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Atonement Tidings

THROUGH THE WATERS: A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Copies of our new Atonement Lenten Devotional are available in the narthex. Each page offers a Bible reading, prayer and brief reflection written by a member or friend of our congregation. Dive in and swim through these "water stories" of God's grace and love for us!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND WORSHIP

Join us on **Wednesdays March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st**, for a simple meal and worship service as we journey together through this Lenten season. A meal of soup, salad and bread begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by a service of evening prayer at 7:00 p.m.



Sign up on the narthex bulletin board if you can provide soup, salad or bread, or lend a hand with set up and/or clean up.

MORNING PRAYER FOR PEACE & HEALING

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room** for our Lenten Morning Prayer, a time to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move together through these 40 days of reflection. We will also lift up prayer intentions for those on our weekly and ongoing prayer lists, and for our community and our world. There is a drop box in the narthex to add your own additional prayer intentions. We will include them in our group prayer even if you are unable to join us.

*Let us bow to each other and say that we will be
the peace for which we long.*



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Book Review

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others

*“Prepare to come to
know God in a new
way.”*

-James Martin, SJ, author
of Jesus: A Pilgrimage

*“The book is like a
breath of fresh air that
scatters the dust off the
surface of my faith, and
I am left rejuvenated and
hopeful.”*

-Mihee Kim-Kort, author
of Outside the Lines

ADULT FORUM ~ SUNDAYS AT 10:45 AM

- March 1 **Why Lutherans Sing in Harmony** (presented by David McCarthy)
March 8 **What Do Our Neighbors Believe: The Faith of Islam** (presented by Dr. Rauf Bawany, Muslim Chaplain at RIT)
March 15 **Ten Church Trends of the 2010's** (presented by Pastor Gail Swanson)
March 22 **TBA**
March 29 **Reception for Youth Sunday and Welcome to our Family & Youth Ministry Coordinator, Janeen Oliver**

TECHNOLOGY FORUM

Confused about technology? Don't know how to download that latest app on your iPhone or iPad? Is your tv smart or dumb and why should you care?

Let's have an Adult Forum discussion (or several?) about the “whys” and “hows” of today's world of technology. You can't escape it. So let's learn how we can work with it. Let us know what questions you have, what you would like to learn more about. Becky Wiesmore in the office will collect your thoughts via email or write them down and drop them off. Then stay tuned. We'll find the right pros to join us on a Sunday morning and fill us all in.

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENT

Families with children of all ages are invited to come for a pizza dinner (*families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert*) from **5:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 8th**. After dinner, children and youth will meet with Janeen Oliver for practice and preparations for our Youth Sunday puppet skit, while parents meet for conversation. Nursery care will be provided for our littlest ones. Please sign up on the bulletin board or email the church office if you can attend.

YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

Be sure to mark **Sunday, March 29** at **9:30am** on your calendar! It's always a great day at Atonement when our children and youth assist with worship leadership. This year's special event will be a puppet theater presentation of the story of “Ezekiel and the Dry Bones.” Join us in church on this day as we “Hear the Word of the Lord” presented in a new way!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to Sunday School! After our wonderful Christmas Pageant and school vacations we are back with Lent, the Youth Service on March 29th, and Spring! The children really enjoyed our two service projects, the Fall table centerpieces and winter hygiene bags, both for Asbury Dining and Caring Center!

Our three classes include “the littles” led by Alyssa Jones and Jessica McGill with seven enthusiastic pre-K’s, our oldest class of four 4th and 5th graders, taught primarily by Matt McGill, and our early reader class of five 1st 2nd and 3rd graders, which has been taught by several teachers. We have the first two classes covered for the rest of the Sunday School year, but not the 1st 2nd 3rd grade class. The following dates need a teacher: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, and 5/3. Please email me to sign up for any dates you may be able to teach! We will not have SS on Easter April 12th so all can enjoy the Easter Brunch in Founders Hall, and our last day of SS is on May 10th, when we will have an activity day assembling the Bethany House Mother’s Day bundles. Thanks to all for a great Sunday School year!

*Sunday School
Service Project:
Hygiene Bags
for Asbury
Dining Ministry
Outreach*



Please Take Note

New Addresses

Marion Ginegaw, Apt. 306
Glenmere Assisted Living
1 Wheatley Terrace
Pittsford NY 14534

Coat Mix-Up

If you are the owner of a wine-colored, wool, woman’s mid-length **LL Bean coat**, please check to make sure you have the one that belongs to you.

One of our friends from The Meadows is in possession of a coat that is very similar, but it’s not hers, and she feels there has been a mix-up. Please let the office know.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to You!

- 01 Lynne Phelps
- 02 Cecilia Baker
 Jess McGill
- 04 Amy Condemni
- 06 Paul Lazenby
- 16 Barb Sanko
- 17 Lois Rau
 Ruth Laraby
- 18 Lucas Fisher
- 19 Bryan Howe
- 21 Harlan Granger
- 23 Bob Touhsaent
- 25 Sarah Bell
- 28 Karen Grover
 Amy Irish
- 29 Michael Schrlau

Happy Anniversary!

Please be sure to leave us a note to update our records if you have a special date we've missed!

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK DINNER

Come join us for food and fellowship on **Sunday, March 15th** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** at **Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church** in Brighton with our new refugee friends from many lands.

Bring a dish to pass to serve 8 to 10 (no pork or pork products, please.) Watch for a sign-up sheet to reserve your spot and dinner dish selection. There are volunteer opportunities, as well. Our new partner, Our Lady Queen of Peace/St Thomas More, has created a fabulous new arts & crafts program for children, including active games and prizes, beginning right at 4 PM.

This dinner is a collaborative ministry of Atonement, Twelve Corners Presbyterian, Our Lady Queen of Peace/St Thomas More parish, and Catholic Family Center.

BOOK GROUP

We will continue our discussion of *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, on **Wednesdays** at **noon** on **March 4th, March 18th, and April 1st.**

The author, an Episcopal priest, tells about her experience teaching religions of the world at a small college for 20 years. It's not too late to join the group! It is an easy read and a thought-provoking book. Available on Amazon and other retailers, as well as the library.

LUNCH AND LAUGHTER

In the spirit of Lent, let's keep it simple. Bring a simple dish to pass and join us on **Wednesday, March 11th at Noon** for our monthly pot luck lunch. Bring a friend! We'll provide beverages, hot and cold. Sign-up on the narthex bulletin board, but if you forget to sign up, come anyway. There is always room for YOU at our table.

Set up or cleanup help is always appreciated. Call the office at 442 -1018 if you are in need of transportation.

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER BRUNCH RECAP

Our second annual "thank you" brunch hosted by the Board of Ministries and the Stewardship Committee was a happy and delicious affair. Thanks to everyone who set up and cooked and served and cleaned and helped entertain our children. We discovered that we have the best youth cleaner-uppers in the world!

Conversation and laughs filled the room as we all got to know each other a little better. We even found out that grilled cheese was a lot of people's favorite sandwich. Who knew?

Thank you for generously sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure with your Atonement family!

PASTOR'S PAGE

From Where Will My Help Come?

*My help is in the mountain
Where I take myself to heal
The earthly wounds
That people give to me.
I find a rock with sun on it
And a stream where the water runs gentle
And the trees which one by one give me company.
So I must stay for a long time
Until I have grown from the rock
And the stream is running through me
And I cannot tell myself from one tall tree.
Then I know that nothing touches me
Nor makes me run away.
My help is in the mountain
That I take away with me.*

-Native American

Just as Jesus' earthly journey took him through wilderness places and up the sides of mountains, we journey each Lent through various terrains. It is those "rocky" places in life that are the most troublesome - causing us to trip, weighing us down, creating discouragement and doubt in our ability to even finish the trek.

But then we recall the words from the psalmist: *"I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121: 1).*

A mountain, a hill, or rocky terrain. Where is our help to come? God our Rock and our Helper. Lord, keep us always in the refuge of your care.

Lenten Blessings,

Pastor Gail

*Bleak Midwinter
Brunch fun*



Prayer Concerns

Members

Marion Ginegaw
Florence Wright
Charlie Terhune
Carl Foucht
Betty Browne
Karen Grover

Friends & Family

Jan Richmond
Tom Upson
Aimee, Sean, & Harry
Parmalee
Judy & David Ballerstein
Kathy Doherty
Richard Kress
Judy Price
Mark, Erika, & Jeffery Auer

Congratulations and Blessings!

Joshua Brown

Joshua has taken a new position as Music Director at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hanover, NH. His first worship service was Ash Wednesday.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Brighton Food Depot

For the month of **March**, we will be collecting peanut butter and cereal. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Notice of Upcoming Sale

A few changes have been made to our annual rummage sale.

- ⇒ First - a new name! We have adopted the name **“New to You”** and hope you’ll agree that this gives our sale a bit of an upgrade!
- ⇒ The 2nd change is the time - we have eliminated the Thursday evening sale. We will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday, with increased hours.
- ⇒ The 3rd change is *no clothing*. We will not be accepting clothing for this sale any longer; as this will “free up” Reissig Hall for other purposes/meetings that week. We encourage you to donate unwanted clothes to our Clothing Shed, which benefits the Brighton Churches Habitat Coalition. The shed is located at Grace Church parking lot, 805 Blossom Road, off N. Winton Rd.

Item collection is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26th, and items will be accepted through Wednesday, April 29th. The sale will be open to the public on **Friday and Saturday, May 1st and 2nd**, from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** each day. *We need plenty of volunteers for this event!* Please look for the sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board to come help out for a few hours. Proceeds from this sale will go to one or more of our benevolence budget agencies, to fulfill our planned 2020 donations.

We are in need of paper grocery bags - from Trader Joe’s, Wegmans, or any other grocery store. Also, if you have packing paper, tissue paper, bubble wrap or sturdy shopping bags with handles, we are happy to reuse. Please bring these items on April 26th. Thank you!

NEW ATONEMENT WEBSITE

Take a moment to check out our new and improved Atonement website at www.atonementrochester.org

It has been redesigned with user-friendly features ~ new photos ~ updated information ~ and a Special Feature: a peek back at the history of our congregation!

Many thanks to Jess McGill for her dedicated work on this much needed project.

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	March 1 9:30 a.m.	March 8 9:30 a.m.	March 15 9:30 a.m.	March 22 9:30 a.m.	March 29 9:30
Assisting Minister	Eric Domroes	Russell Miller	Eric Domroes	Lindsay Lazenby	Matt McGill
Communion Assistant	Judy Lazenby	Sue Hauck	Betty Middlebrook	Jim Krapf	Judy Lazenby
Reader	Jim Krapf	Susan Touhsaent	Kathy Heinig	Russell Miller	Jean Seager
Children's Moment	Karan Thompson	Pastor Gail Swanson	Elizabeth Hanks	Karan Thompson	Jess McGill
Acolyte	Eva Condemi	Madison Hauck	Shannon Howe	Hudson Lazenby	Sarah Darder
Greeter	Jean Seager	Karen Goodyear	Carol Pearson	Ann Patterson	Judy Karsten
Ushers	Norm Karsten, David Irish	Skip Waterstreet, Ann Patterson	Skip Waterstreet, Ann Patterson	Tim Thompson, Michael Hauck	Karen Goodyear, Karan Thompson
Coffee Host	Barb Sanko	Judy Lazenby	Margy Peet	Bob Heinig	Barb Sanko
Assistant Financial Secretary	Bob Touhsaent	Norm Karsten	Bryan Howe	Richard Phelps	Bob Thoughtsaent
Counter	Stew Stover	Jim Krapf	Adam Darder	Amy Irish	Stew Stover
Altar Care	Judy Lazenby				

Thank you to our Board of Ministers members and church officers, as we offer gratitude for their leadership and service in the coming year:

President	Karen Goodyear
Vice President	Wally Short
Director of Invitation	Sue Hauck
Director of Preparation	Joanne Scanlon
At Large Member	Sharon Darder
At Large Member	Amy Irish
At Large Member	Andrew Spillane
Treasurer	Karan Thompson
Financial Secretary	Lindee Krapf
Finance Committee Chair	Matt McGill

We are a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) congregation.

Atonement Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to: Invite all people into the presence of the living God, Prepare for ministry in daily life, Go into the world as disciples.

MISSION STATEMENT



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Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tues-Wed-Thurs

Pastor's Day Off
Monday

Sunday Morning Worship
And Holy Communion
9:30 a.m.

Christian Education
10:45-11:30 a.m.

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