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# Celebration of ATONEMENT †

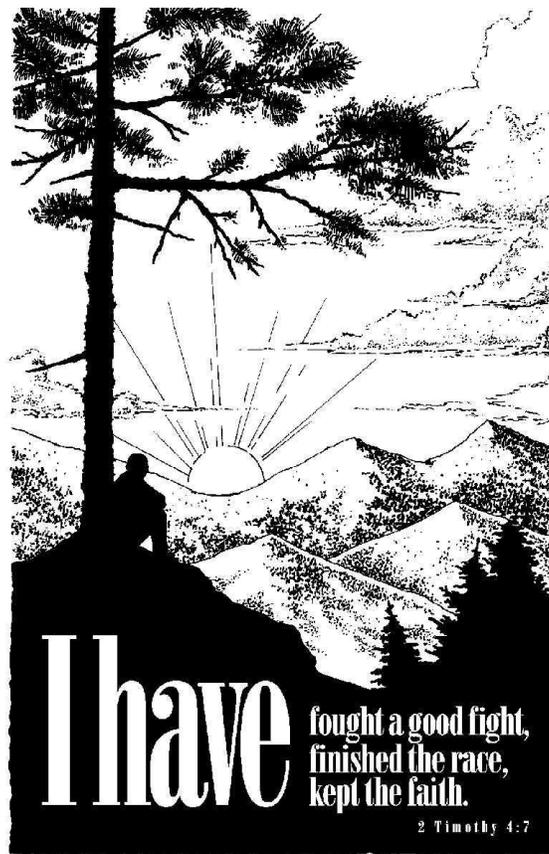
Newsletter of Atonement Lutheran Church,  
Rev. Tina Koenig Ray, BCC, Pastor

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

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

I know I have to write a newsletter lead today, now, yesterday, in fact. I also have to pay bills, ARGH! I love it (read sarcasm) when estimated taxes come along the same time as car insurance and plate renewal. It makes it very tempting to lower my pledge to Atonement. Surely the church would understand what with the economy the way it is and all. Anyone else with me in this?

Then I think of how we are called as Christians to rejoice and give thanks for what God has given us, which actually belongs to God in the first place. All that I am and all that I have comes from God. So it's not really mine to hold back. As members of Atonement we are also called to attend worship; partake of Holy Communion and support the church financially. Anyone else considering this as well?

I also think about the heartbreaking losses that the people of God at Atonement have had since I have been here- there's just so many. I miss each and every one of them and the love and ministry they provided here at Atonement. Besides the hole in our hearts and ministry; their deaths also leave fewer folks to carry the burden of ministry including financially. And so perhaps raising my pledge is what God is calling me to do. Anyone else in this frame of mind?

If we all raised our weekly/monthly/bi-monthly pledge by \$5.00 that would be a great step in faith; trusting that God will provide for us in personal lives.

Can I get an Amen!?

Has anyone else noticed that we are behind by \$11,245.84? That's a bit alarming, but not insurmountable. I figured that if 50 people would increase their weekly giving by \$17.30 a week

by the end of the year that \$11,245.84 would be gone. This is only true if we stay within our budget the rest of the year and we keep on living up to our pledges. Praise be to God wouldn't that be wonderful?

Can I get another AMEN.

Pastor Tina 

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## MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The mutual Ministry Committee is a resource for Pastor Tina and the staff of Atonement to provide a supportive and listening ear to enhance their ministry. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact:

David Schneider, Council VP  
Jeanne Cole  
Isabel Crowley  
Donna Luety  
Don Reedy  
Arlene Ruegger  
Pat Sauser  
Phyllis Steele  
Dick Wallace

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*Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.*

*~ Albert Camus*

**July/August Worship**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>August</u>	adults/youth			
22	56/2	\$ 835.00	\$ 34.96	\$xx.xx
29	55/2	\$1426.00	\$ 8.00	\$29.40
<u>September</u>				
5	54/4	\$ 3347.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 42.22
12	59/3	\$ xxxx.00	\$ xx.00	\$ xx.00

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**Financial update as of 8/31/10**

Total income Jan-Aug 2010	\$66,647.77
<u>Total expenses Jan-Aug 2010</u>	<u>- \$76,893.61</u>
Net income (Jan-Aug 2010)	\$-11,245.84

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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?***

## 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.

## **October Flower & Fellowship Schedule**

**Eternal Candle:** The Eternal Candle for October is from Ed Schneider in memory of Joyce

**Altar Guild:** Sue Grade

**Weekly Beloit Daily News ad:** Doris Betz

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### **October 3**

**Flowers:** Jeanne Cole in honor of Mike, Laurel & Mary

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** Arlene Ruegger and Karen Affeldt for Rolly's birthday

### **October 10**

**Flowers:** Candy & Bill Hoefler for their 30th anniversary

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **October 17**

**Flowers:** Bonnie & Suane Ottow in memory of our parents

**Bread of Heaven:** Diana Schneider

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **October 24**

**Flowers:** Dick Adney in honor of Janice's 77th birthday

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **October 31**

**Flowers:** Ed Schneider in memory of Joyce

**Bread of Heaven:** Cheryl Ramczyk

**Fellowship:** Cheryl Ramczyk

## **Sunday School Begins!**

The first Sunday of the month will be Sunday School! At 8:15 am bring your young ones to church for a ½ hour of Bible stories, arts & crafts and music. The kids will learn a song and share it with us at worship that morning. If you would like to help out please see Pastor Tina or the sign up sheet in the Klingberg Chapel.

**Noah's Ark will be setting forth on October  
3<sup>rd</sup>,  
don't miss the boat!**

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## **Adult Sunday School!**

While your kids are at Sunday School, meet with Pastor Tina and talk about the day's theme from an adult perspective. **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** we will talk about God's promises.

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## **Do you just luv babies?**

Can't get enough of holding them and snuggling and chasing after them? Well, then have we got a job for you! We will be starting up a nursery in the youth room of the basement. Whitney Luety is setting up a signup sheet for those interested in helping. When it's up and running we will post a sign on the door!

**Meanwhile, get ready to get your baby fix!**

## BEAUTIFUL ADVICE

An Angel says, 'Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice.'

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a spiritually enlightening book with you to read while

waiting in line.

17. Get enough rest.

18. Eat right.

19. Get organized so everything has its place.

20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life..

21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.

22. Every day, find time to be alone.

23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.

24. Make friends with Godly people.

25.. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.

26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good 'Thank you Jesus .'

27. Laugh.

28. Laugh some more!

29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.

30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).

31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).

32. Sit on your ego.

33. Talk less; listen more.

34. Slow down.

35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.

36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.

### October Birthdays

10/3 Rollyn Affeldt	10/14 William Hoefler
10/8 Robert Kilday	10/24 Janice Adney
10/9 Doris Betz	10/31 Ezekiel Wheaton
10/12 Brooks Mitchell	

### October Baptism Anniversaries

10/14 David Rounds	10/17 McKenna Davies
10/16 Rollyn Affeldt	10/19 Ken Affeldt
10/17 Kim Davies	10/27 Richard Berner
10/17 Kiarra Davies	

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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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As a former employee of **General Motors, Lear, LSI, Alcoa, United Industries, Warner Electric, Kuhn North American/Kuhn Knight, Amtec, Sanford Business to Business, Allied Automotive, Plymouth Tube, Briggs & Stratton, Madison Dairy, McCain Foods, Bourn's Automotive, or Wolf/Sub Zero** you are eligible for funding through a National Emergency Grant (NEG). This funding can assist with training costs such as tuition, textbooks, tools and uniforms. We also have supportive services such as child care and transportation available. If you're not interested in going back to school, or have recently completed school through the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, we can assist you with work search activities such as creating or updating a resume, interviewing skills development, weekly Java and Jobs meetings and other work search related workshops, as well as providing job leads. If you are interested in finding out more about these services, please call 608-741-3462 and get scheduled

for one of our Orientations. This program is offered at no cost to you so please contact us at your earliest convenience to lock in these benefits.

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**Brotherhood resumes meetings at 6 PM on Monday, September 20.**

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**The TMO's (Time Marches On) begin the season with a potluck in the Klingberg Chapel on Saturday, September 25 at 4:30 PM.** Ed Schneider will present information and inspirational details of the Vets Roll trip to the Nation's Capital honoring our veterans. Vi & Gary Pankonien are hosting. Everyone 55+ are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

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**Lydia Group will meet on Tuesday, October 5th at 1 PM in the Klingberg Chapel.** Pastor Tina will lead a Bible Study and Bonnie Ottow will be hostess. All women are welcome.

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**St. Stephen's Catholic Church and Family Center, Shu-Lar Lane, Clinton, is holding a Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, October 10th from 11 AM to 3 PM.** Enjoy a raffle with cash prizes and a bake sale. Adult tickets are \$8, children over 5 are \$5, and kids under 5 are admitted free.

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