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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 Bishop...

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is both heartbreaking and infuriating. It causes deep sorrow, both for the initial loss of human life and for the deep and lasting damage to an ecology that provides life and livelihoods for so many of God's creatures. At the same time we grieve that the natural beauty of this region, a sign of God's marvelous creativity, has been defiled.

Moving to indignation and anger over the neglect and carelessness that led to this disaster, both in private industry and in government regulation, is understandable. However, to do so without recognizing the responsibility we all share -- as consumers of petroleum products, as investors in an economy that makes intensive and insistent energy demands, and as citizens responsible for the care of creation -- lacks credibility and integrity. An honest accounting of what happened (and what failed to happen) must include our own repentance.

Nonetheless, God remains faithful in restoring the creation and human community. Among the voices that despair and condemn, we have a witness of hope to proclaim.

First, God, who made the creation and made it good, has not abandoned it. Day after day God sustains life in this world, and the powerful vitality of God's creation, though defiled, is not destroyed. The life-giving power of God's creative goodness remains at work, even in the Gulf of Mexico. The Spirit will continue to renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104:30, as we just sang at Pentecost). All who care for the earth and work for the restoration of its vitality can be confident that they are not pursuing a lost cause. They serve in concert with God's own creative and renewing power.

Moreover, the human family need not drown in a flood of suspicion and recrimination that is more toxic and more lasting than the oil that floods the Gulf can ever be. The cleansing waters of baptism in Christ -- who died not for the righteous, but for the unrighteous -- bring forgiveness and reconciliation with God. In this reconciled life with God we have the freedom to move beyond mutual condemnations and hostility to give a powerful witness of a reconciled community that lives in service of the creation and the neighbor. By refusing to surrender to the toxicity of recrimination, we can convince others that they can join us safely in the life and service of this community.

Responding to a challenge of this size and complexity will call upon countless insights and skills, embodied in hundreds of occupations and trades, and upon the collective strength and will of us all. God's Holy Spirit has abundantly blessed the human community with the gifts needed to do this work. We can do it with sober confidence, good will and even joy.

There are times for mourning and for repentance, as well as for reconciliation and commitment to the creation's care. They come at different moments for different people. As you serve in your communities, I commend to you resources for worship, study and action that express the hope of Christians who see God's creative goodness, Jesus' forgiving reconciliation and the Spirit's abundant gifts for service. This is a moment when the human community needs to hear a word of true hope, and we have one to speak.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

National Night Out

is Tuesday, August 3rd, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

We will have games, including our popular cookie walk, face painting, hotdogs, chips & beverages.



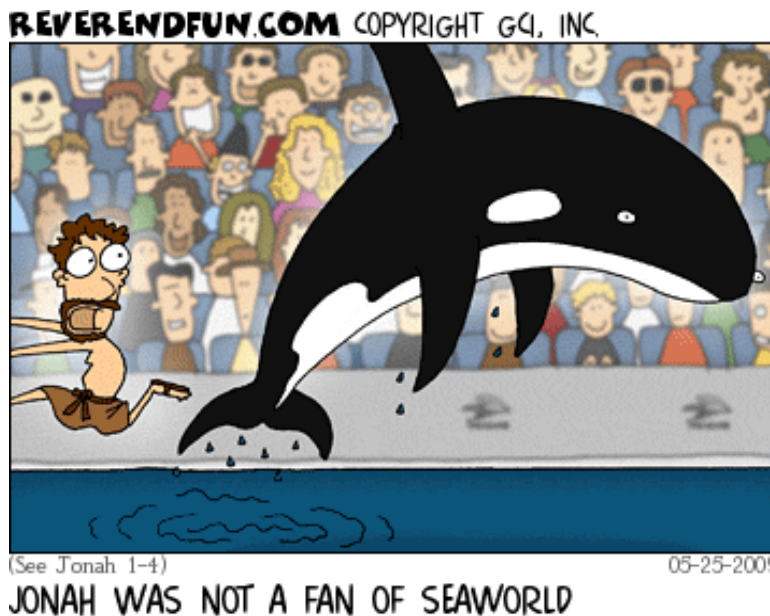
Returning this year is Dennis Tresmer with his beautiful Haflinger



horses, Classy & Tirzah, to give wagon rides around the neighborhood.

They're always a big hit! If you would like to help with the \$100 fee for the wagon rides, contact Pastor Tina.

If you want to volunteer to help or to donate food, you can call the church, and sign up sheets are in the Klingberg Chapel.



June & July Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>June</u>	adults/youth			
20	80/10	\$ 1822.00	\$ 8.00	\$44.35
27	53/4	\$ 492.00	\$ 5.00	\$23.05
<u>July</u>				
4	52/2	\$ 1720.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00
13	60/3	\$ 2321.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 40.62

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.

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

Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is.
-H. Jackson Browne

Pastor Tina will be on vacation from Thursday, July 22 thru Tuesday, July 27. If you need Pastoral care during this time, please call the Church office at 362-8216 or Bruce Johnson at 362-6805.

24th Annual Lutherdale Fest/Quilt Auction

Come and Enjoy a Day at Lutherdale! Beautiful Quilts & Family Fun

Free Admission

Free Parking

Pre-Fest

Friday, August 13, 2010

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Take time to come out to camp to preview the quilts before the big day! Craft tents, baked goods, quilters' odds 'n ends, and silent auction basket bidding is also available.

Fest and Quilt Auction

Saturday, August 14, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Preview quilts starting at 8:00 a.m. The auction begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues until all the quilts are sold. More than 200 quilts, table runners, and wall hangings will be auctioned. See the quilts on the Web site at www.lutherdale.org.

Fun Activities for Everyone

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| + Crafts | + Kids mini day camp (a.m. & p.m. sessions) |
| + Mum plants | + Silent-auction theme baskets |
| + Baked goods | + Pontoon rides on the lake |
| + Fresh-pressed cider | + Baby-sitting services |
| + Quilters' Odds 'n Ends | + Lunch concessions |
| + Sweet Corn | + Climbing Tower and Swimming |

Donations for the Fest

If you're a quilter, baker, home canner, or crafter, there's still time to donate something for this event. For more information, call Casey at Lutherdale at 262-742-2352 or email casey@lutherdale.org.

Lutherdale Bible Camp is at N7891 U.S. Hwy 12, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Funds for this event supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

August Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for August is from Donna Luety in memory of Carolyn Kalk

Altar Guild: Pat Sauser & Judy Gundry

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: Nate & Betsy Anderson

August 1

Flowers: Rolly & Char Affeldt
Bread of Heaven: Judy Gundry
Fellowship: no sponsor

August 8

Flowers: Donna Luety
Bread of Heaven: Judy Gundry
Fellowship: no sponsor

August 15

Flowers: Bob Kristianson in memory of his father
Bread of Heaven: Pat Sauser
Fellowship: no sponsor

August 22

Flowers: Sue Grade in memory of Don
Bread of Heaven: Pat Sauser
Fellowship: no sponsor

August 29

Flowers: Adeline Swain, Cheryl & Russ Ramczyk in memory of Charles Swain
Bread of Heaven: no sponsor
Fellowship: no sponsor

ODD ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a collection of actual Church Announcements, either recorded from the lectern or printed in the bulletin:

"The lecture on the religious history of circumcision has been cut from tonight's program."

"The pastor will discuss the health risks of obesity, and then the choir will sing 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'."

"The blessing of the pets will be followed by a hot dog lunch."

"For next week's men's clothing drive we are requesting you drop your pants in the church basement."

"Anyone who has lost their job recently is invited to attend a special service on Monday evening to join together and pray to a hire power."

"We need one more player on the church soccer team this fall. Ask yourself: 'Am I my brother's goalkeeper?'"

"This week's focus in our church collection of needed items will be kitchen matches and school textbooks."

"After the Women's Missionary Society potluck luncheon, we will take time to pray for the sick."

"Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donations. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Bob's sermons."

August Birthdays

8/1 Diana Schneider	8/16 Judy Gundry
8/5 Doty Goff	8/20 Marge Mueller
8/5 Donna Luety	8/22 Ron Guaginte
8/8 Marjorie Berner	8/23 Allen Johnson
8/13 Shirley Jero	8/27 Jessica Hoefler
8/14 David Rounds	8/30 Marsha Johnson

August Baptism Anniversaries

8/19 Don Reedy	8/21 Bob Kristianson
8/19 Robert Kilday	

A loss to the Atonement family

Evelyn Herkis	June 18, 2010
Erika Hoefler	June 27, 2010

Newsletter Articles

September Newsletter articles are due Monday, August 16.
Newsletters will be assembled on Friday, August 20.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who called and sent cards to our family on the death of Dick's brother Gene. - Dick & Janice Adney



The Secretary's hours for the remainder of July are as follows:

July 19-23: 9 AM-1 PM, Monday & Tuesday and 1 PM-4 PM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

July 26-30: 1 PM-4 PM Monday, 9 AM-noon Tuesday, 1 PM-4 PM Wednesday, and 9 AM-1 PM Thursday & Friday

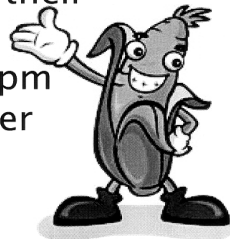
Adopt-a-Road season is here again. Dates will be the 3rd Sunday of the month, except June which will be the 2nd Sunday. Bring comfortable clothes and sensible shoes to change into or just wear them to church. Gloves and safety vests will be provided. For more information, contact Bruce Johnson.



Hands of Faith is hosting their
Annual Corn Boil
Sunday, Aug 1st 12-4pm
@ The Rock on the River
101 Maple St.


A Fun Family Event featuring
Food, Music, Pontoon Rides,
Bingo, Volleyball Tournament.

*Sign up for volleyball teams Begins at 12pm
or by calling Holly @ 608-365-0166.
Prizes for winning team*



Lydia Group will will meet at 1 PM, August 3rd in the Klingberg Chapel. Pastor Tina will lead a Bible Study and Janice Adney will be hostess. All women of the church are invited.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SUNDAY SCHOOLER? part 2




Just for KIDS

“The Lord will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a
sun-scorched land....”

Isaiah 58:11

Find the names of these biblical plants.
Use the verses given if you have trouble.
Transfer the letters to the lines below to
find more of the verse above.



Purple fruit that grows on a vine <small>(Genesis 40:10,11)</small>	1 2 3 4 5 6
A grain used in soup <small>(Hosea 3:2)</small>	7 8 9 10 11 12
A grain used in bread-making <small>(Matthew 13:25)</small>	13 14 15 16 17
Used for oil, or eaten green or black <small>(Exodus 27:20)</small>	18 19 20 21 22 23
Tree that bears acorns <small>(Genesis 35:8)</small>	24 25 26
Yellow flowers are made into sandwich spread <small>(Matthew 13:31,32)</small>	27 28 29 30 31 32 33
Used to flavor candy canes <small>(Luke 11:42)</small>	34 35 36 37
Used in filling cookies <small>(Genesis 3:7)</small>	38 39 40 41

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12	18	28	13	20	10	10	7	5	10	20	26	5		
3	13	5	10	10	13	3	17	5	2	5	33			
1	3	2	33	5	36	10	20	26	5	8				
6	4	2	20	36	1	13	14	18	6	5				
13	3	17	5	2	6	36	5	21	5	9	38	3	20	10

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“You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring
whose waters never fail.”

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