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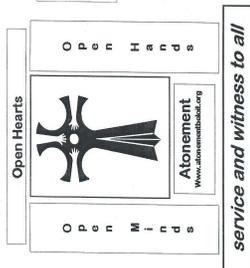
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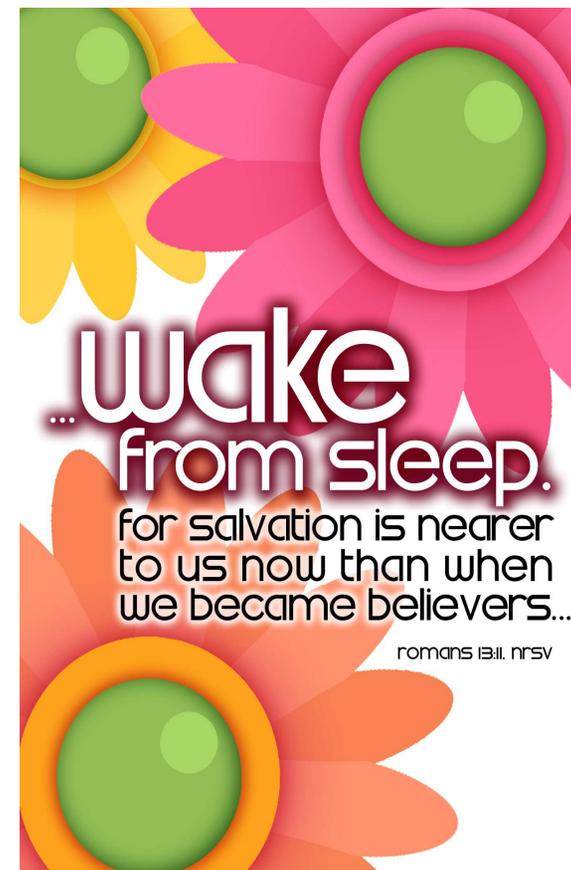
Celebration of ATONEMENT

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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Pastor Tina is still recuperating from knee replacement surgery. If you would like to send her a get well card, her address is: 2907 S. Park Ave, Unit B, Beloit, WI

In her absence, here's a classic column by Garrison Keillor:

Singing With the Lutherans by Garrison Keillor

I have made fun of Lutherans for years- who wouldn't if you lived in Minnesota? But I have also sung with Lutherans and that is one of the main joys of life, along with hot baths and rrest sweet corn. We make fun of Lutherans for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Lutheranless place, to sing along on the chorus of Michael Row the Boat Ashore, they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Lutherans they'll smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony. It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. We're too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When your're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment.

I once sang the bass line of Childen of the Heavenly Father in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us. partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: these Lutherans, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in

September Birthdays

9/2 Joseph Moen
9/16 Pat Sauser
9/20 Ken Affeldt

September Baptism Anniversaries

9/18 Marjorie Reynolds
9/24 Cason Janke
9/30 Jessica Hoefler

A Loss to the Atonement Family

Vera Wargowsky July 19, 2015

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for all the "get well" wishes. I appreciate your prayers, the many cards and notes, the visits and phone calls. I feel blessed!! -Arlene Ruegger



Thank you to my Atonement Family for the cars and kind wishes.
-Florence Buchholz

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.

September Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for September is from Jackie Holmbeck in memory of Don Holmbeck

Altar Guild: Candy Hoefer & Jackie Holmbeck

September 6

Flowers: Bob Kristianson in memory of his brother, Jerry

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

September 13

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

September 20

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

September 27

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

deep distress. If you're dying, they'll comfort you. If you're lonely they'll talk to you. And if you're hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

If you laughed at while reading this, you must be a Lutheran.

The following list was compiled by a 20th century Lutheran who, observing other Lutherans, wrote down exactly what he saw or heard:

1. Lutherans believe in prayer but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
2. Lutherans like to sing- except when confronted by with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
3. Lutherans believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital even if they don't notify them that they are there.
4. Lutherans usually follow the official liturgy and feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
5. Lutherans believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
6. Lutherans feel that applauding for their children's choirs would make them too proud and conceited.
7. Lutherans think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.
8. Lutherans drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
9. Some Lutherans still believe that an ELCA bride and an LCMS groom make for a mixed marriage.
10. Lutherans feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

11. Lutherans are willing to pay up to a dollar for a meal at the church.
12. Lutherans think that Garrison Keillor stories are totally factual.
13. Lutherans still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna noodle casserole add too much color.
14. Lutherans believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

July/AugustWorship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>July</u>	adults/youth			
19	25/2	\$1781.00	\$28.00	\$15.75
26	23/3	\$1140.00	\$12.00	\$12.86
<u>August</u>				
2	22/4	\$ 208.00	\$12.00	\$18.61
9	23/2	\$1715.00	\$72.00	\$12.50
16	16/1	\$1350.00	\$12.00	\$12.88

And finally, you know you are a Lutheran when:

- ☺ You hear the Pastor say something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can!
- ☺ It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- ☺ Doughnuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- ☺ The communion cabinet is open to all, but the coffee cabinet is locked up tight.
- ☺ All your relatives graduated from a school named Augustana.
- ☺ When you watch a "Star Wars" movie and they say, "May the Force be with you", you respond, "and also with you".
- ☺ And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

Financial update as of 7/31/15

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

We have received \$864.00 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**