 250 – 300 feet multiple times over 3+ miles. There will be many stops at historic sites and to talk. The hike will take about three hours.

Plan to meet at the church to carpool to the property by 9:30 that morning. Please also honor the following requests:

- 1) Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex NO LATER THAN Wednesday, June 28th
- 2) No smoking and no pets
- 3) Walking sticks, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, snacks and water bottles are welcome
- 4) There is one restroom at the property. Be prepared to "leave no trace," bringing out anything that you bring in, such as snack wrappers, empty drink bottles, etc.

Feel free to preview the experience at the preserve's website, www.yakonaoregon.org

Contact Susan Painter at 541-265-5657 with any questions.



OREGON SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2023

by Susan Elizabeth Painter

Pastor John, Sandy Roumagoux, Sabine Maresco and Susan Painter represented Atonement as delegates to the 2023 Oregon Synod Assembly held through Zoom on Saturday May 20. The focus of the gathering was on our Sacred Encounter: engaging God, the self, our neighbors and the world generally, not for control or simply to profit, but rather as Life, full of dignity and worthy of reverence, love and wonder. The greater theme of the gathering was that "We Are Not Alone."

The morning sessions included reports from Bishop Laurie, elections to various Synod offices, and adoption of the budget. With income and expenses only \$68 away from a "balanced budget," the Synod does very much with very little – the entire Synod [including all paid staff] functions with a budget of just over \$1, 300, 000 annually. Nearly \$900,000 of that money comes from Mission Support – regular donations from congregations such as Atonement.

The afternoon sessions included reports from Juan Carlos and Pastor Melissa linking work of collaboration with other churches, institutions, governments and related non profits. As Sandy put it, these presentations provided "the most inspiring and important part of the day, repeating the theme that we are not alone and that the church cannot proceed alone." Sabine points out that the theme, sung as "I am Not Alone," by a Mennonite Choir, wove itself through the examples of difficult situations and subjects, softening and supporting with the knowledge that we must work together.

Complex details like the number of churches seeking pastors and the need for additional money were discussed in realistic ways, but all of the delegates were inspired by learning how very much our Synod does with so little. As Pastor John points out, our Synod not only supports congregations but also brings hope and healing to the world – using the challenges of struggle and tension as an opportunity to rethink how the church should look as we all move forward.

The afternoon concluded with a worship service in which pastors and deacons throughout the state participated by word, song and sacrament. The day was an inspiring way of seeing our statewide church leadership helping us "walk together into courageous love."



The Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

- *We will soon 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!



June 2023



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





Worship Page

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

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
4 10:00 am	_____	Karen Grams/ Dan Moore	Cathy Devereaux/ Dan Moore	Sylvia Pauly
11 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Dan Moore/ Bob Olsen	Susan Painter
18 10:00 am	_____	Bonnie Powell/ Barbara Ward	Peggy Gilman/ Bob Olson	Travis Fox
25 10:00 am	_____	Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy	Pete Kraack/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox



Peter Kraack 6/1
 Jim Rolph 6/1
 Patty Fox 6/5
 Roberta Baxter 6/11
 Randy Gilman 6/11
 Hallie Ezzell 6/11
 Dan McCue 6/11
 Rosemary Ryan 6/15
 Bonnie Powell 6/17
 Steve Johnson 6/22
 Colin Kimberly 6/25
 Paul Stangeland 6/29

Mike & Raynette Rawles 6/1
 David & Sandy Cramer 6/20
 Rick & Joy Gutknecht 6/21
 Dan & Penelope McCue 6/30
 Travis & Patty Fox 6/30

4 Karen Grams
 11 Raynette & Mike Rawles
 Anniversary
 18 _____
 25 _____





Social Ministry ...

Stone Soup



Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, June 26th at 5:00pm.

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.

Grace Wins Haven to close

Grace Wins Haven will be closing their doors after 5 years of service to our community. There may be another organization that takes over all or part of their mission, and we pray for a good solution for our neighbors in need. During the transition we will not be collecting any items, but hope to be of service in the near future.



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 \$15 food cards from Food vendors.



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



Reaching Out with God's Love

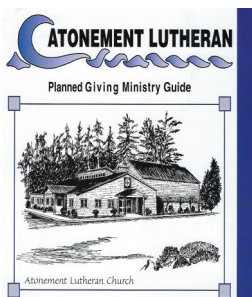
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 .