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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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And when the day
of Pentecost
was fully
come, they
were all
with one
accord in
one place.

Acts 2:1



From the Pastor...

I've been sitting at home recovering from some digestive tract difficulties and I've been watching a lot of TV. One of the shows is "How the Lottery changed my life" or something like that. It's about ordinary people winning millions or thousands in the lottery or publishers clearing house give away. It got me to thinking, what would I ask for if I was granted one wish by a genie in a bottle? A million dollars? A billion dollars? A handsome man? A life of leisure--fun in the sun? Or renewed health? That million dollars could buy you most of that and more. But would it buy you happiness?

Most of us think that we would be a whole lot happier if we were just rich and famous. Jim Carrey doesn't think so -- and he *is* rich and famous. He became rich and famous starring in movies such as "Ace Ventura" and "The Cable Guy." Carrey knows how it feels to be rich and famous, because he's been there and done that. He says: "I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer."

My prayer for each one of us in these continued tough economic times is that have we enough. That we learn to trust that God will continue to take care of us, even as God clothes the birds of the air and the flowers of the field. Enough: enough money to pay our light bills and put food on the table; enough love to make our hearts swell and overflow; enough faith to know that God is with us even when we do not feel God's presence. Psalm 23 is often thought of as a funeral psalm. Well it is not "just" for funerals. It is a psalm about God's love and care for us in all the good and bad times on this roller coaster ride called life. May we also consider this passage from the book of Matthew,

chapter 6:

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Yes, I know times are tough, but perhaps, in a culture that is so fast paced and overloaded with information, we are being called to appreciate the simpler things in life and to learn to trust in God's providence and to not always think that more is better and "I can do this by myself" and "if only I would win the lottery I would be happy". More is not always better; money cannot make us happy and we do need each other and God.

Pastor Tina 

January/February Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>April</u>	adults/youth			
17	69/10	\$1030.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 24.17
24	82/5	\$2192.00	\$39.00	\$ 33.08
<u>May</u>				
1	45/3	\$1690.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 28.93
8	54/4	\$2385.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 32.64
13	44/5	\$1805.00	\$10.00	\$ 21.20

Financial update as of 4/30/11

Total income Jan-Apr 2011	\$36,826.85
Total expenses Jan-Apr 2011	-\$40,405.00
Net income (Jan-Apr 2011)	\$ -3,677.15

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?***

June Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for June is in memory of Pastor David E. Archie and David A. Archie by Betty Lou, David & Maria

Altar Guild: Candy Hofer

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: Sue Grade

June 5

Flowers: Maggie Janke for her birthday

Bread of Heaven: Ray & Jo Capes

Fellowship: Maggie Janke for Michael's graduation

June 12

Flowers: Jeanne Cole

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

June 19

Flowers: Bonnie Ottow with love for Duane's 79th birthday

Bread of Heaven: David & Diana Schneider

Fellowship: no sponsor

June 26 (Outdoor Service & Church Picnic)

Flowers: Dave & Jane Luety in honor of granddaughter Madeline's 2nd birthday

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: Annual Church Picnic today



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

April 28, 2011

Dear Atonement Lutheran Church:

On Easter Sunday morning I listened as my pastor proclaimed the Word - "the" Word and in my pew, at the moment he finished I exhaled a quiet "wow!" which I suppose was a non-liturgical version of "Amen!"

Here is some of what he said:

... As we live our complicated lives of faith, we will make many meanings of this day. May all of our meanings for what Jesus did point not to ourselves but to the action of God, to the grace that enlivens the whole human family, to the mysterious love that transforms darkness to hope, and to the changing of things in this world and the next.

What did Jesus do? Jesus lived an amazing life, and Jesus died a hard death, and Jesus rose again. Alleluia.

This is "the" word and it has been given to us to in turn give away to the world.

Along with your congregation's quarterly financial statement I thank you for the mission support you give through the South Central Synod of Wisconsin because it does, in many told and untold ways, make the transforming ministries of grace and love happen in this world. You need to know that.

You also need to know that mission support continues to fall short of what is needed. In comparison, synod mission support at this time one year ago was \$339,514 and this year it is \$305,039. That means we are unable to fully fund our ministry partners (such as seminaries, Campus Ministry, Wisconsin Council of Churches, Lutheran Planned Giving, etc. . .) at our budgeted levels. We have so much - we have everything - to give away for the sake and in the name of Jesus' mysterious love that transforms darkness to hope. Please help our ministry partners through your mission support to the synod, it is needed. Pray and make it possible for this to be the last in several years of decline and the beginning of a new and different trend.

Now, in only a couple weeks we will convene our annual Synod Assembly under the theme "Telling A Better Story" Thank you for the ways in which you both trust and witness to that better, Easter story!

For Christ's Sake,

+ *Bruce Zimmiside*

Your Bishop

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

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Date
3/31/2011

To:

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901 Harrison Ave
Beloit, WI 53511

Mission Support

Description	Amount	Balance
Balance forward		0.00
Mission Support- INV #06676. Due 01/03/2011.	0.00	0.00
INV #06677. Due 01/03/2011.	2,200.00	2,200.00
Amount Due		2,200.00

THANK YOU for your generosity and partnership! 'Amount Due' is your remaining mission intent. Negative amounts reflect giving greater than your mission intent. Only intangible benefits were received for donations.

A CARD FOR DAD

Before Father's Day, a mother took her four-year-old son to a card store. She showed him the section with cards for fathers and told him to pick one.

The boy took one card after another, opened them, and quickly shoved them back into their envelopes.

"What are you doing, Benny?" his mother asked. "Haven't you found a nice card for Daddy yet?"

"No," he replied, "I'm looking for one with money in it."

-via Bart VanGiessen
Texas Township, MI

AN UPDATE FROM EMILY ANDREAE

I am currently in Milwaukee at the Medical College of Wisconsin working toward a PhD in Biochemistry. It has been a trying, stressful, and rewarding journey through graduate school, and I hope to finish up within the next year or two. Where the good Lord sends me next will be anyone's guess, but I'd like to stay in the Midwest if possible. Have you had other Beloit College students come to Atonement Lutheran since Audrey, Emily CZ, Becky, and me? You know, I have never found a church home as welcoming and friendly as what I had during college, and I consider myself blessed to have been a part of your lives. I hope and pray that you are doing well. Sincerely, Emily A. Andreae

**The Annual Church Picnic
will be June 26, 2011
at Riverside Park in the Jones Pavilion
(located where Ace Hardware used to be).**

June Birthdays

6/6 Cason Janke	6/15 Roland Mueller
6/6 Jackie Holmbeck	6/19 Duane Ottow
6/8 Pastor Tina	6/29 Nate Anderson
6/9 Arlene Ruegger	6/30 Dick Adney
6/10 Vi Pankonien	

June Baptism Anniversaries

6/5 Ben Griswold	6/23 Arlene Ruegger
6/5 Les Nystrom	6/23 Pat Sauser
6/10 David Luety III	6/25 Cole Rowald
6/10 Doris Betz	6/25 Sam Rowald
6/19 Dylan Van Fleet	6/27 Phyllis Steele

Address Change for Ben Griswold

5231 N. Vaughn Street Apt #115
Mercer, WI 54547

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.

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.

Adopt a Road Clean up is here again. 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.

Hands of Faith guests will be here next Sunday. A sign up sheet is in the Klingberg Chapel and the clotheline of needs is hanging in the hallway.

Faith Lutheran Church is proud to bring you the joyful news of the Service of Installation of Reverend Luanne K. Bettisch at 3 PM, Sunday June 5, 2011 with a reception to follow.

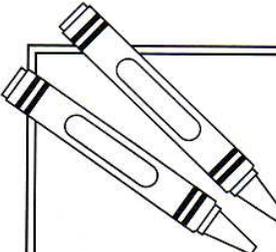


(See Revelation 21:21)

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ONE OF THESE DAYS WE'LL BE PAVING OUR
ROADS WITH THIS STUFF

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SUNDAY SCHOOLER?



Just for **KIDS**

“We Remember Parents”

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verses given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A -----
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B -----
Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24)	C -----
John-the disciple (Matthew 4:21).....	D -----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	E -----
	F -----
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G -----
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H -----
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I -----
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J -----
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	K -----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	L -----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M -----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20).....	N -----
Jesse (Matthew 1:5).....	O -----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	P -----
	Q -----
Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24).....	R -----
Isaac (Genesis 21:3).....	S -----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) ...	T -----
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	U -----
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	V -----
	W -----
	X -----
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	Y -----
James (Matthew 4:21).....	Z -----



Mary, Zebedee
 Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David,
 Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah,

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