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# Waves



## Worship Services

Sundays @ 10:00am

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## Office Hours

10:00am ~ 3:00pm  
Tuesday thru Friday



## Website

## Facebook Page

## Sunday Worship Service on YouTube

[www.atonementluthern.com](http://www.atonementluthern.com)



## Communal Meal - Holden Evening Prayer



by Pastor John Smithies

Dear Church,

I have been wondering and praying on ways to deepen our faith journey together and ways to deepen fellowship amongst each other. We want to experiment with an idea of holding a monthly simple meal and Holden prayer service on the third Wednesday of the month in the months that we don't have another meal or evening program at the church. We invite our members and friends to our first of these on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for a simple meal of soup and bread and then join us at 7pm in the sanctuary for Holden evening prayer. May we continue to journey together as a praying caring community.

This takes a community to host and put on, and it takes the whole church to make this a sustainable ministry. We hope that everyone, throughout the year can pitch in to help make this vision possible. We are hoping that collectively as a church body we can all take turns throughout the year to help put this one in motion. The joy of the community is not one person needs do it all or all the time, but that we can spread the work around. Please tell us about ways to assist in this regard.

Peace

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 ~ February 2024

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



**General Fund:** Revenues during February '24 were \$ 14,737  
Expenses during February '24 were \$ 19,505  
General Fund balance is \$ 42,434

**Capital Fund:** Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.  
Our mortgage balance is \$ 193,266  
Capital Fund balance is \$ 92,902

**Dedicated Fund** balance is \$ 21,579

**Restricted/Endowment** balance is \$ 179,793



## 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.



## 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 next to Kitchen.



## Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 2:00pm  
Atonement Lutheran Church Sanctuary.



Pastor John Smithies

**1**Corinthians 15:20-25 "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler... and the last enemy to be destroyed is death."

I took a picture of this Spring a few years back on the Puget Sound. This lone ripe blackberry not yet ripe. This is the be ripe, but it is also a green and hard, that this glorious berry. I yes, I did, I took and was given to me, and yes it was good. It was a foretaste of all that will come.



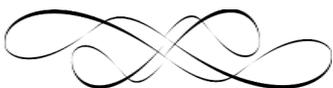
solitary ripe blackberry earlier in while walking a trail of an estuary. As I was walking, I noticed this. among all the ones that were first fruit. It is both the first to promise to all those that are still they too will be transformed into know what you are wondering, ate, feeling that this black berry

Even back then I stopped to reflect on this passage above from 1 Corinthians. Paul calls Christ the first fruit. This speaks of the promise and power of the resurrection. This is our Easter hope. It is not only that Christ rose from the dead transformed into a new resurrected body, but that we too will follow and become like him. He is the first fruit; we are the fruit that will follow.

We will read in the next few Sundays after Easter stories of how Christ appeared to his friends, and at first, they did not recognize him for he had been transformed. He rose not in his old body, but one transformed, surpassingly the old body. As much different as a seed is to the plant it grows into. Just as this ripe black berry is of surpassing quality than the bitter green unripe berry in the picture above. The growth of Spring testifies to this pattern, as sure as the fruit on the tree will ripen, we shall certainly be transformed into the image of Christ who is our savior.

Amen

*Pastor John Smithies*





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

Please feel welcome in our invitation to join us on Sunday morning at 9am for Adult Forum. We are currently discussing the Gospel text for Sunday. We have been having some wonderful discussions and looking deeper into our text. Adult Forum is recorded and sent out on Tuesday so even if you are not there you can join in on the discussion.



### 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!**

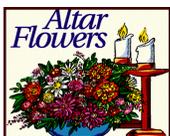


## ALC Book Club ... by Pastor John Smithies

Water flows, water is the element used in our baptism, water surrounds us. But have you ever asked yourself what is the meaning of water? Our book for this month's book club is the meaning of Water by Masaru Emoto.

This is probably the shortest work we will read this year and it has lots of pictures of water particles under different conditions. But I am fascinated by water, and I look forward to our discussion on the meaning of water, as this may well lead us into a deeper understanding of what Baptism is all about!

Please join us either on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am or April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to discuss this wonderful book.



## Flower Chart... signup for Sunday Altar Flowers—Birthdays, anniversaries, Remembrance or just because you want to.

Located on the Bulletin Board next to the upper meeting room .

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.

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 Pastor John at the office.



WELCA will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. This month is April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Join us in person or Zoom in the Church Narthex in community for a time of fellowship and discussion.

All are welcome to participate.



## Upcoming Memorial

A Memorial Service will be April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am for Jeannie Painter, who went to be with our Lord on February 4, 2024. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by love.

A gathering will follow the Service at Kelly and Ashley Painter's house.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a local mental health program or Newport fisherman's Wives.



# Hello from the Library Committee

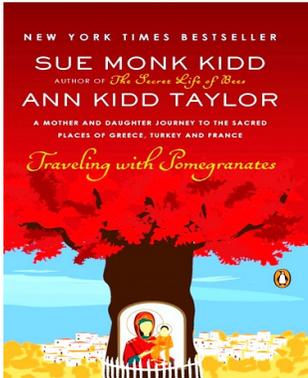
by Bonnie Powell

A note to let you know the general layout of the Library: To the left of the check out window there are books relating to the Bible and Religious references. Lower shelf there has many books about Martin Luther. To the right are books of Christian inspiration and self reflection. Over to far right you will find a large area of fiction. Over by the other windows there is always a display of children's books. The shelves there also have children's selections. To the far left there are some tapes and books about cooking! Hopefully, this provides a better idea of where to find a book.

## Book Review ... by Bonnie Powell

Title: Traveling with Pomegranates

Author: Sue Monk Kidd & Ann Kidd Taylor



An interesting theme in this book as it's written in alternate chapters-meaning one chapter will be written by Sue and the next by her daughter, Ann.

This is a story more like a diary of feelings and the dissection of life experiences. There is a great deal of introspection by each writer.

Each with their own aspirations, doubts, conflicts and happiness as they travel through different countries.



## Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program



The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just be a part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support.

If you would like to participate and support our church, please contact Fred Meyers and link your rewards card to **Atonement Lutheran Church (VB494)**.



## The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters are meeting this month on April 1<sup>st</sup> & April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will gather in the lower meeting room. Morning quilters will start at 9:00am and the afternoon group starts at 1pm.

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



### "Snap, Crackle, Pop"

by Catherine Pulsifer

I feel like snap, crackle, pop  
I wish my age would just stop.

I bend down and my knees do snap  
Makes me feel like my legs will flap  
Then my arthritis makes me crackle  
I wonder what next I can tackle  
And if I turn too fast I hear "pop"

My neck makes this noise like an old mop.

But let me tell you it's okay  
A snap, a crackle, a pop, lets me know I am not decay  
There is still some life in these old bones  
I won't waste it with complaints and groans  
And I am not going to shrivel up and die  
If someone asks my age I will just lie!



Kid's Page

# Color me



April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>



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!



# April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters</p>	 <p><b>2</b></p>	 <p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person &amp; Zoom Sunday School 11:45am Choir</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg</p>	 <p><b>10</b></p> <p>4:00pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11am OCQG F/H 3:30pm S/M Mtg</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8-4pm OCQG Workshop</p> 	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person &amp; Zoom 11:15 Outreach Mtg 11:45am Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> 	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>12:30pm WELCA Mtg</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person &amp; Zoom Sunday School 12:30pm Council</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Office closed <b>Earth Day</b></p>  <p>5:00pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>11:00am ALC Book Club Mtg</p>	 <p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 5:00am ALC Book Club Mtg</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>WAVES Deadline</b></p> <p>Celebrate Arbor Day Plant A Tree</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person &amp; Zoom 11:45am Worship &amp; Music Mtg 2:00pm Youth Symphony</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Office closed</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p>				



# Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
7 10:00 am	Lynn Moody	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
14 10:00 am	Sandy Cramer	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
21 10:00 am	Gary Thompson	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
28 10:00 am	Brenda Grall	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
7 10:00 am	_____	Dan Moore/ Maryellen Murphy	Cathy Devereaux/ Peggy Gilman	Jen Smithies
14 10:00 am	_____	Dan Moore/ Rhonda Harman	Pete Kraack/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox
21 10:00 am	_____	Jerryann Olson/ Bonnie Powell	Pete Kraack/ Dan Moore	Susan Painter
28 10:00 am	_____	Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy	Dan Moore/ Bob Olson	Barb Ward



Twyla Olson	4/2	Joy Gutknecht	4/23
Sylvia Pauly	4/2	Darcy de la Rosa	4/27
John Baker	4/7	Barbara Utterback	4/29
Jesse Gutknecht	4/8	Bette Harmon	4/30
Herb Jennings	4/9	John Gilbert	4/30
Megan Miller-Morgan	4/9		
JerryAnn Olson	4/9		
David Cross	4/9		
Rain McCue	4/11		
Brenda Grall	4/20		



Rudy & Darcy dela Rosa 4/9



7	Raynette Rawles—in memory of mom Bella Duarte
14	_____
21	_____
28	_____



# Social Ministry ...

## Food Pantry Program



**Here is a list of the typical items that the Pantry would really appreciate receiving as food items:** Canned Tuna, Chicken, Vegetables, Fruit. Ready to eat items: Spaghetti o's/Ravioli, Chili, Baked Beans, Soups (Vegetable, Tomato, Mushroom, Chicken Noodle). Almond Milk, Individual Juices, Peanut Butter, Jam in plastic containers, Crackers, Cereals, Fruit Bars, Dry Pasta (Spaghetti, Egg Noodle, Macaroni), Top Ramens, Mac & Cheese, Rice, Dried Beans (Pinto) & Tortillas (Corn & Flour).



## Stone Soup

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm.

We are asking for *Pet Food donations* to give out. 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.



## Great Big Thank You



Thank you all for your donations to Samaritan House Easter Food cards and Jewelry donated to BeJeweled Fundraiser for Food Share of Lincoln County.

The Children at Sunday school made little Light Lanterns that we delivered with the food cards before Easter. Also, the BeJeweled Fundraiser will be held on May 11, 2024 @ Central Coast Assembly of God.

## 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.



**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 as funds are available.



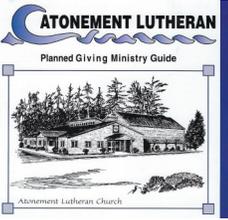
**Support for Ukraine's Refugees** ... funds collected will be sent to our sister churches in Poland for Ukraine refugee relief every six months.



## Reaching Out with God's Love

Website ... [www.atonementlutheran.com](http://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.



### Estate Planning

*H*ave 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 .



**D**id 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 lilies, 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.