



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.atonementluthern.com



Stewardship Month

October is Stewardship month, where we begin the long journey of collecting pledges for the next year's budget. This will help us be ready for the presentation in our January congregational meeting. We want to do this in the spirit of Gratitude, grateful for what we have, grateful for what is ahead, grateful for what this church means for each of us. Gratitude is an attitude, an outlook, a way of being, as opposed to a task to be done. We will be highlighting the ways we are grateful for what we have, what we do, and for the opportunity to serve those in need. We will have this conversation in dialogue with this thing called money. In other words, what does it cost to function on this level. All the while being grateful that its each of you who make this miracle of Atonement happen!



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.



Flower Chart... signup for Sunday Altar Flowers— Birthdays, anniversaries, in remembrance or just because you want to. Located on the Bulletin Board next to the upper meeting room. Thank You!



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ August 2024

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: Revenues during August '24 were \$ 10,470
Expenses during August '24 were \$ 16,171
General Fund balance is \$ 35,205

Capital Fund: Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.
Our mortgage balance is \$ 160,772
Capital Fund balance is \$ 155,498

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 21,794

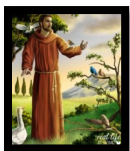
Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 141,821



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.



St. Francis of Assisi Day

Once a year we stop to remember Saint Francis of Assisi and the legacy of love and care for creation! On October 12th at 1pm on the basketball court to bless all the animals who come by, remember they are our brothers and sisters in life. If you have a furry friend that you would like a blessing for please come either at 1pm for a short service or anytime between 1 and 2 people so we can say a prayer for them. We can bless animals in cars, leashes and or carriers, and if you can't bring your friend bring a picture of your friend and we will say a blessing over the picture. We are all united in this life, and we are all united in the hope of Christ who is making all things new!



Pastor John Smithies

Psalm 107:23-32

- ²³ Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
- ²⁴ they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.
- ²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- ²⁶ They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
- ²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunkards
and were at their wits' end.
- ²⁸ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
- ²⁹ he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- ³⁰ Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
- ³¹ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
- ³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

*A*s I write this, I am thinking about the surf report for this weekend. It is the first time since winter when the report is calling for 10 to 15 feet waves. Our first big swell of the fall which just turned is upon us. I am not sure how this will affect the local surfing contest at South Beach this weekend. Perhaps it will be cancelled, certainly there will be rescue boats in the water if it continues, and most certainly I am not going to venture out into such waves. Maybe someday, but then again maybe I will always pass when it is that big. But what we can say with certainty is the storm is coming. We are at the point of transition to winter and the waves are alive with the upheaval. But as always as I think upon the deep mystery of the ocean deep, I turn to another body of water with an even deeper mystery, and I refer here to our own bodies. The ocean deep dwells in you, and I mean that quite literally we are 70 percent water and anything we can say about the Ocean is true for us. The depth of the ocean is mirrored in the depth of our souls. We are capable of moments of peace, calm waters, source of life and love, and yet also capable of forming chaos and destruction. What is true of the ocean is true of ourselves.

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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!**



From the Pastor

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I am therefore asking a more personal question for us all to reflect, what do we do when the internal depths of our soul are ablaze with the storm. I speak now when we are tossed and turned by the winds, the waves, fear, doubt, anxiety and trouble? What do we do when we are tossed about in chaos? We are, after all, creatures of water and spirit, with souls that mirror the ocean's complexity. Just as the ocean's depths hold secrets and treasures, our inner worlds hold untapped reservoirs of strength, resilience, and peace in the knowledge and encounter of the God who is always there. God is always there; it is only our awareness that of this presence that changes.

There are many storms coming both exterior and interior, as we enter fall. May we find ways through the many spiritual paths of our church to find the inner resilience to be the inner point of calm amidst the storm. May we learn to draw on the depths of God's presence with us, remember that it is Jesus who walks on the waves who says, "Peace, be still" (Mark 4:39). May we be reminded that the Spirit is always hovering over the depth (Genesis 1:2), deep within, deep above, and deep around, and that it is silence more than in words where God speaks (1 Kings 19:12). In the stillness, may we hear the whisper: "You are not lost in the storm, for I am here, amidst the waves, I am the calm beneath." May this truth guide us through life's turbulence, and may we emerge, like the ocean after a storm, renewed, refreshed, and radiant with the peace that surpasses understanding.



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



WELCA will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This month is October 9th at 12:30pm. Join us in person or Zoom in the Church Narthex in community for a time of fellowship and discussion.

All are welcome to participate.

Holden Evening Prayer and Soup ... by Pastor John Smithies Wednesday October 16th



Soup & Bread @ 6:00pm & Holden Prayers @ 7:00pm



I continue to have high hopes and dreams that our once-a-month meals together with Holden Evening Prayer after, will continue and grow into a valuable aspect of our community's life together. However it is really going to take the whole community to make this a lasting and sustainable manifestation of our community. Especially in one aspect of the evening, which is cleaning up. Here, really is the good part, if we all pitched in no one would ever have to do it more than once a year. As we settle into this new pattern, we ask that people who attend and who are physically capable to consider helping out after for a few minutes and assist with the clean-up. A little help from everyone goes a very long way!



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

- ◆ 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

Note: We would welcome any Review for books in our library to be published in our newsletter.

Book Reviews ... by Graham Mann



Title: This is the Earth that God Made Author: Lynn Downey

This is a progressive book, with sentences that build up on each other. This book also ends with a prayer about all the things mentioned in the book. It includes mountains, trees, bees, the Ocean and family. I like how this book shows you about some of the amazing things God has done.



Title: I'm Gonna Like Me Author: Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell

This book is about being kind to yourself whether things are going well or not. Such as being proud of yourself if you do something good and not blame yourself if something goes wrong. I like how this book helps us realize that it is OK to mess up.



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters upcoming meeting will start this month on October 7th and October 21st. We will gather in the lower meeting room. Morning quilters will start at 9:00am 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.



ALC Book Club ... by Pastor John Smithies

My conversations with Martin Luther by Timothy Lull. As we prepare this month for Reformation Day, I have picked an imaginative, fun, and hopefully meaningful work by Timothy Lull. Dr. Lull before he died in 2003 was a professor at one of our Seminaries, the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and leading Lutheran Scholar. This book is a series of imaginative conversations with Martin Luther, and I hope it will lead to some deep discussions and thoughts as we approach the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Because of the Bishops Convocation we will be meeting this month on the last Tuesday and Thursday instead of our normal time which is the fourth week of the month. Please feel free to join us on Tuesday the 29th at 11am or Thursday the 31st at 5pm, in person or on zoom.

For the rest of the year these will be the books we will be reading

Book Club 2024-25

- October: My Conversation with Martin Luther by Timothy F. Lull
- November: Solve For Happy by Mo Gawdat.
- December: A time to Keep Silent by Patrick Leigh Fermor
- January: Cast of Characters by Max Lucado
- February: Love wins by Rob Bell
- March: Can you Drink the Cup by Henri Nouwen
- April: The Seven last words of Christ by Judith Marrison
- May: The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr.
- June: The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery
- July: Fire of Grace by Richard W Rouse, explores the healing power of forgiveness,
- August: The Five people you meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom,



Reformation Day

October 27th brings us to Reformation Day, a day we remember the life and work of Martin Luther when he nailed the 95 thesis to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral. All our invited to wear Red that day as we remember our heritage, pray for unity, and remember that we are truly one because we are united in Christ, we may be divided into our different church camps at the moment, but we are truly one in Christ.

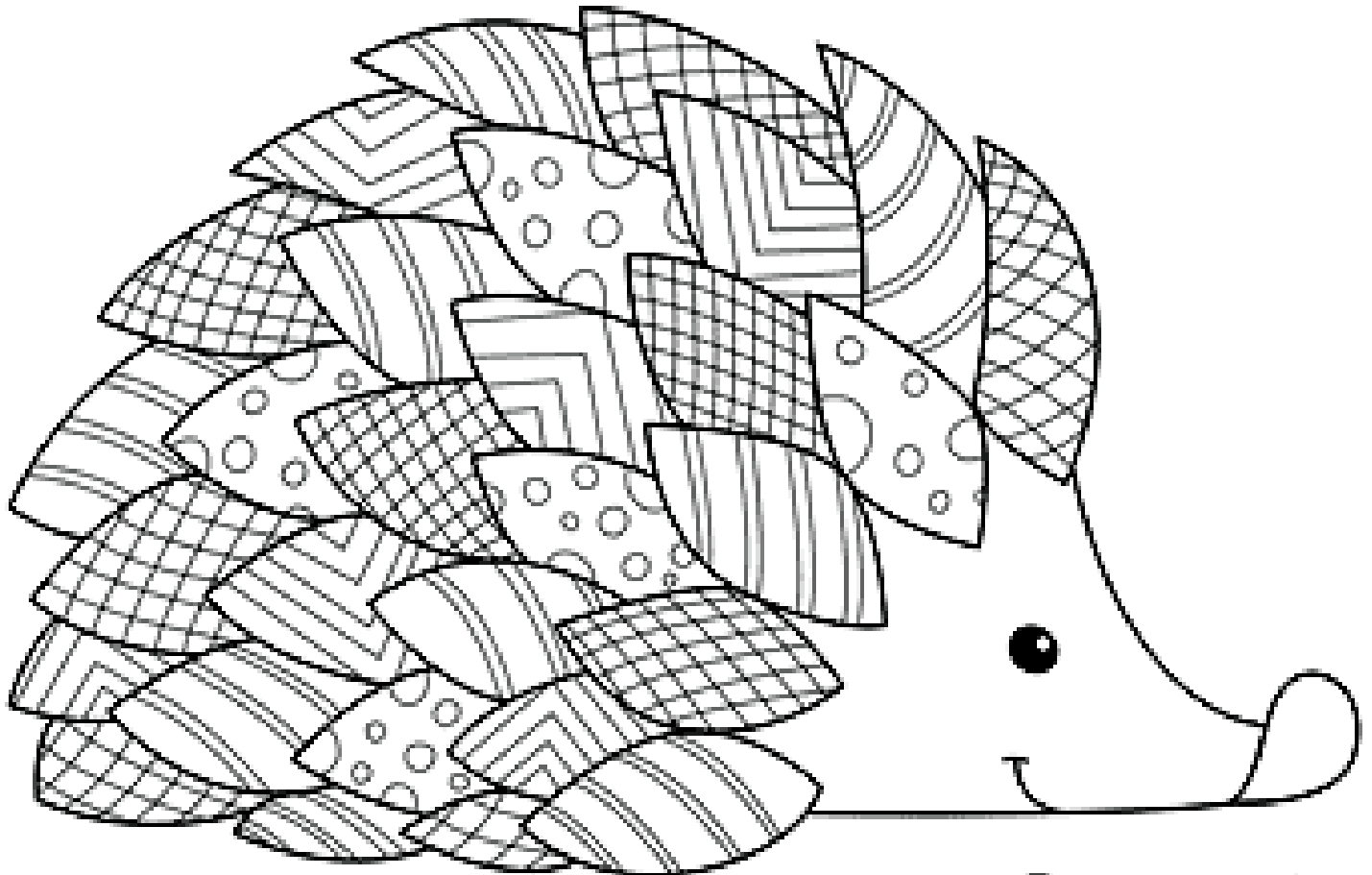


Kid's Page



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HAPPY AUTUMN



The *first* Sunday will be a teaching Sunday and the *third* will be a project Sunday for the youth led by our committees. If you would like to participate in this program, please talk to us.

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!



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Breast Cancer Awareness Month	 Celebrate clergy appreciation month	1	2 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE	3 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake	4 WORLD ANIMAL DAY	5 World Smile Day
6 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom Sunday School 11:45am Choir 12:30am Worship & Music Mtg	7 Office closed	8 9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg	9 12:30pm WELCA 3:30pm Finance Mtg	10 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 5pm OCQG F/H 3:30pm S/M Mtg	11 8-4pm OCQG Workshop F/H	12 Nat'l Farmer's Day
13 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:15 Outreach Mtg 11:45am Choir	14 Office closed COLUMBUS DAY	15 Nat'l Dessert Day	16 HAPPY BOSS'S DAY 6:00pm Soup & Bread Supper 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer	17 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF SLAVERY - OCTOBER 17 - AFRICA	18 SPIRIT DAYS	19
20 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom Sunday School 11:45am Choir	21 Office closed	22	23	24 8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake UNITED NATIONS DAY	25 WAVES Deadline	26 Nat'l Pumpkin Day
27 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 12:00pm Council	28 Office closed Happy Chocolate Day! 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephen	29 11:00am ALC Book Club Mtg	30	31 Happy Halloween 5:00am ALC Book Club Mtg		 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS STOP THE VIOLENCE



Worship Page

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Recorder</u>
6 10:00 am	Sandy Cramer	Marian Brown/ Darcy dela Rosa	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
13 10:00 am	Gary Thompson	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson	Arnie Anderson
20 10:00 am	Brenda Grall	Marian Brown	Melodie McKenzie	Arnie Anderson
27 10:00 am	Mike Rawles	Marian Brown	Marian Brown	Arnie Anderson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Zoom Host</u>
6 10:00 am	_____	Bonnie Powell/ Maryellen Murphy	Travis Fox / Cathy Devereaux	Barb Ward
13 10:00 am	_____	Barb Ward/ Maryellen Murphy	Cathy Devereaux / Peggy Gilman	Susan Painter
20 10:00 am	_____	Barb Ward/ Jerryann Olson	Peggy Gilman / Dan Moore	Susan Painter
27 10:00 am	_____	Patty Fox/ Dan Moore	Pete Kraack / Bob Olson	Travis Fox



Liliana Black	10/1
Dean Hill	10/3
Lynn Moody	10/5
Arnie Anderson	10/5
Mariah Harmon	10/9
Brad Ames	10/14
Laura Kimberly	10/15
Jeanette Agre	10/18
Mike Rawles	10/26
Sue Fowler	10/28
Walter Duvall	10/31
Lori Painter	10/31



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

6	_____
13	Susan Painter
20	Raynette Rawles—Mike's Birthday
27	_____



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).



Stone Soup ... Team Atonement will be serving Stone Soup at St.

Stephens Episcopal Church on Monday, October 28th 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.

Agape Respite Center ... by Patty Fox

Agape is a nonprofit organization in Newport. For the month of October they are requesting shelf stable FOOD items. Peanut Butter, Jelly, Instant Soups, Crackers, and Water. Please leave any donated items on the cart near the stairs to the choir loft. After they get settled in their new location they will try and have a grand opening about the middle of October. After that time they may have a sign up for some volunteer shifts. Any updates will be printed in the WOW or Waves.



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 – 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 such as food cards for people who need a meal, pet food and Ukraine Refugees etc...



Welcome
to Our
Church

Reaching Out with God's Love

Website ... 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.

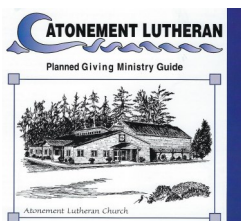


by Marian Brown

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.