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Celebration of ATONEMENT †

Newsletter of Atonement Lutheran Church,
Rev. Tina Koenig Ray, BCC, Pastor

"Called by God to serve and witness to all in response to God's grace."

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From the Council President

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

There hasn't been any earth shattering news to report from the Council as of lately. We seem to be staying current with our budget matters and there seems to be a few more guests at our Sunday services as of late.

The fact that some of us are very proud of our church and are making the extra effort to invite others is a very good sign of how good christians do God's work without a lot of fanfare. Keep up the great work my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bruce Johnson
Council President

All members of the congregation have an invitation to attend the Church Council meetings to see and hear how the business of Atonement is conducted. The Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Klingberg Chapel. Please join us.

February/March Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>February</u>	adults/youth			
21	55/3	\$ 1667.00	\$ 8.00	\$29.75
28	62/3	\$ 1725.00	\$ 8.00	\$35.72
<u>March</u>				
7	53/6	\$ 1485.00	\$ 11.00	\$152.48*
14	51/2	\$ 2030.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 50.00*

* Special collections in March are dedicated to Meals on Wheels "March for Meals" drive.

Financial update as of 2/28/10

Total income Jan-Feb 2010	\$20,375.67
<u>Total expenses Jan-Feb 2010</u>	<u>- \$20,361.61</u>
Net income (Jan-Feb 2010)	\$ 14.06

Due to the new privacy laws regarding health information, the hospital will not release the names of patients. So if you are going into the hospital, or know someone who is hospitalized, please call the church office or let Pastor Tina know.

The Secretary's hours are currently 9 AM -Noon on Monday & Tuesday, 1-4 PM on Wednesday, and 9 AM - 1 PM on Thursday & Friday.

Don't forget to send in your pledge or offering even if you're on vacation or we have a snow day. Have you caught up?

LENTEN MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday 11:00 AM Lenten Bible Study will focus on a variety of topics. We will meet in the Klingberg Chapel. Those who are able are welcome to go to lunch following the Bible Study (Dutch Treat).

▪March 24th -God Colors Outside the Lines: on Diversity and God's Church

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 24 Sun Valley Presbyterian Church - 7:00 Service
 1650 Sun Valley Dr.
 Preacher: Pastor Tina Koenig-Ray

April 2 River of Life Church - 12:00 Service
 511 Public Ave
 Preacher: ???

Don't forget that we have a Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and Foot Washing during Holy Week, April 1st at 7 PM here at Atonement.

You don't have to get your feet washed, but you are welcome to receive this offering of love.

Be the change you want to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

MARCH FOR MEALS

Once again, Pastor Tina is revving up the Barbie Mobile to make its annual run around the pews to gather contributions for the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc. March For Meals campaign.

This year's effort will have an added feature that all contributions will be eligible for matching funds through Thrivent Financial!



As always, the March For Meals campaign is designed to draw attention to the nutritional insecurity of seniors in our community due to lack of funds or volunteers. Atonement Lutheran Church has been benefitted from these efforts when members have received meals, as well as proud to have church members actively involved in the delivery process!

Please consider making a donation during the March For Meals campaign. If interested in volunteering, please contact Marcia Stenberg, Volunteer Coordinator, 362-3683.

SPRING GATHERING OF WELCA

The Spring Gathering of the Beloit Conference of the Women of the ELCA will be held at Orfordville Lutheran Church, 210 N. Main Street in Orfordville, WI on Saturday, April 17th, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. Registration of \$6 is due April 11, 2010. Send your registration to: Theresa Popple, 666 S. Bluff St., Lot 209, South Beloit, IL, 61080 or call 815-389-2797.

April Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for April is from Donna Luety in memory of Paul Luety

Altar Guild: Mary Wendtland & Norbert Larson

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: no sponsor

April 4 - Easter Sunday

Flowers: Bruce & Peggy Johnson in honor of their grandbaby

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

April 11

Flowers: Doris Betz in memory of Dick

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

April 18

Flowers: Sue Grade in memory of her Mother

Bread of Heaven: Irene Baker & Phyllis Steele

Fellowship: Irene Baker & Phyllis Steele

April 25

Flowers: Donna Luety in memory of Paul

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

April Birthdays

4/10 Pat Guaginte	4/23 Todd Anderson
4/13 McKenna Davies	4/23 Russ Engebretson
4/13 Florence Buchholz	4/25 Nicole Johnson Boylan
4/16 Irene Baker	4/26 Candy Hoefler
4/19 Joan Guetschow	4/29 Paul Bolender

April Baptism Anniversaries

4/2 Fern Miller	4/13 Barb Anderson
4/5 Bonnie Ottow	4/18 Kyle Hoefler
4/6 Sally Luety	4/20 Austin Anderson
4/7 Freda Leeder	4/25 Michael Janke
4/12 Ross Johnson	4/29 Charleta Affeldt
4/13 Jackie Holmbeck	

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER

In the interest of being good stewards of Atonement's resources, we have created an PDF edition of the monthly newsletter, which is compatible with both Windows and Macs. Please contact the Church Office with your email address if you would like to sign up. You will receive the newsletter in 3 attachments, and we will never sell or give out your email address to anyone else.

We always need stamps!

Donate whatever comfortably fits your budget: a roll, a book or two or even just a few stamps. Just think-if 10 people donate 10 stamps, it equals a whole roll!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers.
This includes age, weight and height.
Let the doctors worry about it. That's why you pay 'them'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle.
'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.'
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.
Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever.
Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it.
If it is unstable, improve it.
If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips.
Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, even to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them
at every opportunity.

FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

From March 1 through April 30, 2010, Caritas will be working to end hunger in America by ending hunger in our Stateline community. This is the season when Alan Feinstein offers his \$1 Million Challenge to hunger fighting agencies across our nation. When you make a donation to Caritas during this time, Mr. Feinstein will help us with a portion of his \$1 Million. Your gift can be food or money. Food receives a \$1 value per item when donated through Caritas.

We are aware that our economy is hard hit by this recession and that not everyone is able to make a financial donation, but for those of the community who are in a position to make a gift, we express gratitude. For those who cannot give money, perhaps one could provide a food item or collection of their choosing.

In the past year, 9946 service visits were made to Caritas. In the food pantry alone, 50% of households only made one visit, but the other 50% came from two to twelve times last year. There is great need and great struggle going on in this community and we are thankful to be a resource to those who have no way to secure food for their family. Caritas continues to distribute a 4 day food supply. As the cost of food continues to rise, it is vital to have resources to keep the food pantry supplied with nutritional food.

Donations can be brought to Caritas at our new address, 2840 Prairie Avenue, or monetary donations may be sent to Caritas, 2840 Prairie Ave, Beloit, WI. Please write "Feinstein" in the memo section and we will know your intent. Thank you for sharing with us in any way you can, even if it is being a voice in our community to direct those in need to Caritas food pantry. We continue to share with others the necessities of life.

The sign-up sheet for the Easter Garden is in the Klingberg Chapel. Prices are still \$15 per plant, and can be taken home after the Easter Sunday service, April 4. Plant choices are: daisy mums, begonias, easter lilies, hyacinths, cinerarias, tulips and jonquils.

The Lydia group will meet at 1 PM, Tuesday, April 6 in the Klingberg Chapel. Pastor Tina will be holding a Bible Study with the group.

Hands of Faith guests will be here the week of April 25 thru May 1. The sign up sheets will be in the Klingberg Chapel and the Clothesline will be in the hall shortly.

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(See John 20:1-18)

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I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES,
WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS
SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

Who you are!?

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