

March 2012

# Celebration of ATONEMENT †

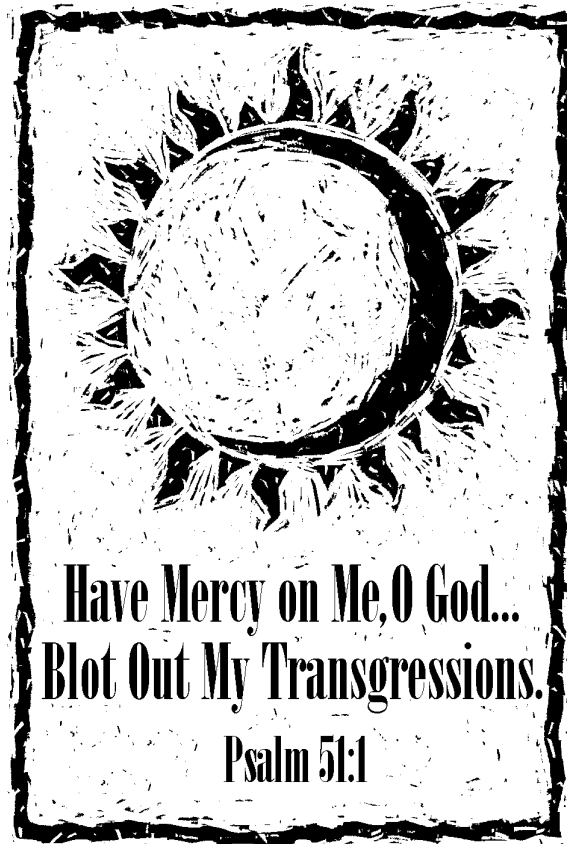
Newsletter of Atonement Lutheran Church,  
Rev. Tina Koenig Ray, BCC, Pastor

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

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*From the Pastor...*

*“We’re On a Mission from God,” so said the Blues Brothers. I just love that movie. “I am on a Mission”, says God.*

*Yes, God has a mission and WE are invited to participate in what God is up to in this world. That is why we exist as a church and as people. We are called to be who we are, see what we have and do what matters.*

*I’d like you to list three things that you enjoy doing every day... are you doing it? Now, how can you transform that activity into serving God and community? Do you like to read? Perhaps you can read to a shut in whose eyes are not so good anymore or read the lessons on Sunday morning. Do you like to sing? Perhaps you can sing in a choir. It’s not complicated, we are called to be who we are.*

*We are on a missional discovery journey process that calls us to look outward, not inward. May God bless us on this journey and give us the wisdom and strength and humility we need as we go through this process of transformation.*

*Pastor Tera* 

## 2012 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Nate Anderson
Vice President	Gerry Swederski
Secretary	Janice Mitchell
Inreach	Jackie Holmbeck & Bob Kristianson
Outreach	Janice Mitchell & Pat Devins
Music & Worship	Mary Wendtland & Pat Sauser
Mutual Ministry	Gerry Swederski
Stewardship	Norbert Larson
Property	Nate Anderson

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW JANITOR

My name is Larry Moody. I was born in Junction City, Kansas. Sharon and I met in High School and have been married for 48 years this May. Sharon was born in Syracuse, New York. We have two sons-one in Madison and one in West Allis; no grandchildren. I have been a United Methodist clergyperson for 44 years and retired in 2007 but was immediately asked to serve a part-time appointment in Northern Illinois. The Burritt Community Church is located in Illinois Highway 70 just west of Rockford. I served as a U.S. Army Hospital Chaplain and I am a combat veteran. My undergraduate work was at Baker University (Baldwin City, KS), my M.Div. degree was at United Theological Seminary (Dayton) and my Ph.D. was from Aquinas Institute of Theology (Dubuque). I have taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. I enjoy gardening, biking, walking, snowshoeing, reading and writing. We have lived at 1509 S. Ridge Road in Beloit since June 2007.

### January/February Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>January</u> adults/youth				
29	31/1	\$1685.00	\$10.00	\$18.26
<u>February</u>				
5	35/2	\$2484.00	\$15.00	\$26.86
12	47/3	\$1070.00	\$10.00	\$18.26

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### Financial update as of 1/31/12

Total income Jan 2012	\$17,771.35
Total expenses Jan 2012	-\$ 9,789.14
Net income Jan 2012	\$ 7,982.21

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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?***

## 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
<b>Good Friday 7 PM Service:</b>			
Apr 6	Atonement Luth	Rev. Tina Koenig Ray	Rev. David Carlson

# Lydia Group Bible Study 2012-2013

## Bad Girls of the Bible, by Barbara Essex

March 6, 2012	Getting Started and Introduction
April 3	Biblical Interpretative Tools
May 1	Eve- Willful or Wise?
June 5	Lot's Wife - Homicidal or Suicide?
July 3	Rebekah - Deceptive or Direct?
August 7	Tamar - Parasite or Persistent?
September 4	Potipher's Wife - Truth or Dare?
October 2	Delilah - Envy or Entrepreneur?
November 6	Jezebel - Devious or Diva?
December 4	Christmas Outing
Jan 1 or 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Job's Wife - Foe or Foil?
February 5	Gomar - Vixen or Victim?
March 5	Herodias - Heartless or Hurt?
April 2	The Woman Caught in Adultery - Fallen or Forgiven?
May 7	Sapphira - Good Intentions or Bad Ends?

Please join us for an hour long Bible study using the book by Barbara Essex, "Bad Girls of the Bible". If you are able to reimburse the Lydia Group, the cost for each book is \$14.45. If you can't come for each session, please come and join us when you can.

## **March Flower & Fellowship Schedule**

**Eternal Candle:** The Eternal Candle for March is from Rollyn & Charleta Affeldt in memory of their parents

**Altar Guild:** Candy Hoefler

**Weekly Beloit Daily News ad:** no sponsor

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### **March 4**

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** Isabel Crowley

**Fellowship:** Lydia group

### **March 11**

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **March 18**

**Flowers:** Bob Kristianson in memory of son Donn

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### **March 25**

**Flowers:** Bob Kristianson in memory of Opal

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor



### March Birthdays

3/10 Bonnie Ottow  
3/24 Fern Miller

3/27 Cole & Samuel Rowald

### March Baptism Anniversaries

3/2 Justin Reedy  
3/17 Gene Sanda  
3/17 Ron Guaginte  
3/17 Richard Mitchell  
3/20 Nancy Clickner

3/21 William Rowald  
3/22 Candy Hoefler  
3/25 Dru Dummer  
3/29 Morris Hansen  
3/23 Dawson Van Fleet

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## THANK YOU! 😊

Hello, this is a little random and you probably do not remember me, but my name is Emery Ellingson and I came to services a few times and a eucharist night or two a few years ago while I was attending Beloit College during my first year of college, which would have been 2008-2009. I left and transferred to Gustavus Adolphus College the next year.

Anyways, I am now a senior and am applying for the Young Adults in Global Mission program through the ELCA and am writing my essay questions for the applications. One of the questions asks to articulate your faith which made me think of how much I enjoyed being able to be part of a faith community while I was at Beloit College. I really had a difficult time getting used to college, being away from home but I always felt very at home at Atonement, it was a space where I felt at home and very comfortable. I know it has been awhile but I just felt it would be nice to let you know how much I enjoyed the time I spent and the people of the congregation I got the chance to meet at Atonement.

Sincerely,  
Emery Ellingson



**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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### **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!

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### **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 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 simple 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.

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**The sign up sheet for the Easter Garden will be available in the Klingberg Chapel. The types of plants available and the cost per plant is the same as in previous years.**

## **CARITAS ADOPT A SHELF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING**

A need that has been identified for Caritas neighbors for personal care products. We have been invited to take a key role in the Adopt-A-Shelf campaign. We at Atonement are responsible for the BABY CARE shelf. We are collecting baby care items such as : lotion, wipes, shampoo, body wash, diaper rash cream/ointments. There is a basket in the hallway outside the chapel, just drop the items in there and they will be delivered to Caritas when needed by Candy Hoefler. If you have any Questions, see Candy

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## **MATCHING FUND**

Norbert Larson made the announcement on December 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Prayerfully 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.

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## **THE END IS NEAR!**

The old email address for Atonement (Atonement@jvl.net.com) is being discontinued. Please use the following email (atonelement@atonelementbeloit.org) for any correspondence with the church.

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**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.

**Empty Bowl, the luncheon fundraiser to help Rock County food pantries, is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2012.** This is an important effort for pantries as needs in the community are increasing. It will take place at Beloit Memorial High School, 1225 Fourth Street in Beloit. Hand made soups from over 16 area restaurants as well as high school culinary students with artisan breads from Mary's Market will be served. The price of a soup lunch only is \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door; soup with a ceramic bowl to take home included is \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at Atonement Lutheran Church office.

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**The women of First Baptist Church, 617 Public Ave, of Beloit are sponsoring the 24th Annual Sharing of the Bread on Wednesday, March 21 at 9:30 AM.** It will be held in Fellowship Hall on the second floor of the church. There is an elevator for your convenience. Some seating will be available in the Gathering Room on the main floor for handicapped. This gathering is a highlight of the Lenten season as we celebrate with the ladies of your church and several other area churches. We will share light refreshments of a variety of home-made breads made by the women of our church. The "Daylilies Acappella Chorus" from Janesville will present the program. There is no cost to attend, however if anyone wishes to contribute, there will be boxes available on the dining tables for donations to our "Love Gift" missions. When making your reservations, please give the name of your church and the names of the women attending. Seating is limited so we ask that you please make your reservations by **Monday, March 12.** Please call the church office at 365-8455 with your reservation.

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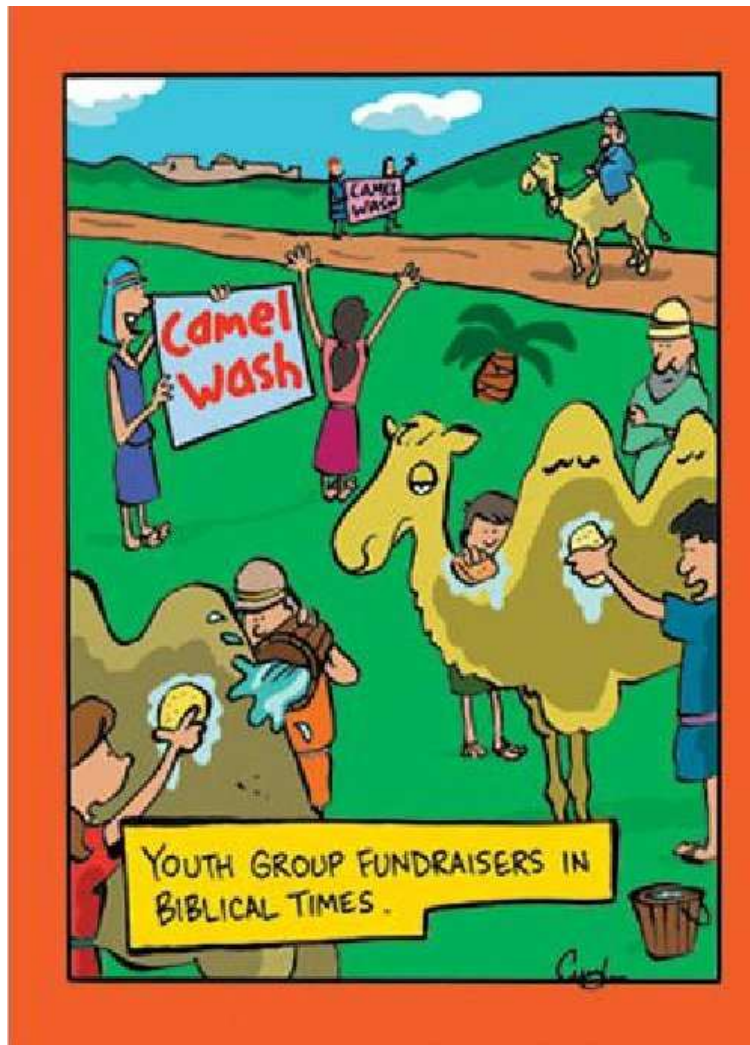
**The Community Assistance Program is offering a free prescription discount card which is accepted at 80% of the pharmacies nationwide.** If you have NO insurance, and your

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.

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**The Fellowship Hall is reserved for a birthday party Saturday, March 31st.**

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## LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

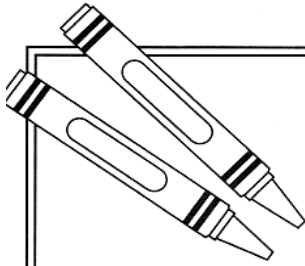
The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.



The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so ... Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Have a blessed, garbage-free day!



# Just for KIDS

## "Friends"

Look up the verses below to find the missing person in each pair of friends. Write the circled letters on the blanks at the bottom.

David &	— — — — ○ —	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa &	○ — — — — —	Acts 25:13
Naomi &	○ — — — — —	Ruth 1:22
Paul &	— ○ — — — —	Acts 16:25
Joshua &	— — — — ○ —	Numbers 14:6
Peter &	— — — — ○ —	Luke 5:8-10
Job &	○ — — — — —	Job 2:11
Elijah &	— ○ — — — —	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar &	— ○ — — — —	Job 2:11
Jonathon &	— — — ○ — —	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter &	— — — ○ — ○	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus &	— ○ — — — —	John 11:20
Jesus &	— — — — ○ —	John 11:5
Timothy &	— — — — ○ —	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus &	○ — — — — —	John 11:5
Mary &	— — — — — ○	Luke 1:39-40
Job &	— — — ○ — —	Job 2:11
Aaron &	○ — — — ○ —	Exodus 4:27
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	Proverbs 17:17a	

“A friend loves at all times.”

Answer: Hushai; Festus; Ruth; Silas; Caleb; John; Bildad; Elisha; Job; David; James; Mary; Martha; Paul; Lazarus; Elizabeth; Eliphaz; Moses

# Sabbath in Everyday Life

## A Retreat for Lay Leaders

Saturday, March 24, 2012  
First United Methodist Church  
203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI

We're often better at the "bigger Sabbaths" in life, like taking summer vacations or going away for a weekend. But the smaller Sabbaths in everyday life can be harder. The frenetic pace of life and information can prevent us from taking the smaller Sabbath time we need. This retreat will explore Sabbath in everyday life, including spiritual practices to enhance Sabbath time, obstacles to Sabbath, and cultivating Sabbath by noticing and attending to God's presence.



Judy Nolde

The retreat leader is Judy Nolde, a spiritual director and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. She is a Benedictine Oblate with Holy Wisdom Monastery in Madison. Currently, Judy is a student in Loyola University's-Chicago, MA in Pastoral Studies program. She received her spiritual direction training through the Pacific Jubilee Program in Canada. She sees individuals for spiritual guidance, and leads small groups and retreats. She volunteers at Gilda's Club of Madison leading meditation sessions, and serves on the Missional Discovery Journey Planning Team of the South-Central Synod of WI, ELCA.

The retreat will include presentation time, individual reflection, small group sharing, plenty of Sabbath time, and walking an indoor labyrinth.

Co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and South Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA.

**Registration** and lunch is \$65 in advance by March 16th; \$75 after March 16th.

For a full flyer and registration form see [www.wichurches.org](http://www.wichurches.org) under "List of Events" and online registration with payment by credit card is available.

Call WCC at (608) 837-3108 for more information and registration assistance.

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