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# 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



## Last BBQ for the Summer

August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

Get ready, for the Third of summer barbecues to be held Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. It is a POTLUCK barbecue with the meat and beverages furnished by Atonement.

Seafood, depending on what is available

There's no need to sign up--just come with your dish to share, a hearty appetite, and desire to have fellowship with others. Members are encouraged to bring guests who can join in the fun.



## Upcoming Memorial



The Memorial Service for Karen Grams is Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00pm in Grands Pass.

Calvary Lutheran Church

909 NE A St. Grants Pass, Oregon

*Celebrate by wearing something bright to Memorial.*

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.





# Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ June 2024

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



**General Fund:** Revenues during June '24 were \$ 15,466  
Expenses during June '24 were \$ 14,275  
General Fund balance is \$ 46,143

**Capital Fund:** Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.  
Our mortgage balance is \$ 171,673  
Capital Fund balance is \$ 143,633

**Dedicated Fund** balance is \$ 21,185

**Restricted/Endowment** balance is \$ 136,444



## Vanco Online Donation/Offering

Our Vanco online Donation option is located on our website home & contact pages at: <https://www.atonementlutheran.com>.

If you are using this for the first time, signup is necessary to have your information on hand. Once you are in the system, it will bring up your information to complete transaction. If you need it, there is a *How to Use Direction Sheet* in the office.



## Fred Meyers Community 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 contact Fred Meyers and link your rewards card to:

**Atonement Lutheran Church (VB494).**



Pastor John Smithies

August is that month when we are still in the full bloom of summer and sun, even maybe the hottest month of the year, but the turning has already begun. The days are growing shorter, fall is just a little bit off. Summer bring growth, there is still time to grow, but the time is quickly ticking by. I know we wonder if summer is going to last into October or will October truly begin winter. That part is still unknown, we might still have a long summer ahead of us, or it might be quite quickly over. But, is not all of life like that? We are not guaranteed anything, only given the opportunity to make the most of the time we are given. However, August does mark that point in our calendar where we can check our list of what we had hoped to accomplish. There is still time to readjust and reprioritize. The season of growth is still here, but now stand with the finiteness of it's season felt acutely. The youth of our congregation might be starting to make preparations to go back to school. It is still summer but, also we know as the street corner sign use to read, "The end is near." Again we have the opportunity to ponder what do we still wish to accomplish in the time ahead. What growth would we like to see, what is available in the summer that might lead me to connect closer with the divine.

I offer this surfing illustration as a way of example. Just a few years ago, I seemed to be stuck surfing in the white wash after the waves broke, looking at the surfers sitting on their boards past the breaking waves, hopelessly dreaming that I might grow up and be one of them some day. I would watch the most untalented of those out there who were able to catch and ride and I was determined to be like that one. It was not the most advanced surfer that I aspired to be, because I knew my own athletic limitations. I had little hope of ever becoming a Micheal Jordan on the waves. It was the less skilled that was still able to get up and ride that inspired me. Because I knew I could at least achieve that. At the start of summer this year, I set that as one of a few goals in order to have the time to live into what I wanted to be. I postponed some continuing education in the fall, so that I would have the time to live into my personal journey; to be at least one of the less talented people out there, but the one still able to catch and ride the wave. The start of August gives me the chance to ask myself if I have grown into that yet? But more importantly, what accomplishments, while the waves are still manageable, do I want to achieve before swells of fall bring more energy. Is there time to readjust and bring some focus towards the areas that still needs growth.

But none of this is really about suffering or summer vacation. It is really about our encounter with the divine. I wonder if we ask ourselves, how have I grown into my true self during this summer, during this last year, during this last month? Maybe it's an invitation to ask ourselves what might I need to readjust to continue the journey. Life is



## Adult Forum @9:00am ... Pastor John Smithies

Adult Forum is focusing on lectionary readings for that Sunday and engaging in some wonderful conversations. All are welcome to come in person or on zoom or watch the recording the following week.

### Adult Forum Brewmasters needed!

If you are willing to come in at 8:30am to set up and brew the coffee please sign up on the board upstairs across from the coffee station. **Thank you!**



## Come Join our Service Programs

If 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 next to Kitchen.



## From the Pastor

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a journey, that much is for certain. We don't stop the journey even when summer turns towards fall. But, nonetheless in this moment, what is available to me through prayer and our Christian tradition that might be meaningful to try in the time of this growing season, to grow with God. That is the question of summer, how do we grow? Another question maybe is what still needs tending?

My friends, we are on this journey of becoming, and our faith and hope are that we are becoming into God through Christ Jesus. It is the Spirit that grows in our hearts and minds, and in this moment of our lives we are invited to ask how might I grow into this truth. The apostle, Paul offers us this line of wisdom while he was sitting in a prison cell with an unknown fate, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in "Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7. May we grow into this peace with prayer silently and with gratitude and faith allow the peace of Christ to be present with us. May this be true. Amen.

*Pastor John Smithies*



## Room Rental



Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are open for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term (weekly/monthly) if needed.

contact our office for available dates and time.

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



## ALC Book Club ... by Pastor John Smithies

I look forward to the book and more so to the discussion to follow on the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month, Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am and Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. This month we are reading "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom, which is a journey of faith and understanding, all started with the question, "Will you write my eulogy."



## News to Share ... by Dan McCue

If you were not aware, one of our congregation members is involved in a band now. The band's name is **Tsunami Zone** and features Dan McCue as the lead singer. You might recognize him and his voice from Sunday service as a cantor every once in a while. Anyway, they have started to play around Newport and Lincoln County. **Tsunami Zone** is an eclectic collaboration of newfound musical friends. The band incorporates the joy of each member sharing musical interests including Rock, R&B, Blues, Country, Soul, Pop, Latin and whatever sounds inspire any of its members. It is a Newport-based collective that will have you dancing, smiling, singing along and just having a good time. Some of the artists covered by **Tsunami Zone** include Robben Ford, John Mayer, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Darius Rucker, Stevie Wonder, Keb' Mo', Cream, Santana, Clint Park and so many more. The next gigs are August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Newport PAC from 7:30-9:30pm, then, at the Tap-house at Nye Beach on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-6PM. Follow them on Facebook for a sample of what they play and all upcoming events and updates. Come RIDE THE WAVE!!



## Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group meets at 8:00am on Thursdays at Pig N Pancake. If you would like to join us, just stop by. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor John at the office.



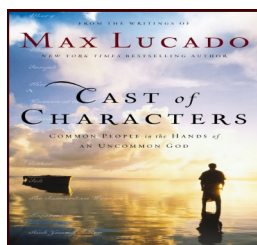


# Hello from the Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

We always welcome Book Reviews by our members regarding books from our Library. Please keep articles fairly brief, but descriptive. I would appreciate you leaving them in my mailbox. Thank You!

## Book Review ... by Dan Moore



Title: Cast of Characters

Author: Max Lucado

A fantastic, easy read. This is one of the best books relating to 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.



## Donations Needed for ... by Patty Fox



The nonprofit organization: **AGAPE RESPITE CENTER** in Newport.

Please leave any donated items on the cart near the stairs to the choir loft.

This month they are again requesting non perishable food items & paper products, such as paper towels.

Also, on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> the Agape Staff will be boxing up items to get ready to move into their new space on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Give Patty Fox a call if you want to help with this project.



## Summer Beach Walks ... by Pastor John Smithies

Anyone who wishes to go for a walk on Thursdays, please meet at the church @ 1:00pm. I have no set agenda for the walk, other than to let the Spirit lead the conversation where ever the Spirit wills. Last year we had some profound and ordinary conversations, and each moment was amazing and wonderful! We will typically go to the Don and Ann Davis park and use the walkway down to the beach. Bring a friend, bring a pet, just bring yourself.

## Classical Trio Returns to Newport ... by Susan Painter



Andrew,  
Alistair  
Rebecca,

The ever popular Portland-based Trio Musicorum Medicorum returns to Atonement on Sunday, August 4 to offer a free concert for the community and to benefit the Newport Food Pantry.

The group will join the congregation for the church service and offer music at 10:00 a.m. that morning. The trio will then perform their concert at 3:00 p.m. at the church. Those attending should bring nonperishable food items and/or donations for the Food Pantry to the event.

The trio will perform three works: The Piano Trio in G Major (1880) by Claude Debussy, Gabriel Faure's Piano Trio in D Minor Op 120 (1923) and the Piano Trio No 4 in E Minor, Op 90 (1891) known as "Dumky" by Antonin Dvorak.

The nationally renowned classical group includes Rebecca Reese, cello, Andrew Bonner, piano, and Newport Symphony first violinist Alistair Kok. The group has appeared for several concerts in Newport during the past eight years, most recently in spring, 2023, at the Doerfler Family Theatre of the Pacific Maritime History Center.

In recent years, the trio has regularly performed for Portland's Old Church noontime concert series, private house concerts and many other Portland locations. The group has made guest appearances with the Oregon Coast Youth Strings Festival concerts in Newport.

The group first performed in Newport in 2016 to an enthusiastic audience. The group calls itself "Trio Musicorum Medicorum," because each member has a "day job" in the medical field in the Portland area. Dr. Kok is a dentist, Dr. Bonner is a naturopath, and Dr. Reese is a physician currently specializing in cranial osteopathy and homeopathy.

Although the group has performed together for several years, each musician has an illustrious and extensive individual career.

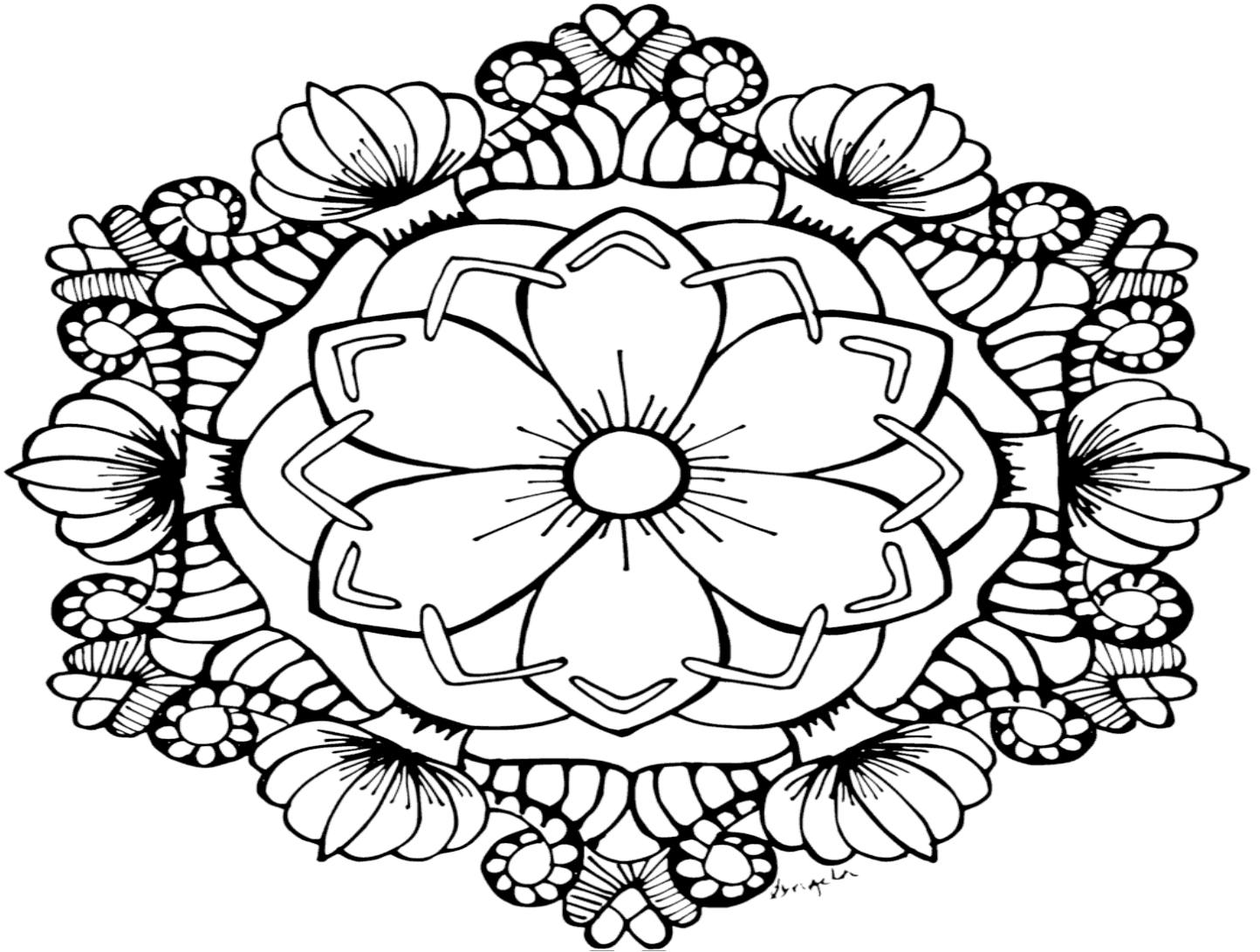
Their schedule of future performances and other information about the trio is available on their website, <https://www.tm2pdx.com/>



Kid's Page



# Color me



Sunday School is on hiatus until September.

## Youth in Worship by Pastor John

We are encouraging our youth to assist in various ways on Sunday morning! We invite parents and youth to sign up on our sign up board and or show up early and let us know that you would like to assist. Our ushers are more than happy to assist you in everything! Our youth are a part of our service!





# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 ↓				1 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	2 1:00pm—Karen Grams Memorial Service in Grands Pass 	3 1:00pm—Karen Grams Memorial Service in Grands Pass
4 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom 3:00pm Musicorum Medicourm Concert	5 Office closed  Obama Day	6	7 	8 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 5 pm OCQG F/H	9  ↓	10
11 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:15 Outreach Mtg	12 Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg 	13 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg	14 3:30pm Finance Mtg	15 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 3:30pm S/M Mtg	16  ↓	17
18 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 12:30pm Council	19 Office closed 	20	21 	22 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk	23 WAVES Deadline	24  Nat'l Ukraine Independence Day
25 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:45am Worship & Music Mtg	26 Office closed  5:00pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen	27 11:00am ALC Book Club Mtg	28  6:00pm BBQ	29 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 5:00am ALC Book Club Mtg	30  ↓	31 



# Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
4 10:00 am	Darcy dela Rosa	Marian Brown/ Darcy dela Rosa	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson
11 10:00 am	Sandy Cramer	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
18 10:00 am	David Cramer	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
25 10:00 am	Brenda Grall	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
4 10:00 am	_____	Dan Moore/ Barb Ward	Travis Fox / Cathy Devereaux	Travis Fox
11 10:00 am	_____	Dan Moore/ Rhonda Harman	Cathy Devereaux / Pete Kraack	Susan Painter
18 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Jerryann Olson	Pete Kraack / Dan Moore	Barb Ward
25 10:00 am	_____	Bonnie Powell/	Travis Fox / Bob Olson	Susan Painter



Dee Waldo	8/1
Kevin Ward	8/2
Rudy de la Rosa	8/3
Olga Buswell	8/4
Landon Goebel	8/5
Graham Mann	8/10
Peter Mann	8/20
Mariam Kimberly	8/21
Richard Letherer	8/27
Braulio Escobar	8/29



4	Rosemary Ryan & Jan Day In memory of Karen Grams
11	_____
18	Susan Painter
25	Braulio Escobar



Walt & Carol Duvall	8/3
ED & Lucy Milliken	8/12
Sara & Will Black	8/12
Sally & Herb Jennings	8/13
Megan & Tim Miller-Morgan	8/15
Bruce & MaryLou Mate	8/19
Bob & Jerryann Olson	8/21
Paul & Jean Amundson	8/31



# Social Ministry ...

## 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 Ramens, Mac & Cheese, Rice, Dried Beans (Pinto) & Tortillas (Corn & Flour).



**T**eam Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. We are asking for *Pet Dog Food donations* to give out. Please leave next to wall across from upstairs kitchen.



***Donations of Pet food (Dog & Cat) for Stone Soup, would be greatly appreciated. Please bring into church leave next to wall across from upstairs kitchen.***

If you would like to help: please call Sally Jennings @541 444-2687

It is much easier to plan how everyone can help.

## Donating to Dedicated funds

**I**f you would like to contribute to the following programs and be part of Atonement's efforts and receive a tax deduction for your money – please make a donation to Atonement Lutheran Church. You can do this simply by indicating it on the "memo" portion of your check what fund you would like to support.



**Gift Cards** This program provides an emergency meal card for people who stop by the church and need help. Raynette will be purchasing \$10 food cards from Food vendors as funds are available.



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



## Reaching Out with God's Love

Website ... [www.atonementlutheran.com](http://www.atonementlutheran.com)

Check out our website. It includes newsletter, service information, events, activities on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. It is updated to include all changes & new events.

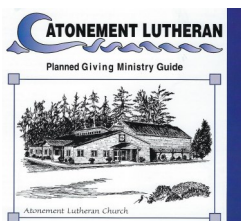


by Marian Brown

Did you know ... **Altar Guild** is looking for some additional members. What is Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a sub-committee of Worship and Music and meets quarterly.

The following is a list of the committee responsibilities: Communion preparation for services as well as all special church services, flowers, care of candles, communion bread, baptismal napkins and candles, changing of banners and paraments, Advent wreath, Christmas poinsettias, Easter lilies, linen care and special needs for funerals and weddings.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have and look forward to working with you.



## Estate Planning

Have you remembered Atonement Lutheran Church in your Will or Estate Plan?

For your convenience and interest, we have pamphlets available on table near kitchen.