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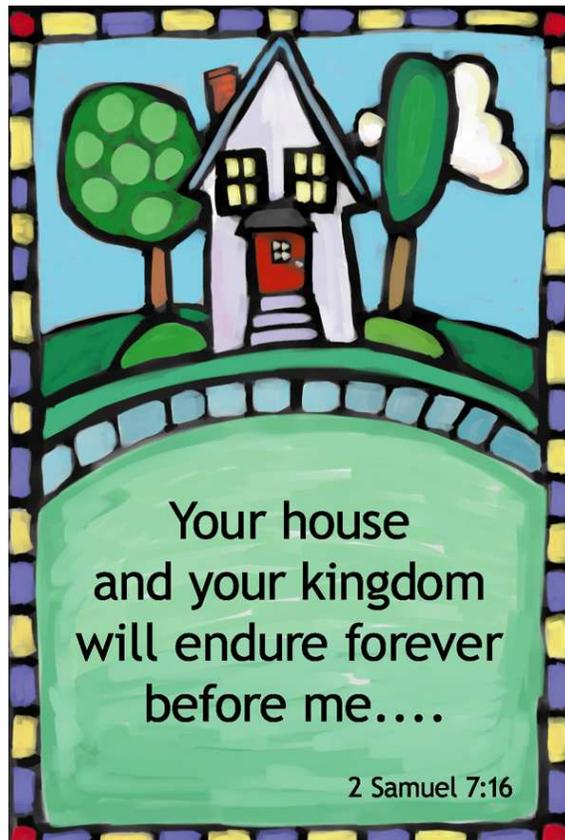
Celebration of ATONEMENT

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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From the Pastor...

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Grace to you from God our Creator, Amen.
“For what shall it profit a person if they gain the whole world and lose their soul? Or what shall a person give in exchange for their soul?” (Mark 8:36-37)

How is your soul doing? Is your soul flying with the eagles or being dragged through the mud? What have you gained while losing your soul? Actually the first question should be how do you describe your soul? What it is? A related question is how do you feed your soul?

Last week the pastors and coaches of the Missional Discovery Journey met for their regularly scheduled meeting. This question was asked of us, “what is your soul?” How do you describe it? As you can imagine there were different answers, each unique to the person replying. For me, my soul is me; my essence and all of who I am and who I have the potential to be. My soul is intertwined with the breath of God; I cannot separate God from my soul, from who I am as a person. I am always at home with God where ever I am and whatever is happening to me.

While I am at home with God, don’t misunderstand me that my life is all rosy and marvelous all of the time. Most of you know that my life has not been an *Ozzie and Harriet* kind of life, nor has it been *Dallas* but somewhere in the middle. Up and down and down and up, rather like Joseph. And much like with Joseph, God has taken the mal-intent of the world and turned it into good.

I believe that God created us as co-creators along with God the Creator. So a large part of feeding my soul comes from my God given creativity, whether that’s in the form of bead work or singing or photography. In addition to reading God’s word and attending worship and praying, I find listening to mu-

sic incredibly uplifting and soul feeding. I can lose myself in God's rhythm and I can let loose in the heartbeat of God's creation Mother Earth.

So, my friends, what feeds your soul? Is it volunteering at the hospital or Caritas? Does caring for children (your own or someone else's) feed your soul? How does coming to weekly worship feed your soul? When you finish a quilt do you feel a sense of gratefulness for the gift of creativity given to you by God? When you spend time with God in prayer is your soul, your spirit, uplifted?

To help you refresh, expand and to feed your soul via your prayer life, I will be offering a study based upon a book entitled, "***The Way of Prayer.***" Each week we will look at a different way to pray and then have the opportunity to practice before we leave class and you will have homework to do re: that method of prayer. Please see the article further on in this newsletter for details.

Blessings, and may all be well with your soul.

Pastor Tina 

OCTOBER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES-

If you would like to help with Farmer's Market Ministry this summer, the last chance is Saturday, October 6. 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.

The annual Halloween parking lot outreach will be Wednesday, October 31. Set up is at 4:30 PM, and we'll be serving hot chocolate and apple cider to the trick or treaters from 5 til 7 PM. Sign up sheets will be out later this month.

August / September Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>August</u>	adults/youth			
26	35/2	\$1905.00	\$40.00	\$15.00
<u>September</u>				
2	31/1	\$ 844.00	\$10.00	\$22.00
9	44/3	\$2128.00	\$10.00	\$23.92
16	37/2	\$2405.00	\$10.00	\$16.61
23	41/4	\$1094.00	\$ 5.00	\$17.50

Financial update as of 8/31/12

Total income Jan-Aug 2012	\$81,706.14
Total expenses Jan-Aug 2012	-\$75,758.21
Net income Jan-Aug 2012	\$ 5,947.93

Net income as of 8/31/11: -8,139.70

So far this year we have received \$78.00 from Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thank you to Thrivent Financial and all of you who have directed your Choice Dollars to the church. If you have questions on how you can get Choice Dollars call Matt Mabie at 314-3084.

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

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FROM THE MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Narrative Lectionary - Hearing the Story

At the Synod Assembly we were introduced to the Narrative Lectionary. People are no longer familiar with the Biblical Story.

The narrative lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings that tell the Biblical Story. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.

Using 3 lessons instead of 4, in the course of 9 months, we will focus on the Biblical story using the OT, Gospels and letters.

From September to mid-December the preaching texts begin with the early chapters of Genesis, move through the stories of Israel's early history, the exodus, the kings, prophets, exile, and return.

From Christmas to Easter there is sustained reading of one of the four gospels

From Easter to Pentecost the texts are chosen from Acts and Paul's letters.

The texts include the major episodes in Scripture. They are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as a story that has whole and a dynamic movement.

The texts also show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.



The Way of Prayer October 4-Dec 13th, 2012

5:15-5:45 pm (following Choir)
Book study and Time of Prayer
(Participant's guide \$12)

October 4 th	How do you pray?
October 11 th	Images of God
October 18 th	Praying by Heart
October 25 th	Praying with Music
November 1 st	Praying by Gaze
November 8 th	Praying with our Bodies
November 15 th	Scriptural Prayer
November 29 th	Contemplative Prayer
December 6 th	Praying with and for others
December 13 th	Prayer and Social Transformation

DO YOU USE THE INTERNET?!

When you do please use GoodSearch.com! When you use goodsearch.com as your homepage, choose Atonement Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI as your charity to support. GoodSearch.com will donate a penny for each search. It may not sound like much, but if we get 20 people to register and they earn \$50.00 GoodSearch.com will send Atonement a check for \$1,000.00 at the end of the year. They will also give a percentage of internet sales from internet shopping and traveling and dining. Check it out at: <http://www.goodsearch.com>



October Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for October is from Ed Schneider in memory of Joyce

Altar Guild: Sue Grade

Weekly Beloit Daily News ad: Judy Gundry

October 7

Flowers: Bill, Candy, Jessica & Kyle Hoefler in memory of Erika- "We miss you so much"

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: no sponsor

October 14

Flowers: Doris Betz in honor of family

Bread of Heaven: Diana Schneider

Fellowship: no sponsor

October 21

Flowers: Ed Schneider in memory of Joyce

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the Council for Stewardship Sunday

October 28

Flowers: Ken & Marilyn Shockley in memory of son Paul Shockley

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: Cheryl Ramczyk



October Birthdays

10/3 Rollyn Affeldt	10/14 William Hoefler
10/8 Robert Kilday	10/24 Janice Adney
10/9 Doris Betz	10/31 Ezekiel Wheaton
10/12 Brooks Mitchell	

October Baptism Anniversaries

10/14 David Rounds	10/17 McKenna Davies
10/16 Rollyn Affeldt	10/19 Ken Affeldt
10/17 Kim Davies	10/27 Richard Berner

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the many cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers I've received through my illness. -Bonnie Ottow

Thank you for all the prayers, support and cards I've received during my recent knee replacement surgery. I'm doing well and looking forward to seeing you all.—Judy Gundry

Don't forget to send in your pledge or offering even if you're on vacation. Have you caught up?

Sunday School is back in session!

Sunday School will occur twice a month (we need volunteers to teach!) during the worship service, following the children's sermon and concluding by the offertory, approximately 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. We will be following the Narrative Lectionary, beginning with Genesis.



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.

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.

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. 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. Please note "In Kind" giving does not qualify for the matching fund. Thank you.

Do you need more information about the new Affordable Health Care Act? Feel free to check out the book, "*Health Care Reform*" by Jonathan Gruber for a quick read. You'll find it in the Klingberg Chapel. Please make sure you sign it out and return it promptly. You can also find it on Amazon.com if you want to purchase one.

Caritas Adopt a Shelf: An opportunity for giving A need that has been identified for Caritas neighbors for personal care products. We at Atonement are responsible for the HAIR CARE shelf. We are collecting hair care items such as: shampoo, conditioner, ethnic products, combs & brushes. 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 Hoefler.

Proof copies of the 2013 Church Directory will be in the Klingberg Chapel for the next few Sundays. The goal is to have the updated directories out in October. **PLEASE** take this opportunity to check over and make corrections to your listing in this directory and make sure everything is correct and complete **BEFORE** it's printed and distributed. Make sure your phone number is current, as there are a few listings with no phone number. Also, make sure your email is correct and if you don't want your email or cell phone number in the directory that will be distributed to the congregation, please cross them out on the proof copy, but they will still be in the version just for office use (Secretary & Pastor). *Not assuming the responsibility of proof-reading your listing can result in incorrect information in the final printed directory!*

The Beloit Senior Fair is this Tuesday, October 2 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Rd. Over 60 exhibitors will be there, along with health screenings, Rx round-up, flu & pneumonia shots, and cash & prize giveaways.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Clinton on Shu Lar Lane is holding it's annual Pork Chop dinner on Sunday, October 21. For more information, please see the flyer posted in the Klingberg Chapel.

St. William's Church in Janesville is hosting Dan Schutte, composer of "Here I Am, Lord" and "City of God", for a concert on Friday, October 12th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Dan will also present a liturgy workshop on Saturday morning, October 13th. For tickets and information, please call 608-755-5180.

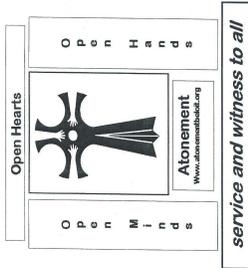
The National Lutheran Choir and director/organist David Cherwien will present a signature and unique experience: a hymn festival and concert at Luther Memorial Church in Madison, Wisconsin. With a flow of spoken meditations and high-quality choral literature, creative accompaniments to familiar hymns sung by all, the event creates a transcendent experience involving the body, mind and soul. The performance will be held on Friday, October 19, 7 pm at Luther Memorial Church (1021 University Avenue, Madison WI 53715). For additional information and tickets, please call the National Lutheran Choir office at 888.747.4589 or visit them on the web at www.nlca.com.

Garage Sale?
Rummage Sale?
Flea Market?

Whatever you call it... we hope it will be a successful fundraiser. It's time to clean your closets, garages, basements and attics, drawers and cupboards and donate useable, working, saleable items for our sale to be held **Saturday, October 6th.**

Your items can be left at the church on **Thursday, October 4** or **Friday, October 5** between 9 AM and 11 AM.

If you need anything picked up, call Gerry Swederski at 365-6162.



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