

February 2012

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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LOVE
does not
delight
in EVIL
but
Rejoices
with
the
TRUTH

1 Corinthians 13:6



From the Pastor...

Beatitudes For friends of the Aging

Blessed are they who understand

My faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today

Must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know

That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away

When coffee spilled at the table today.

Blessed are they who never say

“You’ve told that story twice today.”

Blessed are they who know the ways

To bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known

That I’m loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who know I’m at a loss

To find the strength to carry the cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days

On my journey Home in loving ways.

-Esther Mary Walker

Pastor Tina 

**The Brotherhood is holding the
Annual Valentine Luncheon
after the service
Sunday, February 19th.**

**The cost is \$6.50 per person if the
minimum number of 50 is met,
catering provided by
Skip's Friendly Village.**

**Sign up sheets are in the Klingberg
Chapel. If you have any questions,
please contact Rolly Affeldt.**

December/January Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>December</u> adults/youth				
18	54/2	\$2725.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 23.64
24	25/5	\$0000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 00.00
24	20/4	\$0000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 00.00
25	26/0	\$1617.00	\$39.00	\$ 30.00
<u>January</u>				
1	31/3	\$5100.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 19.74
8	47/4	\$2110.00	\$10.00	\$ 24.63
15	43/2	\$2069.98	\$ 5.00	\$ 19.98
22	42/2	\$xxxx.00	\$ x.00	\$ xx.xx

Financial update as of 12/31/11

Total income Jan-Dec. 2011	\$114,212.18
Total expenses Jan-Dec. 2011	-\$121,549.95
Net income (Jan-Dec. 2011)	\$- 7,337.77

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?***

Ecumenical Lenten Worship Services for Wednesdays at 7PM, 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Host Pastor</u>	<u>Preaching Pastor</u>
Feb 22	St. Paul's Episc	Rev. Gail Abbott	Rev. Bill Ingersoll
Feb 29	First Congregational	Rev. Kendell Nordstrom	Father Gary
Mar 7	First Presbyterian	Rev. Bill Ingersoll	Rev. David Ewing
Mar 14	San Jose Parish	Rev. Neddy Astudillo	Rev. Tina Koenig Ray
Mar 21	Sec Congregational	Rev. Doug Gray Rev. Carol Taylor	Rev. Ian Stirrat
Mar 28	Sun Valley Presby	Rev. David Ewing	Rev. Carol Taylor
Apr 6	Atonement Luth	Rev. Tina Koenig Ray	Rev. David Carlson

CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS...WE MISS YOU

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

You have all heard of child or spousal abuse.

How many of you have heard of church-member abuse? I feel like an abused church member because of all the members of our church who never set foot in the building except for Christmas and Easter, if they come that often.

I think about all the help they could give us in accomplishing the work of the church, such as serving on committees and giving talent and energy to keep this church a vital, dynamic force in all our lives and in the community. Because of this indifference, the work and support of the church have become the responsibility of a few loyal people who have served the church consistently.

You might say that I am just feeling sorry for these people that give so much of themselves to keep the church going, and you would be absolutely right. But you may also sense some anger, and you would be right about that, too.

I think that someday, those who never come to church and yet consider themselves "active" will regret that they did not help out when needed so much. This casual attitude toward the church indicates to the active people that the inactive ones don't like the rest or care enough about their fellow members to associate with them.

Perhaps the inactive people feel the others don't really care about them, so why should they care?

If the church has become just a necessary burden, something needed in case a big life event occurs, such as a wedding or funeral, then the church can't assume much significance. If this offends people, I would say "Good!" I would rather see some strong feelings than a blah, apathetic response.

PLEASE come back. We miss you and would love to see you. We know that some of you have not attended due to illness or other difficult circumstances. If we don't know about these, please let us know. If you would like to talk to someone from the church, just let us know that also.

Sincerely,
Gerry Swederski



February Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for February has no sponsor

Altar Guild: Marcy & Don Reedy

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: no sponsor

February 5

Flowers: Bob Kristianson in honor of extended family

Bread of Heaven: Bob Kristianson

Fellowship: Bob Kristianson

February 12

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: Bob Kristianson

Fellowship: no sponsor

February 19

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

February 26

Flowers: Russ & Cheryl Ramczyk for their birthdays

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor



February Birthdays

2/ 7	Les Nystrom	2/22	Phyllis Steele
2/12	Kyle Hoefler	2/28	Richard Wendtland
2/21	Cheryl Ramczyk		

February Baptism Anniversaries

2/ 8	Charlotte Laird	2/21	Robert Ruegger
2/13	Susan Grade	2/14	Noah Dummer

A Loss to the Atonement Family

Marjorie Staack Jan 6th, 2012

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.

We always need stamps!

Donate whatever comfortably fits your budget: a roll, a book or two or even just a few stamps. Just think-if 10 people donate 10 stamps, it equals a whole roll!

It's Sunday School time again!

The first Sunday of the month we will be having class at 8:15 a.m. We will be meeting on 2-5-12; 3-4-12; 4-1-12; 5-6-12; and 6-3-12. If you'd like to teach this class there is a sign up sheet in the chapel. Don't forget to bring your kids to church! Following the class, kids are asked to join us in church.

Pastor Tina would like to invite 10 people to share their favorite Bible story with Atonement's children. A sign up sheet will be going around on Sunday mornings and also in the chapel so that we don't overlap our stories. The children are young, so a sim-

ple story and craft will be fine. You will need to provide any 'props' or art supplies, although we do have crayons in the chapel. Thank you in advance for sharing your love of Jesus with the kids.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during Ray's illness and continuing recovery. - Ray and Joanne Capes



Thank you everyone for the generous gift and card. It's always so nice to receive a "good job!" - Pattye Gilmour

MATCHING FUND

Norbert Larson made the announcement on December 11th that the matching fund is back. This year up to \$15,000.00 will be matched. So please give what you are able, in addition to your pledge. It takes money to make the wheels turn at Atonement and we are running short of funds. Prayerful consider what you can give. Please write 'matching funds' on the memo line of your check or on an envelope if you are giving cash. Thank you.

THE END IS NEAR!

The old email address for Atonement (Atonement@jvl.net.com) will be discontinued this month. Please use the following email (atonement@atonementbeloit.org) for any correspondence with the church.

There is a need for volunteers to help count the offering each week. If you're interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the Klingberg Chapel.

The Community Assistance Program is offering a free prescription discount card which is accepted at 80% of the pharmacies nationwide. If you have NO insurance, and your medicine isn't covered by insurance or Medicare, you present the card at the pharmacy and pay either the discounted price or the pharmacy's retail price, whichever is lower. If you would like a card, please come to the office. Both Pastor Tina and the secretary have cards.

Rock County now has a new process for people when applying for some state/county benefits. Rock County is now in a "Southern Consortium", which includes the counties of Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson and Lafayette. The Rock County benefits application intake number of 741-3488 is no longer in service. The Southern Consortium telephone number is 1-888-794-5780 (toll free). The hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM-4 PM. Persons can call this number to: apply for benefits (Medicaid, food share, etc), report changes, get information about their benefits and find the location and hours of an office near them.

Lydia group will meet at one o'clock Tuesday, February 7th, in the Klingberg Chapel. Pat Devins will be hostess and Pastor Tina will lead the Bible Study. All women are welcome.

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