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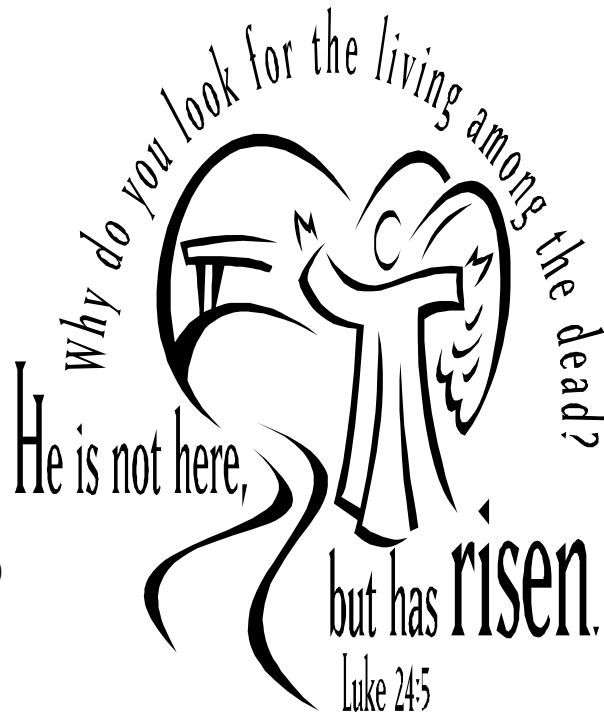
Celebration of ATONEMENT †

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...

Have you ever seen a billboard with just numbers on it? Something like, 5-11? Usually it means that on 5-11 a new, exciting, wonderful movie will be released. Other numbers such as 2012 signify for some the end of times. Numbers tend to mean a lot in our society. Do you have any idea what 16:49 signifies? As Robin Stuht says, "The sixteen hours and forty-nine minutes between school ending one day, and starting the next, for some kids, are the longest hours of their entire lives." For some of Beloit's youth, not to mention youth nationwide, they have no safe place to go when school gets out. The reasons vary, but the result is the same. Kids with no where safe to go for the night.

Beloit International Film Festival previewed a documentary called Project 16:49. It relates the stories of Beloit youth who are homeless. Later in this newsletter you will read of an opportunity to see this film on April 10th. I encourage you to attend, it was an eye opening experience for me. Perhaps through the movement of the Holy Spirit we will be able to find solutions to this problem.

On another note, your Worship & Music Committee and Council take seriously the concerns that have been raised regarding the bulletin. During Lent, you'll notice that we are printing everything in the bulletin. For the Easter Season, to accommodate the folks who asked why we don't use the new hymnals for liturgy, we will be using a shortened version of the bulletin, some things from the ELW and some printed in the

bulletin. We encourage use of the ribbons that Cheryl so lovingly installed in our hymnals. Thank you for your patience and willingness to experiment as we seek to worship our Lord and be good stewards of God's creation.

Pastor Tina 

NEW SIGN UP SHEETS

A sign up sheet to sponsor the weekly Beloit Daily News ad in the Worship Directory is in the Klingberg Chapel. A 4-week sponsorship is \$42 and a 5-week sponsorship is \$52.50.

A sign up sheet for counting the weekly offering is in the Klingberg Chapel. At least 2 volunteers are needed each week to count money.

There is a new nursery sign up sheet in the Klingberg Chapel. 2 Volunteers are needed per Sunday from 8:45 -10:15 AM in the Youth Korner of the Chapel.

January/February Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>February</u> adults/youth				
20	41/4	\$xxxx.xx	\$xx.xx	\$ 28.89
27	38/1	\$xxxx.xx	\$xx.xx	\$ 28.89
<u>March</u>				
6	55/8	\$ 8953.00	\$411.00	\$ 33.91*
13	43/3	\$ xxxx.xx	\$xx.xx	\$ xx.xx*

***can collection in March is donated to Meals on Wheels
March for Meals campaign**

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.

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

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

PROJECT 16:49

"The sixteen hours and forty-nine minutes between school ending one day, and starting the next, for some kids, are the longest hours of their entire lives." –Robin Stuhlt

Honest, candid interviews with three Beloit Memorial students, including heart-felt accounts of other unaccompanied youth in our area, reveal the struggle homeless students face at the high school level. Insight from both educational and community leaders sheds light on how we may be a part of the solution.

What: Free Public Showing of Documentary **16:49**, panel discussion with producers of the film, presented by Spirit of Hope in support of Project 16:49

When & Where: Sunday April 10th 11:30 am in the Beloit Memorial High School Commons

Why: To offer an opportunity for those who have not seen this film to enter into the experience of homeless students in our community and to answer the question many of us have asked- "How can we help?"

Many of us have heard of the movie and wondered where we could see it or find out more about it. Many of us watched when 16:49 was presented to a packed house at the Beloit International film Festival (BIFF) and asked, "How can we help?" This is your chance.

Project 16:49 is working to provide a continuum of services for teens who are homeless and not living with their parents or guardians. They are working with Lutheran Social Services' Runaway and Youth Services (RAYS) program to recruit families to serve as Safe Homes. These licensed foster homes will provide emergency shelter for teens. During each teen's two to three week stay, an LSS social worker will assist the teen in either returning home or in finding a safe and stable alternative

living situation. For those teens aged 16 to 21 years who cannot safely return home, HEAT (Homeless Education Action Team), in partnership with the YWCA of Rock County, is working to open a transitional living program that will provide housing and case management services for up to 18 months. This will allow these teens to finish high school and learn adult responsibilities in a supportive environment with caring adults.

You can find out more @ www.project1649.org

It's not political, it's not religious— it's simply, "How do we love these kids?"

NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE!

Atonement is moving its webpage and email from JVLNET to a new location. The new website will be at: atonementbeloit.org, and the email address will be: atonement@atonementbeloit.org. The current email address of atonement@jvlnet.com will still work until January 2012. The new website is much easier to use and add information to. Look for groups schedules and activities, an online calendar which can be updated with the most current information (even more current than the printed calendars), current Council minutes and newsletters plus an archive of past minutes and newsletters.

Join us for Sunday School the first Sunday of the month! 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.

The Feinstein Foundation's \$1 Million Challenge 2011

For the 14th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among anti hunger agencies nationwide using it as a spur to raise funds for agencies like Caritas during March and April, 2011. And Caritas needs this support, this year, during these exceptional economic hard times.

Caritas wishes to inform potential donors (and their local churches, schools and businesses) that the more donations made to Caritas - from March 1st to April 30th - the more of the Feinstein money Caritas will get! Caritas wants to involve everyone.

Only donations or pledges received at Caritas from March 1st to April 30th, from use of the Feinstein Challenge, will be counted. These donations can include cash, checks and food items (valued at \$1 per item) or pledges, as long as they were obtained ONLY from use of the Feinstein Challenge.

Please make out your check to Caritas, 2840 Prairie Avenue , Beloit , WI 53511 and in the memo section please write "Feinstein Challenge" and we will know your intent.

We invite all to help us raise funds to end hunger in America by ending hunger in our Stateline community in 2011. Please partner with Caritas in this endeavor as we help those in our community who are struggling right now. This donation toward the Feinstein Challenge Campaign will enable Caritas to continue to provide relief to those who hunger for food in our Stateline area, north of Rockford, IL and south of Janesville, WI .

Thank you in advance of your help,
Judith Petree, Executive Director

April Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for April is from Arlene Ruegger in memory of loved ones

Altar Guild: Mary Wendtland & Norbert Larson

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: no sponsor

April 3

Flowers: Nate & Betsy Anderson in memory of all the saints

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: Candy Hoefler

April 10

Flowers: Doris Betz in memory of Dick

Bread of Heaven: Ray & Jo Capes

Fellowship: no sponsor

April 17 (Palm Sunday)

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

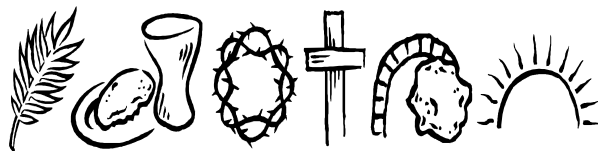
Fellowship: Palm Sunday brunch

April 24 (Easter Sunday)

Flowers: Donna Luety in memory of Paul

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor



April Birthdays

4/10 Pat Guaginte	4/23 Todd Anderson
4/13 McKenna Davies	4/23 Russ Engebretson
4/13 Florence Buchholz	4/25 Nicole Johnson Boylan
4/16 Irene Baker	4/26 Candy Hoefler
4/16 Dylan Van Fleet	4/29 Paul Bolender
4/19 Joan Guetschow	

April Baptism Anniversaries

4/2 Fern Miller	4/13 Barb Anderson
4/5 Bonnie Ottow	4/18 Kyle Hoefler
4/6 Sally Luety	4/20 Austin Anderson
4/7 Freda Leeder	4/25 Michael Janke
4/12 Ross Johnson	4/29 Charleta Affeldt
4/13 Jackie Holmbeck	

A Loss to the Atonement Family

Margaret Peterson February 22, 2011

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 all of those who were kind enough to send prayers, gifts and cards to Marge and I during our time of need. Our friends at Atonement are indeed a blessing. Thank you, Roland and Marge Mueller



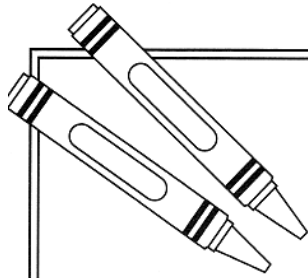
Looking for a way to give back? Want to make a difference in the life of a student? Join us at McNeel Middle School for our Lunch & Learn Mentor Program on Mondays from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Lunch & Learn is mentoring program design for students in 6th grade to provide a mentor to work one on one with them. Training will be held at a date to be announced. If interested, call Gene Ziemba at 481-0232, Tony Bosco at 361-3810 or Tina Goecks at 361-3812.

The Lydia group meeting will be Tuesday, April 5th at 1 PM in the Klingberg Chapel. Pastor Tina will lead a Bible study and Phyllis Steele will be hostess.

Adopt a Road Clean up begins again on April 17. Volunteers will clean up our adopted section of Milwaukee Road on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the service. Be sure to either bring comfortable clothing and sensible shoes to change into or just wear the clothes to church. Safety vests and gloves will be provided. For more information, see Norbert Larson.

Save the date: 2011 Synod Assembly will be May 14-15 at the Madison Marriott West, Middleton, WI. Assembly.

**The Annual Church Picnic
will be June 26, 2011
at Riverside Park in the Jones Pavilion
(located where Ace Hardware used to be).
Sign up sheets for food will be available
close to the event date.**



Just for **KIDS**

Easter

Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate! Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

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14	15	16
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17	18	19	20
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great happiness

a place where plants grow

opposite of evening

a shape that means love

it rises every morning

a close companion

Jesus was nailed to it

it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb



1 12

11 20 16

13 7 6

15 9 19

8 4

10 18 17

3 5

14 2



Jesus rose from the dead!

joy, garden, morning, heart, sun, friend, cross, stone

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