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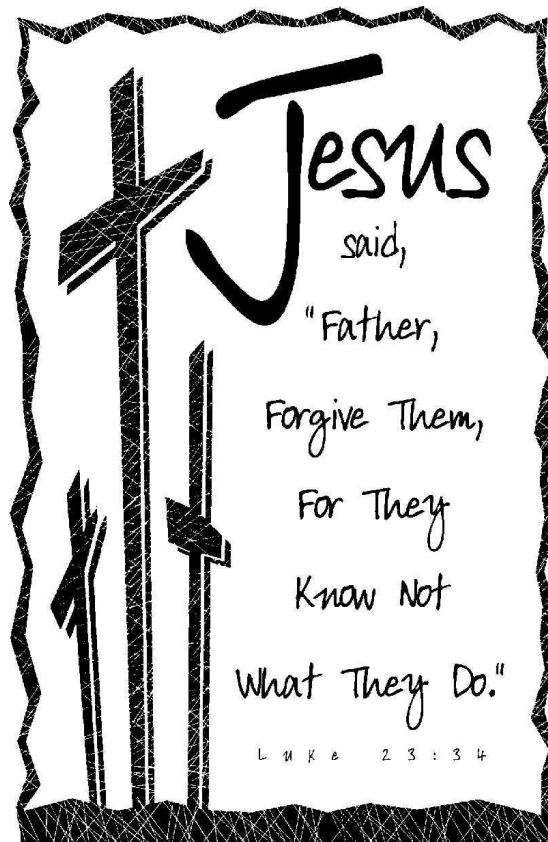
Celebration of ATONEMENT

Newsletter of Atonement Lutheran Church

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

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A Few Words from Pastor Otto...

Hi, I am Pastor Karl Otto and will be with you in worship for most of the Sundays in February, March and April. I am retired and living in Elkhorn with my wife Peggy. We belong to Sugar Creek Lutheran church. We have two children and three grandchildren.

I believe one of my gifts is preaching. So I am a "supply preacher" in southern Wisconsin- Northern Illinois. I thought this would be a once in awhile activity but in 2015 I was in 26 different congregations. Each of these opportunities gives me a chance to see the variety of worship styles in our area.

So I look forward to meeting you in worship and pray the the lord of this church guides you in the significant decisions you need to make in this next few months.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

You are invited to join the Beloit area ELCA churches for weekly evening Lenten services. Lenten services will feature Holden Evening Prayer and an original drama series called, The Making of "Messiah: A Documentary". Soup suppers will precede the Lenten services.

Feb. 24 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul

March 2 - 7:00 p.m. at OSLC

March 16 - 7:00 p.m. at OSLC

March 9 - 7:00 p.m. at OSLC

February /MarchWorship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<u>Cans</u>
<u>January</u>	adults/youth			
24	17/1	\$ 649.00	\$12.00	\$14.00
31	14/0	\$ 674.00	\$ 5.00	\$11.00
 <u>February</u>				
7	38/2	\$1839.00	\$12.00	\$23.15
14	20/2	\$1040.00	\$97.00	\$11.00

Financial update as of 1/31/2016

Total income January 2016	\$x,xxx.xx
Total expenses January 2016	- \$x,xxx.xx
Net income January 2016	\$x,xxx.xx

We have received \$16.00 from Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2016. 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.

**The Secretary's usual hours have changed:
Office hours are now 2 PM—4:00/4:30 PM**

March Flower & Fellowship Schedule

Eternal Candle: The Eternal Candle for March has no sponsor

Altar Guild: Candy Hoefler



March 6

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

March 13

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

March 20

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

March 27

Flowers: no sponsor

Bread of Heaven: no sponsor

Fellowship: from the congregation

March Birthdays

3/10 Bonnie Ottow

3/27 Cole & Samuel Rowald

March Baptism Anniversaries

3/17 Ron Guaginte

3/20 Nancy Clickner

3/17 Gene Sanda

3/21 William Rowald

3/17 Richard Mitchell

3/22 Candy Hoefler

A Loss to the Atonement Family

Bob Kristianson 2/16/16

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.

Kingdom of God Within You Ministries conducts a Bible Study every Saturday afternoon. The previous time was 3 PM, now changed to 12:30 PM. Atonement members are welcome to attend!

Pastor Tina's new address:

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Marshfield WI 54449

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Twohawks1962@charter.net

Kingdom of God Ministry is collecting baby items. If you would like to contribute, the basket is in the hall-way coat rack.

The Lydia Group will meet on February 23 at 1 PM. We will be discussing the Palm Sunday brunch. All women of both churches are invited to attend and bring a friend with you!

If you haven't signed up already to receive the monthly newsletter by email, please reconsider. You will receive the newsletter by email on Thursday or Friday, earlier than the paper copy on Sunday. It's more cost effective to distribute the monthly newsletter via email rather a printed copy through the mail. If you would like to sign up, please let the office know.

The women of First Baptist Church are sponsoring the 28th Annual Sharing of the Bread on Wednesday, March 16 at 9:30 AM. They will be offering light refreshments of a variety of home made breads made by the women of the church, and will have an inspirational program by Lynette Calhoun entitled "Legacy".

There is no cost to attend, but if you would like to contribute there will be boxes on the table for donations. Please make your reservations to the church office by Friday, March 11 at 365-8455 or email: firstbaptistchurch@firstbaptistbeloit.org

Easter Story Cookies

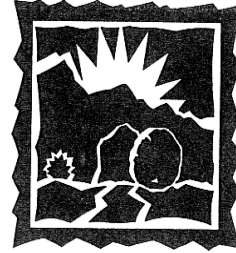
To be made the evening before Easter

Ingredients:

1 cup whole pecans
1 tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
pinch salt
1 cup sugar

Also needed:

zipper baggie
wooden spoon
tape
Bible



Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

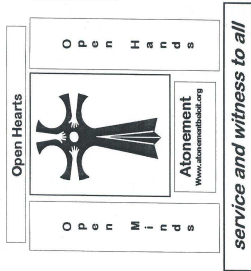
Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9



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