

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

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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or Livestream the service via our Facebook page as we are assured that wherever we go, Jesus makes a place for us in his Father's house.

SPECIAL BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Ministries will be meeting in the Conference Room.

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE REBOOT

As our congregation begins a time of pastoral transition, a Mutual Ministry Committee is now in place to offer support for our congregation, our staff, our Board of Ministries, and eventually, Atonement's new pastor. The purpose of this committee is to be a "listening post" for concerns or conflicts during this time of transition, and beyond, and to offer support through affirming, listening, clarifying, advising, and making recommendations, if needed, for the well-being of the pastor, staff and congregation. Our thanks to Eric Domroes, Amy Irish and Nan Westervelt for serving on this committee.

Nan Westervelt



Eric Domroes



Amy Irish



MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH PROJECT: BIRTHDAY CAKE BAGS

Help us to provide a special treat for families receiving food assistance at the Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Rochester with a donation of a **'Birthday Cake Bag'**. We will be collecting bags on Sunday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 10th. Donations can be placed on the table in the narthex.

To create a Birthday Cake Bag, gather together:

- One cake mix (any flavor)
- One can of frosting (any flavor)
- One package of birthday candles
- One pkg of small *Happy Birthday* plates (8/pkg)
- One pkg of small *Happy Birthday* napkins (8/pkg)



Place all items into a paper gift bag/tote bag with handles.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

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

["Quando m'en vo" La Boheme, G. Puccini - Anna Moffo, Maria Callas and Rolando Panerai](#)

One of the great arias, sung by a great singer! Musetta is talking about how, when she walks along, everyone gazes at her beauty (she's trying to make her ex jealous).

[Bach - Cantata Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan BWV 100 - Van Veldhoven | Netherlands](#)

[Bach Society](#) One of Pastor Gail's favorite hymns is the one this cantata is based on, in our hymnal as *What God Ordains is Good Indeed*. It's a message of reassurance in troubled times, that there is a plan.

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!

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)



Like a Bird



*Hope is the thing with feathers- that perches in the soul-
and sings the tune without the words- and never stops at all.*

-Emily Dickinson

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, amphibian, 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!



Looking Ahead

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Thursday | Apr. 30th | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice | Sanctuary |
| Friday | May 1st | 10:00 a.m. | First Friday Friends | Reissig Hall |
| 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 |
| Tuesday | May 5th | 6:30 p.m. | Board of Ministries Meeting | Conference Room |
| Wednesday | May 6th | 10 am-1 pm | Pastor Doug Stewart's Office Hours | Pastor's Office |

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