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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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He is  
like a  
tree  
planted  
by  
streams  
of water.  
Psalm 1:3



### ***From the Pastor...***

*<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. Luke 13*

A long time ago, before iPods and Instant Messaging; before X-rays that are sent directly to the computer screen; before Rheumatoid arthritis raised it's head in my body, I used to be quite adventurous. As a kid I used crutches a lot, so to survive I made up fun games with them. One of those games involved standing on the seat of a recliner and placing the crutches 3 or 4 feet in front of me and then swinging off with a great shout! Almost like a ride at the carnival! Of course this is with a full cast on my right leg. Scared my mother out of her mind. Perhaps any gray hair you may see on her head came from episodes such as that. LOL (laugh out loud)

Even as an adult I know there were times that my mother did not need to know where I was or what I was doing. For example, while climbing Bear Butte out in South Dakota, I came upon a path that made me pause and question my sanity. There was shale going down to my right and shale going up to my left and the path was maybe a foot or two wide and made of, you guessed it, shale. Hmm. If you don't know shale is, it's slippery and slides a lot. My thought as I started across was, "Sure glad Mom can't see me." It was sure beautiful at the top and worth the risk I took.



For those of you who don't know me well, I was born early and crippled. That's the term used way back then. Now we'd say physically challenged or something like that. So it is a slow miracle that I can even walk. I've noticed that, as an adult things seem to hurt more than they did as a child. Like when you fall. Have you noticed that too? And you don't bounce back as well either. So perhaps you too can relate to the woman who was crippled for 18 years. The Bent Over Woman. You see women and occasionally men who are like that today. It looks painful and it doesn't offer a great perspective of the world. Try walking like that for a while and then add the feeling of pain and see how you'd like walking like that for 18 years.

So Jesus encounters this Bent Over Woman at Church. Despite her disability she makes her way to worship. In fact she's minding her own business when Jesus catches sight of her and says, "Come over here." Jesus does the miracle; he heals her, sets her free from her ailment. WOW. Can you imagine the joy this woman felt? She can get back to living fully; she can see what's around her. She praised God and stood up straight.



Jesus tends to affect people that way. Jesus changes our lives and incites us to praise God. Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I Say Rejoice. As we begin another fall season; another school season; may we come to Jesus and be healed of whatever bends us over and weighs us down so that we can Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I Say Rejoice.

Pastor Tina 

### July/August Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>July</u>	adults/youth			
18	56/3	\$ 1648.00	\$ 8.00	\$30.36
25	48/0	\$ 813.00	\$ 38.00	\$29.40
<u>August</u>				
1	52/5	\$ 2150.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00
8	44/2	\$ 1057.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.27
15	52/5	\$ 1870.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 31.41

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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?***

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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.

## **THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS**

We are trying to compile a list of everyone who has an account or contract with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. There are certain benefits that need to be shared and we also need a congregational Coordinator. This position involves relaying information from Thrivent to its member's here at Atonement. I've been told that it's an effortless process and very helpful. Please leave your name on Pattye's desk with a note that says 'Thrivent'. **Thank you. - Pastor Tina, Thrivent Member.**

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## **POSTAGE IS GOING UP IN JANUARY**

If you haven't already signed up for the monthly newsletter via email, please reconsider. Currently there are 19 email subscribers, and at \$.44 each, we're saving \$8.36 each month on postage, or \$100.32 per year on postage. There are 26 newsletters mailed out automatically each month and approximately 25 more newsletters mailed out each month because they're not picked up on Sundays, which works out to about \$22.44 per month for postage, or \$269.28 per year. Letter size paper is currently \$37.99 per case (see Staples website), 10 reams to a case. A total of 106 16-page newsletters are printed each month, equalling 424 sheets of paper (nearly 1 ream) or about \$45 a year for paper.

In the interest of being good stewards of Atonement's resources and money, we have created a 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.

## September Flower & Fellowship Schedule

**Eternal Candle:** The Eternal Candle for September was from  
Carole Doubleday in memory of Lynn Smetko

**Altar Guild:** Sue & Russ Engebretson

**Weekly Beloit Daily News ad:** Marilyn Barnes & Pastor Tina

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### **September 5**

**Flowers:** Bob Kristianson in memory of his brother

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** Lydia Circle

### **September 12**

**Flowers:** Jackie Holmbeck in memory of Don Holmbeck

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **September 19**

**Flowers:** Sue Grade in memory of brother Gary

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **September 26**

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

## September Birthdays

9/2 Joseph Moen                      9/23 Debora Marvin  
9/16 Pat Sauser                      9/25 Erica Reedy  
9/20 Ken Affeldt

OOPS! Missed one... Lillian Bagley, August 31st

## September Baptism Anniversaries

9/18 Marjorie Reynolds              9/30 Jessica Hoefer  
9/24 Cason Janke

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## THANK YOU!

To all of you who sent a card or placed a call on hearing of my Mother's passing was overwhelming. I'll never forget your kindness and your wonderful kind sentiments. She was my soulmate. Thank you so much. - Marsha and Al Johnson



**Lydia Group will meet Tuesday, September 7th @ 1 PM in the Kingberg Chapel.** Pastor Tina will lead a Bible study and Phyllis Steele will be hostess. The group has decided to host Fellowship one Sunday a month and chosen the 1st Sunday of each month. We will be happy to change with anyone who wants the 1st Sunday for a special occasion. Please let Isabel Crowley know (364-0057) and she will make the schedule change.

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**The W.O.W'S will be lunching at Domenico's on Thursday, September 9th.** If you have any questions, please contact Joan Guetschow at 365-4685.

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