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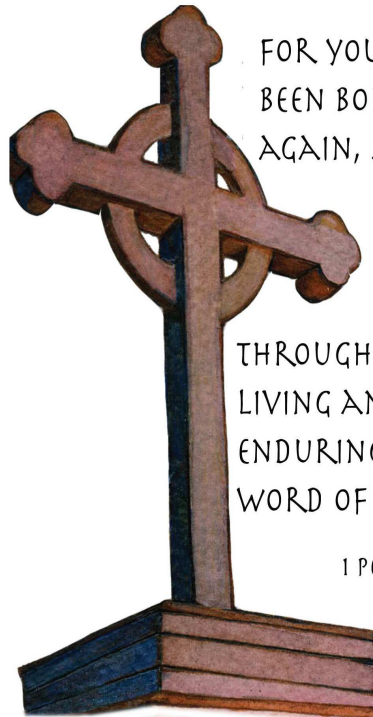
Celebration of ATONEMENT †

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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FOR YOU HAVE
BEEN BORN
AGAIN, ...

THROUGH THE
LIVING AND
ENDURING
WORD OF GOD.

1 PETER 1:23



From the Pastor...

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before God our Parent, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21

This past week I went to a workshop for the small church. One of the exercises that was presented is entitled, "The Power of God's Spirit Within Us". I would like you to find a quiet place and read the passage from Ephesians silently and then aloud; wait a few moments and then do both again. After a moment of living with the passage, consider the following questions. Feel free to use the space provided to jot down some thoughts. And then think about the third question and talk with other people of God here at Atonement.

Pastor Tina 

When have you experienced the power of God at work within
you
accomplishing abundantly far more than all we can ask or
imagine?

When have you experienced the power of God at work within
Atonement
accomplishing abundantly far more than all we can ask or
imagine?

How might we operate differently as a church if we kept these
experiences at the forefront of all that we do?

February/March Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>March</u>	adults/youth			
20	57/2	\$2565.00	\$14.00	\$ 29.46*
27	51/4	\$1916.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 42.00*
<u>April</u>				
3	53/5	\$ 2793.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 30.28
10	47/3	\$ 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?***

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.



OH I TOTALLY FOUND LAND A FEW DAYS AGO,
I'M JUST REALLY ENJOYING HAVING IT ALL
TO MYSELF FOR A BIT

May Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for May is from the
Hoefers & Jackie Holmbeck in memory of
Phyllis Hoefers-Richter

Altar Guild: Dick & Janice Adney

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: Brotherhood

May 1

Flowers: Donna Luety in honor of the 3 family members
turning 50 years old

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: Brotherhood

May 8

Flowers: Judy Gundry in honor of loved ones

Bread of Heaven: Ray & Joanne Capes

Fellowship: no sponsor

May 15

Flowers: Isabel Crowley in memory of husband, Mike

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: Lydia group

May 22

Flowers: Kim Najdowski & Nancy Clickner in honor of
Duane Shanbarker

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

May 29

Flowers: Roland & Marjorie Mueller in honor of loved ones

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

Easter Story Cookies

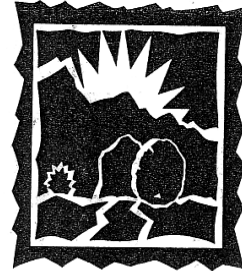
To be made the evening before Easter

Ingredients:

1 cup whole pecans
1 tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
pinch salt
1 cup sugar

Also needed:

zipper baggie
wooden spoon
tape
Bible



Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9

May Birthdays

5/1 Bob Kristianson 5/17 Beverly Spangenberg
5/1 Ruth Kilday 5/25 Richard Berner
5/3 Lana Dummer
5/7 Richard Mitchell

May Baptism Anniversaries

5/14 Sue Engebretson 5/28 Ruth Kilday
5/17 Richard Wallace 5/31 Debbie Perry
5/23 Archie Perry 5/31 Bruce Johnson

A New Member of the Atonement Family

Clara Christine Luety April 1, 2011, 5 lbs 10 oz
Daughter of Derrick & Whitley Luety

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the cards and condolences after the death of my sister Margaret. - Florence Buchholz



The Paul Bolender family wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his sister Bonnie Johnson during her final illness.

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.

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.

Rock County Specialized Transit program is recruiting interested persons for a rewarding and meaningful position. Volunteer drivers provide transportation for individuals age 55 and over and to persons with disabilities to medical appointments outside of Rock County (Madison, Milwaukee, Monroe and Rockford). Many of these passengers are veterans using the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities. For using their privately owned vehicles, drivers are reimbursed the IRS mileage rate. Passengers may require limited assistance as they are getting in and out of the vehicle, e.g. opening doors, offering an arm, or steadying a wheelchair to prevent rolling. Please consider becoming part of a volunteer team of dedicated and satisfied drivers. Please call 608-757-5413 for more information.

Adopt a Road Clean up begins again for this year. 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.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Shu-Lar Lane, Clinton will be hosting a Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale on Wednesday, May 4th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids aged 6-12 years old. Enjoy a wide variety of salads, hot dishes, rolls, dessert & beverage. For more information, call 676-4981.

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

The TMO's (Time Marches On) will be meeting for a potluck at the church at 4:30 PM, Saturday, May 21. Phyllis Steele & Mary Wendtland will be hosting.

**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.**



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SUNDAY SCHOOLER?



Just for KIDS

"A Time to Plant..."

The spring of the year is time to plant gardens or tend to other plants. The list below contains the names of plants that grew in Bible times. How many do you recognize? Circle the names from the list. They may be found → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ . There will be 13 letters uncircled. Write them in the spaces below.

myrrh	aloes	cassia	mint	dill
lentil	apple trees	crocus	barley	cucumbers
balsam trees	melons	leeks	onions	garlic
oak trees	wheat	figs	mustard	grain
pomegranates	olive trees	beans	millet	cane
almonds	cinnamon	pistachio nuts	rose of Sharon	
lily of the valley				

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Who is the "Master Gardener"?

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Jesus, Son of God

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