Midweek Message

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or livestream via our Facebook page. In worship, we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Please help our Transitional Pastor Doug Stewart and other guest Pastors in learning the names of our members & friends by wearing your name tag each Sunday in worship.

ATONEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Best of Rochester

Please contribute to *Atonement's Best Recommendations*. We are looking for your help in creating a list of local recommendations for Pastor Ken and Kevin to use as they settle into their new home in Rochester.

Add your ideas to one or more of the recommendation sheets in the Narthex or call the church office at (585) 442-1018 or Email your ideas to office@atonementrochester.org *by Wednesday, September 9th.*

BMGLF GOLF CLASSIC SATURDAY, SEPT. 12th

We are seeking donations of lottery tickets for our basket raffle.

Register today or become a sponsor at bmglegacyfund.org/registration-and-sponsorship

Gather your foursome and invite your friends and neighbors for a day of golf at the Sycamore Golf Club in Macedon, NY on September 12th. *(www.sycamoregolfclub.com) You are also welcome to join us for dinner.*

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Friday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Come join us in Reissig Hall for some crafting and companionship. We do have a project planned, or you can bring your own project to work on, or just come and enjoy some coffee and snacks. All are invited!

Atonement Lutheran Church

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DOUG STEWART

Dear Saints of Atonement Lutheran Church,

As my season among you as your Transition Pastor draws to a close, I find myself grateful for the many gifts you've shared these past few months. It has been a privilege to walk with you for a while; to share your worship, listen to your stories, and glimpse the many ways God's Spirit is already stirring in and around Atonement.

And now, a new chapter is opening. I give thanks for the ministry that lies ahead with your soon-to-be new pastor, Ken Maldonado. My hope is that, under Pastor Ken's leadership, Atonement will continue to discover new ways of being the church; not simply gathered around the altar and table, but sent into the streets, neighborhoods, and gathering places of Brighton and beyond. May your doors remain open, your tables generous, and your hearts attentive to the people God is placing in your path.

May Atonement continue to be a congregation whose light is not kept within its walls, but carried outward; a steady lamp of Christ's love, hospitality, justice, and hope. May you continue to grow deeper in community with one another even as you reach farther into the wider community. When the way forward is uncertain, may you remember that the church does not make its journey alone: Christ goes before you, the Spirit moves among you, and God's grace is always beneath your feet.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me during this season. Thank you for your welcome, your candor, your laughter, your questions, and your faithfulness. It has been a joy and a blessing to walk this stretch of the road with you.

Now I commend you to the future with confidence and hope. May God bless you all as you step together into this next season. May the path ahead be wide with possibility, rich with new friendships, and alive with the unmistakable presence of God.

With deep gratitude and affection,

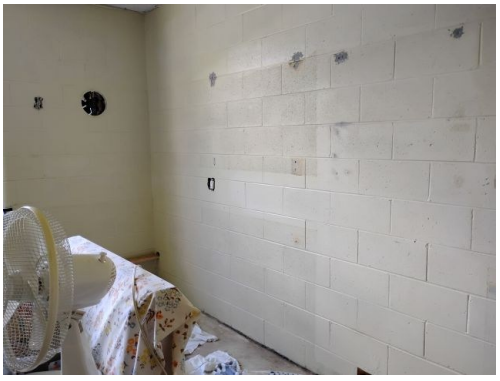
Pastor Doug

Heavenly Father,
as we stand on the threshold of new beginnings, we seek your guidance and your strength.
Isaiah 43:19 says "I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?".
Lord, we perceive and embrace the new paths you are carving out for us.
Grant us wisdom to move forward, courage to face the unknown,
and faith to step into the opportunities you provide.
As we begin anew, may your love be our foundation and your truth our guiding light.
Bless this journey, O God, and may your peace guard our hearts and our minds. ***Amen.***

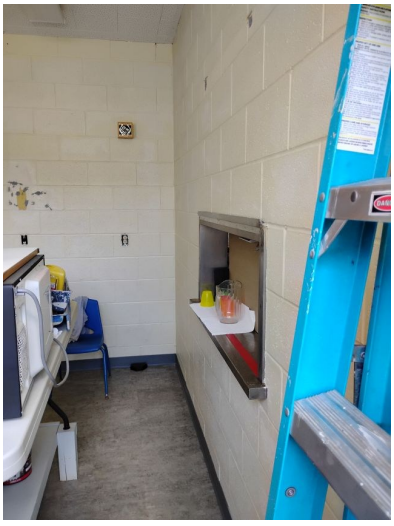
KITCHEN UPDATE: A WORK IN PROGRESS

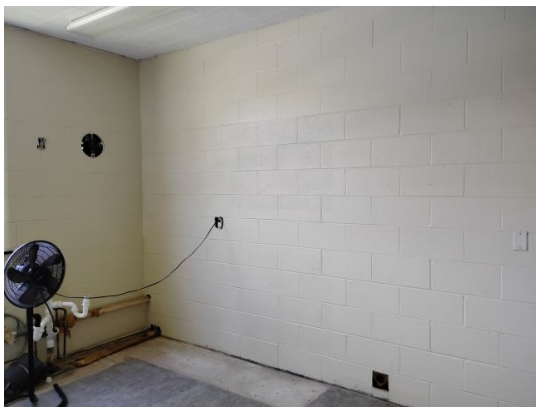
Our church kitchen has been undergoing a much-needed repair and update. New cabinets, countertops, and a new sink are all slated for installation. Many thanks to the volunteers that have made this big project possible. They have helped clean out cupboards (you've probably seen the temporary storage tables and carts in the office hallway and Reissig Hall), wash walls, fill holes, and apply fresh coats of paint. Installation of our new-to-us cupboards has also begun. Here are a few sneak peeks (photos below) of how the work is progressing.

Temporary storage (top row)

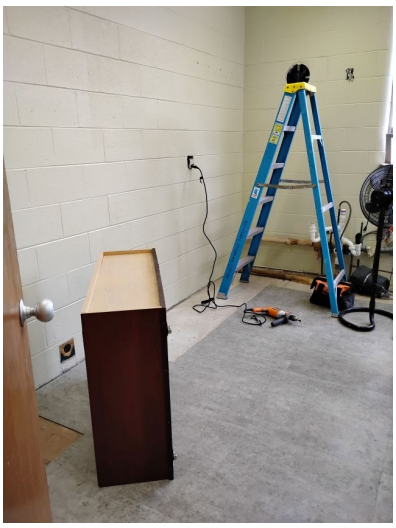


Old cabinets removed and walls washed & repaired (center row)





Walls freshly painted and prepped for new cabinets (lower row)



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

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Thursday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m.

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

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

5 Ben Thompson
6 Carl Foucht
Elizabeth Rose
9 Jeff Fisher
10 Andra Smith
12 Michael Hauck
Dottie Haelen
17 David Irish
18 Femi Thompson
20 Carol Pearson
21 Jim Rau
23 Sam Bogumil
24 Connor Rose
28 Kathy Wilkinson

Anniversaries

5 Alyssa & Wes Jones
18 Adam & Sharon Darder

**If we have missed your special celebration, please let us know so that we can update our records. **

VIEW OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our web site at www.atonementrochester.org to view our calendar. Check the date & time of our next BBQ, find when other special events and services begin, or check on open dates and times to schedule your own event.

You'll find our calendar under the 'News & Calendar' menu tab. We do our best to keep our calendar current, update it weekly as events are scheduled, or you can call the office for confirmation.

Looking Ahead

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday	August 27th	6:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries Meeting	Conference Room
Sunday	August 30th	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday	August 30th	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	Reissig Hall
Thursday	Sept. 3rd	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice resumes	Sanctuary
Friday	Sept. 4th	10:00 a.m.	First Friday Friends	Reissig Hall
Sunday	Sept. 6th	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Pr. Ken Maldonado	Sanctuary
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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday

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