

November 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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When thou  
hast eaten and art full, then  
thou shalt bless the LORD  
thy God for the good land  
which he has given thee.

Deuteronomy 8:10



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

The farmers are in the field; corn dust floats by my nose. The sun is warm, the sky is blue and white, Amber sits beside me in the two-seater rocker on the porch, a quintessential fall day. We've been blessed with a wonderful, even strange, fall. But now the falling leaves hint of colder winds to come.

As I write this, I have just returned from the annual Bishop's Convocation in Fontana, WI. A beautiful and refreshing time of fellowship among rostered leaders and a time of new insights into ministry.

This year Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson was one of the speakers. Before he returned to HQ on Higgins Road in Chicago, he offered a time of Q&A. One pastor asked Bishop Hanson, "How should we respond when people ask how the ELCA is doing?" In addition to saying that the ELCA continues to spread the Good News to the world and the ways that the ELCA loves its neighbors, the Bishop volleyed back to her, "Ask them 'How is *your* spiritual life doing?'" The point being that we are all the ELCA, not just what comes out of the national church office and Churchwide assemblies.

So I ask you my fellow ELCA members, "How is your spiritual life doing these days?" Are you staying in relationship with your Creator via prayer and meditation? Do you gather with the community of faith at Atonement on a regular basis? Is your spirit being fed by partaking of Holy Communion and joining in worship and trusting God with the gifts of your time, talent and treasure? Are you loving and serving your neighbor with no thought of reward? As we anticipate the coming holiday, "Are you thankful?" and "What are you thankful for?"

Though I may grumble because it's way too early, I am thankful

that my feet hit the floor each morning and that I have a bed to sleep in. I am thankful that I can walk and talk and see and use my hands and that basically my body works just fine, thank you, despite my R.A.. I am thankful that I have food to eat, so much so that I need to cut back on the amount. For the clothes on my back and in my dresser and in my closet and at the cleaners; for my house and the fact that it is warm and dry I am thankful. My car is working and I am able to pay my bills. I am thankful for my Mom and the time that I can spend with her, as we both continue to grow older. Family and friends are on my list of gratitude, old and new friends and ones that I've reconnected with after 30 years.

Child of God: even though it's last, it is certainly not least. I am so blessed and thankful that I am loved by God and given new life in Christ. What a wonderful gift of love that has been given to each of us in our Baptism. Thank you, migwitch, gracias, Loving and Creative God of Life.

What's on your thankful list?

*Pastor Tina* 

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## Stateline Literacy Council - Beloit, Inc

Tuesday - NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 9:30 AM

Continental Breakfast and tour of Stateline Literacy Council, 417 Harrison Avenue, Beloit.

### NEED ONE (OR A COUPLE) VOLUNTEER(S) TO ATTEND

Pastor Tina is unable to go and would like to send one person or couple to represent Atonement. Please see Pastor Tina if you would like to go.

### September/October Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>September</u> adults/youth				
19	57/3	\$3025.00	\$ 53.00	\$28.81
26	58/4	\$1278.00	\$ 8.00	\$36.99
<u>October</u>				
3	65/8	\$ 2742.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 41.03
10	55/5	\$ 932.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 29.90
17	55/5	\$ 1457.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 33.38

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### Financial update as of 9/30/10

Total income Jan-Sept. 2010	\$73,483.87
<u>Total expenses Jan-Sept. 2010</u>	<u>- \$85,981.62</u>
Net income (Jan-Sept. 2010)	\$-12,497.75

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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?***

## **ELCA Presiding Bishop Announces New Churchwide Organization Design for 2011**

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) took action Oct. 8 to affirm the concept for a new design of the ELCA churchwide organization in 2011, said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, in an Oct. 11 announcement to churchwide staff. The council authorized the officers of the churchwide organization to take the necessary personnel actions and to implement the new design beginning Feb. 1, 2011, the start of the next fiscal year.

The council deleted continuing resolutions in the ELCA Constitution related to churchwide units and adopted new continuing resolutions to implement the design and establish lines of responsibility, Hanson reported.

The council also expressed appreciation to the staff of the churchwide organization, saying they would "hold in prayer" employees personally affected by a reduction in staff prompted by the new design.

"This new design positions the churchwide organization to make a vital and vibrant contribution to the ministries of this church and the work of partners throughout the world," Hanson told the ELCA News Service. "The new design also assumes that financial support will continue for these vital ministries -- and enable us to engage in these ministries in a more flexible and forward way."

To continue reading and for further information, please see the posted copy of the entire newsletter in the Klingberg Chapel.

## 2010 MIDTERM ELECTION RESOURCES

I don't know if anyone else is confused, but I know I am, I just "love" watching TV and hearing the candidates put each other down. So, in the next few days I'm going to do some online research. I found these supposedly unbiased websites that I can check out. As Christians, Luther calls us to live in two worlds. So don't forget to go to the polls on November 2nd with an informed vote. (I haven't checked all these sites out yet, so don't hold that against me.) - Pastor Tina

[www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

<http://www.wisconsinvote.org>

[http:// www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

[http:// www.lwvwi.org/cms/content/view/18/3](http://www.lwvwi.org/cms/content/view/18/3)

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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!

**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.

**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.

## CARITAS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING APPEAL

It is now that preparations are being made by Caritas to provide 750+ Thanksgiving dinners for persons and families in need. We are asking for our communities' support in whatever way it can be given.

In celebration of Caritas 36th year of service, we are suggesting a gift of \$36 but realize that this is a suggestion only. No one needs to feel they have to give that amount. Sometimes by collecting small amounts from a group of people, a little goes a long way. The fun of giving is doing it in whatever way makes sense to you.

Here are some ideas to consider:

- Present to an organization/business/faith community to which you belong the prospect of providing funds to cover a Thanksgiving basket.
- Introduce children to the idea of helping families who are hungry this Thanksgiving.
- Sponsor a meal by writing a check to Caritas for \$36 and designate in the memo "Thanksgiving".
- If you know of those in need of this provision, please encourage them to sign up November 1, 2, or 3 at Caritas, 2840 Prairie Ave, Beloit, WI

Thank you for helping us prepare for our Thanksgiving season. This Stateline community does make a difference in the lives of those in great need. Those who have the resources to help are encouraged to give and those who have great need are encouraged to come to Caritas. Let us all express our gratitude as we consciously prepare for what lies ahead in terms of serving others.

## 2010 HOLIDAY MEALS & GIFTS

*Prepared by: United Way's First Call and Rock Co. Council on Aging.*

If you know of anyone needing help or if you yourself need help this year, here are a list of Beloit agencies you can contact:

### **Caritas:**

**2840 Prairie Ave.**

**Beloit, WI 53511**

**Phone: 608.362.4403**

- \* **Thanksgiving:** Sign up for their Thanksgiving baskets is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am until 2:30pm. All residents must bring Valid ID and a list of all adult members living in household. Residents will be given a distribution time when they sign up for baskets.
- \* **Christmas:** Working in conjunction with Salvation Army and their Christmas program.
- \* **For more information please Judy at 608-362-4403.**

### **Salvation Army Beloit:**

**628 Broad St.**

**Beloit, WI 53511**

**Phone: 608.365.6572**

- \* **Thanksgiving:** They will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner on November 24 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. They will not be handing out baskets this year.
- \* **Christmas:** Toy Shop sign up will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am -12:00pm and 1:00pm - 3:00pm. There will be one make up day held on November 30 from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. Distribution times will be given out when you sign up. They will also be having a Christmas dinner December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.
- \* **For more information please call Christopher at 608-365-6572.**

**Share Program:  
1 Eclipse Center  
Beloit, WI 53511  
Phone: 365.5837**

- \* **Thanksgiving:** The Share Program is offering Thanksgiving baskets for a cost of \$25.00. The baskets include 12-14 pound turkey, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, 8” pumpkin pie, fresh produce assortment with potatoes, celery, acorn squash, apples, oranges and additional seasonal produce. Order deadline is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- \* **Christmas:** The Share Program is offering Christmas baskets for a cost of \$25.00. The baskets include 6 pound boneless honey ham, canned pineapple, corn soufflé, 8” apple pie, fresh produce assortment with potatoes, broccoli, carrots, apples, oranges and additional seasonal produce. Order deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **Please contact JoAnne to place order at 608-365-5837.**

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### **DRINK, STEAL, SWEAR & LIE**

I met this guy while I was in San Diego and he has a motto he lives by everyday. He said listen carefully and live by these 4 rules: Drink, Steal, Swear, & Lie. I was shaking my head 'no', but he then told me to listen while he explained his four rules. So here they are : 1. "Drink" from the "everlasting cup" every day. 2. "Steal" a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are. 3. "Swear" that you will be a better person today than yesterday. 4. And last, but not least, when you "lie" down at night Thank God you live in America and have freedom.

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*Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is.*

*-H. Jackson Browne*

## **November Flower & Fellowship Schedule**

**Eternal Candle:** The Eternal Candle for November is in memory of Phyllis Hoefler Richter from Jackie Holmbeck & the Hoefers'

**Altar Guild:** Candy Hoefler & Jackie Holmbeck

**Weekly Beloit Daily News ad:** Gene Sanda

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### **November 7**

**Flowers:** Richard & Janice Adney for their 55th anniversary

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

**Fellowship:** The Adneys for their 55th anniversary

### **November 14**

**Flowers:** Jeanne Cole in honor of grandchildren

**Bread of Heaven:** Diana Schneider

**Fellowship:** Vi & Gary Pankonien

### **November 21**

**Flowers:** Vi & Gary Pankonien for their wedding anniversary

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** Lydia Circle

### **November 28**

**Flowers:** Judy Gundry in memory of Dick

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor



## November Birthdays

11/7	Ben Griswold	11/20	Michael Janke
11/7	Sue Engebretson	11/20	Freda Leeder
11/9	Morris Hansen	11/23	Barb Anderson
11/10	Jeanne Cole	11/26	Betsy Anderson
11/13	Avery Mitchell	11/27	Lloyd Jero
11/14	Gary Pankonien	11/28	Kim Davies
11/14	David Schneider	11/30	Nancy Clickner

## November Baptism Anniversaries

11/4	Erica Reedy	11/27	Cheryl Ramczyk
11/19	Marcy Reedy		

## The Saints of Atonement

Carole Doubleday  
Evelyn Herkis  
Jessica Hoefler

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## **November Dartball Schedule**

11/2	Faith Flyers @ Atonement Rebels Faith Flingers @ Atonement Rejects
11/9	Trinity Eagles @ Atonement Rebels Atonement Rejects @ Trinity Mighty Darts
11/16	Atonements Rebels @ Our Savior's Vikings Trinity Eagles @ Atonement Rejects
11/23	River of Life @ Atonement Rebels Atonement Rejects @ Faith Flyers
11/30	Atonement Rebels @ Messiah Thunder St. John Jets @ Atonement Rejects



**Enjoy an extra hour of sleep!  
Set your clocks back one hour  
before you go to bed on November 6th.**

**And don't forget to change the batteries in your  
smoke detectors!**

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

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. 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. 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.

**Orfordville Lutheran Church will hold its annual Lutefisk Dinner on Saturday, October 30.** The dinner will be in the church which is fully handicapped accessible. The church is located at 210 North Main Street in Orfordville. The menu includes: lutefisk, meatballs, lefse, coleslaw, cranberry salad and pie. The dinner is served family style and is an all you can eat meal. The dinner will be served from 11AM until 3PM. For additional information you may call the church office at 608-879-2575 between the hours of 9AM and 12PM, Monday through Thursday or visit the church website at [www.orfordvillelutheran.org](http://www.orfordvillelutheran.org). The cost of the dinner is \$14 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 -12, under the age of 5 is free. A bake sale is being held in conjunction with the dinner.

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#### **LYDIA GROUP EVENTS**

**Lydia group will meet Tuesday, November 2nd at 1 o'clock in the Klingberg Chapel.** Sally Luety will be hostess and Pastor Tina will lead a Bible Study. All women are welcome to attend.

**Sunday, November 21st, Lydia group will host Fellowship and serve home baked pies.** We are asking for at least a \$1 donation per serving with all proceeds going to Atonement's General Fund.

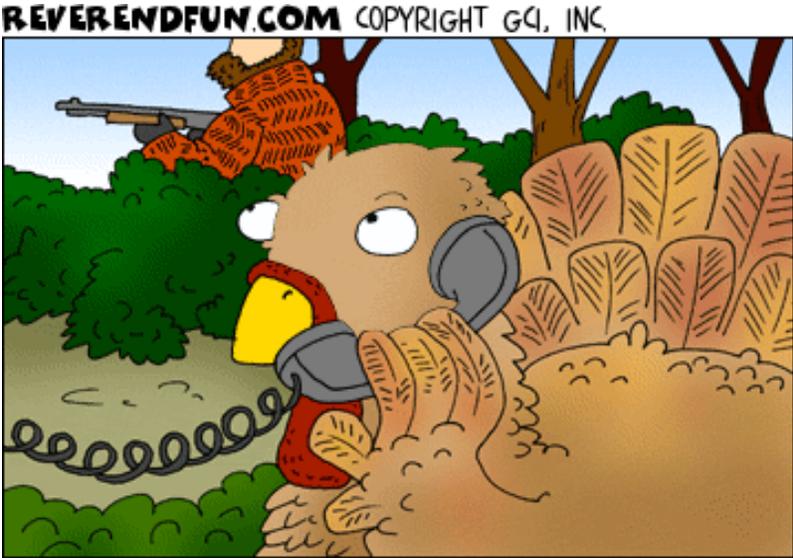
**Tuesday, December 7th at 12:30, Lydia Group is going to have lunch at Cafe Belwah, 500 Pleasant St. Please call Isabel Crowley @ 364-0057 to make a reservation.** All women are invited to join us for good food and fellowship, and to bring a friend.

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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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Thanks to Jay Benfield 11-24-2005  
HELLO, YOU HAVE REACHED THE SALVATION  
HOTLINE ... ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A  
DECISION TODAY?

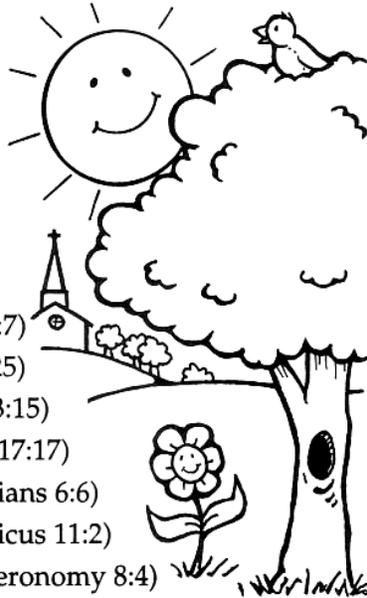
ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SUNDAY SCHOOLER?  
THANKSGIVING EDITION

What are you thankful for?

In the Bible verses below, you will find the names of some things that we should be thankful for. The words that you find are hidden in the puzzle to the right. Circle them. They will be up, down, across and diagonal.

F	B	I	R	D	S	N	A	H
R	F	B	A	C	U	T	D	O
I	O	E	I	S	F	E	G	U
E	O	A	N	I	M	A	L	S
N	D	H	P	E	A	C	E	E
D	C	H	U	R	C	H	I	T
L	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	R
I	F	L	O	W	E	R	M	E
F	N	O	P	V	Q	R	T	E
E	A	R	T	H	E	U	V	S

- F\_\_\_\_\_ (Ruth 1:6)
- S\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 10:12)
- L\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:25)
- R\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:45)
- E\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 66:1)
- L\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:37)
- H\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 66:1)
- C\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 8:1)
- B\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:23)
- P\_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:7)
- T\_\_\_\_\_ (Nehemiah 9:25)
- F\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 103:15)
- F\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 17:17)
- T\_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 6:6)
- A\_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 11:2)
- C\_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 8:4)



Answers:

food; sun; life; rain; earth; love; house; church; birds; peace; trees; flowers; friend; teacher; animals; clothes;

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