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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



Message from Our President

by Marian Brown

The Call process for Pastor John is moving forward and there are a couple of meetings you won't want to miss. Sunday, March 5th we will have a question and answer meeting in the sanctuary following the 10am Service. This is your opportunity to "ask" questions and "get to know" Pastor John.

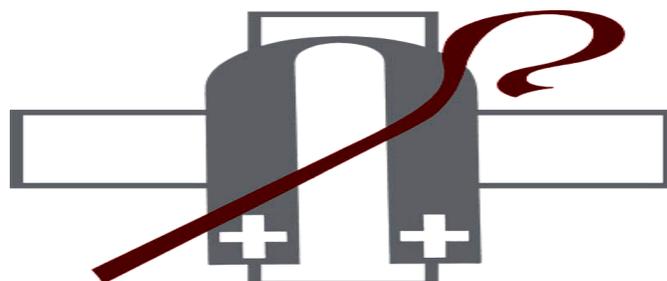
On Sunday, March 19th we will have a Congregational Meeting following the 10am service where the Call Committee will recommend issuing a Call to Pastor John. We will have two items to vote on. First a vote to Call Pastor John and then a vote to accept the Compensation Package.

A quorum is required so it is important that you plan to attend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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 ~ January 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during January '23 were \$ 25,049
Expenses during January '23 were \$ 14,786
General Fund balance is \$ 27,688

Capital Fund: Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.
Our mortgage balance fell below \$ 261,537
Our Investment with Thrivent had a gain of \$2,269
Capital Fund balance is \$ 64,756

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 70,719

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 113,979



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.



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.



Pastor John Smithies

We are all invited to journey together in Lent, these 40 days that the ancient church used as the time to prepare new members for Baptism. But we are ultimately preparing ourselves for the great mystery of Easter, the mystery that through the light of God we are given life through God. Our Lenten journey is to remember this and that in remembering this promise it becomes an experienced reality in our lives. This journey in Lent is a journey through the waters of our baptism. Waters that cleans us, make us now, and call us to renewal and confession to ever return to the waters from which we are saved. May this Lent be a time for us all to return to the promises we made, and the promises God makes to us at our Baptism.

First, we rest knowing that the work is completed. For it is in Christ that we are connected to the love of God. Baptism is the promise of God to unite us to Christ. We partake in Christ's death and rise with Christ in the resurrection. We speak of this as deliverance from the power of sin and death and rise as new creations in Christ Jesus. Coupled with this is the unity we now share with all Christians of all times and places into one body, the body of Christ for the sake of the whole world. These are the promises of God, the promises that make us who we truly are.

In response to these gifts at Baptism we make our own promises. First we profess our faith in the one true and living God from whom all life is given. We come to know this God as expressed in the trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We can of course use other words other than Father knowing that God's nature is not contained in a male body, but the truth that we are professing, beyond any reasonable explanation is that there is only one God, and we know this God in Threeness. Second, we renounce all that is contrary to God. The words in our baptismal liturgy are, "Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?" May this journey in these 40 days remind us of this holy calling to fight for justice and the oppressed and all those whose dignity the world scorns.

May these three sets of promises, one set that God makes to us and two we make back to God guide us this year in Lent, may we return to this healing source of water for our renewal and may we grow deeper into the mystery of the Divine life in Christ. Amen

May the peace of Christ be with you

Pastor John Smithies



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



Adult Forum ... by Pastor John Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

In March we will start a discussion on the liturgy and meaning of the Easter Vigil.



Midweek Lenten Service Schedule

Holden Evening Prayer and Soup/Bread Supper

Soup/Bread Supper @ 6:00pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Evening Prayer @ 7:00pm (Sanctuary)

March 1st

March 8th

March 15th

March 22nd

March 29th

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday April 6th @ 7pm

Good Friday April 7th @ 7pm

Vigil of Easter April 8th @ 7pm

Easter Sunday April 9th @ 10am



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters next Quilting will be March 6th and March 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.



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

It's with a sense of excitement that our committee will be making new plans for the Church Library!

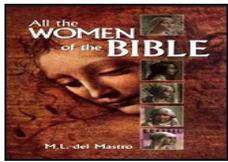
We invite any members who would like to join us as we make plans to move forward. Our monthly meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am. Our next meeting will be March 13th @ 9:30am-11:30am.

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

Thanks from your Library Committee!

Book Review ... by Dan Moore

All the Women of the Bible by M.L. del Mastro



A wonderful book divided into 2 sections, "the Book of Names" and "Book of Stories".

The "Book of Names" list 400 entries of women in a biographical description of her life and biblical citations. The "Book of Stories" is extremely inspiring, as it tells the stories of 56 of the most important women, who are mentioned in the Bible, in an expanded way versus the very spare mentions in the Bible. Utilizing the Bible, Torah, Jewish History, Dead Sea Scrolls, Gnostic Gospels, and the Jewish Historian Joseph's 70 volumes of Roman History, the book brings the women of the bible into a awe inspiring tales, easy to understand read.



Homemade Caps ...by Patty Fox

Thank you to everyone that helped make the knit/crochet hats to give out to the homeless in Newport. We ended up making 32 homemade hats and attached a note on them that they were stitched with LOVE from their friends at Atonement Lutheran Church. Dan Moore and Patty Fox took the hats over to Grace Wins Haven on February 13th so they could be handed out on Valentine's Day.

If anyone started a hat and did not get it finished please continue working on it and when done it can be placed in the warm weather clothing bin in the library area of the narthex.



Symphony Concert

Sunday, March 12, 2023 @ 2:00pm

Tigard HS Chamber Orchestra (12 students) will play:

Fledermaus Waltz

Serenade for Strings OP. 20 mvmt.1

Allegretto from The Creature of Prometheus

Jupiter from The Planets Monday

J. Strauss. arr. Merle Isaac

Edward Elgar

L. Beethoven arr. Rick England

G. Holst arr. Deborah Baker

Two U of O music graduate student quartets will perform

The Sequin String Quartet will play:

Mendelssohn String Quartet in a minor, op.13

I. Adagio – Allegro vivace

II. Adagio non lento (F major)

III. *Intermezzo*. Allegretto con moto – Allegro di molto

IV. Presto – Adagio non lento

The Equinox String Quartet will play:

Beethoven String Quartet, op.59 #1

1. Allegro (F major)

2. Allegretto vivace e sempre scherzando (B major)

3. Adagio molto e mesto (F minor)

4. Thème russe. Allegro (F major)



Some Good Humor ... submitted by Rhonda Harman

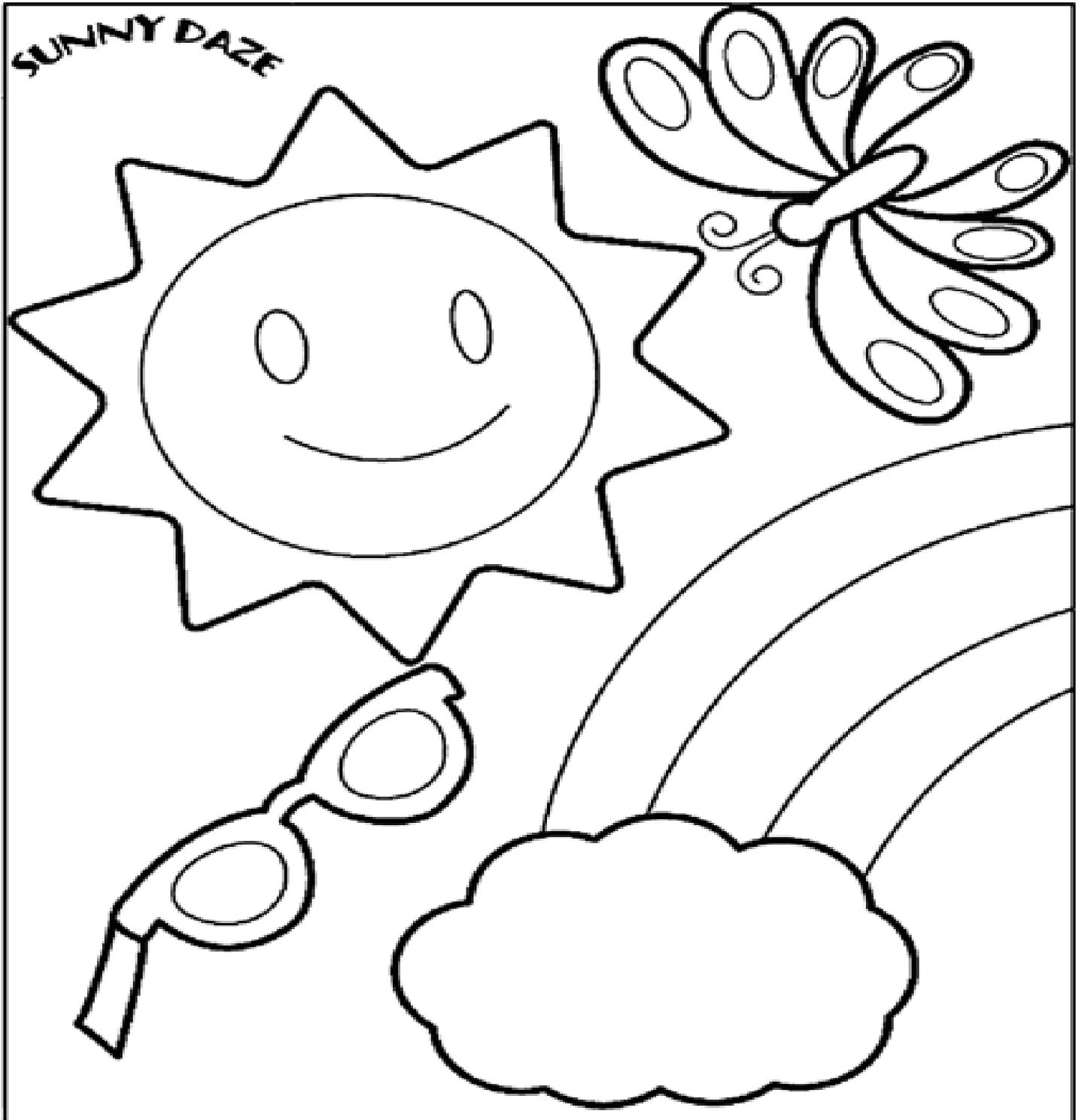
1. The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.
2. When a kid says, "Daddy, I want mommy," that's the kid version of, "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."
3. It's weird being the same age as old people.
4. Just once I want a username and password prompt to say CLOSE ENOUGH.
5. If I am ever on life support unplug me and plug me back in and see if that works.
6. Do you ever wake up in the morning and look in the mirror and think...
"That can't be accurate?!"



Kid's Page



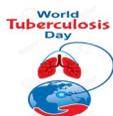
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March 2023



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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|  | |  | <p>1</p> <p>6:00pm Soup /Bread supper 7:00pm Lenten Service</p> | <p>2</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> | <p>3</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p> | |
| <p>5</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>Question/Answer Session after Service</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters</p> | <p>7</p>  | <p>8</p>  <p>4:00pm Finance Mtg 6:00pm Soup /Bread supper 7:00pm Lenten Service</p> | <p>9</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11am OCQG F/H 11:30am S/M Mtg 1:00pm Outreach</p> | <p>10</p> <p>8-4 pm OCQG Workshop F/H</p> | <p>11</p> <p>8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p> | |
|  <p>12</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>2:00pm Youth Symphony Concert</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:30am Library Mtg</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg</p> | <p>15</p> <p>12:30pm WELCA Mtg 6:00pm Soup /Bread supper 7:00pm Lenten Service 7:30pm Council</p> | <p>16</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> | <p>17</p>  | <p>18</p> <p>8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p>  | |
| <p>19</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>11:00am Congregational Mtg-Vote 11:30am Synod Presentation</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters</p>  | <p>21</p> |  <p>6:00pm Soup /Bread supper 7:00pm Lenten Service</p> | <p>22</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> | <p>23</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> | <p>24</p> <p>WAVES Deadline</p>  | <p>25</p> <p>8-10am Weight Watchers (Ed Rm)</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>11:30pm Music & Worship Com Mtg</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>5:00pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen</p> | <p>28</p> |  | <p>29</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> | <p>30</p>  | <p>31</p> | |



Worship Page

| <u>Worship</u> | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Altar Guild</u> | <u>Musicians</u> | <u>Recorder</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 5 10:00 am | David Cramer | Marian Brown | Tami Johnson | Arnie Anderson |
| 12 10:00 am | Sabine Maresco | Marian Brown | Marian Brown | Arnie Anderson |
| 19 10:00 am | Darcy dela Rosa | Karen Grams | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 26 10:00 am | Sandy Cramer | 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 | Peggy Gilman/ Bob Olsen | Sylvia Pauly |
| 12 10:00 am | Joe Baumgarten | Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy | Bob Olsen/ Pete Kraack | Susan Painter |
| 19 10:00 am | Joe Baumgarten | Bonnie Powell/ Dan Moore | Pete Kraack/ Cathy Devereaux | Travis Fox |
| 26 10:00 am | Joe Baumgarten | Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy | Cathy Devereaux/ Dan Moore | Travis Fox |



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| Sarah Black | 3/3 |
| Carla Roberts | 3/4 |
| Ed Milliken | 3/5 |
| Jaya Lapham | 3/7 |
| Terri McCulley | 3/8 |
| Renee Andrews | 3/10 |
| Carol Duvall | 3/14 |
| Stan Wilde | 3/16 |
| Rhonda Harman | 3/20 |
| Bennett Mann | 3/21 |
| Vo Newell | 3/25 |
| Sabine Maresco | 3/25 |
| Tecia Ezzell | 3/29 |
| Bill Bracklein | 3/31 |



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| Pete & Beverly Kraack | 3/5 | 5 |
| Rhonda Harman & Cathy Devereaux | 3/7 | 12 |
| John & Jennifer Smithies | 3/11 | 19 |
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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, March 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

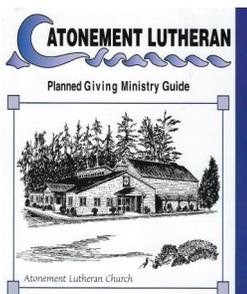
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 .