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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

www.atonementluthern.com



Evangelical
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God's work. Our hands.

On Sunday, September 8th we celebrate who we are as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We reflect on all our service projects that we promote, support and participate in during the year and what it means to us as Lutherans to serve and love one another.

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.



Blessing of the Backpacks!

by Pastor John Smithies

For all our family and friends, we invite you to come join us on Sunday September 8th for a back-to-school blessing. There is no greater symbol of the student than the backpack!

So, we invite all our students to bring their school backpack for a special blessing! And if your student is not going to be able to be there, then no worries, you can bring a backpack for them, a picture or just their name in your heart knowing that the blessings and love of God are with them this year on their journey.



Financial Snapshot ... ALC ~ July 2024

Report by Treasurer - Peggy Gilman



General Fund: *Revenues* during July '24 were \$ 10,383
Expenses during July '24 were \$ 15,637
General Fund balance is \$ 40,906

Capital Fund: Our capital fund revenues from leases are current.
Our mortgage balance is \$ 166,232
Capital Fund balance is \$ 154,535

Dedicated Fund balance is \$ 21,338

Restricted/Endowment balance is \$ 136,331



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

The end of August has been a rollercoaster at our house. We drove down to Grant's pass for Karen's memorial, which was a blessing mixed with the sadness of that event. But then on the way back we obtained a new Ferret Maximus, what joy of new life! Then, our female ferret got really really sick and we had to nurse her back to health which with a lot of medication and an IV drip. And yes, that is as horrific as it sounds trying to give a ferret an IV drip that she does not want. Perhaps sometime that story will be in a sermon. It was very scary and stressful, but we offer our thanks that she made a full recovery. At the same time, we were also faced with a hard conversation about Jen's Father who is being moved into hospice care. Your prayers are always appreciated for our family in this time of transition. And then we start September with a lot of hope for the future, we have new members, potential new partnership and projects and yet also a lot of concern for members in our community who might be transitioning away, and other issues that face us. And if that was not all, amidst all that, I have entered a Spiritual Directors training program which will start this month and last for two years. It is all an extracurricular activity for me and will not detract from the work here. This will give me an opportunity to grow myself and give me the skills to help others. I am excited about it as I see it as the next progression, and I do speak about progression a lot sometimes, it is a surfing term. You have to master one skill before learning another. Thanksgiving and sadness, hopes and fears all melded together in one month. Much like going out to surf when the swell is big. There are a lot of ups and downs, moments of triumph with moments of being tumbled by the sea and fear mixed with joy.

September is a month of these contradictions, the growth of summer is still evident, but Fall is now here and with that comes the cold of winter and the long nights. What do we do in the midst of all these contradictions? Sometimes I turn to the book of Philippians where Paul writes, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." I like this passage, because Paul is facing his potential execution, I am sure he has some anxiety about that. It is not a condescending "Don't worry everything will be fine." But a testament that in all our worries and amidst the contradictions we offer them up to God with gratitude. So, the deep peace of the mystery of God might be known in our midst. I am grateful for our little community that does so much and is a light of God's love, I give thanks for all of you for being a part of this journey. And we offer our concerns to God trusting that amidst life God is right here in Christ Jesus redeeming it all. May this be our journey in September God is in our midst in our lives, Christ is here in us, in our community and together we will journey into the fall with hope for what God is doing in our midst.

Pastor John Smithies



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!**

Holden Evening Prayer and Soup ... by Pastor John Smithies



Starts September 14th



We continue with an experiment of having a monthly night of prayer and fellowship starting on the third Wednesday of the month. We will meet for a small supper of soup and bread then go upstairs for our most beloved Holden Evening Prayer service at 7:00pm. I know that this is still a new practice for our community, but I continue to believe there is value in us taking the time to fellowship with each other in the community and then praying together. Barbara Ward has offered to help organize these meals throughout the year and we have a signup for soups as well as those who can come to help clean up and set up. This will only be sustainable if we have enough volunteer help. I would ask all of us to find ways to help and make this a valuable ministry here at Atonement. It's basically 9 times a year because we do not meet in the summer nor during Advent or Lent, as both these times we already have an evening meeting. So, I ask everyone to look at the 9 times we will conduct this and sign up to help at least once during the year. And I do realize that not everyone can help, but if all who could help just did it once we would have more than enough! And that is one lesson of our faith, in community together before God there is always enough.

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.



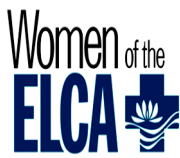
Room Rental



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 3rd Wednesday of the month. This month is September 18th 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.



DO YOU NEED A RIDE? ... by Susan Painter

Susan Painter aquit@aol.com

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As we grow older, we sometimes prefer not to drive at night and even not to drive at all. Atonement's Finance Committee is exploring ways the church might offer transportation to church services and other events at the church for those unable or reluctant to drive themselves. We are considering various options, one of which might be coupons or an account for rides with a local taxi service. But, we have to know realistically what our needs for transportation might be in order best to address them. So, please email, call me or put a note in my box at church to let me know:

- 1) If you need a ride to Atonement and home again, how often would you need this help?
- 2) What church activities would you want a ride to attend?
- 3) Would you feel comfortable in a taxi if Atonement provided this service?
- 4) Would you rather ride in a church-owned vehicle with a church volunteer driver?
- 5) Do you have other transportation concerns we need to know?

Please contact me by October 1st with answers so we can move forward. Thank you.



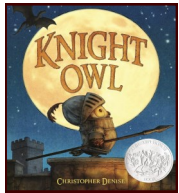
Hello from the Library Committee

by Bonnie Powell

Many of our Members and Friends enjoy the necklaces Dan M, so generously offers when he's a greeter. There is an option for anyone who may desire to make a donation in the name of "necklaces" on the second line of your offering envelopes. Any donations would be used to purchase new books for our library. Thank You!

Book Review ... by Graham Mann

Title: Night Owl Author: Christopher Denise



This book is about an owl who wanted to be a knight. He went to knight school and did well. One night, while he was on guard a large dragon showed up. The owl was very clever and instead of getting eaten—he offered the dragon a pizza. They became friends! I liked this book because it shows us that things and people are not always as they seem.



The Ties That Bind ... by Marian Brown

The Atonement "Ties That Bind" Quilters upcoming meeting will start next 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.



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.



ALC Book Club ... by Pastor John Smithies

We are releasing this years selection of books for our Book Club that meets on the 4th Tuesday and Thursday of the month. We are always looking for suggestions on other works to read, so if you have a thought on a book you would like to discuss as a group be sure to contact Pastor John.

For the Month of September to start us on our journey into the fall we are reading a book by Timothy Egan called *A Pilgrimage to Eternity*. I do love a book about a journey and this one is about a journey down an old historic road and a reflection on meaning and transcendence. Please feel free to join us in the discussion of this work. We will met on Tuesday, September 24th at 11am and Thursday the 26th at 5pm.

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

Book Club 2024-25

September: A Pilgrimage to Eternity by Timothy Egan

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,

Red Cross Blood Drive ... by Terri McCully

@ Atonement Lutheran Church

Emergency Blood Shortage

Red Cross Blood Drive on September 6th.

There is an emergency need for blood.

If you can donate please sign up on the web site.

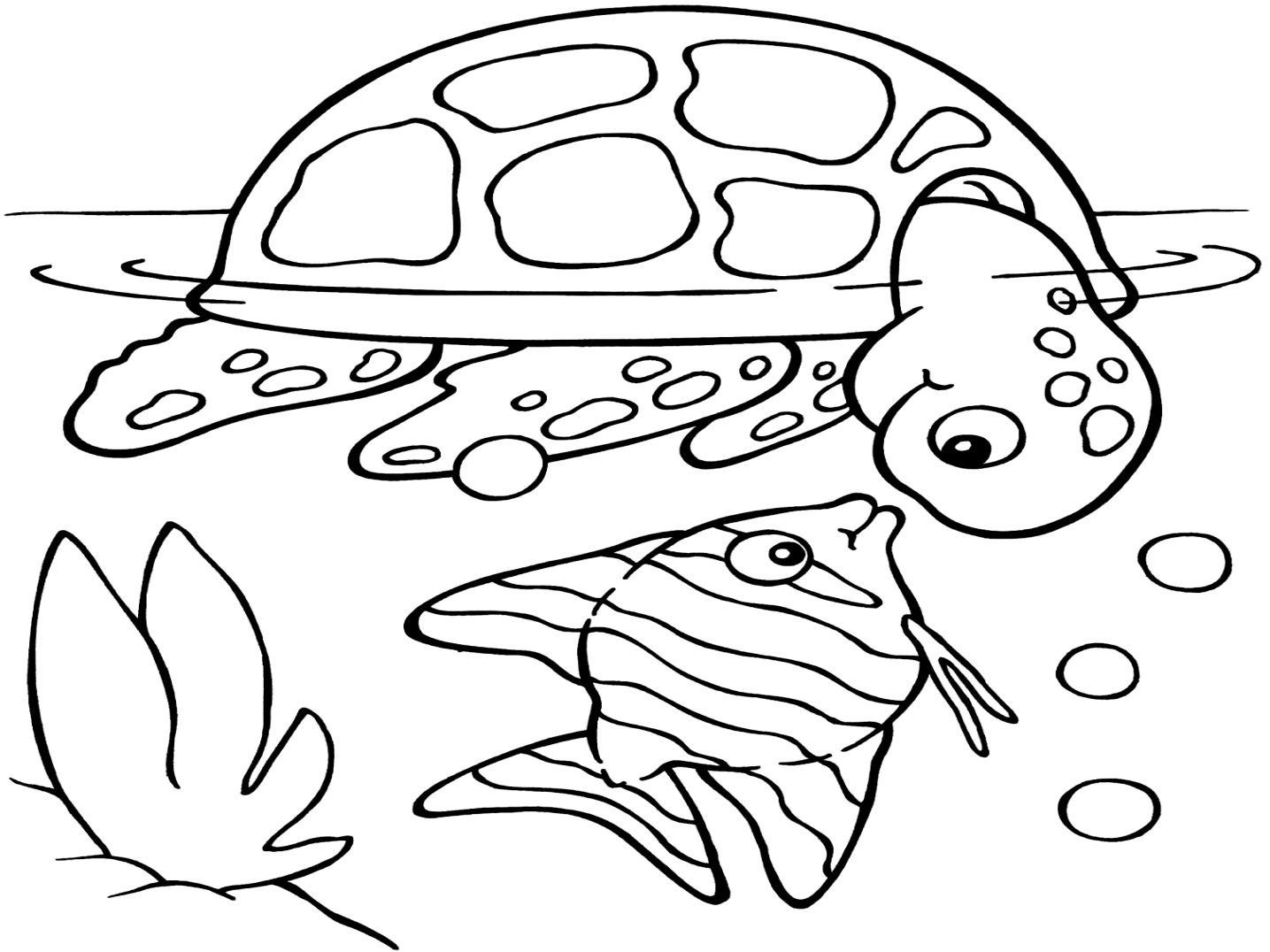




Kid's Page



Color me



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!



September 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">4</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Read a Book Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom 11:15 Outreach Mtg 11:45am Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Office closed 9:30am Library Mtg</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>9:00am Property Mtg 11:00am Parish Life Mtg</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>3:30pm Finance Mtg</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 5pm OCQG F/H 3:30pm S/M Mtg</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>8:00am OCQG Workshop F/H</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">14</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:45am Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Office closed</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">17</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>12:30pm WELCA 6:00pm Soup & Bread Supper 7:00pm Holden Evening Pryaer</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 12:00pm Council</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Office closed 5:00pm Stone Soup@ St Stephen</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>11:00am ALC Book Club Mtg</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>8:00am Men's Brft @ Pig N Pancake 1:00pm Beach Walk 5:00am ALC Book</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>WAVES Deadline</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship In-person & Zoom 11:45am Worship & Music Mtg</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> | | <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | | <p style="text-align: center;">Childhood Cancer Aware- ness Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Nat'l Prepared- ness Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> |



Worship Page

| <u>Worship</u> | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Altar Guild</u> | <u>Musicians</u> | <u>Recorder</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 10:00 am | Rhonda Harman | Marian Brown/ Darcy dela Rosa | Tami Johnson | Arnie Anderson |
| 8 10:00 am | Sandy Cramer | Marian Brown | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 15 10:00 am | _____ | Marian Brown | Marian Brown | Arnie Anderson |
| 22 10:00 am | Brenda Grall | Marian Brown | Melodie McKenzie | Arnie Anderson |
| 29 10:00 am | David Cramer | Marian Brown | Marian Brown | Arnie Anderson |

| | <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Counters</u> | <u>Zoom Host</u> |
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| 1 10:00 am | _____ | Bonnie Powell/ Dan Moore | Bob Olson / Peggy Gilman | Travis Fox |
| 8 10:00 am | _____ | Dan Moore/ Jerryann Olson | Peggy Gilman / Dan Moore | Susan Painter |
| 15 10:00 am | _____ | Patty Fox/ Jerryann Olson | Pete Kraack / Cathy Devereaux | Travis Fox |
| 22 10:00 am | _____ | Barb Ward/ Rhonda Harman | Pete Kraack / Dan Moore | Travis Fox |
| 29 10:00 am | _____ | Brenda Grall/ Maryellen Murphy | Bob Olson/ Travis Fox | Barb Ward |



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| Joy Johnson | 9/1 |
| Raynette Rawles | 9/5 |
| Ocean McCue | 9/6 |
| Karen Johnson | 9/7 |
| Dawn Donato | 9/9 |
| Jen Smithies | 9/11 |
| Sharleen Harvey | 9/15 |
| Melodie McKenzie | 9/17 |
| Paul Kimberly | 9/17 |



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| Bill & Jeanne Innis | 9/11 |
| Gary & Lori Painter | 9/28 |

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| 1 | Raynette & Mike Rawles - Raynette's Birthday |
| 8 | Cathy Devereaux/Rhonda Harman—Sister Eileen's Birthday |
| 15 | Jeannie & Bill Innis—35th Wedding Anniversary |
| 22 | _____ |
| 29 | Bonnie Powell |



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, September 23rd 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

Agape Respite Center ... by Patty Fox

This nonprofit organization in Newport needs your donations to help in providing help to those in need. Please leave any donated items on the cart near the stairs to the choir loft.



This month they are requesting: *Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meats, Baby Wipes, Hair Brushes, Men's Deodorant (Stick) and Water.*



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...



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.

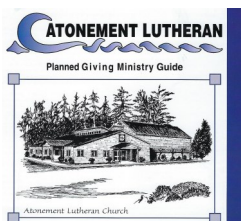


by Marian Brown

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.