

June 2010

# 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 Pastor...***

The Lydia Group women and I discovered a wonderful hymn (ELW 736) at our May Bible study. The words give us new and wondrous ways to describe and think of God our Creator. Listen:

God the sculptor of the mountains,  
God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens,  
God the potter of the land:  
you are womb of all creation,  
we are formless;  
shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,  
God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar in the darkness,  
God the beacon of the free:  
you are fount of all deliverance,  
we are sightless;  
lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,  
God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest,  
God the source of all we eat:  
you are host at every table,  
we are hungry;  
feed us now.

God the unexpected infant,  
God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table-turning prophet,

God the resurrected truth:  
you are present every moment,  
we are searching;  
meet us now.

The words to this hymn were written in 1993 by John Thornburg, the music by Amanda Husberg. John Thornburg is a United Methodist preacher/singer living in Texas and Amanda Husbert is a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod composer living in Brooklyn.

As you begin your summer schedules-vacation, staycations, yard work and such-keep these beautiful words in mind and remember that God is the source of all our gifts; the jeweler of creation; the nuisance that calls us back time and time again; the resurrected truth.

May your vacation/staycations be restful and renewing; may your journeys be safe. While you are in town, please remember that God doesn't take a vacation from you, so don't take a vacation from Atonement.

*Pastor Tina* 

### **PASTOR TINA IS GOING ON VACATION!**

Pastor Tina will be on vacation June 1st thru June 4th, and then June 7th thru June 19th. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call the church office at 362-8216 or Bruce Johnson at 362-6805.

## MARCH FOR MEALS

Dear members of Atonement Lutheran Church:

As financial support for our 2010 March For Meals campaign is tallied, I'm delighted to declare this year's effort an unqualified success! We are delighted with the results so far! Simply put, we could not have achieved this goal without the generous effort and support of tremendous volunteers, businesses and organizations such as you!

Special activities like the "Barbie Mobile Collection" contributed to the success of this year's month long event! Those interactions managed to raise awareness for the Beloit Meals On Wheels program, and even yielded some new volunteers!

Together, your collective efforts to assist us in addressing nutritional insecurity in our community have been incredible. You have helped to fill in the gaps for clients who don't have the financial means to pay for their meals.

Your participation in the 2010 campaign has been highlighted in our report and grant application to MOWAA (Meals On Wheels Association of America) for further consideration of financial support on the national level.

We sincerely hope you enjoyed your involvement in the 2010 March For Meals campaign, and we hope we can count on your support next year!

With appreciation,  
Marcy Berner-Reedy  
Executive Director  
Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc.

### March/April Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>April</u>	adults/youth			
18	58/3	\$ 1312.00	\$ 41.00	\$34.02
25	56/3	\$ 1352.00	\$ 11.00	\$33.00
<u>May</u>				
4	55/5	\$ 1601.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 33.90
9	45/3	\$ 1722.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 28.72
16	54/3	\$ 1862.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 31.86

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### Financial update as of 4/30/10

Total income Jan-April 2010	\$34,991.86
<u>Total expenses Jan-April 2010</u>	<u>- \$38,640.79</u>
Net income (Jan-April 2010)	\$-3,648.93

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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.

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

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***Don't forget to send in your pledge or offering even if you're on vacation.  
Have you caught up?***

## **June Flower & Fellowship Schedule**

**Eternal Candle:** The Eternal Candle for June was from Carole Doubleday in memory of Lynne Smetko

**Altar Guild:** open

**Weekly Beloit Daily News ad:** Deb & Bob Rowald in honor of the Sam & Cole's baptismal anniversary

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### **June 6**

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** Ray & Jo Capes

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **June 13**

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** Ray & Jo Capes

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **June 20**

**Flowers:** Sally Luety in memory of Larry Luety

**Bread of Heaven:** Diana Schneider

**Fellowship:** Lydia group for the June birthdays

### **June 27**

**Flowers:** Bruce & Peggy Johnson for their 35th anniversary

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

## When God Created Fathers

When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping." And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do You know what You're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats." God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day...yet small enough to cup a child's face."

Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do You realize You just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?" God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do You honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?" And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to

"ride a horse to Banbury Cross" or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that see everything, but remain calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

And the angel shutteth up!

By Erma Bombeck





### June Birthdays

6/6 Cason Janke	6/15 Roland Mueller
6/6 Jackie Holmbeck	6/19 Duane Ottow
6/8 Pastor Tina	6/29 Nate Anderson
6/9 Arlene Ruegger	6/30 Dick Adney
6/10 Vi Pankonien	

### June Baptism Anniversaries

6/5 Ben Griswold	6/23 Arlene Ruegger
6/5 Les Nystrom	6/25 Cole Rowald
6/10 David Luety III	6/25 Sam Rowald
6/10 Doris Betz	6/27 Phyllis Steele
6/23 Pat Sauser	



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.

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**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.

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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and came to the Open House in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary. God's Blessings, Lloyd & Shirley Jero

**Adopt-a-Road season is here again.** 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.

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*"When did 'There but for the grace of God, go I' get replaced with 'It sucks to be you'? And what can you and I do about it?"*


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**The Lydia Group will meet at 12:30 PM, Tuesday, June 1 at the Road Dawg Restaurant on Milwaukee Road. Please RSVP to Isabel Crowley. All women of the church are welcome to attend.**

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

## ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SUNDAY SCHOOLER?




**Just for KIDS**

*"We Remember Parents"*

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verses given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2) .....	<b>A</b>	-----
Obed (Matthew 1:5) .....	<b>B</b>	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24) .....	<b>C</b>	-----
John-the disciple (Matthew 4:21) .....	<b>D</b>	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) .....	<b>E</b>	-----
	<b>F</b>	-----
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) .....	<b>G</b>	-----
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) .....	<b>H</b>	-----
Esau (Genesis 25:28) .....	<b>I</b>	-----
David (1 Samuel 16:19) .....	<b>J</b>	-----
Jacob (Genesis 25:28) .....	<b>K</b>	-----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) .....	<b>L</b>	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) .....	<b>M</b>	-----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) .....	<b>N</b>	-----
Jesse (Matthew 1:5) .....	<b>O</b>	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) .....	<b>P</b>	-----
	<b>Q</b>	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24) .....	<b>R</b>	-----
Isaac (Genesis 21:3) .....	<b>S</b>	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) ...	<b>T</b>	-----
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) .....	<b>U</b>	-----
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) .....	<b>V</b>	-----
	<b>W</b>	-----
	<b>X</b>	-----
Jesus (Matthew 1:18) .....	<b>Y</b>	-----
James (Matthew 4:21) .....	<b>Z</b>	-----



Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebadee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Ekanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebadee

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