Makin' Waves



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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

Join Us November 15: Imagining the Future of Atonement

My dear church,
Sometimes I wonder if I have said this so many times that you are tired of hearing it. If so, please forgive me, because I am going to say it again: we are blessed! In just a few months, we expect to pay off our mortgage. Oh, boy! What are we going to do with that additional money?

Before reading any further, I invite you to pause for a moment and sit with that question. This is genuinely big and exciting news. For years, we have heard about the struggles facing churches across America. We have watched congregations close, including Lutheran churches here in Oregon. The challenges are real, and the work of sustaining congregations has become increasingly difficult. Our synod even has paid staff dedicated to assisting congregations through the process of closing. Think about that for a moment.

And then think about us. Instead of worrying about which bills we will be able to pay each month, we are approaching a time when we can begin asking a different question: What might we do with the resources that will become available when our mortgage is paid off?

Words cannot fully express my gratitude for all the leaders and members who have brought Atonement to this moment. Their faithfulness, generosity, and hard work have helped create an opportunity that we should never take for granted. Instead of simply trying to keep our doors open, we have the opportunity to imagine how we might expand our ministry and reach even further into our community. But to make the most of this opportunity, we need to do two things well. First, We Need to Plan for Our Giving. You will soon receive your annual pledge forms. This is the time of year when we prayerfully consider the year ahead, reflect on what God has entrusted to us, and decide what we can give toward the ministry of our church. I know there may be a temptation to think, "Once the mortgage is paid off, the church won't need as much money. Perhaps I can reduce my giving." I hope that over these past four years, I have earned enough of your trust for us to have an honest conversation about that temptation. If we significantly reduce our giving, the money freed up by paying off the mortgage may allow us to continue our current ministries for a while. But inflation and the rising costs of ministry will continue. That additional revenue will not stretch indefinitely, and eventually we could find ourselves back where we started, with fewer resources to do the work God has called us to do.

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On the other hand, if we sustain our generosity while putting the money freed up by the mortgage toward new opportunities, we can begin to imagine something more. We can invest in existing ministries, develop new ones, and find fresh ways to share God's love with our neighbors. There are no guarantees that every new idea will succeed. Faithfulness does not mean we can predict the future or that everything we try will work. It means that we prayerfully discern how to use what we have been given in service to God and neighbor. That is why your pledge forms matter so much. They help us understand what resources we can count on as we prepare our budget and make decisions about the year ahead.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give, and please return your pledge form even if you are unable to make a financial commitment at this time. A pledge of zero dollars is still useful information for our planning. We need an accurate picture of where we are so that we can responsibly decide where we are going.

Second, We Need a Shared Vision for Our Future. This brings me to our upcoming gathering on November 15! After worship, we will share a simple meal and spend some time together imagining the future of Atonement. I want to share some of the work your church council began in May, including our conversations about the gifts we have been given, the dreams we hold, and the vision we see for our congregation.

But this is not simply a presentation of a plan that has already been decided. The council has begun the conversation. Now we want to hear from you. What gifts do you see in our congregation? What needs do you see in our community? What ministries have you dreamed about? Where do you believe God might be calling us to go next?

This gathering is a beginning, not the end of the process. We do not expect to leave the room with every question answered or every decision made. Instead, we want to listen to one another, share our hopes, and begin discerning together what the next chapter of Atonement might look like.

Your voice matters in this conversation. The future of our congregation should not be shaped by the church council alone. It belongs to all of us. We Are Here for Such a Time as This. I believe the needs of our world will continue to grow in the coming years. We are living through tremendous change and uncertainty, and the challenges facing our neighbors are not going away.

That is one reason I am so excited about what lies ahead for Atonement. Think back to the fire and evacuations in Newport last week. When our community needed a safe place for people to take shelter, our church opened its doors. We welcomed our neighbors, made coffee, offered comfort, and provided a place of refuge amid uncertainty. We did not need a new mission statement to tell us what to do. We simply responded to the need before us. We were able to do that because we are a community of people who care about one another and about the world beyond our walls. We were faithful to the calling God has given us.

Imagine what else we might do if we bring that same spirit of generosity, creativity, and faithfulness to the future of our church. What new needs might we meet? What new ministries might we begin? How might we become an even stronger source of hope and care in Newport and the surrounding community? I do not have all the answers. Neither does the council. And that is precisely why we need one another. So, please, join us on November 15. Come share a meal, bring your ideas, listen to your neighbors, and help us imagine what God might be calling us to do together.

We have been blessed with an extraordinary opportunity. With your prayers, your generosity, your dreams, and your participation, we can discern how best to use that blessing for the sake of the world. I am excited about our future, grateful for the people who have brought us this far, and hopeful about what we might accomplish together.

I hope to see you on November 15!

Amen.
Pastor John

Financial Snapshot Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman

Updates for September 2026

General Fund:	Revenues	$ 21,553
	Expenses	$ 20,448
	General Fund balance	$ 53,180
Capital Fund:	Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.	
	Our mortgage balance	$ 18,361
	Capital Fund balance	$ 164,610
Dedicated Fund balance		$ 22,883
Undedicated Fund balance		$ 11,290
Restricted/Endowment balance		$ 160,830

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.

Fred Meyer 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 second quarter of 2026 (April - June) we received $49.77!**

What if I want to keep a Bulletin?

We are re-using the inner pages of the Bulletin we use at Worship each week. But you may take home a bulletin if you wish. If you plan to just toss it in recycling at home please leave it here. But if you want to use it or give it to someone please feel free to do so!

Email And Text Caution

Scammers target churches because we are compassionate people. They may send emails or text messages that appear to come from Pastor John or the office, asking for assistance. Don't be fooled! Please call the office if you are unsure about a message.

From the Pastor

Pastor John Smithies



A Reflection on Last Week:
A Church for the Sake of the World

My dear church,
It is with deep gratitude that I reflect on the events of this past week. By now, the news of the fire in Newport and the resulting evacuations is familiar to many of us. What some may not know is that, as our church council was meeting, we received a call from the city. The evacuation shelter at Sam Case Elementary School also needed to be evacuated, and the city needed another location for people to take refuge.

Our council immediately said yes. We postponed the rest of our meeting, rolled up our sleeves, and began to transform our church into an evacuation shelter. Our community had a need, and we responded.

As all of this was unfolding, I realized that my own home was in a Level 3 evacuation zone. I rushed home to rescue the kittens and grab a few things, then headed back to the church. I was gone perhaps 10 or 15 minutes, but when I returned, the transformation was already well underway. Members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) were there signing people in, and before long, we had over 65 members of our community taking shelter within our doors.

It was a scary and stressful situation, filled with uncertainty. Yet, in the middle of it all, my heart was filled with joy and gratitude. I might even say I felt a little pride. The church was not simply a place where people had gathered to wait out an emergency. It was filled with a whole army of our volunteers. People were picking up trash, making coffee, greeting evacuees, and, perhaps most importantly, offering warm smiles and welcoming faces amid the fear and confusion. Everywhere I turned, it seemed there was another member of our congregation finding something that needed doing and quietly getting it done. Beyond that the whole church was filled with new people forming a new community, the new community may have only lasted for a few hours, but it was there, we got to witness it.

I want to thank every one of you who helped make this possible. I dare not try to name everyone, because I know I would inevitably leave someone out. I was busy, and I could not see everything that was happening. But I saw enough to know that our congregation responded with extraordinary generosity and care. If you were not there physically you were there in Spirit, it is your gifts that keep this congregation afloat, it is your presence that makes ministry possible. This was a whole team effort even if you were not there. This was OUR work, that we all did. Thank you!

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This is what the good works of faith look like when they become visible to our community. This is what it means to love our neighbors, not simply in words, but in action.

Of course, we learned a great deal from this experience. We will take those lessons seriously and discuss them among ourselves and with Emergency Management so that we can be better prepared should another emergency arise. I hope and pray that we will not need to do this again for many years, perhaps never. But if and when our community faces another crisis, I know that we will be here. This is what it means to build a longer table. This is what it means to be a church for the sake of the world. And I hope this experience opens doors for us to continue finding new ways to serve our community and live out our mission: to reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

One Important Thing to Remember:
There is one other thing I want to address. I have already heard this experience described as a kind of dress rehearsal for a real emergency. I understand what people mean by that. We learned a great deal, and the experience will help us prepare for whatever might come in the future. But I want us to be careful with that description. This was not a dress rehearsal. It was a real emergency.

The fire and the evacuations presented a genuine threat to our community. The situation could have resulted in the loss of life and property. We are grateful that our first responders did their jobs so well, that the incident was contained, and that the immediate crisis was resolved relatively quickly. But the fact that things turned out as well as they did does not make the danger any less real, nor does it diminish the help our congregation provided.

Those 65 people needed a safe place to go. They needed shelter, a cup of coffee, a welcoming face, and a place to wait while they did not know what would happen next. Our church provided that place. Our volunteers helped meet those needs. That was real ministry, offered to real people, during a real emergency.

I do not want any of us to overlook the significance of what happened simply because the worst possible outcome did not occur. We were there when our community needed us, and that matters. So, once again, my dear church, thank you. Thank you for your generosity, your willingness to serve, your quick response, and your faithfulness. Thank you for being a congregation that understands that the church exists not only for itself, but for the sake of the world God loves. I am grateful for you all. I am grateful that Atonement could be there for our neighbors in their time of need, and I am deeply thankful to be your pastor.

With gratitude and love
Pastor John

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.

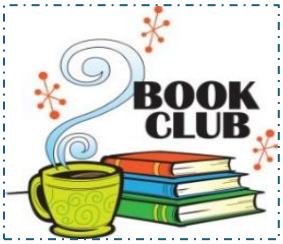
Room Rental



Our church facilities/rooms 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.





ALC Book Club by Pastor John Smithies

Our book for November is a wonderful fictional work called When Harlie was one by David Gerrold. This is a fictional account written in the 70s about an Artificial Intelligence named Harlie. It might read now like science fact than science fiction. But here we are. Now there are two reasons I picked this work. The first is we should, need, to be talking about AI and faith, and this work of fiction might open us to that conversation. I am trying to create a way we can understand and talk about this together, it affects us all and the church needs to be talking about this.

Secondly, we are nearing Advent where we wait for the coming of Christ and speak of the mystery of the incarnation. At the heart of this work is the question—what does it mean to be human? That is the question of the Christmas—what does it mean that God becomes human? May this then become a pre-Advent discussion.

Due to thanksgiving we will be meeting a week earlier. Book club will be on the 17th and 19th of November. I really encourage everyone to read this work and join the discussion.

2026-2027 Book List

November: *"When HARLIE Was One"* by David Gerrold
January: **"***Scary Smart: The Future of Artificial Intelligence and How You Can Save Our World"* by Mo Gawdat
February: *"Christ the Center"* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
March*:* *"Love Thy Neighbor"* by Bart Ehrman
April: *"A Rabbi talks with Jesus"* by Jacob Neusner
May: *"The Vision of Ephesians: The Task of the Church and the Glory of God"* by N.T. Wright
June: *"Liturgies of the Wild: Myths That Make Us "* by Martin Shaw
July: **"***Central Things: Worship in Word and Sacrament"* by Gordon W. Lathrop
August: *"The Wisdom of the Desert"* by Thomas Merton

Prayer Requests

Is there someone you would like us to pray for? Please call the office at 541-265-2554 or email us at office@atonementlutheran.com. We are happy to pray with and for you! If you would like to request prayers without announcing your name we can do that too. Sometimes people aren't ready to share, but still need prayers.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday afternoon, December 13 at 2 pm, two members of the Trio Musicorum Medicorum will perform a free benefit concert for the Newport Food Pantry. Rebecca Reese, cello and Andrew Bonner, piano will perform as a duo – offering classical selections to herald the holiday season.

If You See Something, Say Something

by Sandy Cramer

This is a popular saying in airports and schools among other places. If you see something that is a concern, something that makes you feel it just isn't right you should say something to a person in charge. That's important to prevent human trafficking, drug sales, contraband, violence etc. But it is important here too. Maybe you see something that needs repair, or something that needs cleaning. Maybe you see a violation of our new sexual harassment and violence prevention policy. It is also important to know WHO to tell. We recently avoided paying two separate plumbing companies a site fee on the same day. One issue was reported to the office and the other to a member who called a plumber directly. Please say something to Sandy or to Pastor so that we can coordinate our actions. If they are not available then report to our Council President, Susan Painter, or to another Council member.

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.

Simple Supper and Holden Evening Prayer

Mark your calendar for November 18th! The October Simple Supper was cancelled due to lack of participation. Our dream of the third Wednesday is for this to be a time to gather, to have fellowship, to share a meal, and then to enter into prayer together for ourselves and the world. This is the intention of these gatherings, to genuinely encounter one another around food and prayer, and invite friends, and neighbors. We still need people to help bring food and to clean up and set up, but we try to keep this simple so that we can gather around what is truly important: to love God and each other. *Pastor John*

A Corner Of Hope by Susan Painter, Council President

> "Many indigenous peoples [believe] that we are … endowed with a particular gift, a unique ability. Birds to sing and stars to glitter…it is understood that these gifts have a dual nature, though: a gift is also a responsibility. If the bird's gift is song, then it has a responsibility to greet the day with music. It is the duty of birds to sing and [of] us to receive the song as a gift."
>
> Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass

As we prepare to celebrate the great gift of our church land and buildings, we must ask, "What, now, is our responsibility?"

One answer appeared on Reformation Sunday, a time transformed by ways we could never have imagined when we arrived for worship. Shortly after Sabine's inspiring story about her clandestine worship group in Germany, a friend slipped into the pew next to me. "Evacuation…transformer fire on the Bayfront" she scribbled in a note to explain her sudden presence. Whispers of concern rippled quietly through the congregation as we sang the triumphant and prophetic hymn, A Mighty Fortress: "Let this world's tyrant rage… his might is doomed to fail!"

By the time for prayer, Brenda led us in petitions asking safety for our first responders, firefighters, the people of Pacific Seafood and neighbors forced to flee the fire. As news of changed conditions filtered through, our day was rearranged. A distracted church council quickly adjourned to check on family and pets. Newport's emergency response team sent an urgent request, asking if we could provide shelter to those evacuated from surrounding homes and buildings. "Yes, of course!" was our immediate, heartfelt and unconditional reply.

Strangers began streaming into the narthex. Pets and their owners were directed to our lower meeting room. Extra snacks appeared from the kitchen as crisis management workers brought in water and emergency supplies. Though stressed, everyone was courteous, careful and overwhelmingly grateful. Sandy provided calm directions and a steady presence beside the emergency teams. Pastor John's furry feline family members relieved some stress and brought smiles. Robert's quiet organ music wafted peacefully through the air. The sanctuary was available for quiet solace. Words of thanks and offers of help came through cell phones, text messages and the church office line as strangers volunteered blankets, food and supplies.

As the day progressed and the crisis waned, I watched our church community respond and felt both grateful and inspired. This is what we are meant to do: to serve those in need, to respond to a crisis, to answer a call and offer what we have with love and without reservation.

In a few weeks we will gather to share our hopes and dreams for the future – a time free from the financial demands of a mortgage. Let us remember these important hours of service which reflect the best that we are: opening our church home and our hearts to all people in a time of need. We are given so much – so let us continue to live fully into these gifts.

What's Happening in the Garden? By Barb Ward

We have grown 239 pounds of vegetables and donated 226 pounds to Food Share from our garden beds. As we harvest our crops, we are replanting the beds and plan to have crops growing indoors and outdoors this winter. We are getting the cloches covers in place. We have peas growing inside, soon to be transplanted out to the bed where the potatoes were this summer.

We had a seed-saving workshop, led by Emily Johnston who did a great job. We will be saving seeds from our crops with the goal of having our own seeds for planting as well as creating a seed library at the church for community members to take seeds to plant in their gardens.

Thank you to all the people who helped get our beds up and running and continue to help at our work parties. If you would like to join us, we meet on Wednesday and Fridays from 10 to 12. We will not be meeting on Friday November 27th (the day after Thanksgiving.)

We have had another corn give away and the potential for one more. We harvested about 3000 pounds in our last effort which was given away during our drive by corn giveaway, to our congregation and Food Share. We also were able to trade some of the corn for about 300 pounds of pumpkins and 200 pounds of squash which were given away during our drive by corn giveaway event. The total amount of corn we have given away is about 5000 pounds. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with harvesting and giving away the corn.

Property – Our October work party was successful. Thank you, everyone who came and helped out. We cleaned moss out of the windows, spread the bark chips, replaced some screens, and completed other honey do items.

For people who cannot attend the work parties or would prefer to work at their convenience and at their own speed, we have task list on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are also compiling a list of volunteers who can be on call to complete these tasks and other property tasks. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or you can just let Barb or Sandy know you would like to be added to the list.

See you in the garden!



Lights of Christmas by Sandy Cramer

We have an advertising poster! We have a flyer looking for craft vendors! Robert has been busy planning, buying lights and trying out scenarios. Now we need YOU! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We need people to help with advertising – we want people to come! We need people to help set up the light displays on November 21st! We need people to bake cookies that will be served on December 12th and 19th! We need people to make coffee and cocoa and serve the cookies! We need people to lead arts & crafts for kids on December 19th! We also need people to sell Christmas Crafts on the 19th. (If you are interested, we will waive the $25 fee for table rental.) Now the event is up to YOU! Please help any way you are able.





Looking Ahead to 2027:
A Future We Build Together

My dear church,
I want to share a few thoughts about where we are as a congregation, where we are headed, and what we will need as we look toward 2027.

We have done a lot this year! We have welcomed new people, explored new ministries, and worked to expand the reach of our small community. We are approaching the day when we will pay off our mortgage, an accomplishment worth celebrating. There is a great deal of energy and possibility in the life of Atonement, and I am excited about what the future holds.

At the same time, we know that even the most promising things can be fragile. The events of last week reminded us how quickly circumstances can change. The fire and the threat it posed to our community could have spread and altered the shape of Newport for generations to come. No matter how stable things may appear on the surface, we never quite know what the next day will bring.

Yet it was precisely in the midst of that uncertainty that I was reminded of what makes our church so important. My heart was full last week as I watched our little church transform into an evacuation shelter. What a loss it would be for our community if there were no churches willing to live for the sake of the world around them! We are not simply a building where people gather on Sunday mornings. We are a community called to share God's love in tangible ways, especially when our neighbors need us most. That is the future I want us to continue building together. And to do that, there are some important needs we must address as we enter 2027.

<u>The Work That Makes Ministry Possible:</u>

Some of the needs before us involve the organizational responsibilities that allow us to function as a congregation. As a religious nonprofit organization, we have constitutional and legal obligations to meet. Our church council, which serves as our governing board, helps ensure that these responsibilities are fulfilled and that our ministry can continue.

Our constitution requires certain leadership positions, including a treasurer, as well as a council of between nine and twelve members. Peggy will be stepping down as treasurer in January, and we need someone to take up this important responsibility. We also have openings for a vice president, an Outreach Council representative, a Parish Life Council representative, and potentially one or two at-large council members.

I want to be clear about something: the work of ministry is more important than preserving the way we have always organized ourselves to do it. We need to meet our responsibilities, but we should also be willing to ask whether our current structures best serve the work God is calling us to do. Perhaps some of the time and energy we spend in committees could be better directed toward the ministry itself. I am open to those conversations, and I hope you are, too. If you have wanted to serve, but our concerned about the time requirements please know

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that I want that conversation, because we can make this work. We can be more efficient, so let's do that. We can explore together what serving might look like and where your gifts might be most useful.

I will be honest: these leadership needs sometimes keep me awake at night. We can have wonderful ideas, growing ministries, and a congregation full of energy, but we still need people willing to take responsibility for the less visible work that keeps everything moving. I pray about these things, and I trust the good people of this congregation. Perhaps the Spirit is already stirring something in your heart. If so, I invite you to speak with one of our leaders about serving alongside us.

A Financial Review: Another Important Need:

In January, we also need to conduct our annual financial review. This is a review of our books and financial records, distinct from a formal audit, that helps ensure our finances are in order before our annual meeting.

This review needs to be conducted by people who are not serving on the church council. In the past, we have been fortunate to have volunteers willing to take on this responsibility. However, those who have done this work previously are now serving on council, leaving us without a team to conduct the review.

We have two options: find volunteers from our congregation or pay an outside organization to do the work, which could cost thousands of dollars. I would much rather see us come together as a community to accomplish this task.

We are looking for a small team of volunteers willing to review our financial records for the previous year. The work needs to be completed in January, before our annual meeting, so that we can gather with confidence in the knowledge that our finances have been reviewed and accounted for.

You do not need to be a financial expert to start a conversation about helping. If this is something you might be willing to do, please reach out to one of our leaders. We would be grateful for your help.

The Future We Share:

As we draw near the end of 2026, I know it has been an emotional year for many of us. There has been change, there have been new beginnings, and we have welcomed new members into our community. The world around us often feels uncertain, and the challenges facing our neighbors are real.

Through it all, I am deeply thankful for this church.

We strive to be a point of light in our community, a place where people can encounter the divine through Word and Sacrament, in silence, and in the presence of one another. We seek to remind the world that God is here and present, and that God's love calls us into lives of loving service to our neighbors.

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As we look toward 2027, I believe we have an opportunity to deepen that calling. As we approach the end of our mortgage payments, we can begin to imagine new possibilities for the resources and energy that will become available to us. As we develop new ministries, we can find new ways to reach beyond our walls. And as we continue to grow, we can become an even stronger presence of hope and care in the lives of those around us.

But this future does not happen on its own. It depends on our continued faithfulness to the mission entrusted to us. We all participate in this mission, and we all depend on one another. Some of us will serve on council. Others will help with a financial review, participate in a ministry, welcome a neighbor, or offer their gifts in ways we have not yet imagined.

It takes a community to sustain a church, and it takes a community to live out the love of God in the world. So, as we look toward the coming year, I invite you to consider how you might help. If you feel called to serve, if you have an idea for a new ministry, or if you simply want to talk about how you might become more involved, please reach out. We do not need to have every answer today. We simply need to be willing to listen, to respond, and to walk forward together.

I am grateful for the ministry we share, hopeful about the future before us, and excited to see what God will do through this beloved community.

Peace
Pastor John

Hope Team Update **by Brenda Grall**

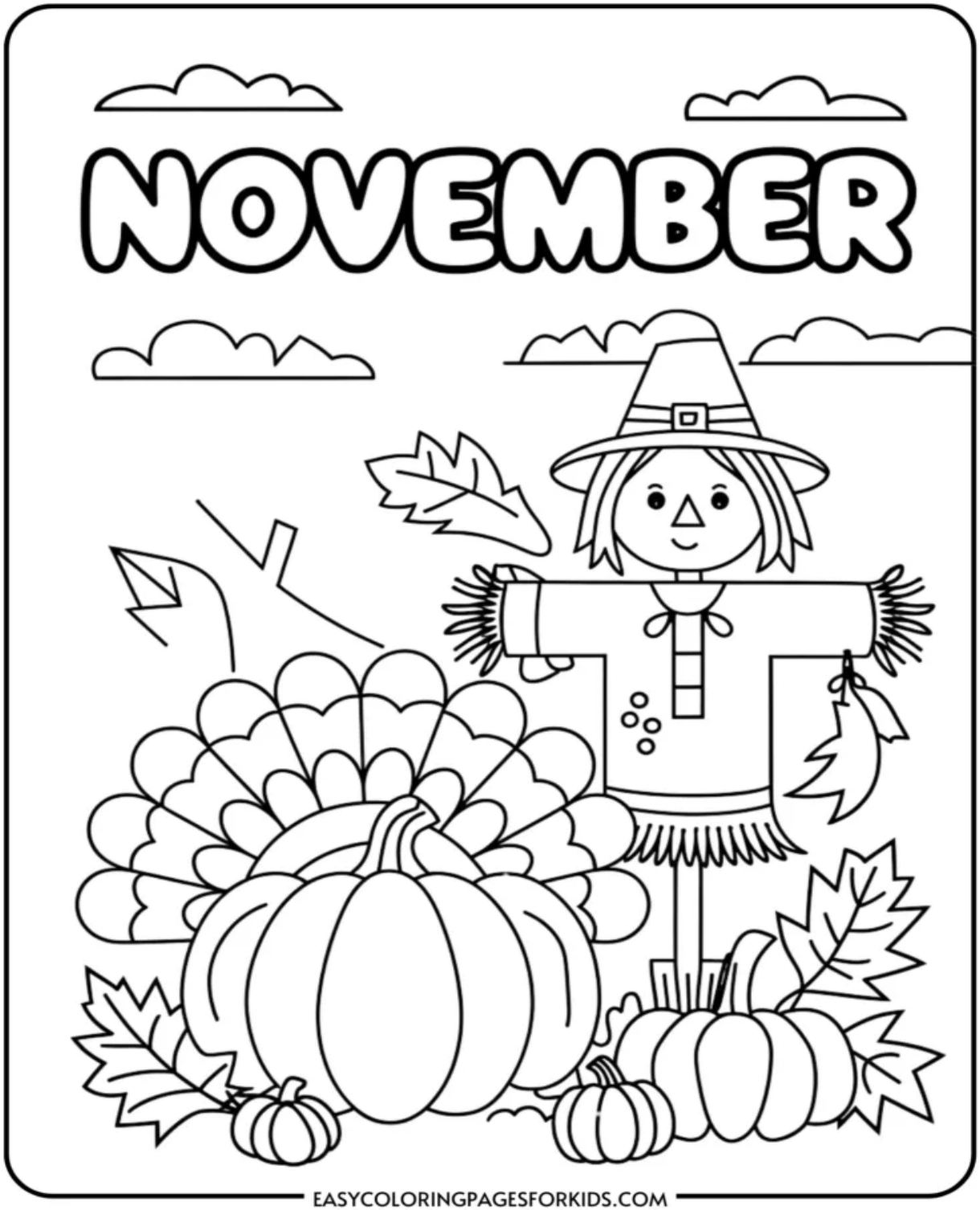
Thank you to the church congregation for supporting our Hope Team family. As we continue to provide two meals and two acts of kindness or service to our foster family each month, please consider helping if you have not already. Meals can be homemade or delivered from a restaurant. Monetary donations can be made to the church with a designation for the Hope Team Family.



We are still looking for another volunteer to help occasionally with Family Support Court, which takes place Mondays from 2-3:30. Volunteers work together to entertain the children while parents are in court.

Check out the crew doing some yard work for our family recently.

Kid's Page



Sunday School Sunday School will begin on November 15. Classes will be held as both children and instructors are available.

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 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Daylight Savings Ends – turn clocks back 1 hour** 9am Forum 10am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:30am Choir	2	3	4 10am Garden (work) Party 12 noon Contemplative Prayer 12:45pm WELCA Potluck & Meeting	5 8am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11am Beach walk/ Fellowship & Fun	6 10am Garden (work) Party	7
8 9am Forum 10am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:15am Outreach 11:30am Choir 12:00noon Worship & Music	9	10	11 **Veteran's Day Office Closed**	12 8am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11am Beach walk/ Fellowship & Fun 2:15pm Social Ministry Mtg	13 10am Garden (work) Party	14
15 9am Forum 10am Worship In-person & Zoom Sunday School 11:30am Choir 11:30 Parish Mini Retreat & Potluck	16	17 11am ALC Book Club	18 10am Garden (work) Party 12 noon Contemplative Prayer 6pm Simple Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	19 8am Men's Bfst @ Pig 'N Pancake 11am Beach walk/ Fellowship & Fun 5pm ALC Book Club 6:30pm Finance Mtg via Zoom	20 10am Garden (work) Party	21
22 9am Forum 10am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:30am Choir 12noon Council Meeting	23 1pm Stone Soup Prep 5pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens	24 WAVES Deadline	25 10am Garden (work) Party 12 noon Contemplative Prayer	26 **Thanksgiving Office Closed**	27 **Black Friday Office Closed**	28
29 9am Forum 9:15am Choir 10am Worship In-person & Zoom	30					

Worship Page

Worship	Readers	Altar Guild	Musicians	Recorder
November 1	Lynn Moody	Darcy de la Rosa	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
November 8	Brenda Grall	Bill Innis	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
November 15	Rhonda Harman	Sally Woodward	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
November 22	Alder	Karen Johnson	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
November 29	Sandy Cramer	Susan Painter	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
	Ushers	**Greeters**	**Counters**	**Zoom Host**
November 1	_____	Dan Moore & Patty Fox	Pete Kraack & Peggy Gilman	Barb Ward
November 8	_____	Jeanne Innis & Maryellen Murphy	Cliff Woodward & Vo Newell	Travis Fox
November 15	_____	Maryellen Murphy & Patty Fox	Travis Fox & Sally Woodward	Travis Fox
November 22	_____	Dan Moore & Rhonda Harman	Cliff Woodward & Peggy Gilman	Susan Painter
November 29	_____	Jackie Kirchmann & Brenda Grall	Vo Newell & Pete Kraack	Travis Fox

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Sandra 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



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





Flowers for Worship

1 Susan Painter
8 _____
15 _____
22 _____
29 ALC

Social Ministry by Sally Jennings

Food Pantry Program - Black Barrel



Ongoing typical items that the Pantry would really appreciate receiving: Canned Tuna, Chicken, Vegetables, Fruit. Ready To Eat Items such as 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 28th at 5:00pm. If you would like to help prepare and/or serve food **please call** Sally Jennings @541 444-2687. It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.





No Pet Food Needed for November Stone Soup

We give out 15 one gallon bags of dog food and 15 smaller bags of dry cat food each month at Stone Soup. Thanks to your generosity, we have enough dog and cat food to use for several months.

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. They are serving approx. 50 warm meals a day and giving out sack lunches. They are open from 7:00am - 3:00pm everyday except Sundays.

Wish list: tarps, tents, warm clothing and non-perishable items for sack lunches or breakfast.

Please leave any donated items on or under 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.

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Diapers for Samaritan House Day Care Center

Diapers are an ongoing need at Samaritan House's Yellow Submarine Childcare Center. If you would like to donate funds, please note "Diapers" on your check.

My Sister's Place

We are collecting returnable cans and bottles to benefit My Sister's Place. Please place your returnables in the bin by the food barrel in the Narthex. Or, if it is easier for you, please pick up a prelabeled bag. Fill it at home and drop it off here or at the BottleDrop Redemption Center.

Winter Warming Shelter Requesting Donations

As they gear up to open November 1st, the Community Shelter & Resource Center is requesting donations. Their wish list includes waterproof jackets and boots, T-shirts, sweats, underwear, and socks for men and women, personal sample size hygiene items, washcloths, towels, pillows and pet food. We have a complete list of needed items and a tub for your donations at the donation station in our Narthex. See their flyer on page 19.

Help Samaritan House Families Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Every year since 2020, we have provided each family living at Samaritan House with a $50 gift card to help them buy food for Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate toward keeping our tradition going, please write a check to Atonement Lutheran Church and indicate "Food Baskets" on the memo line.

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.

Beach Walks / Fellowship Fun by Pastor John Smithies



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, or if we want to sit around the table with coffee and catch up for a bit that is great too. Either way the discussion will be up to the Spirit. People should feel free to drop in for as long or as little as they would want.

Come Join our Service Programs!

Are you interested in Social Ministry? Or Parish Life, Outreach, Library, Property, Altar Guild or more? Please pick up a copy of committee program information on the Take-It-Home table by the office. We would love to have your help!

Saving lives, one night at a time

COMMUNITY SHELTER & RESOURCE CENTER

Donations Wish List

Clothes for Men & Women in All Sizes:

Waterproof Jackets | Waterproof Boots | Shower Flip-Flops
Hoodies | Underwear | T-Shirts | Sweats | Socks | Belts

Personal Use Items:

Sample Sized Shave Cream, Toothpaste, Shampoo, etc.
Hair Ties | Toothbrushes | Cleansing Wipes
Disposable Razors | Washcloths | Towels
Toilet Paper | Trash Bags (s/m/l) | Pillows

Dog / Cat Food

Financial Donations:

Mail to: 36 SW Nye St. Newport, OR 97365 (Attn: Shelter)

To Donate Items:

Call Andrea at 541-272-9647 to set up pick-up or drop-off. Thank you!

Scan to learn more or sign up to volunteer:

Community Shelter & Resource Center is a safe, affirming space for all, including pets.

Lincoln County
Health and Human Services

LincolnCountyShelter.com

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WELCA (Women of the ELCA) is the women's ministry organization of the **ELCA**. Nationally WELCA embraces ministries that support their mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ including service, study, advocacy, fellowship. At Atonement, our focus is both fellowship and Bible study.

We meet monthly on the FIRST Wednesday each month at 12:45 in the Narthex - right after the contemplative prayer time. All members and friends of Atonement are welcome to attend either in person or on ZOOM. This month's meeting is November 4th; we start with a light potluck lunch.

The Fall bible study is "Bold Faith on an Unexpected Journey," by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney. It is printed in the Gather magazine (Copies of GATHER are available on the "free" table just outside the church office). It is also available on line (Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey," by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney - Gather Magazine). Copies will also be available at the meeting. Join us for conversation and fellowship (and food!).

Men's Breakfast Group

We meet on Thursday morning for breakfast at Pig 'N Pancake at 8 am.

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.



Flower Chart Signup to bring Sunday Altar Flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, in remembrance, or just because you want to. You may donate flowers from the store or from your garden, or donate money and we will purchase and arrange the flowers. The sign up poster is on the Bulletin Board across from the coffee. Thank You!

Check out our website - http://atonementlutheran.com. It includes newsletters, service information, events, news, scripture readings for the week, audio recordings and more! The online calendar is updated to include all changes & new events.

Policy on Sexual Harassment and Violence Prevention

Have you signed the policy? Signature pages are available on the greeter's table. Signatures are required for all employees, clergy and volunteers.