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Tuesday thru Friday

Worship Services

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Our Website — Facebook Page Sunday Worship Service on YouTube

www.atonementluthern.com



Rally Day

by Pastor John Smithies



On September 17th, we will have a special service, as we pray for and think of all the students returning to school in the fall. We invite all students to bring a backpack to service that Sunday and we will have a special time for prayers and a blessing as they begin their new journeys.

Also, Rally day will mark a return to some liturgical practices that were changed during the pandemic. Communion will be held at the rails with individuals receiving communion either by standing or kneeling.



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.



Support for Victims of Maui Fires



Council has approved setting up a fund to help the children and families that lost their homes and possessions in the fires on Maui. One of the 2 schools in the area was destroyed and the children will be transported to other schools outside the area. They will need backpacks, school supplies, clothes, etc.

If you would like to help in this endeavor, you can mail, drop off at office or leave donations in our Donation Basket near entrance to Sanctuary. Please note for Maui Fires.

Thank You!!!



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ July 2023

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during July '23 were \$ 12,985

Expenses during July '23 were \$ 16,201

General Fund balance is \$ 12,708

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

Capital Fund balance is \$ 79,121

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 21,882

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 121,636



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.



Red Cross Blood Drive- by Terri McCully

September 22, 2023 In Fellowship Hall @ Atonement Lutheran Church

If you can donate blood, please sign up on the Blue Cross Blood Drive website. Atonement is known for the good treats for the donors. Looking for volunteers in the canteen and making homemade treats. If you can help out please contact Terri McCulley (541) 270-3424.



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters will begin meeting again on September 18, 2023. Everyone is invited when we get back together. It's a great way to get to know each other as we tie the quilts and share stories.



Pastor John Smithies

Dear Church,

September marks the turning when the cycle of summer gives way to fall. Things still bloom those black berries are only now starting to ripen, and yet the full force of fall with winter in its wings is right behind it. And if almost on cue our lectionary readings take a turn as well. The last Sunday in August, we had Peter's great Confession, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God." We might miss this if our only exposure to the Gospel account comes through our lectionary, but this text is a turning point in the Gospel of Matthew, from now on the story will lead to the cross. There is really nothing in the first part of the Gospel that indicates this, nothing in this story of a Messiah born in a manger, the great wisdom of the sermon on the mount, the calming the storm and walking on water. None of these stories would lead one to the conclusion that the Messiah must die. But, then we have this great confession of Peter, he has seen these stories and reaches the right conclusion, "You are the Christ," and then and only then does the world turn. Jesus tells them that he, "MUST, go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering, be killed, and on the third day be raised." That is quite the list of musts, each one seeming intractably linked to the other and all heading to the third day.

We must head into September, which will lead to winter, we must all age from the days of our youth, we must all journey in life with hardships and pain. This is our journey, but we live it now knowing that the third day has already happened to Christ and because it happened to him, it will happen to us. "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life will find it." Only by learning to let go of the temporary things that don't last, do we learn to embrace the eternal things that endure. This is our journey of the fall and if we let the wisdom of our church guide us during this transition period, it will lead us to the light of God being a child that guides our way. The Light which comes on the longest nights of the year. For we must go to Jerusalem, die, and on the third day rise again. All this we must do, the last part as much as the first, and we do this through the love of God poured out for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.



New Member's Dinner ... by Pastor John Smithies

The church council will host a dinner for all our new members in the previous year on September 27th @ 6:00pm. If you are interested in membership and would like to attend, please talk to Pastor John.



Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

The ELCA, is in the process of creating a social statement on civic life and faith. When they church enters this type of work, it's a collaboration that involves many different levels of input. We will be journeying through the next 6 weeks in Adult Form by looking at some of this material to engage conversation, but more importantly as an opportunity to provide our own feedback and comments.

At the end of each session, there will be time to return material to this group that will be looked at in developing the statement. The general question is what responsibility a Christian has in a democracy, and there will be different lenses to ask this question through.

In preparation for this conversation a short video and transcript will be sent as a base for our Adult forum conversation, we encourage you to look at that material prior to Sunday, but please feel free to attend even if you have not spent time with it.

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 update. We will be adjusting our Sunday school program for the coming year. Sunday School will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month starting September 17th.

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.

Upcoming Social Event ... by Pastor John Smithies

A Night in with a local artist, Bill Kocha. Mark your calendars for the 4th Wednesday in October, for a dessert social with Bill Kocha. More information to be announced shortly.



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, Mike Rawles or 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 September 20th at 12:30pm The meetings can be attended by zoom. All are welcome to participate.



ALC Book Club by Pastor John Smithies

We are excited to start up a new ministry here at the church with a book club. We will be reading a book every month, then discussing it on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11am in person and Zoom. Don't let this date and time concern you. If you wish to participate, but this time does not work, and we assume that this might be the case, we might try to offer a second time frame for others to participate. So, if you are in that category, please talk to Pastor John and there may be other options.

The book we are reading this month is a book by Rob Bell, *What we talk about when we talk about God*. This is a wonderful book that will help us all to see the God who is all around us and in us. Next month we will be reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. It is our hope that engaging in this work will help deepen our spiritual journey together.



The Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

Hello from the Library ... A note to let you know, that all books on display are available for checkout. We make an effort to change books on display each month. Also, parents, please be aware your children may check out books on display in the children's corner.

It is a simple process to check out a book. Just sign name on the card on the back of book and date. Put it in the small black box according to the author's last name. The Box is located on the first window sill.

We hope you will enjoy browsing through the books we have on display!



Book Review ... by Patty Fox

Contemplative Knitting by Julie Cocora

Have you ever thought of scheduling part of your day for knitting and to incorporate prayers while knitting? The author is an Episcopal priest and an avid knitter who compares the knitting of each stitch to repetition of prayer as a way for us to be united with Christ.

With 53 million people (women and men) that know how to knit she explores the time knitting, being relaxed, and living in the moment to be an ideal time for prayer. It's not always easy to carve out time to sit still each day and pray so the author explores knitting as a tool to lead us into contemplative prayer. Knitting and prayer is good in your private life but it's also a way to build relationships, lean on one another, and to promote community. It may be uncomfortable to invite someone into your church but it's relatively easy to invite someone into a knitting group! The author makes it clear that contemplative knitting might be easier if you are just learning the stitches because your focus is on what is in front of you.

If you have some patience, knitting can slow you down and help calm you. If knitting is new for you then you could feel helpless and wonder where to turn for help and understand that you are not in this alone. In comparison, contemplative prayer will quiet your mind, require you to ask questions, and open your heart to the presence of God. My thought is to give it a try and see what happens.

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

Meet at the Church and car pool to the beach.





God's work. Our hands.

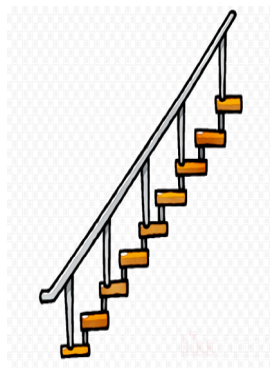
Throughout the ELCA we witness the love and concern God's people have for one another. Our congregations continue to support ministries that assist vulnerable people in their communities. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. On "God's work. Our hands."

One of our latest community projects this year headed by the Outreach Committee, was adopting the County History Museums ... Cleaning, removing garbage, painting, pulling weeds etc.



Some Good Humor ... submitted by Stan Wilde

**As You Get Older You've
Got To Stay Positive.
For Example, The Other Day
I Fell Down The Stairs...
Instead Of Getting Upset
I Just Thought,
"WOW, That's The Fastest
I've Moved In Years."**



**Not To Brag, But I Just
Went Into Another Room And
Actually Remember Why I
Went In There.
It Was The Bathroom, But
Still...**



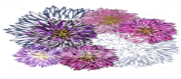


Kid's Page

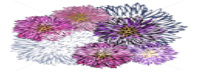


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September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nat'l Preparedness Month 		Childhood Cancer Awareness Month 			1	2
3 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Simulcast	4 Office closed 	5	6 Read a Book Day 	7 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 5-9pm OCQG F/H	8 Nat'l Literacy Day 	9
10 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 	11 Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg	12 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg	13 4:00pm Finance Mtg	14 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11:00am Social Ministry 12:00pm Outreach Mtg 1:00pm Beach Walk	15 	16
17 Rally Day 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 10:00am Sunday	18 Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	19 	20 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 7:00pm Council 	21 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	22 Red Cross Blood Drive (F/H) WAVES Deadline	23
24 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Simulcast 11:45 am Worship & Music Mtg	25 Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	26 11:00am ALC Book Club	27	28 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 	29 Nat'l Coffee Day 	30





Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
3 10:00 am	Sabine Maresco	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
10 10:00 am	Karen Grams	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
17 10:00 am	Sandy Cramer	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
24 10:00 am	David Cramer	Karen Grams	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
3 10:00 am	_____	Maryellen Murphy/ Dan Moore	Pete Kraack/ Cathy Devereaux	Barbara Ward
10 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Cathy Devereaux/ Dan Moore	Susan Painter
17 10:00 am	_____	Bonnie Powell/ Barbara Ward	Dan Moore/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox
24 10:00 am	_____	Rhonda Harman/ Barbara Ward	Peggy Gilman/ Bob Olsen	Travis Fox



Joy Johnson 9/1
 Raynette Rawles 9/5
 Ocean McCue 9/6
 Karen Johnson 9/7
 Sharleen Harvey 9/15
 Melodie McKenzie 9/17
 Paul Kimberly 9/17
 Denise Guild 9/27



Bill & Jeanne Innis 9/11
 Gary & Lori Painter 9/28



3 Raynette Rawles (birthday)
 10 _____
 17 _____
 24 _____



Social Ministry ...



Stone Soup

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, September 25th 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



Grace Wins Haven 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

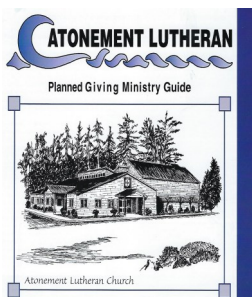
Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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 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 .