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Worship Services

Sundays @ 10:00am

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Office Hours

10:00am ~ 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



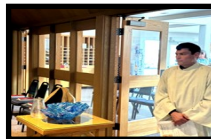
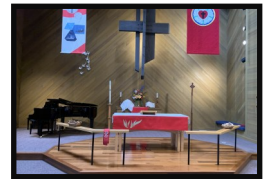
Our Website — Facebook Page

Sunday Worship Service on YouTube

www.atonementluthern.com

Saturday April 29, 2023

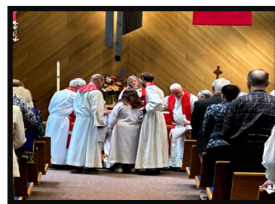
Ordination of Pastor John Michael Smithies



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 ~ March 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during March '23 were \$ 11,163

Expenses during March '23 were \$ 18,227

General Fund balance is \$ 15,942

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 73,790

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 23,341 includes offerings directed to food baskets, Social Ministry, World Relief for Ukraine, and Samaritan House (for diapers) this month.

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 113,541



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.



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



Pastor John Smithies

One of the amazing moments of having a Ferret, as a friend, is that moment before they fall asleep in your arms or lap or beside you. Because regardless of what they previously were doing before they fall asleep they take a deep, and I mean a long deep breath, and then a long exhale. I sometimes spend time in amazement of this seemingly universal action on their part of letting go before they sleep. All that pent up energy of a spring, all the curiosity, the mischievousness, playfulness, all if it seems to be dispelled by this breath, and then they enter the deep sleep of rest. For some new ferret owners this deep deep sleep of theirs, a sleep so deep its almost impossible to wake them from it, can be mistaken for a medical emergency, and Some have rushed their new ferret to the Emergency Vet only to find that the new room has brought a bouncy new awakening to their fury friend, embarrassment in front of the vet, and a large fee just to be told that your friend was in dreamland for a moment.

But as I sit with them, I often wonder about the mystery of life that is contained in that breath, the breath of life that we read that God breaths into creation. The word Spirit in both Greek and Hebrew is also the word for breath. The Spirit of God is the same word for the breath of God. The Spirit gives life and animates much the same way as a living breath does. I think of all this sometimes as I watch the ferrets take that deep breath. The deep trusting breath of life that is also at the moment that breath of relaxing letting go sort of trusting breath, that all is okay and now it is time to sleep.

I think May is a time for us to all individually and as a body take this deep deep breath. 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 apart of our stories together. And all this time God has been in our midst, though maybe it has not always felt that way. And now we start a new chapter of 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, the welcome the celebration together.

Let us all now take May as a deep breath. A breath of being, a breath of life, a breath of trust in the God who has always been there for us. Always been there with us, in us, and along side us. There will be time in the days and years ahead to discern the moving of Spirit, the moving of the breath of God in our world, conversations on how to ride this wave of grace. But for now, for this moment of May, let us follow the example of the ferrets and take that deep long breath of life, of trust of grace and take an extra long exhale together. May the Lord use this breath to renew, refreshen, and sustain us in the journey ahead.

May the peace of Christ, the peace of this deep breath be ever with you!



Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

Adult forum at 9am on Sunday morning will continue to be looking at the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. You are invited to join us for a deep dive of the days text, and open discussion of its reading.



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters next meeting will be May 15th @ 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/Rhonda Harman



- ◆ We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages... Metamucil and Ensure.
- ◆ You know you are getting old when "friends with benefits" means having someone who can drive at night.
- ◆ Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time.
- ◆ After watching how some people wear their masks I understand why contraception fails.
- ◆ Now that we have everyone washing their hands correctly... next week... Turn Signals!



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 \$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.



Newport's Cemetery Welcomes Volunteers

by Susan Painter



Newport's local cemetery, serving the community since 1879, welcomes volunteers for several events this spring. Anyone who wishes to 'Adopt a Grave' belonging to a Veteran is invited to donate \$75 toward resurfacing or repair of a marker in need of care. Help cleaning the grounds is also welcome any weekday from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The community is invited to share the Memorial Day celebration at the cemetery, 1101 NE Yaquina Heights Road at 11:00 a.m. on Monday May 29th.

Several positions on the Cemetery Board of Directors are open, and anyone interested may contact Susan Painter for details and an application.



SAVE THE DATE: Yakona Nature Hike

by Susan Painter

Saturday, July 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Susan Painter will host a hike in the beautiful private Yakona Nature Preserve and Learning Center on a peninsula in Yaquina Bay.

Sign up beginning June 1st

Details in the June edition of the WAVES"



Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program



Your supporters (18 households) who shopped at Fred Meyers between January 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2023 have contributed to your \$32.93 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)**.



Hello from the Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

Do you ever have a moment when you recall a favorite book or story from days past? I often ponder about books or stories that made an impression on me. Those moments last a lifetime. That's why we do our best to select good books for our Church Library! We love to read!

So, this month I want to share information from two recent children's purchases. You might enjoy browsing through these books as an adult too.

Book Review ... by Bonnie Powell



Dinosaurs Are Not Extinct—

Real Facts About Real Dinosaurs by Drew Sheneman

This book has colorful illustrations with conversational dialogue about facts—sometimes, even humorous. There's a quote: "Every time you hear a sparrow sing—every time you hear a rooster crow, remember Dinosaurs are not extinct!"



Goodnight Astronaut

by Scott Kelly

An excellent, inspirational book written by a real astronaut. The illustrations depict his journey from childhood to an adult. Photos at the end of the book really tell his story. They inspire children to dream Big! Here is a quote from his mother: "If you close your eyes and dare to dream, you can do anything!"



Photos for Our Picture Board by Marian Brown

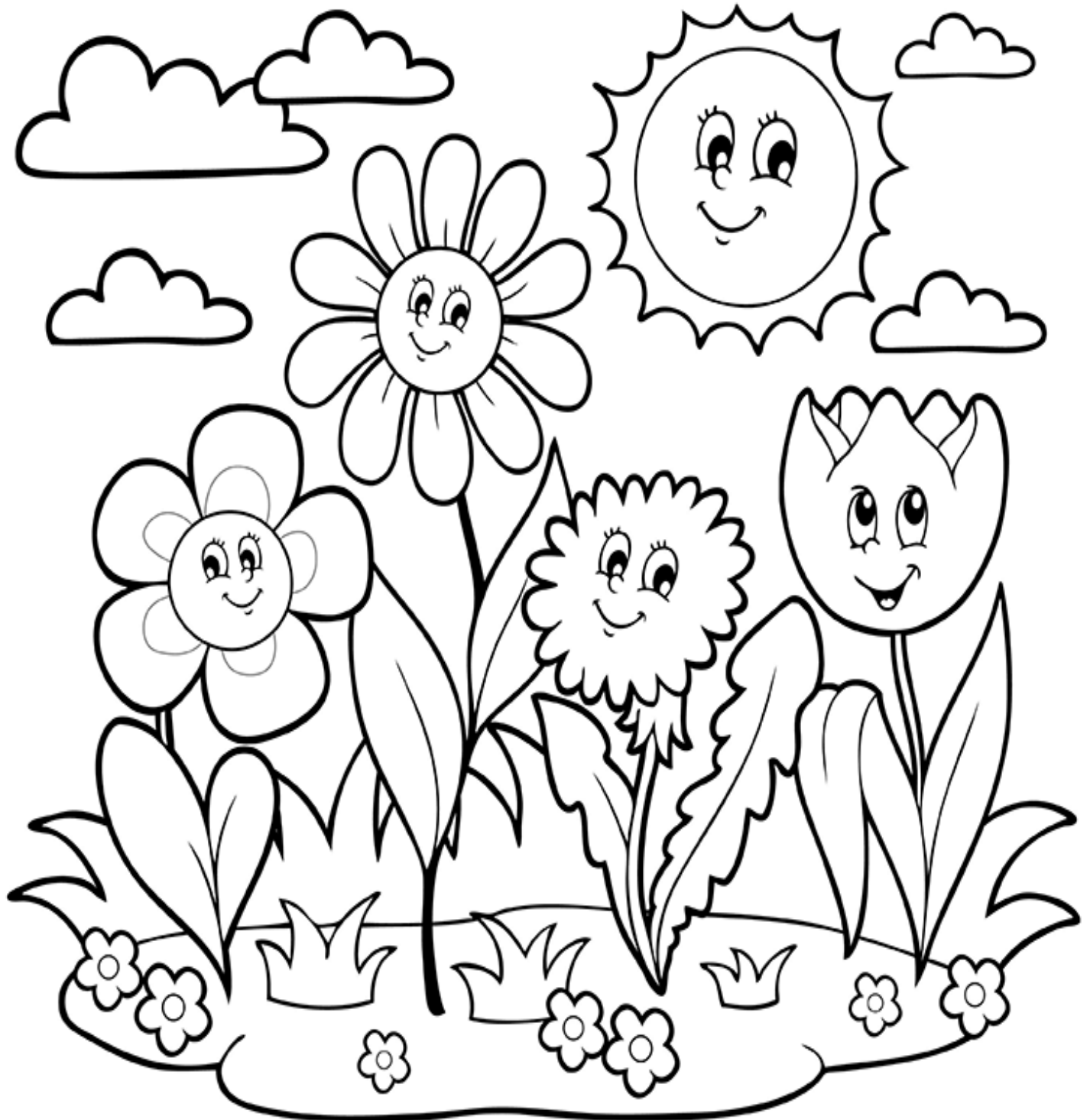
We are updating our Members & Friends picture Board in the Hallway by Stairs. If you would like to be added to our board or update the current picture, talk to Marian Brown.



Kid's Page



Color me



May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 	2 	3	4	5 	6 
7 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast 11:30 am Worship & Music Mtg	8 Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg	9 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg	10 4:00pm Finance Mtg	11 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Outreach Mtg 5-9pm OCQG F/H	12	13 
14  9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	15 Office closed 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 	16	17 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 7:30pm Council Mtg	18 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	19	20 SAVE A LIFE! 
21 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast	22 Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	23	24 	25 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	26 WAVES Deadline	27
28 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:30 am Worship & Music Mtg	29 Office closed 	30	31	Nat'l Physical Fitness and Sports Month 		



Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
7 10:00 am	Gary Thompson	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
14 10:00 am	Sabine Maresco	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
21 10:00 am	Sandy Cramer	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
28 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
7 10:00 am	_____	Jan Day/ Dan Moore	Bob Olson/ Dan Moore	Sylvia Pauly
14 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Bob Olsen/ Peggy Gilman	Susan Painter
21 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Bonnie Powell/ Dan Moore	Pete Kraack/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox
28 10:00 am	Joe Baumgarten	Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy	Cathy Devereaux/ Pete Kraack	Travis Fox



Bob Olson	5/4
James Ezzell	5/5
Laura Swanson	5/9
Helen Ezzell	5/11
Penny McCue	5/11
Tim Miller-Morgan	5/20
Lily Phelps	5/20
Jan Day	5/21
Karen Grams	5/23
Debbie Adamson	5/24
Tami Johnson	5/25



Kevin & Cindy Ward 5/3



7	Jean & Paul Amundson
14	Karen Grams
21	_____
28	_____



Social Ministry ...

Stone Soup



Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, May 22nd 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.

Diaper Drive



The Diaper Drive for Samaritan House continues through the end of April. Regular sizes 1-5 and Pull-Up sizes 5-6 are needed. Please put your purchases on the cart in the Narthex. To donate funds to buy diapers, please write Samaritan House on the memo line of your check.

Clothing/Shoes Drive



Gently used clothing and shoes suitable for outdoor wear for Grace Wins Haven all year. Please place your donations in the tubs under the benches in the Narthex.

Hygiene Items



Individual use size hygiene items for the Grace Wins shower van all year. Please put unopened travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, etc. in the basket on the cart in the Narthex. Courtesy size items from motel stays are much appreciated.

Coffee Drive for Grace Wins Haven



During the month of May, we are asking for donations of one to three pound cans or bags of ground coffee. Grace Wins Haven serves hundreds of cups of coffee to its clients every day.



Reaching Out with God's Love

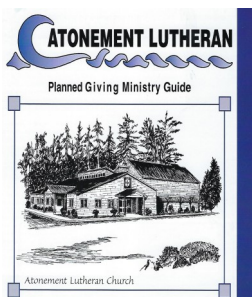
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 .