

July 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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Psalm 23:1



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

In the verses preceding verse 27, chapter 11 of Luke, Jesus is casting out demons and responding to claims that he does this by the power of Beelzebul. The passage continues, *“<sup>27</sup>While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!” <sup>28</sup>But Jesus said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!””*

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” This seems like an easy enough task to do: hear and obey. But notice it says hear the word of God, not the word of the culture that tells us that more is better, rich is more blessed and outward beauty is better than inner beauty, among other messages. *Hear the word of the God.*

Even here there can be problems. Some people only want to hear part of the word of God, the parts they agree with such as passages referring to homosexuality or the place of women in society or slavery or views of war and murder. Those who do this proof texting often overlook (on purpose) the umbrella that covers the entirety of scripture.

Our God is a God of love and our purpose in this life is to honor and love God with all our hearts, minds and souls and our neighbor as ourselves. That is what Jesus calls us to do. We are also called to share this love with those we meet, whether we like them or not.

I would encourage you as you contemplate our Nation’s freedom this July to also contemplate and enact the freedom you have in Christ to love without restrictions, and to honor all creation and humanity and to love God our Creator with all your being.

*<sup>28</sup>But Jesus said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"*

Pastor Tina 

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## **THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC IS NEXT SUNDAY!**

The Annual Church Picnic will be held after the **10 AM** Outdoor Service at the Jones Pavilion at Riverside Park.

The sign up sheet for dishes to pass is in the Klingberg Chapel.

Nate is looking for an assistant to help him grill the food. If you're interested, please talk to him about it today after the service.

### May / June Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>May</u>	adults/youth			
27	31/3	\$ 742.00	\$10.00	\$16.66
<u>June</u>				
3	42/7	\$2057.00	\$10.00	\$33.40
10	44/5	\$1267.00	\$10.00	\$19.55

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The income and expense figures for May are currently unavailable.

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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 Monday & Tuesday 9AM-Noon,  
Wednesday thru Friday 9AM-1PM

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I will be filling in for two co-workers vacations July 18 thru July 27. Office hours during this time will be 1-4 PM. - Pattye

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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 Rollyn & Charleta Affeldt in honor of children and grandchildren

**Altar Guild:** Candy Hofer

**Weekly Beloit Daily News ad:** Brotherhood

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### July 1

**Flowers:** Jeanne Cole in memory of her father

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** Pastor no sponsor

### July 8

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

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### July 15

**Flowers:** from Betty Lou Archie Pearson

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### July 22

**Flowers:** For no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor

### July 29

**Flowers:** no sponsor

**Bread of Heaven:** no sponsor

**Fellowship:** no sponsor



### 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	

### Bob Kristianson's New Address:

Rock Bay Harbor Apartments  
1850 Huebbe Pkwy Apt. #107  
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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### **Sunday School's out for Summer!**

If you would like to teach a Sunday School class, keep an eye out for the signup sheet later this summer for the new session beginning in September.

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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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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.

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### **FARMER'S MARKET - HELP WANTED...**

If you would like to help with Farmer's Market Ministry this summer, you have 5 opportunities to do so - the first Saturdays of June, July, August, September and October.

It's an early start to the day, 7:15 a.m. and it lasts until about 1:30 p.m. There are 2 shifts, 8:00-10:15 and 10:15 - 12:30. We offer cold water for the four legged critters and brochures, crosses and magnets for 2 leggeds. Come have a great time meeting new people, seeing old friends and inviting all to come and join us at Atonement. There is a signup sheet in the chapel.

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**Lydia will meet Tuesday, July 3rd at one o'clock in the Klingberg Chapel.** All women are invited to join us as we continue the Bible Study 'Bad Girls of The Bible' with Pastor Tina. Janice Adney will be hostess.

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**Lifeline Health Screening will be here at Atonement on Friday, August 31st.** Watch for inserts in next month's newsletter and the weekly bulletins with details of the tests and pricing information.

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