

Midweek Message

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Brunch Reception

A celebration and farewell to

Pastor Gail Swanson

on her last Sunday at Atonement
before her retirement.

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Please join us for worship
at 9:30 a.m. followed by
Brunch in Reissig Hall

Atonement Lutheran Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or Livestream the service via our Facebook page as we worship in the presence of Jesus our Good Shepherd, who still guides us to quiet waters and restful pastures, where we are restored to abundant life.

ADULT FORUM & COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April 26th at 10:30 a.m. in Reissig Hall

Please join us in Reissig Hall following worship for refreshments and conversation. Please join us for a poetry sharing in Reissig Hall. Share a poem you've written, one that you've admired, one that you love. All ages are welcome. come and experience what your friends have to share.

MAY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

7	Margy Peet	24	Shannon Howe
9	Suzanne Stover	25	Branwyn Wilkinson
11	Carol Schmitt	26	Sue Boyle
	Cole Schmitt		
12	Amelia Smith	27	Katelyn Krapf
23	Reed Schmitt	30	Alex Bell
	Vaughn Schmitt	31	John Kruidenier

Anniversaries

6	Tom & Karan Thompson
14	Barb Seils & Jim Yockel
16	Jack & Mary Teter
24	Al & Margaret Kaminsky
	Ann Patterson & John Tokoli
29	Gail & Craig Swanson

ATONEMENT GARDEN REFRESH

Saturday, May 9th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

It's time to refresh the church garden to get it ready for planting in late May! Soil needs to be turned over, landscape cloth needs to be re-stapled in some of the beds, and new landscape cloth needs to be put on the ground to replace what is there. These are just a few items, among others, that need some attention. If you have even 30 minutes to join our efforts, your help will be appreciated in getting the beds in shape for the coming growing season.

We will be adding some additional growing space in different containers this spring to increase our output, and will say more about that in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please join Lin and John if you have a few moments. No gardening skills are required!



NEW SPRING/SUMMER BULLETIN BOARD: WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS! All Things Bright & Beautiful

For the spring & summer months, we would like to try something different to brighten up our Member Board in the office hallway. We're asking all pet owners and pet lovers to share a photo of their furry, finny, or feathered friends! You can **bring a photo in to share** or send a digital photo to the church office to print (it will print in black & white) at office@atonementrochester.org. Please be sure to include a small index card if you bring your photo in –there are some on the board to use– with your pet's name and who their 'parents' are, or even a fun fact about your pet or something they like to do. We can't wait to see the board filled with your photos!

For Example:

This is Mimsy Lou, Becky Wiesmore's 15 year old calico.

Mimsy loves to find, hide, and play in any box or bag that she can find!



CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise" -Martin Luther

[Bach - 'Brandenburg' Concerto no. 3 in G major BWV 1048 - Sato | Netherlands Bach Society](#) We had exactly one classical record in the house when I was growing up, a collection of popular favorites. It had the first work of Bach I'd ever heard, this one (just the first movement).

[Saviour, Again, to Thy Dear Name We Raise \(Tune: Ellers - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\]](#) This hymn is often sung at the end of a service, or of a ministry. The words and tune are beautiful (both written in the 1860s when England was finally producing capable composers). One thing to notice is how the melody ascends and descends in an arch over the verse, reminding me, at least, of the rising and setting of the sun during the day.

CHOIR PRACTICE

All are welcome to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS MEETING

Friday, May 1st 10:00 a.m.-Noon in Reissig Hall

Join us on the first Friday of each month for crafting and fellowship. Feel free to bring your own materials for projects you're working on, or we'll have a few items on hand. If you don't want to craft, then join us for the coffee and conversation!

Come Worship With Us ... Everyone Is Welcome!

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship *Or Livestream on our Facebook Page*

Website: www.atonementrochester.org Facebook: [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch)

Life Begins Again in April

*Life begins again in April! How this dead earth comes to flower!
How the dry boughs wake and quicken in this blooming, springtime hour!*

*Life begins again in April! ..and the bird is on the wing,
brooks are flowing, breezes tender in a rhapsody of spring.*

*Where's the heart that can be downcast? Where's the eye that does not brighten?
Behold the world so fresh and new as the dark skies part and lighten!*

*Those who sorrow shall take comfort, those who droop shall smile again.
April brings a message clearly to the weariest of men.*

*Yesterday may lie in ruins, all the past be dead and drear.
Just forget that! Skies are bright blue! It's the springtime of the year.*

*It is April! Nature's own month! It is April! Heaven's season!
April -flowering -stirring -blooming! Quite beyond man's meager reason.*

*Life begins again in April! Hill and valley reel with living.
To all things new life she brings with joyous fervor in her giving.*

-Lenore Hetrick

Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday	Apr. 23th	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice	Sanctuary
Sunday	Apr. 26th	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday	Apr. 26th	10:30 a.m.	Adult Forum/Fellowship Hour	Reissig Hall
Thursday	Apr. 30th	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Sunday	May 3rd	9:30 a.m.	Pastor Gail's Last Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday	May 3rd	10:30 a.m.	Brunch Reception: Celebration and farewell to Pastor Gail.	Reissig Hall

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