

# Makin' Waves

**Atonement Lutheran Church  
2315 N Coast Hwy—Newport, OR**



**Worship Services  
Sundays @ 10:00am**

October 2021

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**Office Hours**  
10:00am ~ 3:00pm  
Tuesday thru Friday



We are holding the second annual, Spirit of Harvest fully online on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This one-hour online program will highlight stories of camp, offer an envisioning tour of our next big projects, provide updates on partnerships, and more. We hope to reach a growing circle of friends, alumni, and supporters through this digital format.

If you are interested in supporting camp in this way, registration is open now at [lutherwoodoregon.org/spirit-of-harvest](http://lutherwoodoregon.org/spirit-of-harvest) If you have any questions, please contact.

Melissa at [melissa@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:melissa@lutherwoodoregon.org) or

Andrea at [andrea@lutherwooregon.org](mailto:andrea@lutherwooregon.org).

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

As Christ's ministry includes everyone, we, too, welcome persons of any ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, marital status, age, economic situation, and physical or mental ability.

We celebrate the gifts each one brings to the life and ministry of this community of faith.



## Oregon Synod

Walking Together Toward Courageous Love

**Do you want to connect regularly with people of faith in Oregon who care about climate justice?** Join Oregon Interfaith Power & Light's new Green Circles program! starting this fall. These circles are a place to learn about issues of climate, faith, and justice, and how to take action with others. Join as a team or as an individual. Teams will be given time to work together toward local goals, and individuals will be able to join teams based on geographical region or interest area. [Email Cherice Bock](mailto:Cherice.Bock) to sign up.



# Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ August 2021



**General Fund:** Revenues during Aug '21 are \$ 9,901  
 Our expenses during Aug '21 are \$ 16,146  
 Three expenses exceeded budget range: Outreach  
 Hospitality, Social Ministry and Insurance  
 Our net cash flow YTD is \$3,563  
 (Which includes capital fund transfer below)  
 General Fund balance is \$ 29,037.85

**Capital Fund:** Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.  
 A transfer of \$15,000 to the General Fund  
 (1/2 of budgeted allowance for 2021)  
 Capital Fund balance is \$109,317  
 The Thrivent investment funds transferred to a moderate  
 fund on July 17<sup>th</sup> shows YTD earnings of 3.42%  
 Thrivent mortgage balance is \$377,079.52

**Dedicated Fund** balance is \$ 15,819

**Restricted/Endowment** balance continues to increase at \$128,809.



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

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters will be starting to "stitch quilts" on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in the lower meeting room. Morning quilters will start at 9:30am and the afternoon group starts at 1pm.

Everyone is invited! It's a great way to get to know each other as we tie the quilts and share stories.

If you have questions, please contact Marian Brown.

Masks are required.



## from the Pastor

Pastor Shelley Willem



I don't know if you caught the moment in church on Sunday when the children left for Sunday School, but in that moment the thought went through my head "Yay! a little more normal is back!". Then the rains have been coming more forcefully over the last few days, my grass is starting to green up, some fall flowers are blooming after all, and again I think "Normal is returning." It gives me hope that maybe soon my body will feel more normal as well. My biggest complaint against COVID-19, Climate Change and Cancer is how much they have messed with my "Normal". And I'm not usually a "stick to the routine", do it the same way all the time, kind of girl. I like creativity and innovation mixing things up all the time. But too much for too long has made even me, nostalgic for some normalcy. So, here's some normal stuff happening at Atonement.

We are continuing to worship in person at 10am each Sunday which gets livestreamed over Zoom. We still have all the COVID-19 precautions in place which are designed to keep everyone as safe as possible and so far it is working. Thank you for your cooperation that makes it possible for us to continue in this way. We will pivot quickly to Zoom only if we have a breakthrough case of COVID or if one of the staff gets it, but for now we have found a new normal way to worship together.

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) has been successfully submitted to the ELCA's na-

tionwide database. Given that it was the Christmas season, when there was a need to develop some form of online worship and COVID made getting to know people slower than it would have been otherwise, getting the Transition Team started in April and having a completed MSP in September is actually a normal timeline. Thank you again to the Transition Team who did such good work to prepare a document that will help candidates decide if Atonement might be the next congregation he or she feels called to serve.

The Council is in the process of identifying the 6 members of the Call Committee. Their task will be to review documentation, conduct interviews and discern who is the best fit as Atonement's next pastor from the candidates provided by the Oregon Synod. This work is done under strict confidentiality so please pray and show your support for this committee's work without asking for details that they can't share. A copy of "Notes on Confidentiality" is included in this newsletter so you are aware of the protocol they will be operating under. Once the Call Committee has identified the candidate they feel is the right fit, they will recommend that person to the Council. If the Council approves the recommendation, a meet and greet will be arranged (either in person or over Zoom), and a special congregational meeting will set to vote on extending a call. There is much excitement and fun and occasionally some heartbreak in this process. Please



by Debbie Adamson



Please join us for our second WELCA meeting this fall.

October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Zoom meeting.

We will be covering session 2 of "The Gift of the Spirit: A Divine Wild Goose Chase."

This section deals with "Breath of God, reviver and reformer," where we will learn to Recognize, Claim, and Celebrate God's Spirit in our lives.



## Men's Breakfast Group ... by Paul Amundson

The Men's Breakfast Group meets at 8:00am on Thursdays at Pig & Pancake. Although it's a small group we're mighty ("mighty-old" some might say) and we have lots of fun. All who are interested are welcome to join us.



## From the Pastor

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pray always for the Holy Spirit's guidance for all parties and that God's will for Atonement's next pastor be realized.

Thank you for your continued prayers for my health. August and September have turned out to be the worst months since treatment began. While I feel like I am seeing signs of symptoms starting to clear up again or sources of pain that could now be treated and that makes me hopeful, I am still not able to successfully manage the pain and sleep loss that goes with it. Thank you to those of you who have provided me with tasty meals, cards and prayers. I feel your support.

Blessings as we journey through October which will culminate with Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup> (Wear Red).

*Pastor Shelley Willem*



## Notes on Confidentiality... by Pastor Shelley

*I*t is of the utmost importance that the Call Committee and Congregation Council observe complete confidentiality throughout the discharge of their respective responsibilities in the call process. The reason for confidentiality is to protect the candidates, the congregations they are serving, and the congregation engaged in the call process. If a congregation currently being served by a candidate becomes aware that their pastor is seeking another call, their partnership will most likely be compromised in some way.

All candidates and congregations enter the call process with the expectation that their privacy will be respected. Such an expectation is founded on a trust which is a key element of the pastor congregation partnership. This expectation is not unique to the Church; most persons seeking a position with a new employer do so confidentially. When confidentiality is violated, the willingness and ability of the candidates and the congregation to engage in and maintain a trusting relationship are called into question. Candidates may withdraw from the call process or the Call Committee may find it difficult to trust candidates. The Office of the Bishop may be reluctant to allow the call process to continue until the candidates and/or the Congregation Council can ensure that full confidentiality will be observed.

Confidentiality Protocols which are to be observed are as follows:

**The Call Committee** will not share information about any candidate with the exception of the one they recommend to the Congregation Council.

**The Congregation Council** will not share information about the candidate recommended by the Call Committee until they decide to present the candidate to the congregation for consideration.

**The Congregation** will not seek to gain information about candidates from the Call Committee or the Congregation Council during the interview stage. When the Congregation Council recommends a candidate to the congregation for consideration for call, the congregation is asked to maintain confidentiality until after the call vote is held. This allows the candidate time to inform his/her congregation of the new call.

**The Interim Pastor** will not seek or provide any information about any candidate to the Call Committee, Congregation Council, or the congregation. Typically, the Interim Pastor does not know the identity of any candidate. However, the Interim Pastor frequently provides guidance to the Call Committee and the Congregation Council in matters of process. The Interim Pastor also may provide or arrange training for both groups.





# Property Committee



**Room Rental:** Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level will reopen in October 2021 for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term (weekly/monthly) if needed. Please, contact our office for available dates and time.

Phone# 541 265-2554 email address: office@atonementlutheran.com



## Come Join our Service Programs

*I*f you are interested and want to participate in community service, (they would love to have you) please pick up a copy of committee program information on table below window in mail box area.



## Notes on Confidentiality

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**Sources of Information About Candidates and the Congregation** will be provided by the Office of the Bishop. Under no circumstances may the Call Committee, Congregation Council, or candidates seek information from any source other than the Office of the Bishop. The primary sources of information are the ELCA Rostered Leader Profile and the ELCA Ministry Site Profile (which were completed in Phase Two). Any need for additional information shall be requested from the Office of the Bishop.

**Violations of Confidentiality.** Any member of the Call Committee who violates confidentiality will be removed from the Committee. Any member of the Congregation Council who violates confidentiality will recuse himself/herself from further involvement in the call process. Candidates who violate confidentiality shall be removed from the call process. These steps are necessary to restore confidence in the commitment of the congregation and the candidates to confidentiality.



## Visit our Library ... by Barbara Utterback

- ◆ Sign your name and date on the card in the book pocket.
- ◆ File the card alphabetically by the author's last name in the recipe container.
- ◆ Bring the book back after you are finished and put it in the "RETURN" slot under the first set of shelves.



## EXPERIENCE YAKONA NATURE PRESERVE

A special hike rescheduled for October 9, 2021

In 2008, Newport residents Bill and JoAnn Barton first began learning the rich history of a 400 acre peninsula located at the point where the Yaquina River widens to become the Bay. In 2013, they made their first purchase of property on the crest of the peninsula. Since then, they have been working to establish a protected wild area with forested Sitka spruce, hiking trails, native flora and fauna, birds and animals. They have established a charitable organization to honor the rich history of the area, including the stories of the lost Yakona people who once lived off the land and the tales around the glory days of Yaquina City.

Bill and JoAnn will open this special place to members and friends of Atonement during a guided hike on **Saturday, October 9th, beginning at 11:00 a.m.** The trails involve elevation gain/loss of 250 – 300 feet multiple times over 3+ miles. There will be many stops at historic sites and to talk. The hike will take about three hours.

*We expect to return to the church by 4:00 p.m. or earlier.*

Plan to meet at the church to carpool to the property by 10:30am that morning.

Please also honor the following requests:

- 1) Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex NO LATER THAN Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) No smoking and no pets
- 3) Walking sticks, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, snacks & water bottles are welcome
- 4) Masks are recommended
- 5) There are no restrooms at the property. Be prepared to "leave no trace," bringing out with you all that you bring in, such as snack wrappers, empty drink bottles, etc.

Feel free to preview the experience at the preserve's website,

[www.yakonaoregon.org](http://www.yakonaoregon.org)

Contact Susan Painter at 541-265-5657 with any questions.



Kid's Page



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TREAT!





# October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1  	2
3  10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	4   <b>NATIONAL TACO DAY</b> Office closed  9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	5   <b>World Teacher's Day</b>	6	7  8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	8   <b>world egg day</b>	9  11:00am Yakona Reserve Hike
10  10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast  11:30pm Music & Worship Com Mtg	11  Office closed   <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	12  9:00am Property Mtg  1:00pm Outreach Mtg	13  12:30pm WELCA Bible Study  4:00pm Finance Mtg	14  8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake  4:00pm Social Ministry Mtg	15   <b>HAPPY BOSS'S DAY!</b>	16
17  10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	18  Office closed  9:30am Quilters 1:00pm Quilters	19	20  5:30pm Council Mtg	21  8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake  	22  <b>WAVES Deadline</b>	23
24  10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast	25  Office closed  5:30pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	26   <b>National PUMPKIN DAY</b>	27	28  8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake   <b>HAPPY Chocolate Day</b>	29   <b>HAPPY NATIONAL CAT DAY!</b>	30
31  10:00am Worship Zoom Simulcast   <b>Happy Halloween</b>						






Worship Page


**Worship**

**Readers**

**Altar Guild**

**Musicians**

**Recorder**

3 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
10 10:00 am	Lily Phelps	Janice Delameter	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
17 10:00 am	Jean Amundson	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
24 10:00 am	Darcy de la Rosa	Bette Harman	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
31 10:00 am	Paul Amundson	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson

**Greeters**

**Ushers**

**Zoom Host**

3 10:00 am	Dan Moore	Joe Baumgarten	Sylvia Pauly
10 10:00 am	Rhonda Harman	Joe Baumgarten	Maryellen Murphy
17 10:00 am	Dan Moore	Joe Baumgarten	Travis Fox
24 10:00 am	Dan Moore	Joe Baumgarten	_____
31 10:00 am	Dan Moore	Joe Baumgarten	_____



Liliana Black	10/1	Mike Rawles	10/26
Dean Hill	10/3	Sue Fowler	10/28
Lynn Moody	10/5	Walter Duvall	10/31
Arnie Anderson	10/5	Lori Painter	10/31
Debbie Dwyer	10/6		
Mariah Harmon	10/9		
Laura Kimberly	10/15	John & Meredith Gilbert	10/3
Jeanette Agre	10/18	Jim & Tecia Ezzell	10/20



3	Dan Moore
10	Yon Bowers
17	_____
24	Mike & Raynette Rawles
31	_____



## Social Ministry ...



### Food Pantry Program ...

is back on board. The blue barrel by the south entrance is ready for any packaged/canned goods you may want to donate.



Thank you for all the support we have received for this program in the past. Anything is welcome and helpful.



### Stone Soup ... by Mike Rawles

Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal church on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

If you would like to help: please call Mike @ 541 961-9610 or Sally Jennings @541 444-2687 It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.



### Winter Coat Drive ... by Mike Rawles



Social Ministry is continuing the coat drive for Grace Wins until the end of October. We have a coat rack located in the Library area. Coats can include anything that will provide warmth, cover, etc. including hoodies

Thanks you so much for your contribution to this project!



### Randy's Feed & Read ... by Mike Rawles

A decision to re-open our program is still pending since Covid/Delta Variant still a major problem .



### School Supply Drive ... by Mike Rawles

Additional funds donated by members and friends to the Lincoln County School District, Compass Center Program in the amount of \$150.00.



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**Return Services Requested**



**Reaching Out with God's Love**

## Reminders—



Audio Worship Services  
& Calendar on website



### **Food Pantry**

Fill our Food Barrel  
*Any dry or canned  
goods.*