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Worship Services

Sundays @ 10:00am

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Office Hours - 10:00am ~ 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday

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~~UPCOMING EVENTS~~

October 11 - WELCA event at Atonement

The Synod's WELCA team will be hosting a WELCA event at Atonement on October 11th. Information will be forwarded to everyone when we receive it. Please consider joining others from around the state in this event.

October 15 - Holden Evening prayer

We return in October to our monthly Holden Evening Prayer Service, held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM, preceded by a simple meal. What a wonderful symbol of who we are, a people gathered in fellowship around a meal, and prayer!

The idea behind the meal is to provide a simple, easy-to-prepare option—something that 2–3 people can make—so that the community can enjoy fellowship before prayer. Last year, we experimented with this approach, and it worked well. Traditionally, soup has been our go-to, and we'll have a sign-up for those willing to prepare it.

We also want to gently expand the idea of "soup." The meal can be anything simple, easy, and cost-effective. If you feel called to contribute something other than soup, please feel free. This may be a format we continue to explore during Advent, so stay tuned for more updates.

For now, think simple meal—and if you'd like to sign up to prepare one of the monthly meals, you have the freedom to provide what you feel called to share.

October 19 – Hope Team Presentation

Representatives from Every Child will be here on Sunday, October 19, to lead a discussion in the Upper Conference Room about the Hope Teams, an initiative designed to support foster families.

We at Atonement Lutheran Church reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Christ's ministry includes everyone, we, too, welcome persons of any ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, race, sexual orientation, marital status, age, economic situation, and physical or mental ability. And we are committed to a vision of racial equity.

All are welcome to join us for any and all activities held at Atonement Lutheran Church



We've been exploring this idea for several months, and this meeting is the next step in our communal discernment. If this topic interests you, please join the conversation with prayerful consideration.

One hope for this ministry is to nurture younger families in our community, helping us create a more welcoming and supportive congregation. We invite you to continue praying for this potential ministry and to join the discussion on October 19th.



Financial Snapshot Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

Updates for August 2025

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| General Fund: | Revenues | \$ 19,479 |
| | Expenses | \$ 18,566 |
| | General Fund balance | \$ 48,437 |
| Capital Fund: | Our capital fund revenues from leases are current. | |
| | Our mortgage balance | \$ 93,856 |
| | Capital Fund balance | \$193,334 |
| Dedicated Fund balance | | \$ 18,633 |
| Restricted/Endowment balance | | \$159,471 |



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 the transaction. There is a *How to Use Vanco Direction Sheet* on the table in the Narthex.

Adult Forum **sundays @ 9:00am** by Pastor John Smithies

We would like to invite everyone to Adult Forum before worship service on Sundays. This is a time to go deeper into the text, ask questions, enjoy fellowship and ponder mysteries. We are meeting upstairs too, so if you show up early for service feel free to pop on in for the conversation. We strive for honest conversation where multiple views are honored and respected. Come with open hearts and minds and join the journey.



Beach Walks by Pastor John Smithies

We will continue our beach walks as long as the weather allows, hopefully through October. Please feel free to join us on Thursdays at 11:00 am at the church while we stroll the sandy beaches of our town and have some fellowship. I never know where the discussion is going to go!!!!



Pastor John Smithies



Devotion - The Easy Day Was Yesterday

Isaiah 40:31 – *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

Some of you may have heard me say this before, but the Navy SEALs have a training motto: *"The easy day was yesterday."* There's even a book by this same title, written by a former SEAL, detailing the difficulty of their training. The phrase is, of course, meant to be inspirational. You wake up knowing that today is going to be harder than yesterday and you just get to work.

It's also a perspective. Instead of grumbling about the challenges of today, you remember that yesterday seemed easy, and tomorrow will bring its own struggles. It doesn't help much to dwell on yesterday or tomorrow because each day has its own troubles. This I suppose is what Jesus meant when he said, *"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own"* (Matthew 6:34).

I find strength in these words because tomorrow almost always makes yesterday look easy. Life is a marathon, not a sprint, and we need to pace ourselves. Just two weeks ago, our nation was rocked by the murder of Charlie Kirk, and on Sunday, we learned of another senseless act of violence against a sibling in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We face civic upheaval, a potential government shutdown, and more challenges tomorrow. What do we do with all this? How to we stay resilient in all of this?

Here are a few ways to navigate it:

1. Stay grounded in hope. We don't live with a promise that tomorrow will be easy. Church history shows us that it often isn't. But we live in the hope of the New Creation. Christ's work on the cross makes this inevitable. Christ will come with the fullness of God's presence. Resurrection, new life, the fullness of God this is our future. It may not happen tomorrow, but Easter Sunday is coming for us all.

2. Make choices that reflect this hope. Each day, we can choose to live as though this hope is real. Dressing for the day with the confidence that Christ's victory is already accomplished frees us to do our part in bringing glimpses of God's kingdom into the world. What is this kingdom but the realization of faith, hope, and love? Let these virtues guide our actions.

In a world full of hate, we must ask ourselves: are we spreading love in how we speak, post, or act? Sometimes even well-meaning words can come across as negativity, and we have enough of that already. Here's something I've been thinking about: we are often better at

standing up against what we oppose than at standing for what we want. In daily life, this might look like asking for "anything that doesn't taste bad" rather than ordering the dish we truly want. When I surf, I don't set a goal of "don't fall off"; I aim to catch a great wave.

All we can do is amplify love. Amplify what we believe in. Don't amplify what we are against.

So, in a world where tomorrow will make today look easy, I find comfort in these two truths: first, the kingdom of God will come with Christ Jesus; and second, we can participate in that kingdom today through our actions of love for the world.

Pastor John



CLASSICAL DUO CONCERT AT ATONEMENT

- **October 12** by Susan Painter

Two members of the popular Portland-based Trio Musicorum Medicorum will perform as a Duo at Atonement on Sunday, October 12. They will provide special music for worship at 10:00 that morning, and at 2:00 p.m., they will offer a free concert for the community and to benefit the Newport Food Pantry.

Rebecca Reese, cellist, and Andrew Bonner, pianist, with violinist Alistair Kok, have appeared as a trio for several concerts in Newport during the past several years, most recently in August, 2024. Mr. Kok is unavailable in October but will join the duo in a November performance.

Andrew Bonner has degrees in music from Harvard and Brandeis Universities. He was a freelance musician in Boston for twenty years. He has directed choirs and was the organist for the Emmanuel Music complete Bach Cantata series for five years. Dr. Bonner is currently a naturopath, but he continues to perform and compose music as much as his busy schedule allows.

Rebecca Reese studied cello at Carnegie Mellon University (B.F.A.) and the University of Denver (M.A.). She taught at the University of Alaska and then moved on to Los Angeles, where she worked as a freelance musician for many years. She has performed in many classical orchestras and chamber music groups as well as playing studio-recorded background music for TV and movies. She is currently a physician (M.D.) with a practice in cranial osteopathy and homeopathy. Playing chamber music has been a life long passion.

We look forward to welcoming them on October 12!



Men's Breakfast Group by Pastor John Smithies

We meet weekly on Thursday morning for breakfast meal at Pig 'N Pancake at 8am. If you are looking for an invitation to join deeper into our community, there is no better way than to break bread together. The invitation is always open to grab some food, enjoy the friendly banter and participate in the community.

Room Rental



Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are available for rent. We offer space for one time events such as parties, meetings or weddings; or long term rentals for weekly or monthly events.



Contact the office for available dates and times.

Phone# [541 265-2554](tel:541-265-2554) email address: office@atonementlutheran.com



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 go to the Fred Meyers website: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and link your rewards card to **Atonement Lutheran Church (VB494)**.



Flowers for Sunday Worship

Help make our Sanctuary beautiful for Sunday Worship—sign up to bring Altar Flowers! Flowers may be dedicated for birthdays, anniversaries, in remembrance, etc. Or you can bring flowers just because. If you would rather the office can provide the flowers and you can make a donation to the flower fund. The sign up sheet is located on the Bulletin Board next to the Upper Meeting Room. Thank You!

Coffee Hour by Sandy Cramer

There are several ways you can help out with our fellowship hour after worship! You can sign up to be the host for the week on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the coffee counter. Hosts provide the snacks for that week. We could also use snacks that we can save for a day that a host is not available, things like packaged crackers, pretzels, nuts, or cookies. Or talk to Sandy and learn how to do set up or clean up!





Hello from the Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

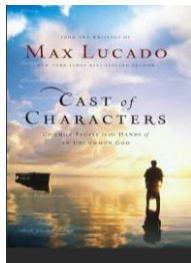
Our new crafts books are all processed now and on the seat by the window. They are available to use at many levels so adults may find ideas in them as well as children. A new book on Caregiving will be available soon.

You can find a huge range of books in our Library from any aspects of religion, history, fiction, and even cooking. We continue to offer current books for children as well.

There's a lot to choose from for a small Library!

Thanks, and Happy Reading!

Book Review by Dan Moore



Title: Cast of Characters by Max Lucado

A fantastic easy read that is one of the best books relating how we are like the Twelve Disciples and other people named in the Bible.

You will recognize yourself in many of the stories. It helps make the people of the Bible easier to relate to in our times.



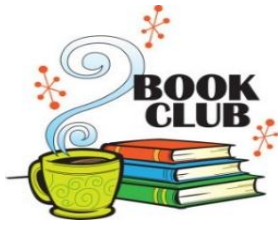
Camp Lutherwood

A Successful Summer - We are proud to share with you that we closed a successful summer camp season earlier this August. We had 400 campers join us for a summer filled with worship, prayer, songs, laughter, oreo ice cream sandwiches, archery, white water rafting, the climbing tower, skits, friendship, and exploring how God's love for us is BEYOND measure. We are so thankful for all the families who shared their campers with us for a week. We are proud of all our campers for their willingness to cross the bridge and spend a week in this place set apart. And, we finished summer so inspired that we have already begun to plan summer 2026!

Fall 2025 - We have lots planned for our "off season" (there really isn't an off-season at Camp Lutherwood!). This October 12th we will be hosting our annual Harvest Fest fundraiser. This year will be a true celebration of autumn in Oregon, and we would love to have you join us! October 24th - 26th we are hosting a summer staff Alumni Retreat; open to anyone who worked a summer between 1959 - 2020. Check out <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org> for our 2025 Harvest Fest Link, Alumni Retreat and more!

Branches Outdoor School Update - We are working hard to coordinate a great fall outdoor school season, all while navigating the state's budget cut to outdoor school. Please keep Branches Outdoor School in your prayers as we work to ensure that 5th and 6th graders still have access to outdoor education.

Blessing,
Heidi Knebel, Office Manager
Camp Lutherwood Oregon



ALC Book Club by Pastor John Smithies

Where God Meets Man by Gerhard O. Forde

Join us October 28th at 11:00 am and/or October 30th at 5:00 pm in person in the Narthex, or on Zoom.

At the end of October, we will be celebrating reformation day, and I have chosen a work that I really love written by Gerhard O. Forde, one of our own former theologians. The work is called, "Where God meets man: Luther's down-to-earth approach to the Gospel." I know the title is a little dated, we use more expansive language now, but Dr. Forde was a child of his own time, not ours. I could summarize this work simple that God comes down to us, we don't climb our way up. If you are looking for a book that we help center us on some Lutheran Themes in anticipation of Reformation Sunday, then this book is for us! I will offer this one bit of caution, like any other, there will be points of disagreement, I have my own, some parts that cause us to think, and some parts that will enlarge our hearts. Above all it is going to be a great discussion.

Our Book Club schedule for the next 11 months:

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| October: | <i>Where God Meets Man</i> by Gerhard O. Forde |
| November: | <i>Radical Amazement</i> by Judy Cannato |
| December: | <i>Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas</i> by Adam Hamilton |
| January: | <i>The Tears of Things</i> by Richard Rohr |
| February: | <i>Orbital</i> by Samantha Harvey |
| March: | <i>Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus</i> (Part 1) by Elaine Pagels |
| April: | <i>Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus</i> (Part 2) by Elaine Pagels |
| May : | <i>Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms</i> by Gerard Russell |
| June: | <i>Braiding Sweet Grass</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer |
| July | <i>Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeons Journey into the Afterlife</i> by Eben Alexander, M.D. |
| August: | <i>Soul Surfer</i> by Bethany Hamilton |



WELCA will meet to discuss "*Money, Stewardship and Generosity, Session Two – Stewardship: How do we tend our treasure?*" from the Gather Magazine on Wednesday October 8 at 12:45 pm. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Request to limit fragrances

All are joyfully welcome in our church! To help everyone worship and fellowship in comfort, we invite attendees to abstain from strong perfumes and colognes, in order to care for those with allergies and sensitivities. Thank you for sharing this spirit of care.



Kid's Page

Color me



Sunday School We will have classes on the first and third Sundays of the month. The children are planning an Advent play for December 7 during worship! Teachers and assistants are needed, see Darcy de la Rosa or Sarah Black for more information.

Youth in Worship

We love to encourage our children and teens to assist in various ways on Sunday morning! Our ushers are more than happy to assist you in everything! We enjoy seeing our youth assist with worship!



October 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 12:00noon Contemplative Prayer | 2 8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:30am Choir | 6 Office closed | 7 9:00am Property Meeting | 8 12:00noon Contemplative Prayer 12:45pm WELCA | 9 8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk 3:30pm S/M Mtg | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:15am Outreach 11:30 Choir 12:15pm Worship & Music Mtg 2:00 Duo Concert | 13 Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day) Office closed | 14 | 15 12:00noon Contemplative Prayer 3:30pm Finance Mtg 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Holden Prayer | 16 8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:30 Choir 11:30 Hope Team Presentation | 20 Office closed 10:45am Library Meeting | 21 | 22 12:00noon Contemplative Prayer | 23 8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 12:00pm Council | 27 Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen | 28 11:00am ALC Book Club WAVES Deadline | 29 12:00noon Contemplative Prayer | 30 8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk 5:00pm ALC Book Club | 31 All Hallows Eve (Halloween) | |

Worship Page

Worship Readers Altar Guild Musicians Recorder

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| 5 | 10:00 am | Rhonda Harman | Darcy de la Rosa | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 12 | 10:00 am | Darcy de la Rosa | Bill Innis | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 19 | 10:00 am | Brenda Grall | Sally Woodward | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 26 | 10:00 am | Alder (David Cramer) | Emily Johnston / Cathy Devereaux | Tami Johnson | Arnie Anderson |

Ushers Greeters Counters Zoom Host

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| 5 | 10:00 am | _____ | Dan Moore / Patty Fox | Cliff Woodward / Travis Fox | Travis Fox |
| 12 | 10:00 am | _____ | Jeanne Innis / Karen Johnson | Peggy Gilman / Cathy Devereaux | Barb Ward |
| 19 | 10:00 am | _____ | Emily Johnston / Jerryann Olson | Cathy Devereaux / Peggy Gilman | Susan Painter |
| 26 | 10:00 am | _____ | Brenda Grall / Barb Ward | Pete Kraack / Sally Woodward | Travis Fox |



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| Liliana Black | 10/1 |
| Lynn Moody | 10/5 |
| Arnie Anderson | 10/5 |
| Mariah Harmon | 10/9 |
| Brad Ames | 10/14 |
| Laura Kimberly | 10/15 |
| Emily Johnston | 10/19 |
| Mike Rawles | 10/26 |
| Sue Fowler | 10/28 |
| Walter Duvall | 10/31 |
| Lori Painter | 10/31 |



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| Ruth & Kevin Shelly | 10/3 |
| Jim & Tecia Ezzell | 10/20 |



Flowers for Worship

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| 5 | Cathy & Rhonda |
| 12 | Susan Painter |
| 19 | |
| 26 | Bonnie Powell |

Social Ministry by Sally Jennings

Food Pantry Program - Black Barrel

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 Ramen, 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, October 27th at 5:00pm. If you would like to help: please call Sally Jennings @541444-2687. It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.



Dog and Cat Food Needed for October Stone Soup

Please help feed our furry friends by donating dry dog and cat food for our crew to take along to Stone Soup. Each month, we make 15 gallon bags of dog food and 15 quart bags of cat food. They are much appreciated. Donations can be left under the Donation Station table in the Narthex.



Agape Respite Center

Agape is a nonprofit organization in Newport that provides basic needs & offers a range of vital services to support individuals experiencing homelessness or facing transitional challenges. For the month of October they are requesting: Disposable serving items such as paper plates, bowls, silverware, stir sticks, coffee cups, lunch sacks; gallon bottles of bleach and Hot Hands hand warmers.

Please leave any donated items on the Donation Station Table in the Narthex.



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 – Make your check out to Atonement Lutheran Church, and indicate on the "memo" portion of your check what fund you would like to support such as Agape, Samaritan House, Pet food for Stone Soup, Ukraine Refugees etc.

Social Ministry (continued)



Diapers for Samaritan House Day Care Center

We will continue purchasing diapers for the Yellow Submarine Day Care Center as the need arises and when funds are available. If you would like to donate funds, please note "Diapers" on your check.

Come Join our Service Programs!

Are you interested in Social Ministry? Or Parish Life, Outreach, Library, Property, Altar Guild or more? Please pick up committee program information sheet on the table in the Narthex. We would love to have your help!



Yaquina Cab rides to Atonement

Do you need a ride to Worship or other activities at Atonement? We have partnered with Yaquina Cab to provide rides for our friends and members. To receive a ride, please contact Pastor John at 425-923-8558. He will walk you through the process to get a ride here and back home again at no cost to you.

Notary Services

Sandy Cramer is able to notarize documents during regular office hours, Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There is no charge for registered members or friends.

Life Line Screening: Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Life Line Screening will be here at Atonement Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. There is no time like the present to take action! Special Pricing for \$159.

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001
- Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607