

July 2011

# Celebration of ATONEMENT †

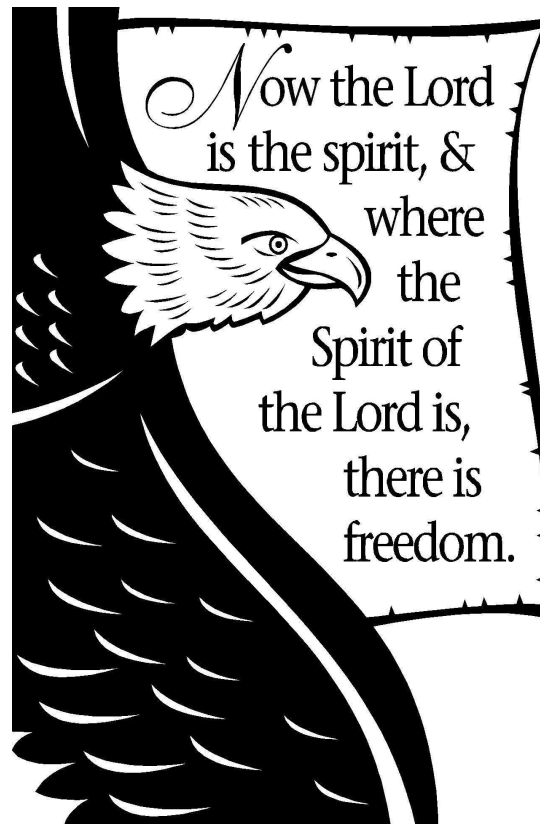
Newsletter of Atonement Lutheran Church,  
Rev. Tina Koenig Ray, BCC, Pastor

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

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

“What is the essence of America? Finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance between freedom ‘to’ and freedom ‘from.’” *Marilyn vos Savant*

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

*2 Corinthians 3:17*

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.” *Abraham Lincoln*

As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

*1 Peter 2:16*

“Freedom is the oxygen of the soul.” *Moshe Dayan*

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an

opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

*Galatians 5:13*

Pastor Tina 

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## Farmer's Market

In place of doing the Senior Fair, we are going to set up a table at the Beloit Farmer's Market in David Luety's space. We will have free bottles of water, brochures, and magnets to pass out. (Possibly some of Finger's crosses?)

We'll have 2 people per shift, 8:00-10:15 am and 10:15 am -12:30 pm, with folks arriving 15 minutes before their shift. Right now we are trying to see if we



can get enough volunteers, details will be forthcoming. The dates will be July 2, 2011, August 6, 2011, September 3, 2011 and October 1, 2011. There is a sign-up sheet in the Klingberg Chapel.

### May /June Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>May</u>	adults/youth			
22	44/4	\$1315.00	\$39.00	\$ 19.21
29	74/10	\$1020.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 28.50
<u>June</u>				
5	56/3	\$2200.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 31.96
12	40/1	\$1600.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 21.89

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Financial update figures were not available at publication time.

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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?***

## **July Flower & Fellowship Schedule**

**Eternal Candle:** The Eternal Candle for July is from Donna Luety, honoring our church

**Altar Guild:** Pat Devins

**Weekly Beloit Daily News ad:** Pat Sauser, Dick & Jan Mitchell

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### **July 3**

**Flowers:** Doris Betz in memory of her parents

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **July 10**

**Flowers:** Dave & Jane Luety in honor of granddaughter's Caroline & Sydney's 2nd birthday

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

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **July 17**

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

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **July 24**

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **July 31**

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

## SOMETHING FOR ANDY part 1

I tried not to be biased and hired a disabled person. His placement counselor assured me he would be a good, reliable bus-boy. I wasn't sure how my customers would react to Andy. He was short, and had the features and speech of Down Syndrome. I wasn't worried about trucker customers because truckers don't care who buses tables as long as the meat loaf is good and pies are homemade. Four-wheeler drivers concerned me. I knew people would be uncomfortable around Andy so I closely watched him the first few weeks. I shouldn't have worried. After the first week, Andy had my staff wrapped around his little finger, and within a month truck regulars adopted him as their official mascot. I really didn't care what the rest of the customers thought of him. He was a 21-year-old in blue jeans and Nikes, eager to laugh and please, but fierce in his attention to his duties. Every salt shaker was exactly in place, not a crumb or spill visible. Our only problem was convincing him to wait until customers finished to clean a table. He'd hover, shifting weight from one foot to the other, scanning the dining room until a table was empty. Then he would scurry and carefully bus the dishes and glasses to a cart and wipe the table up with a flourish of his rag. If he thought a customer was watching, his brow would pucker with added concentration. He took pride in doing his job exactly right, and you had to love how hard he tried to please each person. We learned he lived with his mother, a widow disabled after repeated surgeries for cancer. They lived on Social Security benefits in public housing two miles from the truck stop. The social worker, who stopped to check on him every so often, admitted they had fallen between the cracks. Money was tight, and what I paid him was the difference between them being able to live together and Andy being sent to a home. That's why the restaurant was gloomy the first morning in three years Andy missed work. He was at the Mayo Clinic getting a new valve in his heart. His social worker said Down Syndrome people often had heart problems. There

was a good chance he would come through surgery in good shape and be back at work in a few months. A ripple of excitement ran through the staff when word came he was out of surgery and doing fine. Frannie, my waitress, let out a war whoop and did a little dance in the aisle when she heard the good news. Belle Ringer, one of our regular trucker customers, stared at the sight of the 50-year-old grandmother doing a victory shimmy. He grinned, "Frannie, what was that all about?" "Andy is out of surgery and going to be okay." "I was wondering where he was. Frannie told Belle Ringer and the other drivers about Andy's surgery, then sighed, "Yeah, I'm glad he is going to be OK, but I don't know how he and his mom are going to handle all the bills. From what I hear, they're barely getting by as is." .....

Part 2 in the August newsletter!!

## STUFF THE BUS

The School District of Beloit is gathering supplies for needy kids in our community. You can help.



The goal of the group is to have a backpack filled with a jump start on the school supply list kids need. Pencils, crayons, notebooks, folders, lined paper, rulers, scissors, glue, erasers, markers, watercolors, glue sticks, colored pencils.

Bring your supplies to church during July and we will fill the backpack!



## **ELCA joins continuing response in tornado-damaged Springfield area**

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and staff of Lutheran Social Services of New England have been part of a week-long response to local needs in the Springfield, Mass. area following tornadoes that touched down there June 1. The storms caused the deaths of four people in West Springfield and Springfield and left considerable property damage in parts of both cities. Among the people most severely affected were several refugee families served by Lutheran Social Services of New England.

"Lutheran Social Services was on the ground right away to help people who were displaced," said the Rev. Margaret S. Payne, bishop of the ELCA New England Synod. Payne visited some of the damaged areas June 8 and met refugees whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the storms.

More than a dozen families served by Lutheran Social Services of New England are being housed temporarily in a shelter facility in Springfield, said Heather L. Feltman, chief executive officer and president. Staff and volunteers are working to provide temporary shelter and eventually relocate the families.

Feltman said refugees served by Lutheran Social Services and other refugees are turning up nearly a week after the tornadoes in need of shelter, food and other assistance. Through the generosity of ELCA members, ELCA Disaster Response sent a \$10,000 emergency grant to Lutheran Social Services to help with early response to the storms.

Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response will be used entirely to respond to the series of spring storms, including tornadoes and floods. Gifts may be contributed at <http://www.ELCA.org/disaster/storms> on the ELCA website. Gifts may also be contributed by calling 800-638-3522, or by mail to ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300. Please write "U.S. Severe Storms" on your check's memo line.



### July Birthdays

7/4 Gary Cole	7/19 Marcy Reedy
7/4 Janice Mitchell	7/21 Richard Wallace
7/7 Susan Anderson	7/22 Marjorie Reynolds
7/16 Don Reedy	7/27 LaVaughn Kunny

### July Baptism Anniversaries

7/6 Susan Anderson	7/17 Duane Ottow
7/8 Richard Mitchell	7/21 David Schneider
7/13 Florence Buchholz	

### Newly Baptized

Clara Luety      May 29, 2011  
Daughter of Derrick & Whitney Luety

### A Loss to the Atonement Family

Jeune Nelson      June 14, 2011

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### Address Change for Freda Leeder, Bob Kristianson & Marilyn Barnes

Sun Valley Terrace  
2770 Iva Court, Beloit

### Address Change for Norbert Larson

2120 Riverside Dr. #30  
Beloit, WI 53511

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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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**Last call to sign up for next week's Annual  
Church Picnic!**

**Sign up sheets are in the Klingberg Chapel.**

**Please bring your own lawn chair &  
table service to the picnic next  
week. *Service is at 10 AM, picnic to  
follow.***

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The Lydia Circle will meet at 1 PM, Tuesday, July 5th in the Klingberg Chapel. Arlene Ruegger will be the hostess, and Pastor Tina will be conducting a Bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend.

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The W.O.W.s would like to go to Lake Geneva on Wednesday, July 20 for lunch and a boat ride. A minimum of 20 people is needed to make this happen, so everyone from the church and friends and family members are invited to come along. The cost per person is \$42, which includes lunch, gratuity and the boat ride, and needs to be prepaid to Les Nystrom ASAP. Meet here at the church for shared rides at 9:30 AM, the boat leaves at 11:30 AM for a 2 1/4 hour ride around the lake. For more information, please contact Joan Guetschow.



**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.

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**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.

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**Caravilla is being rehabbed to be HOME for homeless vets from Rock County.** There are 24 apartments, with 2 men per place. So far 5 men are settled, with more coming. Needed are double bed sheets, towels both large and small, dishes, silverware, glasses, personal toiletries, books for the library, games, and monetary gifts to help with buying clothes and such. If you can help, please contact Madelyn Gmach at 365-8032, and she will pick your items up.



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