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10:00am ~ 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday

Worship Services

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November 2023

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Our Website — Facebook Page
Sunday Worship Service on YouTube

www.atonementluthern.com



Stewardship Commitments 2024

We hope 2024 will be a productive and exciting year here at Atonement. Please help the Council plan for it, by returning your Commitment forms to the church office by

Sunday, November 12th.

Thank you for all the generous ways you support Atonement's ministry.



Pastor is out of the Office!

by Pastor John Smithies

I will be out of the office a bit this month. I will be gone on the 6th to 8th for the Bishop's convocation, 13-20th at First Call Theological Education, and the 28th and 30th for additional training. The church office will be closed on the 23rd and 24th of November. And before we know it we will be in Advent!!



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.



Daylight Savings Time

ends on Sunday, November 5th. Be sure to set your clock/watch back one hour on Saturday, so you'll make it to church service on time.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ September 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during September '23 were \$ 11,841

Expenses during September '23 were \$ 11,112

General Fund balance is \$ 27,196

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 68,772

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 20,117

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 118,309



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 meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday in the lower meeting room. Everyone is invited. It's a great way to get to know each other as we tie the quilts and share stories.



Pastor John Smithies

Dear Church,

Colossians 3:15 "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

"We are entering the months where the light outside grows dimmer, and the long nights set in. My ferrets, in response, became a little more lazy than normal. They start growing their long winter coats, always darker than they are in summer, and they put on some winter weight. I am always amazed at this transformation; they are seemingly in tune with the world around them, so unlike us who struggle to be with natural order, as if we are at war with our own selves.

And November also brings to us the holiday of thanksgiving and the preparation for Advent. We look forward to the moments to spend time with family and friends and give thanks for what we have. Thanksgiving had a lot to do with the topic I spoke about during our stewardship drive, gratitude. The two are linked closely and speak truths at odds with the culture around us. It's easy to always be disgruntled in the modern world, we are so accustomed to thinking about what we don't have, what we want. We tell ourselves If only I had this, I could be happy. Then we get whatever that is, but fleeting happiness that comes with the moment fades away and we look for the next shiny thing that might bring us joy. And there is indeed a lot of need in our community and in our own lives, and I don't mean in anyway to make light of those needs.

But when we give thanks, when we pause to be gracious, it's not because we don't have needs, it's a response that despite the needs and hardships, we choose to be grateful for what we have. Gratitude comes not because we realize we have things that we did not earn nor deserve, and yet the blessings are all around us.

Another name for the Lord Meal that we eat together is called the Eucharist, this is a Greek word meaning to give thanks. And most likely than not, somewhere in the prayer amidst the words of institution, I say directly or indirectly "thanks," or "We give you praise." This is a stance we take to say we understand that this meal is a symbol of God's love for us, sent to us in Christ Jesus, who is at work uniting our souls and minds back to God. We give thanks because we certainly don't deserve this love, we certainly have not earned it, and yet there it is. Christ's body given for you. Always and ever there, given to us. Thanks be to God. Amen

Blessings, *Pastor John*



Walk on the Beach ...
will restart in Spring or Summer of 2024



Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

We will spend November studying the lectionary, this has been a great time for discussion and diving deeper into the meaning of the lectionary readings. If you want to engage with the text in a fun and open conversation, please feel invited to our time on Sunday. In addition we have been recording Adult Forum and will start posting the link for those who wish to view the discussion on the following Tuesday!

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!**



Communion Assistants ... As we return to the new patterns of receiving communion at the front, we need an extra person to assist. We have created space on the bulletin board for people to sign up to assist with communion. The 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. Thank you!



Fred Meyers Community Rewards



Your supporters (18 households) who shopped at Fred Meyers between July 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2023 have contributed to your \$32.67 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)**.



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



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. Mask are welcome, but not required. 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, the office.



WELCA will continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is November 15th at 12:30pm. The meetings can be attended by zoom. All are welcome to participate.



ALC Book Club by Pastor John Smithies

The book we are reading this month is from Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest and founder of the Center for Contemplation and Action. This would be a great book to read heading into fall. The book title Falling upward is about the two stages of life and how we might be opened to the Spirit's becoming to enter the second stage sooner. Our culture encourages us to stay in the first stage all our lives. Falling upward is the metaphor that Rohr uses to encourage us to grow into the grace that God has given us.

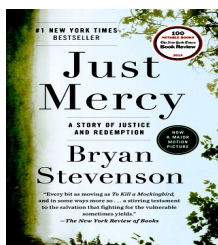
We will meet in person on November 21st at 11am, and on the 29th at 5pm. Both meeting times will be zoomed for those wishing to zoom the meeting. I hope and pray that this book will help us grow in faith.



The Library Committee by Bonnie Powell

Hello from the Library ... There are several new books on the window shelf in the Children's Area. A couple relate to diversity in helping us be more aware of other cultures. The others appeal to younger children. These stories are helpful because the theme relates to how we can overcome fear or worry. The illustrations in all the books are outstanding.

A special thanks to Patty Fox for processing our books on the computer!



Book Review ... by Dan Moore

"Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson

The second Book of the Month discussion at church, was centered around the powerful and moving book "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson, a black lawyer who started an organization that represented anyone in prison on death row. The book is a heart wrenching fact filled story of how the legal system works. With a lot of facts about the United States prison system and how the system has expanded exponentially since the 1970's from 300,000 prisoners to 2.5 million prisoners in the year 2010.

The author details personal stories of the prisoners he represented and how they were mistreated and under represented legally. He details how children as young as 13 years old are treated as adults, versus being placed in the juvenile delinquent system. His stories about the prisoners on Death Row that he represented are astounding and emotional. He presents details about how many were innocent but received no opportunity to present a proper defense.

The book is an indictment of our present legal system and raises lots of questions about the need for change within our present prison system, and the way they are treated by federal and state courts. A roller coaster of emotions and I suggest reading a chapter and then stopping and digesting what you read. Otherwise it would be easy to get upset and depressed on how the legal system works.



Website Calendar

Check out our website calendar. It includes all activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It is updated to include all changes and new events.

Website: <http://www.atonementlutheran.com>

Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation



In July 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg resulted in more than 50,000 American casualties. Despite these losses, the United States gained a great victory during these three days. On October 3, 1863, with this victory in mind, as well as its cost, President Lincoln issued a proclamation:

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, ...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving... And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to (God) ..., they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.



by Marian Brown

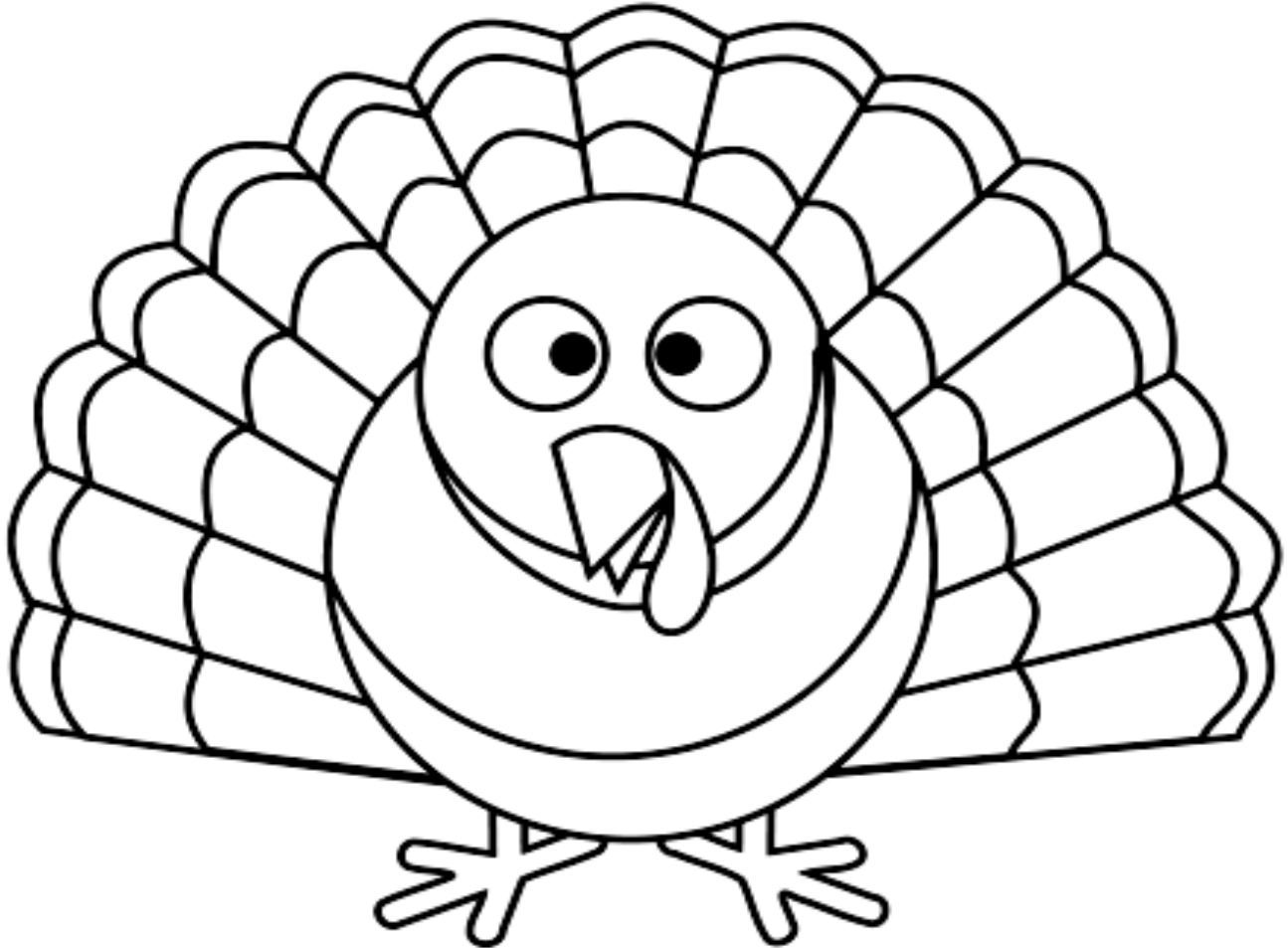
Did you know ... **Altar Guild** is looking for some additional members. What is Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a sub-committee of Worship and Music and meets quarterly.

The following is a list of the committee responsibilities: Communion preparation for services as well as all special church services, flowers, care of candles, communion bread, baptismal napkins and candles, changing of banners and paraments, Advent wreath, Christmas poinsettias, Easter lillies, linen care and special needs for funerals and weddings.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have and look forward to working with you.



Kid's Page
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November 5th and 19th

The *first* Sunday will be a teaching Sunday and the *third* will be a project Sunday for the youth led by our committees. If you would like to participate in this program, please talk to us.

Youth in Worship

by Pastor John

We are encouraging our youth to assist in various ways on Sunday morning! We invite parents and youth to sign up on our sign up board and or show up early and let us know that you would like to assist. Our ushers are more than happy to assist you in everything! Our youth are a part of our service!



November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Native American Heritage Month</p>	<p>National Diabetes Awareness Month NOVEMBER</p>		<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Nat'l Sandwich Day</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School</p> <p>11:45am Choir practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:00am Quilters</p> <p>1:00pm Quilters</p>	<p>7</p> <p>ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:00pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> <p>12:00pm Outreach Mtg</p> <p>3:30am Social Ministry Mtg</p> <p>5-9pm OCQG F/H</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>11:45am Choir practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:30am Library Mtg</p> <p>World Kindness Day</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Property Mtg</p> <p>11:00am Parish Life Mtg</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:30pm WELCA Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p> <p>Tolerance November 16 International Day for Tolerance</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School</p> <p>11:45am Choir practice</p> <p>12:30pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:00am Quilters</p> <p>1:00pm Quilters</p> <p>Universal Children's Day</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:00am ALC Book Club</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>24</p> <p>WAVES Deadline</p> <p>FRIDAY</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast</p> <p>11:45 am Worship & Music Mtg</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Nat'l French Toast Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00pm ALC Book Club</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p>		<p>HOPE</p>



Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
5 10:00 am	Mike Rawles	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
12 10:00 am	Brenda Grall	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
19 10:00 am	Karen Grams	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
26 10:00 am	Darcy dela Rosa	Karen Grams	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
5 10:00 am	_____	Dan Moore Maryellen Murphy	Bob Olson/ Pete Kraack	Barb Ward
12 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox Rhonda Harman	Cathy Devereaux/ Pete Kraack	Susan Painter
19 10:00 am	_____	Barb Ward/ Jerryann Olson	Dan Moore/ Bob Olson	Travis Fox
26 10:00 am	_____	Brenda Grall/ Dan Moore	Peggy Gilman/ Dan Moore	Travis Fox



Emily Jennings	11/10
Sandra Roumagoux	11/11
Barb Ward	11/13
Evelyn McCue	11/14
Finley Miller-Morgan	11/15
Gary Painter	11/16
Diane Boyd	11/26
Sandy Cramer	11/27
Dietmar Goebel	11/30



Jim & Joan Rolph	11/5
Dietmar & Linda Goebel	11/22
Paul & Anne Stangeland	11/25

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8	_____
15	Bob & Jerryann Olson
22	Paul & Anne Stangeland
	59th Anniversary

Social Ministry ...



Stone Soup

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, November 27th at 5:00pm.

We are asking for Pet Food (Dog and Cat) donations to give out at Stone Soup.

Please bring into church leave next to wall across from upstairs kitchen.

If you would like to help: please call Sally Jennings @541 444-2687

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.

Donating to Dedicated funds

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 what fund you would like to support.



Thanksgiving Help for Samaritan House Families

At this time of giving thanks for all the bounty in our lives, please help families who live at Samaritan House purchase food for Thanksgiving and the long holiday weekend. We will give each Samaritan House family a \$50 gift card this Thanksgiving.



Gift Cards This program provides an emergency meal card for people who stop by the church and need help. We have been having a great number of people requesting food cards in the last two months. We are setting up food card limit per month because of restraint of funds. Raynette will be purchasing \$10 food cards from Food vendors as funds are available.



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.



Reaching Out with God's Love

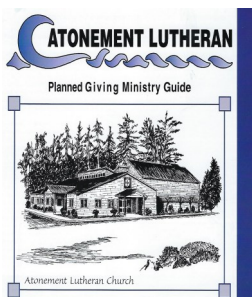
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 ALC Committees

If you are interested and want to participate in community service, (they would love to have you) please pick up a copy of our committee information sheet 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 .