



Makin'

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.atonementlutheran.com



Food Bank/Food Drive

We know that our nation is in the middle of a government shutdown; we are all praying that it ends soon. But what we also know is that many federally funded programs like SNAP have been suspended. Now, I am not interested in the whys, or in placing blame, I am only interested that there is an acute need for food in our community right now. We are inviting everyone to join in a **November Fill The Barrel Food Drive**. This is a tremendously difficult time for our most vulnerable in our community, may we do what we can to help them get the food they need.

Hope Teams

After discussion with Every Child Oregon we have decided to go through the process of establishing a Hope Team to support a foster family. We are really excited to do this, and Brenda Grall has volunteered to be the Hope Team Leader. What we need now is to form two groups, I like to think of these as concentric circles. The first circle of about 8 to 10 people will be the people from Atonement who have direct contact with this family. We will need to undergo some background checks and training. If you would like to be a part of this group, please talk to us soon so we can schedule this training. We also need a second circle to support the first circle. This is for those who want to support the mission but want to do it from behind the stage so to speak. Example if you want to cook a meal a few times a year for the family, then bring it to the church so that we can deliver it to them. Please see us as well so that we can create this network of support.

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



Financial Snapshot Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

Updates for September 2025

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| General Fund: | Revenues | \$ 16,294 |
| | Expenses | \$ 18,831 |
| | General Fund balance | \$ 47,350 |
| Capital Fund: | Our capital fund revenues from leases are current. | |
| | Our mortgage balance | \$ 88,161 |
| | Capital Fund balance | \$199,813 |
| Dedicated Fund balance | | \$ 18,274 |
| Restricted/Endowment balance | | \$162,069 |



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 / Fellowship Fun by Pastor John Smithies

In November we turn to rainy skies and have traditionally suspended the beach walks until spring. Well, this year we are trying something different. Instead of walking on the beach for an hour we want to extend the hour as a fellowship coffee hour. If you are looking for a time to informally meet at church - this is it. If it is a clear day and we want to go out for a walk we can, if we want to sit around the table with coffee and catch up for a bit that is great too. Like the beach walk the discussion will be up to the Spirit. We could even play a favorite card game, do a puzzle, make a simple craft or even play foosball. People should feel free to drop in for as long or as little as they would want.

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.



Pastor John Smithies



Planting Seeds of Community: A New Dream for Atonement

by Pastor John Smithies and Emily Johnston

Community is a word that means a lot to us at Atonement. It's who we are - a community of believers who welcomes everyone in. The question is, how do we build on that? How do we invite others to encounter this special place and the love that lives here? The church has wrestled with this question since its beginning. In every age, people of faith have found new ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Historically, Lutheranism in America grew through waves of European immigration, serving families who shared language and heritage. Outreach wasn't something we had to think much about — people simply came. But times have changed. Fewer people come through the doors on their own, and the culture around us is shifting fast. How do we reach out in a way that feels authentic to who we are? How do we live our faith in a way that builds real community not just inside the church, but throughout Newport?

I have spent a lot of time praying about that question. Then I met Emily, and together we began dreaming. What if we could build community in a tangible way? I suppose a symbol of this is that we both co-authored this article: we can do more in community than we can as individuals. We could build a community ministry that cares for creation, feeds people, and brings neighbors together.

The Dream: Community Fruit Trees and Gardens

We live in a world full of walls, between neighbors, between people who vote differently or look differently, between the housed and unhoused, between ourselves and the food we eat. These walls divide us, while the planet and our communities suffer. But what if we did something together that helped to heal both? Our dream is to plant fruit-bearing trees and community gardens throughout Newport, places where people can gather, learn, grow, and share food freely. Imagine walking through town and finding apple trees in bloom, or baskets of fruit available for anyone in need. Imagine different churches, schools, and community groups all joining in: planting a few trees, sharing the harvest, and celebrating together.

Growing food together does more than feed the body. It draws carbon from the air, strengthens local food systems, and connects us to the sacredness of creation. When we touch the soil, feel the rain, and watch the birds in the branches, we encounter God. And when we do it with our neighbors, especially those who see the world differently, we encounter God in each other. What does it mean for us that our creation story starts in a Garden filled with trees, and continues in a Garden with a fruit tree whose branches are for the healing of the nations, what does it mean that our Savior hung on a tree? Is not our Eucharist on Sunday enhanced when we feed people every day? This is a big dream, but it begins with small, practical steps.

Step One: The Pea Garden Project

Our first project is already underway! We're partnering with the ABC Education Center across the street to plant a children's pea garden:

- November–December: Preparing the beds, trapping slugs, adding compost, gathering tools.
- January: Planting peas indoors with the kids.
- February: Moving the seedlings outside to the raised beds.
- April–May: Harvesting peas!

After the school year ends, we'll plant the next crop, maybe potatoes for the food bank. Everyone is welcome to join in. (If you'd like to volunteer with the children, please check with Sandy Cramer for a background check).

Step Two: "Apple Mapping"

Next, we're starting a project we're calling Apple Mapping. This includes identifying existing fruit trees in our community that aren't being fully used. Maybe you have one in your yard or know a neighbor who does. Many fruit trees go unharvested simply because their owners can't keep up with them. Our goal is to locate these trees and connect with their owners. If the owners are willing, we can help with harvesting and sharing the fruit. This could also be a wonderful way to meet our neighbors, walking two by two, knocking on doors (and clarifying that we're not selling anything or proselytizing!), simply asking, "How can we help you make the most of your fruit trees?" First we can also start this project with our own members - do you have some land where fruit tree could be grown? Maybe you already have a fruit bearing tree? Would you like to dream with us on how we can participate in making this food available to the wider community?

Step Three: Grafting Workshop

Not everyone has a fruit tree but maybe you'd like to grow one! This spring, we hope to host a fruit tree grafting workshop. Participants will learn how to graft a fruit-bearing branch (called a "scion") onto a rootstock, producing their own tree. This is an ancient practice even mentioned in the Bible (John 15, Romans 11). It's simple, fun, and deeply symbolic of what we're trying to do, grafting ourselves together as a community. Even if you don't have room to plant a tree, you are still invited to participate in this workshop! Please come learn grafting and enjoy the fellowship! Extra trees we graft will be donated to anyone who wants to plant one.

Looking Ahead

As we grow fruit trees and gardens, we'll also be growing relationships. Eventually, we hope to host cider-pressing parties, harvest festivals, and potlucks, adding tangible meaning to our liturgical cycle by being in contact in a tangible way with creation. And, of course, we celebrate all this with the wider community as a sign of what God can do when people come together. We know this will take work, and we're not asking anyone to take on more than they can. But as the program grows so will the community around us, and we have already had some informal conversation with partnerships to make this happen. And this is not just for gardeners but for photographers, organizers, artists, cooks, and storytellers. Everyone's gifts matter - now that's community! If you'd like to get involved, or if you know someone, an individual, a school, a non-profit, a community group who might be interested, please reach out. Let's plant something beautiful together.



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:5412652554) 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)**.

For the third quarter of 2025 (July – September) we received \$45.62!

SPECIAL EVENT ON OCTOBER 12

By Susan Painter

October 12 was a special Sunday at Atonement. We welcomed both Synod Bishop's Assistant, Juan Carlos La Puente Tapia who gave the sermon, and the Duo Musicorum Medicorum who offered special music.

The Duo provided cello and piano classical duets for our Prelude and Postlude. Pianist Andrew Bonner even climbed to the organ loft and accompanied the hymns with our beautiful organ whose music we have missed for many months. That afternoon, despite a scheduling glitch from our news partner, Oregon Coast Today, a small but appreciative audience enjoyed the Duo's benefit concert for the Newport Food Pantry. Their performance not only received a standing ovation (complete with cheers and shouts of "Bravo!") but also provided donations of \$443 (and several pounds of food in the bin) for the Pantry – profoundly welcomed in these times of economic uncertainty and governmental irresponsibility.

The Duo – as a Trio with their violinist companion Alistair Kok – hope to return to Atonement early in spring, 2026.



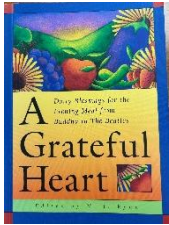
Hello from the Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

- * Our committee met on October 20th and discussed our Library Sunday Celebration which will be held on Sunday, February 8th. We're looking forward to another good time of fun and fellowship!
- * We continue to upgrade our books and have several to be processed. Look for them on the shelves soon.
- * Next committee meeting will be Monday, November 3rd at 10:45 a.m.

Thanks, and Happy Reading!

Book Review by Bonnie Powell



Title: A Grateful Heart Author, Editor: M. I. Ryan

This is a cheerful, wonderful, easily read book full of short poems and readings of inspiring thoughts for us to use in our daily lives. There are 365 short pieces included: one for each day of the year if someone so desires!



Camp Lutherwood

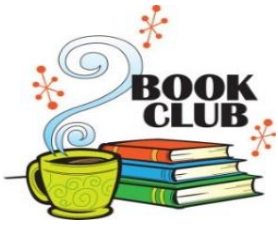
Greetings from Camp! We're giving thanks for you and all the ways you support camp through donations, prayers, and more! As ever, please feel free to reach out with any questions to 541-998-6444 or office@lutherwoodoregon.org. Thank you!

Winter and Spring 2026 Offerings at Camp

We are excited to offer some additional programming throughout the winter and spring of 2026 for youth, families, and the greater Lutherwood community! We hope that this will give you an opportunity to come and visit us and have some meaningful time at camp! Registration for the following events will begin on November 1st.

- We are excited to host our first Youth Justice Retreat on MLK weekend. Lutherwood is inviting middle and high schoolers from our association and confirmation-camp churches, and others, to join us for a weekend centered around the gospel's focus on justice. We will share more about this soon!
- Please join us on Saturday, March 14th for the Lenten practice of stations of the cross, with imagery from Christian artist Scott Erickson. Stay tuned for more information about this community event.
- This March 23rd- 27th, we will be offering a Spring Break Makers Camp for Middle and High School youth. Campers can choose from cooking, building, and podcasting classes with the Camp Lutherwood team for 5 days and 4 nights.
- May 22nd- 25th, we will hold a 4 day, 3 night Family Camp over the Memorial Day Weekend.

Blessing,
Heidi Knebel, Office Manager
Camp Lutherwood Oregon



ALC Book Club by Pastor John Smithies

Radical Amazement by Judy Cannato

Join us November 18th at 11:00 am and/or November 20th at 5:00 pm in person in the Narthex, or on Zoom.

Our book this month is *Radical Amazement* by Judy Cannato. It is a book about wonder that may transform how you see all things. Because the universe is simply amazing. We just don't take the time to be in awe of it. But the radical amazement of creation is supposed to lead us to an even more radical amazement of who God is. This also has bearing on one of our cultural holidays this month - Thanksgiving! Amazement could lead us to be even more thankful of what God has given us in Christ Jesus. Please join us for the discussion on Tuesday, November 18th or Thursday, November 20th. Please note that this is one week earlier than normal due to the holiday already mentioned.

Our Book Club schedule for the next 10 months:

November: *Radical Amazement* by Judy Cannato

December: *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton

January: *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr

February: *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey

March: *Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus (Part 1)* by Elaine Pagels

April: *Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus (Part 2)* by Elaine Pagels

May: *Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms* by Gerard Russell

June: *Braiding Sweet Grass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

July: *Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* by Eben Alexander, M.D.

August: *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton



WELCA will meet to discuss "*Money, Stewardship and Generosity, Session Three - Generosity: There's a wideness in God's mercy*" from the Gather Magazine on Wednesday November 12 at 12:45 pm. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Outreach Committee

Atonement seeks to be a welcoming, growing, and vibrant faith community. The Outreach Committee looks to find ways to foster this kind of atmosphere in the congregation and to encourage members to reach out to others with the love of Christ. Committee members greet congregation members each Sunday and meet monthly to discuss prayer concerns and opportunities to help in the local community. Sending cards, making calls and home visits are meant to uplift the church family during times of joy and struggles. Members have organized a phone tree based on geographical areas so that urgent news can be disseminated quickly and efficiently. The committee meets after worship the second Sunday of the month. We welcome you to join us.



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!



November 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>2</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 10:00am Sunday School 11:30am Choir</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10:45am Library Meeting</p> | <p>4</p> <p>9:00am Property Meeting</p> | <p>5</p> <p>12:00noon Contemplative Prayer</p> | <p>6</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:15am Outreach 11:30 Choir 12:15pm Worship & Music Mtg</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day Office Closed</p> | <p>12</p> <p>12:00noon Contemplative Prayer 12:45pm WELCA</p> | <p>13</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk? 3:30pm S/M Mtg</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 10:00am Sunday School 11:30 Choir</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>11:00am ALC Book Club</p> | <p>19</p> <p>12:00noon Contemplative Prayer 3:30pm Finance Mtg 6:00pm Simple Supper 7:00pm Holden Prayer</p> | <p>20</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11:00am Beach Walk? 5:00pm ALC Book Club</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:30am Choir 12:00pm Council</p> | <p>24</p> <p>5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen</p> | <p>25</p> <p>WAVES Deadline</p> | <p>26</p> <p>12:00noon Contemplative Prayer</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p> | <p>29</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>9:00am Choir 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 10:00am Sunday School</p> | | | | | | |

Worship Page

Worship Readers Altar Guild Musicians Recorder

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| 2 10:00 am | Sandy Cramer | Darcy de la Rosa | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 9 10:00 am | Darcy de la Rosa | Bill Innis | Tami Johnson | Arnie Anderson |
| 16 10:00 am | | Sally Woodward | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 23 10:00 am | Brenda Grall | Cathy Devereaux / Emily Johnston | Tami Johnson | Arnie Anderson |
| 30 10:00 am | | Emily Johnston | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |

Ushers Greeters Counters Zoom Host

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| 2 10:00 am | _____ | Dan Moore / Patty Fox | Cliff Woodward / Pete Kraack | Susan Painter |
| 9 10:00 am | _____ | Jeanne Innis / Karen Johnson | Sally Woodward / Peggy Gilman | Travis Fox |
| 16 10:00 am | _____ | Emily Johnston / Jerryann Olson | Peggy Gilman / Cathy Devereaux | Barb Ward |
| 23 10:00 am | _____ | Barb Ward / Maryellen Murphy | Cathy Devereaux / Travis Fox | Travis Fox |
| 30 10:00 am | | Brenda Grall / Rhonda Harman | Travis Fox / Pete Kraack | Travis Fox |



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| Sandy Roumagoux | 11/11 |
| Barb Ward | 11/13 |
| Evelyn McCue | 11/14 |
| Gary Painter | 11/16 |
| Cliff Woodward | 11/25 |
| Diane Boyd | 11/26 |
| Sandy Cramer | 11/27 |
| Dietmar Goebel | 11/30 |



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| Dietmar & Linda Goebel | 11/22 |
| Paul & Anne Stangeland | 11/25 |



**Flowers for
Worship**

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Social Ministry by Sally Jennings

Food Pantry Program - Black Barrel November Fill the Barrel Food Drive

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, November 24th at 5:00pm. If you would like to help: please call Sally Jennings @541 444-2687. It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.



Dog and Cat Food Needed for November 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 one-gallon bags of dog food and 15 one-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 November they are requesting: Coffee, socks and men's and women's underwear.

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, Diapers, 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.



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.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**

