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Celebration of ATONEMENT †

Newsletter of Atonement Lutheran Church,
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"Called by God to serve and witness to all in response to God's grace."

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From the Pastor...

Cinq, Fünf, Cinque, Fem, Cinco, Five

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Who knew that there is so much information on the number 5 on the World Wide Web? We could talk about the Pentateuch [Heb. torah, law or teaching] meaning five books, consisting of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, and how it is referred to by the Jews as the Torah or the Law. Moses made 5 demands to pharaoh to get the Israelites out of Egypt. We could talk about the fifth angel of Revelation and it's bottomless pit; "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit." Revelation 9:1

Throughout history various cultures have used the number 5 to represent important theories. In Chinese and Japanese Buddhism you have the **Five Elements**, **Five Buddha**, **Five Senses**, **Five Colors**, **Five Wisdoms**. **Wood**, **Fire**, **Earth**, **Metal (Air)** and **Water** are familiar to those who abide by Feng Shui for arranging their homes. Then there is also the pentagram; the 5 pointed star and its golden divine number Phi Φ .

For me personally, as most of you know, I'm doing my 5 Guys Gone / not4gotten campaign. I'm trying to raise \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society in honor of my Dad, Larry Koenig; my Step-Dad, Monte Barnes; my Heart-Dad, Larry "Many Hat's" Jacobs; my brother, Bobby Koenig and my husband, Billy "Moose" Ray. This being the fifth anniversary year

of Many Hat's and Billy's deaths, it seemed good to me that I honor their memories and my grief for five weeks. I know there are those among the flock who wish I had chosen another way to honor them, but the Holy Spirit inspired me to shave my head as a visible symbol to raise more money and also as a way to honor my traditional culture. Many Native people will cut their hair as a sign of mourning and loss. The grief from the deaths of these 5 very influential men in my life seemed immense enough to call for a complete shaving. So I thank you for bearing with me and giving me some grace as I live in this moment.

For you and I this is also a significant year. I was installed as your pastor on February 27th, 2005, having served you as interim for the previous 6 mns. We have been laughing, loving and ministering together for sixty-six months and I would venture to say that we have enjoyed most of this time together. Just like any family we've had our disagreements and our ups and downs. But we remember that we are bound together by the love of Christ and our call to love our neighbors as ourselves and God with all our hearts.

My prayer is that the next five years will be blessed as we continue to seek to do God's work in the world. Blessings and Peace be with you all,

Pastor Tina 

**LSS OF Wisconsin and
Upper Michigan, Inc.
now has an office in our
basement.** We hope to



have Peggy Hill, Behavioral Health Services Supervisor come and present a temple talk in May to tell us more about what LSS offers. Keep an eye out for when that will be.



From the Council President

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

We made it through Lent and Easter and the weather is showing great signs of a beautiful spring season. Plus we had a great Easter celebration on Sunday April 4th which was one of the best attended services in a long time. It was wonderful to see a full church. But let's not stop there with our celebration of our Risen Savior. You can still invite your relatives and friends anytime to our services on Sundays. Believe me, it will make you feel good.

Just a little reminder that April 18th will be the start of this year's adopt-a-highway. This our chance to help keep a little portion of our city's streets looking good and keep God's world a little nicer. So come join us right after fellowship Sunday morning for a nice stroll, with a garbage bag and some great company, to keep our streets looking good. If you can't help the 18Th we'll be doing the same every month; just check your newsletter for the future dates. God Bless you all,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bruce Johnson
Council President

Come join us at Family Game Night at Atlanta Bread on Milwaukee Road in Beloit on May 13, 2010 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, to benefit 5 Guys Gone/not 4gotten. Come play Wii on a giant screen, Euchre, Farkle and board games. Have fun and good food, and support the American Cancer Society.

March/April Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>March</u>	adults/youth			
21	62/3	\$ 1888.00	\$ 40.00	\$46.03*
28	70/4	\$ 1442.00	\$ 18.00	\$37.03*
<u>April</u>				
4	98/10	\$ 2035.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 53.35
11	48/6	\$ 2185.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 23.61

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

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 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.
Have you caught up?***

Let no one ever come to you
without leaving better and happier.
Mother Teresa

May Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for May is from Jackie Holmbeck & the Hoefers in memory of Phyllis Hoefers-Richter

Altar Guild: Janice Adney & Arlene Ruegger

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: no sponsor

May 2

Flowers: Judy Gundry in honor of loved ones

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: Bob Kristianson for his 83rd birthday

May 9

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

May 16

Flowers: Betty Lou Archie Pearson in memory of Pastor David E. Archie and David A. Archie

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

May 23

Flowers: Maggie Janke in honor of her birthday

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

May 30

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

LSS Beloit Counseling Clinic Relocates

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan recently moved the Beloit counseling clinic to a new location - Atonement Lutheran Church at 901 Harrison Ave. in Beloit.

Thanks to Atonement's partnership, LSS is able to provide a multitude of services to the Beloit community. LSS' Counseling Services provides quality mental health and substance abuse services for people of all ages. Our psychotherapists, psychologists, and psychiatrists help our clients build resilience, facilitate recovery, and grow, helping them live fuller, more productive lives. Our state-certified clinics and highly professional licensed staff are available to everyone. We accept insurance payment and offer a sliding-fee scale for self-pay clients.

LSS counseling focus includes -

- Adult Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Children & Families
- Co-Occurring Disorders
- Financial Counseling Services
- Pre-Marriage Counseling
- Professional Services
- Psychiatry

In addition to one-on-one appointments, LSS is pleased to offer workshops covering topics including stress reduction techniques, parenting toddlers, marriage enrichment and much more. Please call our appointment line for more information 608-362-6629.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is a non-profit agency that offers a range of community-based and residential services to people in 90-plus communities throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Our mission is *"Motivated by the Compassion of Christ, we help people improve the quality of their lives."* Services include Counseling; Adoption & Foster Care; Children Youth & Families, Housing; Addictions & Corrections; Persons with Disabilities; Urban Ministries; Older Adults; Prison Ministries. As the social ministry arm of the ELCA, Lutheran Social Services employs almost 2,500 employees. Last year, over

100,000 people of all ages and faiths were helped. Lutheran Social Services is a United Way agency and a member of the Alliance for Families and Children. Learn more about LSS by visiting www.lsswis.org.

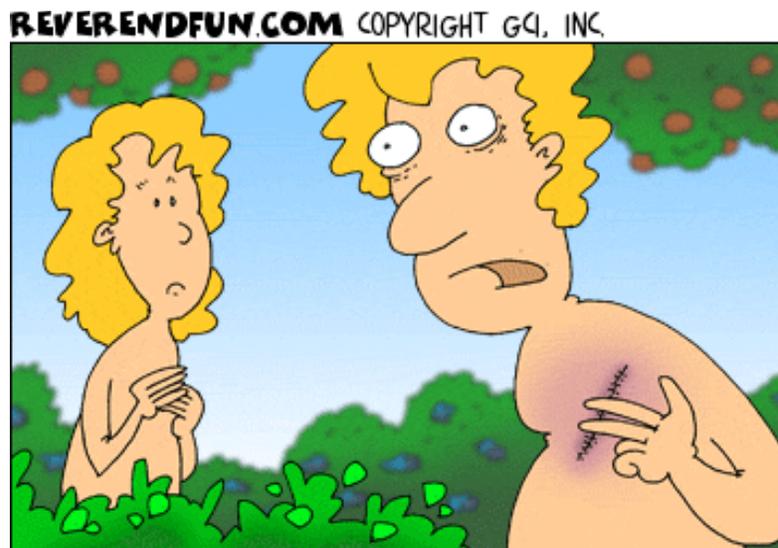
WANTED: Mom

JOB DESCRIPTION: Long term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Must provide on-the-site training in basic life skills, such as nose blowing. Must have strong skills in negotiating, conflict resolution and crisis management. Ability to suture flesh wounds a plus. Must be able to think out of the box but not lose track of the box, because you most likely will need it for a school project. Must reconcile petty cash disbursements and be proficient in managing budgets and resources fairly, unless you want to hear, "He/She got more than me!" for the rest of your life. Also, must be able to drive motor vehicles safely under loud and adverse conditions while simultaneously practicing above-mentioned skills in conflict resolution. Must be able to choose your battles and stick to your guns. Must be willing to be hated at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5 to go skating. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toi-

lets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery operated devices. Also, must have a highly energetic entrepreneurial spirit, because fund-raiser will be your middle name. Must have a diverse knowledge base, so as to answer questions such as "What makes the wind move?" on the fly. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.



Thanks to Jon LeBlanc (See Genesis 1:1-2:3) 02-01-2010

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH PAIN IS INVOLVED IN BRINGING ANOTHER PERSON INTO THIS WORLD

May Birthdays

5/1 Bob Kristianson	5/7 Richard Mitchell
5/1 Ruth Kilday	5/17 Beverly Spangenberg
5/3 Lana Dummer	5/23 Isabel Crowley
5/4 Evelyn Rounds	5/25 Richard Berner

May Baptism Anniversaries

5/14 Sue Engebretson	5/28 Ruth Kilday
5/17 Richard Wallace	5/31 Debbie Perry
5/23 Archie Perry	5/31 Bruce Johnson

A loss to the Atonement Family

Carole Doubleday March 26, 2010

It's a Boy!

Eli James Boylan born April 9, 2010 9 lbs, 2 oz
Grandson of Bruce & Peggy Johnson



We're updating the list of keyholders to the church. Please contact Char Affeldt with the number on your key so we know where they're all at.

THANK YOU!

The Lydia group would like to thank Candy Hofer and Duane Ottow very much for painting the women's upstairs restroom. Sue Grade and Jackie Holmbeck helped remove old wallpaper. Lydia group donated the supplies. The restroom looks beautiful thanks to everyone who helped!

Adopt-a-Road season is here again, beginning today after the service. Dates will be the 3rd Sunday of the month, except June which will be the 2nd Sunday. Bring comfortable clothes and sensible shoes to change into or just wear them to church. Gloves and safety vests will be provided. For more information, contact Bruce Johnson.

The TMO's (Time Marches On) will be having a potluck at 4:30 PM, Saturday April 24. If you have any questions, please call Vi Pankonien at 362-0875.

Office hours for Thursday, April 29th will be from 1-4 PM.

We could learn a lot from crayons...
some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull,
and some have weird names.
They're all different colors,
and they all live in the same box.

An assistant is needed for the service on May 2. If you would like to fill this date, please call Pattye at 362-8216.

Lydia group will meet Tuesday, May 4th at 1 PM in the Klingberg Chapel. Pastor Tina will lead a Bible Study and Isabel Crowley will be hostess. All women are welcome. The group has given a new stapler to the church office in memory of Carole Doubleday.

The Annual Church Picnic will be held after the outdoor church service June 27th at the Harry Moore Pavilion at Riverside Park.



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