

August 2015

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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The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44





From the Pastor...

It has not been a quiet week here in Beloit, WI. The countdown to my total knee replacement has begun (July 14th). I've stopped some usual medications and vitamin supplements; I've gotten supply pastors lined up; this article will be done; animals have their temporary home assignments; physicals taken. Speaking of which I was disappointed to learn that I flunked by Pre-Op EKG. Apparently it was different than the one I had back in 2012. I've seen my cardiologist and am eagerly anticipating the 2nd half of my chemical stress test. It is 9:00 a.m. and I can't eat or drink until the test at 1:00. {Whew! I am normal, or at least my stress test is normal!}

The cat has taken her cone of shame/courage off after 6 days and doesn't appear to be aggravating her stitches - good (that's another story). The dog has kept me up for the last 3 nights with her anxiety issues - bad (yet another story). I'm actually looking forward to being wired up for the sleep study tonight, I can get some sleep! {I only had one episode of apnea with the cPap!}

Here at the church we have been delighted to have Bob Kristanson up for a visit from his new digs in the Atlanta area; we were sad to learn that Florence Buchholz fractured her pelvis, but glad to know she is back in Beloit healing; Peggy and Bruce Johnson welcomed grand baby boy George; Eli W. broke his arm and has a nice pink cast to show off; Derek and Whitney welcomed another beautiful little girl; Lisa Anderson and Kerry King got married; and the Janke's and the Hoeffler's grieve the death of loved ones as they remember lives that ended way too soon.

In our world there have been lots of changes and some of the same old same old. Landmark decisions have been made and the political arena is always exciting as the mud fights begin for the presidential campaign. We continue to pray for racial and gender equality and for peace. I've learned that

women pastors of the African Methodist Episcopal Church are being threatened because some believe that women should be silent in church. (Can you see my raised eyebrow and hear my grunt?)

The music is on at Harry's Place, Downtown and the Riverside as well as numerous other hot spots in the area. Getting around Beloit is like a maze with all the road construction blocking off routes here and there and everywhere. Picnics and vacations are being enjoyed.

In short - the world continues revolving; good things happen, bad things happen. The rollercoaster of life is diving and rising. I would hope that in the midst of the ordinary and the crisis moments we would not forget who loves us more than any human or animal could ever love - our awesome God!

As you go about your day remember that you are loved and claimed by God. That Jesus loves you and calls you to love God, yourself and your neighbor. And remember that LOVE always wins.

Pastor Tina 

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

We are in need of two people to serve on the council. Please prayerfully consider joining with us to serve Atonement Lutheran. We are desperately trying to make a positive change here and we need your help to do it. If interested please contact Bruce Johnson or any other council member. We hope to see **you** soon.

June/July Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>June</u>	adults/youth			
21	19/2	\$2120.00	\$ 5.00	\$17.55
28	24/2	\$ 952.00	\$12.00	\$15.50
<u>July</u>				
5	23/2	\$1245.00	\$ 5.00	\$12.10
12	xx/x	\$xxxx.00	\$xx.00	\$xx.xx

Financial update as of 6/30/15

Total income Jan-June 2015	\$x,xxx.xx
Total expenses Jan-June 2015	- \$x,xxx.xx
Net income Jan-June 2015	\$- x,xxx.xx

We have received \$372.00 from Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2015. 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 Karl Miller 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 usual hours have changed:
Office hours are now 2 PM-4:30/5:00 PM**

August Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for August is from
Donna Luety

Altar Guild: Pat Sauser & Judy Gundry

August 2

Flowers: Bob Kristianson in memory of his father

Bread of Heaven: Diana Schneider

Fellowship: from the congregation

August 9

Flowers: Donna Luety in memory of Doris & Carolyn

Bread of Heaven: Judy Gundry

Fellowship: from the congregation

August 16

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: Judy Gundry

Fellowship: from the congregation

August 23

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

August 30

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: Dick Mitchell

Fellowship: from the congregation

August Birthdays

8/1 Diana Schneider	8/22 Ron Guaginte
8/5 Donna Luety	8/23 Allen Johnson
8/8 Marjorie Berner	8/27 Jessica Hoefer
8/13 Shirley Jero	8/30 Marsha Johnson
8/14 David Rounds	8/31 Lillian Bagley
8/16 Judy Gundry	

August Baptism Anniversaries

8/19 Don Reedy	8/21 Bob Kristianson
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GET WELL SOON!

Florence Buchholz is home! Cards & visits are welcome. Florence's address is 634 Crist Dr., Beloit, WI

Pastor Tina's address is 2907 S Park Avenue, Unit B, Beloit, WI 53511

THANK YOU!

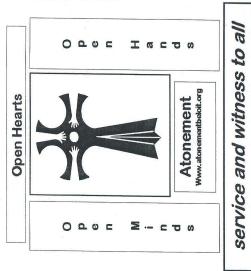
Thank you for the donations of stamps and letter size paper. Both are essential items to keep the office running. -Pattye

FOUND- a pair of ladies' prescription eyeglasses after the 7/12 service. If they are yours, they are on the Secretary's desk.

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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Is August 4th this year. Come on out and have a hot dog and take in a summer evening on an awesome wagon ride compliments of Denny Tresmer and his fine team of horses. Festivities run from 5-7 pm in the church parking lot. Set up starts at 4:30. Sign up sheet is in the Klingberg Chapel.



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