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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



Midweek Lenten Service Schedule

Soup/Bread Supper

@ 6:00pm



(Fellowship Hall)

Evening Prayer

@ 7:00pm (Sanctuary)

March 6th

March 13th

March 22th



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.



Maundy Thursday March 28th @ 7pm Good Friday March 29th @ 7pm

Vigil of Easter March 30th @ 7pm Easter Sunday March 31st @ 10am

Easter Brunch after Service in Fellowship Hall



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ January 2024

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during January '24 were \$ 15,108
Expenses during January '24 were \$ 16,769
Our Net cash flow YTD is \$ (1,661)
General Fund balance is \$ 48,919

Capital Fund: Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.
Our mortgage balance is \$ 203,958
Capital Fund balance is \$ 80,909

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 20,744

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 127,148



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.



Easter Vigil Readers Needed ... by Pastor John

If you would like to assist in the many reading during the Easter Vigil, please signup, check with office or talk to Pastor John. There are many opportunities to be involved during holy week, please reach out and be part of the mystery of this most holy night!



Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 2:00pm
Atonement Lutheran Church Sanctuary.



Pastor John Smithies

*I*t is a cold and stormy day as I write this. The promise of spring to come feels very distant. Such anxiety was more intensely felt by our ancient ancestors, for whose very survival rested on the coming of spring. Winter stores would be running low and life itself would be hanging in the balance. Would the sun and new edible life come again, or would food run out. This was the drama and dance every year. And such is the cosmic cycle with its symbols of seasons.

It is no wonder in the mystery of God's wisdom that it was in the Spiring in this precarious moment for human society balancing between life and death, that God called Moses to come and lead the nation out of bondage so that they could worship God in the desert. And it is no wonder then that when God sent Jesus the son into the world to set us free from sin and death in order to worship God in Spirit and truth, that it is at the same time. The same time as Spring, the same time as the Passover. For it is the same drama, the same story that we all have. The dance where God transforms death into life. As the darkness of winter begins to give way to the warmth of Spring, we proclaim that on the cross God had overcome the winter of death and the spring of resurrection life is yet ahead. Such is the wisdom and mystery of God that even the seasons speak of the miracle of God's liberating love. As we journey in Lent, we also journey in the midst of the cold long days of winter still heavy on us, but with the hope and assurance that Spring will come.

We know that heaven and earth are filled with the glory of God and the rocks cry out and sing praises. We are pulled along in the divine drama of cold night giving way to the warmth of the Sun, a symbol of the warm light of the life of God given to us through Jesus Christ. Winter is still here, but spring is coming. Every year we have this cycle, every year we wait, every year spring comes. It is this same rhythm that we say in our Liturgy, "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again." Something has happened, Christ came, lived and died for us. Something is happening, Christ is risen, and now we live in Christ Jesus whose resurrection life lives in us. The presence of Christ is real and alive in us. And Something will happen, Christ will come again. God who is at this very moment working for the redemption of all things will come in the fullness so that all may be reconciled back to God. We sit in the cosmic winter while death still reigns, but we look towards the coming of God's glory through Christ to a world of eternal and cosmic spring. This is our journey in hope, this is our journey in Christ.

Pastor John Smithies



Adult Forum ... by Pastor John

Sundays @ 9:00am—9:45am

You're invited to join us for a good and lively discussion of the Lectionary Text at Adult Forum every Sunday at 9am. We meet for about 45 minutes in study, prayer, and discussion. Bring questions and comments and let's go deeper into our scriptures together! *There will be no adult forum on Easter Sunday.*



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!**



Lent is here and Easter is almost upon us. But before we get to Easter we have the most sacred week of the year, and we call it Holy Week. The week starting on Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday. A week that we mark by special services to remember, and by remembering to bring into our lives the meaning and presence of Christ through the story of his final week. Holy Week is a time when we join our hearts, prayers, and actions with the whole church, those who are present, those who have gone before and those who will come after us. There is a statement of Christian unity amidst all of our separations that we all hold this week as sacred, and we all have services which are marked by the same central themes and actions. On the Great Vigil we will sing songs that have been sung since the 4th century, we read readings that everyone reads on this night. The whole week is a microcosm of those moments. We pause in the midst of the busy week to remember what God has done, what God is doing, and that God complete this process that we call redemption. I invite you all to participate in the movements of Holy Week. Lent officially ends on Maundy Thursday as we gather that night in the movement of washing clean and a meal. We continue that service on Good Friday as we recall the final night and day of Jesus, only to continue the following evening in the Easter Vigil. Then we complete the journey together on Easter Sunday to proclaim together with the whole church that Christ is risen indeed. After Service you are invited to join us for Easter brunch in the fellowship hall. All three services are truly one service, all three tell the one story and we dwell in all of them with the mystery of God's love for us. But feel free to come to all or any of them each one speaks of who we are in Christ and the hope that is to come. May Holy Week be for each of us a time to be renewed in the hope of the Gospel.



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, contact, the office.



WELCA will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This month is March 20th at 12:30pm. The meetings can be attended by zoom. All are welcome to participate.



Upcoming Memorials

We have two upcoming memorial services. The First is Shannon White on March 9th at 11 am. A salad and desert potluck to follow, with two mains being provided. You're invited to come and remember Shannon and hold close the promises God has made to us.

The second service will be April 20th for Jeanie Painter. Time for that service is still to be determined.



ALC Book Club by Pastor John Smithies

The book this month is "the Shack" by WM. Paul Young, a fictional story about the encounter of God amidst the tragedy of the world. I hope this work, which is trinitarian in its central imagery, will help deepen our experience with God and open our hearts to the miracle of Easter. Book club will met during Holy week on Tuesday the 26th at 11 am and on Wednesday, please note the change of dates, the 27th at 5pm. We have copies of this book in the office for check out. This work is easy to read and engaging. And will be a good way to fit devotional reading in Lent and prepare for the mystery that is to come.



Hello from the Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

What would you like to know or learn about the Season of Easter? We will have several books on display for all ages and interests. In addition, Children's books on Easter will be available. Please note the new Book Marks by the check out area. Maybe you'll find a book that peaks your interest this month!

Book Review ... by Bonnie Powell

Title: "Popcorn Palace and Other Poems" by Dr. John Baker

"Then Sings my Soul, Book 2" by Robert J. Morgan

The *first book* I found so interesting in our Library is a small book of poetry by our very own member, Dr. John Baker! It is entitled, Popcorn Palace and Other Poems written in 1990. What a special gem of poetry it is! He writes in a unique style with vivid images of various life experiences. The poems are so interesting, I kept wanting to read more. I highly recommend it. I will place it by the check out area.

The *second book* I found to be wonderful is entitled, Then Sings my Soul, Book 2 By Robert J. Morgan. I enjoyed the way the book was organized as a page will have the Title and music displayed and the following page will be an explanation with a historical piece describing how the hymn came about. There is a variety of hymns included with old favorites and new ones. I found it to be fascinating reading!

I will also place it by the check out area so it will be easy to find.

Happy reading or just looking at our books until next month.



Special Music For Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, March 24, Alistair Kok will bring three additional musicians from the Newport Symphony to our church service at 10:00. The string quartet will accompany our worship and provide additional special music for us:

A prelude, "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" from "Solomon" by George Fredric Handel;
The anthem, "Ave Verum Corpus" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and
A postlude, "Alleluia" from "Exultate Jubilate" by Mozart.

Alistair and Marya Kazmierski will play violin, Julie Asparro will play viola and Erik Nils Velasquez will play cello.

We thank them and welcome them with joy!



ALC HOSTS EARTH SUMMIT... by Susan Painter



On Sunday afternoon, February 4th, Atonement Lutheran Church served as a local hub for the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's 11th annual Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit occurring throughout Oregon. Gathering under the theme, "Hope for Our Common Home," participants joined the meeting virtually from Bend, Dallas, Eugene, Medford, Pendleton and Portland. All were united with a goal to create hope for our common home, the earth.

Atonement's Pastor John Smithies opened the gathering with a prayer, following which the plenary session on Zoom covered a range of topics. Soto Zen priest Domyo Burk noted that, unlike indigenous people, those who emigrated to this country have historically not been intrinsically connected to the land, yet we cannot separate our spiritual lives from that of our earth. Rev. Bonnie Tarwater described her faith prayer garden in Dallas and the process of creating an "earth crisis support group and potluck party."

Members of the Bend-based Interfaith Solar Campaign outlined help that group can offer to install solar panels on church rooftops, not only diminishing the building's carbon footprint but also demonstrating to the community a commitment to climate sustainability. Rep Khanh Pham explained her sponsorship of HB 4083 in Oregon's legislature, a measure directed toward phasing out our reliance on fossil fuels. Echoing those concerns, Senator Jeff Merkley and Dan Serres, a director of Columbia River keeper, described the regressive effects of the planned GTN Express Pipeline project and the currently successful effort to resist it.

Finally, members of Oregon Citizens for an Environmental Rights Amendment made their first public presentation through this forum. Melanie Martin, Susan Heath and Peter Fargo, leaders of this new, nonpartisan coalition outlined the legal and moral justifications for their measure which would amend the Oregon Constitution to provide human rights for us and our children to a healthy environment with clean air, safe water and a stable climate. They are, the group asserted, "people of faith getting together to do the right thing."

Following a Climate Vigil with candlelight, four local groups shared information about their work toward healing and climate resilience in the Lincoln County community. The Lincoln County Long Term Recovery Group described its mission and its successes. The Surfrider Foundation outlined its beach clean-up efforts and water quality monitoring. Natalie Schaefer, Executive Director of the Yakona Nature Preserve and Learning Center shared the history and preservation work of Newport residents Bill and JoAnn Barton's in their 400 acre forest. The area is the ancestral home of the native Yaqo'on tribe and is now a refuge for native plants and animals on this sacred ground. Finally, Lexii Galbreath introduced her holistic healing and eco therapy program offering Surf Therapy through Selkie Soul Work in Newport.

The afternoon offered many opportunities for future engagement and collaborative work toward a healthy and sustainable vision for our planet. Atonement looks forward to hosting the group again in outreach next year to the local community.



Kid's Page



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March 3rd and March 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.

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!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Sunday School 11:45am Choir	4 Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 9:30am Library Mtg	5	6 6:00pm Soup & Bread 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer	7 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 	8 	9 11:00am Shannon White Memorial
 10 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:15 Outreach Mtg 11:45am Choir 2:00pm Youth Symphony	11 Office closed	12 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg 2:00pm Wedding Sanctuary	13 4:00pm Finance Mtg 6:00pm Soup & Bread 7:00pm Holden Evening Service	14 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 11am OCQG F/H 3:30pm S/M Mtg	15 	16
 17 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Sunday School 11:45am Worship & Music Mtg 12:30pm Council	18 Office closed 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters 	19 	20 12:30pm WELCA Mtg 6:00pm Soup & Bread 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer	21 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	22 WAVES Deadline 	23
 24 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:45am Choir	25 Office closed 5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	26 11:00am ALC Book Club Mtg	27 5:00pm ALC Book Club Mtg	28 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 	30 
 31 9:00am Choir Warmup 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:00am Easter Brunch						



Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
3 10:00 am	David Cramer	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
10 10:00 am	Darcy dela Rosa	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
17 10:00 am	Branda Grall	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
24 10:00 am	Sandy Cramer	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
31 10:00 am	Mike Rawles	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters*</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
3 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Maryellen Murphy	Bob Olson/ Peggy Gilman	Travis Fox
10 10:00 am	_____	Dan Moore/ Rhonda Harman	Pete Kraack/ Cathy Devereaux	Travis Fox
17 10:00 am	_____	Jerryann Olson/ Bonnie Powell	Pete Kraack/ Dan Moore	Travis Fox
24 10:00 am	_____	Rhonda Harman/ Maryellen Murphy	Xxx xxxxx	Jen Smithies
31 10:00 am	_____	Brenda Grall/ Jeanette Agre	Dan Moore Bob Olson	Susan Painter



Sarah Black	3/3
Carla Roberts	3/4
Ed Milliken	3/5
Jaya Lapham	3/7
Terri McCulley	3/8
Renee Andrews	3/10
Carol Duvall	3/14
Stan Wilde	3/16
Steve Leiser	3/16
Rhonda Harman	3/20
Bennett Mann	3/21
Vo Newell	3/25
Sabine Maresco	3/25
Tecia Ezzell	3/29
Cary Collard	3/31



Pete & Beverly Kraack	3/5
Rhonda Harman & Cathy Devereaux	3/7
John & Jennifer Smithies	3/11



3	_____
10	_____
17	Cathy Devereaux & Rhonda Harman –Mom's Birthday
24	Marian Brown
31	_____

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, March 25th at 5:00pm. We are asking for Pet Food donations to give out. Please leave next to wall across from upstairs kitchen.



BeJeweled

March is the final month, we are collecting jewelry to donate to BeJeweled, the annual fundraiser for Food Share of Lincoln County. Please put in basket by stairs to Choir Loft.



Help Samaritan House Families Celebrate Easter

We will be giving each resident family at Samaritan House a \$50 gift card to help them purchase food this Easter. You are invited to donate to our Food Basket fund to help purchase these cards. Please make your check out to Atonement Lutheran Church and write Food Baskets on the memo line.

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.



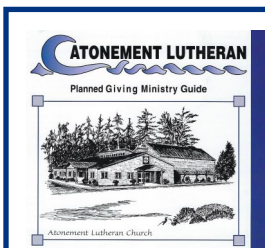
Support for Ukraine's Refugees ... funds collected will be sent to our sister churches in Poland for Ukraine refugee relief every six months.



Reaching Out with God's Love

Website ... www.atonementlutheran.com

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

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 .



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 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.