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Worship Services

Sundays @ 10:00am

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10:00am ~ 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday

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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.



Our Website — Facebook Page Sunday Worship Service on YouTube

www.atonementluthern.com

Coming in October



Stewardship month

October is Stewardship month, a month where we begin the long journey of collecting pledges for the next year's budget for it to be ready for presentation in the January congregational meeting. We want to do this in the spirit of Gratitude, grateful for what we have, grateful for what is ahead, grateful for what this church means for each of us. Gratitude is an attitude, an outlook, a way of being, as opposed to a task to be done. We will be highlighting the ways we are grateful for what have, what we do, and for the opportunity to serve those in need. And we will have this conversation in dialogue with this pesky thing called money. In other words what does it cost to function on this level. All the while being grateful that its each of you who make this miracle of Atonement happen! Please be on the lookout for different and interesting things that will be presented to you all in the coming month!



St. Francis of Assisi day

We will be remembering Saint Francis of Assisi on Saturday October 7th at 10: am with an outdoor blessing of the animals in paved area on the southeast corner of the church. All are invited to bring their furry friends to the area at 10am that morning for a short service and blessing of the animals. We ask that all our beloved animal companions be in pet carriers or on leashes! Then join us for worship on the 8th when we remember our connection to all creation and that God's love is for us all.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ August 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during August '23 were \$ 12,003

Expenses during August '23 were \$ 14,428

General Fund balance is \$ 10,468

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 83,059

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 22,625

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 119,849



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

*T*he 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.



Memorial service for Don Davis

The memorial service for Don Davis will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church on October 21st @1:30 pm with a reception following the service downstairs. All are invited to come!



Reformation day.

October 29th brings us to Reformation Day, a day we remember the life and work of Martin Luther when he nailed the 95 thesis to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral. All our invited to wear Red that day as we remember our heritage, pray for unity, and remember that we are truly one because we are united in Christ, we may be divided into our different church camps at the moment, but we are truly one in Christ.



Pastor John Smithies

Dear Church,
Isaiah 45:8 *"You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the LORD, have created it."*

And just like that the rain came! Jen has been asking about winter here, specifically about what type of rain do we get here. I know that sounds like an unusual question, but remember we are from north of Seattle in the part of the pacific northwest where no one on the local news ever says it's going to rain. Why? Because it is always raining. Or I should say more correctly that it almost never rains. It's more of a constant everyday misting. In Seattle, if you turn in to the local news for the weather, they never say rain. Instead, they give you two option, it is either sprinkling or it is drizzling. Now truth be told, I could never figure out which one indicated the severity of the wetness. Either way it was what I call mist. The ever present mist is like walking through the wet sprinklers that are placed in the desert or put above the outdoor sitting area of restaurants. Just wait for it I would tell her; the rain will come. And sure, enough it came this last week, the surf swelled the rain came. There will still be sunny days in the coming month, October always seems full of extremes, clear warm days, clear cold days, colder nights, and lots of rain bringing to our awareness that fall is here.

Isaiah prays that the life and love of God may rain down upon us, for this is the movement of God, God comes down. In a few short months, we will be journeying through Advent as we keenly yearn for the miracle of God's light being born amongst us. As we wait let the rain remind us, that God is always coming down, bringing the rains to water our world with life. May this be a symbol of God's actions for each of us, that the rain drops remind us of our own connection to God through Baptism. For which of us can make the rain fall? Or who can earn this rain? The movement is only and ever from heaven to earth. The rain falls on us, as the love of God comes to us to dwell in us, so that life of God's love may grow in us. And so, the rain falls as surely of God's love comes, and the rain falls on us all, as surely as the love of God falls on us all. I invite you all at some point to stand outside as the rain falls and be reminded of the water that washed over you, connecting you to God's promise and uniting you to the life that is in Christ. May this well in us the love of God that overflows from us to the world.
Blessings, *Pastor John*

Walk on the Beach ... Thursdays 1:00pm

Meet at the Church and car pool to the beach.





Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

We are wrapping up our course on Civic Life and Faith and will return to looking at our Lectionary text with a Special Adult forum on October 29th to talk about the reformation. Please be invited to journey deeper in our faith in these moments.

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!**



by Pastor John Smithies

Sunday School will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. 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.



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!



Thank you everyone for the help with the Red Cross Blood drive and all the treats. Donors really like all the special treats. We collected 27 units which is fairly good. We will host another drive in February or March. 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 for a monthly Bible Study. The group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is October 18th at 12:30pm. The meetings can be attended by zoom. All are welcome to participate.



ALC Book Club by Pastor John Smithies

Please join us for a second month of our Atonement Book club. We will be reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson and talking about it in groups on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11am and on Thursday evening at 5pm. Bellow is a list of the books for the next 5 months for those wanting a running start!

November: *Falling upwards* by Richard Rohr

December *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

January: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

February: *Break this bread* by Sara Miles

Our Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24th in the Library area.



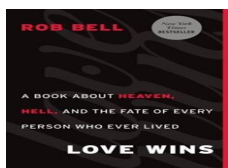
The Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

Hello from the Library ... You will notice new shelf titles for specific areas of the Library now. This will make it easier for members and friends to see where books are shelved. Also, look for the "new Book" markers enclosed in those books and the new topic markers on the shelves to help find a book more easily. Thanks to Patty Fox for processing new books and self markers.

Also, there are now card catalog (boxes) by the check-out. Books are listed by Author and Subject to help you locate a specific book.

We have some interesting children's books, with titles of diversity that will be displayed on the children's shelves. They are so interesting and meaningful. Perhaps looking at one, might stir your own memories of childhood.



Book Review ... by Dan Moore

Love Wins by Rob Bell

Last week I read Rob Bell's book "Love Wins", and I am currently reading the companion book to that written by Rob Bell titled "The Love Wins Companion". Anyway, I wanted to review "Love Wins", which is one of the easiest books to understand that I have ever read. It takes about 2 hours to read, and is written in a captivating style, with easy to understand words. Love It! It is an uplifting book that describes how God's love reaches everyone and you don't have to do anything to receive that love. It is a book that lets all people of creeds and colors know why Jesus came to us, and how to get to know Him. If you love, "What You Talk About When You Talk to God", also by Rob Bell, you will be blown away by "Love Wins". Both books are part of the church library. I bet that once you start reading it, you won't be able to put it down.



New Member's Dinner

The church council hosted a dinner for all our new members for the previous and current year on September 27th. It was a wonderful and enjoyable night with great food and getting to know more about our newest members and the council duties.

ARTIST BILL KUCHA TO SHARE ART & OFFER REFLECTIONS

by Susan Painter

Nearly two years ago on Halloween weekend, a malfunctioning wood stove caused a fire that knocked out power throughout our community for many hours and completely destroyed a home that had been lovingly restored for half a century. Fortunately the owners, renowned artist Bill Kucha and his wife Dorothy escaped safely, but all of his original artwork and the couple's possessions were gone.



About a year before the fire, Bill had completed work on a mixed media "vertical altar in four panels" titled "600 Years." The piece had taken two years to create but it, with about a hundred others, was lost in the flames. Blessedly, Bill had arranged to have the panels be professionally photographed. Now, he has been able to create a full sized reproduction from the photographer's archives. He will share the work with us during the evening of Wednesday, October 25th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Atonement.

Most of us know Bill through his sculpture, "the Innercross," which has been part of the Narthex for nearly two decades. The large illuminated cross, Bill says, is a reflection of the light in each of us: "though small in the vastness of chaos, we are, each of us, a magical, blessed and powerful something. Like a Christ, we can heal, create, love and celebrate, regardless of the cross we bear."

All in the community are welcome to come to the church at 5:30 p.m. for coffee and desert while observing and sharing thoughts about "600 Years." At 6:00, we will gather for prayer around and beneath "The Innercross." Bill will share songs and lead a discussion of his newly resurrected "600 Years." The work shows the historical extinctions over the centuries, the alarms around our current climate crisis, and our journey toward a "sixth extinction." The artistic rendering offers a progression from Colonial America to the present, followed by a spiritual revolution awakening the heart and then into the future, where Bill says, will be the "end of the empire era and beginning of the planetary era [as] nation states are transformed into a single world and governance is guided by the ethic, moral and law of love."

We are delighted to welcome Bill to Atonement for this presentation and grateful that he will be sharing this vibrant, newly restored and inspired vertical altar with us.





Sunday School

What is an Acolyte?

What do these white robes called albs mean?

Exactly how do I light this candle?

How fast exactly do I walk up the aisle?

What does that word Acolyte mean again?

All these questions and more will be answered at Sunday school October 15th!!



Message for Parents:

October 15th will be a fun Sunday school day for the children as Pete spends the time talking about and training our young ones about worship and about the most liturgical of all words being an Acolyte.

There are sign up spaces created in our Sunday schedule on the bulletin board for our youth to sign up and be a part of our worship service! All our youth are invited to participate!



October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast 10:00am Sunday School	2 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 	3	4 	5 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake  1:00pm Beach Walk	6 	7 11:00am Animal Blessing by the Basketball Court.
8 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast	9 Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg 	10 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg	11 4:00pm Finance Mtg	12 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11:00am Social Ministry 12:00pm Outreach Mtg 1:00pm Beach Walk 5-9pm OCQG F/H	13  8-4pm OCQG Workshop (F/H)	14 Nat'l Dessert Day 
15 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 10:00am Sunday School	16 Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 	17 	18 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 7:00pm Council Mtg	19 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 	20	21
22 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:45 am Worship & Music Mtg	23 Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	24 11:00am ALC Book Club  Nat'l Food Day	25	26 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk  Nat'l Pumpkin Day	27 WAVES Deadline	28 
29 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast Nat'l Cat Day 	30 Office closed	31 	 Breast Cancer Awareness Month			



Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
1 10:00 am	Darcy dela Rosa	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
8 10:00 am	Sabine Maresco	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
15 10:00 am	_____	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
22 10:00 am	_____	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
29 10:00 am	_____	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
1 10:00 am	_____	Pete Kraack/ Bob Olsen	Travis Fox
8 10:00 am	_____	Cathy Devereaux/ Pete Kraack	Barb Ward
15 10:00 am	_____	Dan Moore/ Cathy Devereaux	Susan Painter
22 10:00 am	_____	Peggy Gilman/ Dan Moore	Sylvia Pauly
29 10:00 am	_____	Peggy Gilman Bob Olsen	Travis Fox



Liliana Black	10/1
Dean Hill	10/3
Lynn Moody	10/5
Arnie Anderson	10/5
Mariah Harmon	10/9
Brad Ames	10/14
Laura Kimberly	10/15
Jeanette Agre	10/18
Mike Rawles	10/26
Sue Fowler	10/28
Walter Duvall	10/31



John & Meredith Gilbert	10/3
Ruth & Kevin Shelly	10/3
Jim & Tecia Ezzell	10/20



1	_____
8	_____
15	Susan Painter
22	Raynette Rawles — Mike's Birthday
29	_____



Social Ministry ...



Stone Soup

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, October 23rd 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.



Samaritan House Dedicated Fund



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

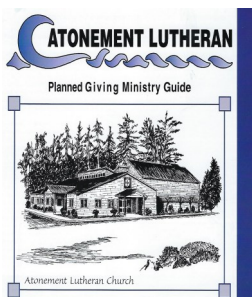
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 .