



# Atonement Tidings

January 2019

COOKIE SERVICE PROJECT/ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS/ CHRISTMAS EVE



## CHURCH NEWS

### FLOOR CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Thanks to the outpouring of generosity from our congregation, we have **exceeded** our matching challenge to provide new flooring at Atonement! To date, we have received the \$5000 matching challenge gift from an anonymous donor PLUS \$9,571.50 from members and friends of our congregation. Our deep appreciation to all who contributed to this fundraising project, which will create a more inviting, welcoming and safe space for our members, friends and guest who use our building. Look for upcoming information as this project moves forward!

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH SANCTUARY CELEBRATION THANK YOU

It was a great day of celebration on December 23<sup>rd</sup> as we remembered and gave thanks for 50 years of worship in our church sanctuary.

Thank you to:

- The family of Howard Jensen for the gift of new white paraments in memory of Howard and in honor of this special occasion.
- Judy Lazenby and Barb Sanko for their selection of the new paraments.
- Barb Sanko for organizing and hosting our Celebration Reception following the service.
- Carl and Pat Focht for locating original bulletins, articles and photos from the Atonement's archives for this event.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, February 3**  
**10:45am**

### ADULT FORUM Sundays at 10:45 AM

- Jan. 6            No Class: New Year's Blessings!
- Jan. 13            **How food can bring Americans – old and new – together around the table:** In Part One of the PBS series *No Passport Required*, Chef Marcus Samuelsson meets with chefs, restaurateurs, business owners and others from Detroit and Dearborn's large Middle Eastern community.
- Jan. 20            **Great Couples of the Bible**  
By Pastor Gail Swanson
- Jan. 27            **Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary:** A review and discussion of the book *A Tee Full of Angels* by Macrina Wiederkehr.....Discussion with *Avis Hooper*

### PREPARING FOR A ZERO WASTE LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 10

Do you have any surplus Corelleware plates, cloth napkins, drinking cups, or silverware that you could donate to the Church?

Our February 10th Stewardship Luncheon will include an effort to eat a meal together without creating any landfill waste. In order to do that, we will be using dishes, cups, and silverware that will be washed, and cloth napkins that will be laundered post event. We are hoping to supplement the items we currently have to make this happen, and we could use your help. We are seeking Corelleware plates because they are thin and will require minimal storage space. Our goal is to get 80 reusable place settings. Right now, to make that happen, we need about 30 plates, 55 teaspoons, 45 knives, 25 forks, 35 cups, and 80 cloth napkins. It is our goal to have as many zero waste events as possible in the future. So, if you can help, please bring your items to church and place them in the recycle/donation area before the end of January. We will be visiting thrift stores to make up the difference. It should be an eclectic, fun mix of items!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



## ATONEMENT LUTHERAN YOUTH

### ALY FORUM SCHEDULE – JANUARY

(Sundays after the 9:30am service in the Library)

Jan 6 – NO FORUM – Asbury Dining Service

Jan 13 – NO FORUM

Jan 20 – Forum

Jan 27 – Forum

### ALY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE – JANUARY

**Sunday, Jan 6 – Asbury Dining Service:** Help feed those less fortunate at Asbury First United Methodist Church right after the church service. The Schrlau's will be going so let me know if you'd like to participate and I'll sign you up, or sign up yourself at Atonement. Rides available. Come and join in this rewarding experience!

**Saturday, Jan 12, 6:30-8pm – LCLC-on-the-Go and LYO Game Night:** Join us at Reformation Lutheran Church (111 N. Chestnut St.) for some fun and games with LYO and LCLC friends and counselors. Let Michael Schrlau know if you plan to attend. Rides available. Hope you can join us!

### 'SAVE THE DATE' FOR THESE FUTURE ACTIVITIES!

**March 1-3 – Winter Weekend:** A weekend retreat at the Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush, NY when youth and adults come together in a camp/lodge type setting to explore our spiritual life through a variety of experiences that range from serious to silly. More information to come.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

It is a traditional English custom for church bells to ring out the old year and ring in the new year at midnight on December 31. As we say farewell to 2018 and enter into 2019, these powerful verses of Alfred Lord Tennyson speak a message of hope - and a call to action - to be the people Christ has asked us to be. Although they were written nearly 170 years ago, these words are just as pertinent today: *Ring out...the civic slander and the spite... Ring in the love of truth and right... Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

*In Peace,*

*Pastor Gail*

### *RING OUT, WILD BELLS*

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light: The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.	Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.
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Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.	Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes But ring the fuller minstrel in.
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Ring out the grief that saps the mind For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.	Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.
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Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred Lord Tennyson

## YOUR CHURCH BUILDING AND GROUNDS

By Norm Karsten, Director of Administration

Many tasks must be completed to care for YOUR Atonement property. Most of them require only an hour or two and can be done anytime that is convenient for you. **Please look over the following list of some current needs and see me about any that you will consider doing.** Or suggest another that you have noticed.

- Mount thermostat in the Library
- Replace tank parts in leaky toilet
- Replace deteriorated insulation on Sanctuary doors
- Paint Narthex entry radiators
- Clean restroom fans
- Replace detached cove base in Sacristy and Prayer Room
- Clean recessed floor mats inside Sanctuary entrances
- Paint dividers in Men's Restroom
- Replace burned out light bulbs as needed
- Polish brass door hardware as needed

## DISCIPLESHIP

### BRIGHTON FOOD DEPOT

For the month of January, we will collect **cereal and canned entrées** for the Brighton Food Depot. Canned entrées include beef stew, ravioli, beefaroni, etc. Thank you for your generous giving to this ministry. If you'd like to learn more about BFD, or perhaps volunteer there, please speak to Barb Sanko.

## FELLOWSHIP

### LUNCH & LAUGHTER Wednesday, January 9 at Noon

Come out of the winter cold and join us for our pot luck lunch. Bring a dish to pass...we'll provide beverages, hot and cold. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, but if you forget to sign up, come anyway. There is always room for YOU at our table.

Set-up or clean-up help is always appreciated. If you need transportation, call the office at 442-1018 and we will help secure you a ride.

## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please don't throw out your Christmas cards. Bring them to church and place them in the marked box in the Narthex. We will use them for various projects next winter. Thank you!

## IF ALL OF ATONEMENT READ THE SAME BOOK

How about something new for the New Year? Consider this your personal invitation to come on a spiritual, transformational journey together, to "stop, look, and listen for God in the here and now..." Join us as we read this delightful and inspirational little book together

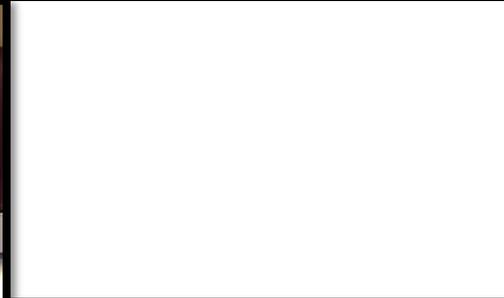
*A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary*, by Macrina Wiederkehr

*"Spending your days in the fast lane of life impairs the quality of your seeing. If you want to see to the depths, you will have to slow down. You live in a world of theophanies. Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. Life wants to lead you from crumbs to angels, but this can happen only if you are willing to unwrap the ordinary by staying with it long enough to harvest its treasure."*

You can purchase your own copy of *A Tree Full of Angels* through Amazon and other book sellers.

Then join us for *Adult Forum on Sunday, January 27, 2019* when we will discuss what we've read. Even if you don't read the book, come and join in on the discussion. You might even want to pick up your own copy after that!

## INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER



*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.  
– Matthew 25:35*

What a heartwarming and delicious time we had at our International Dinner in November at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church. Our next dinner will be held on Sunday, March 10. Watch the bulletin boards and Tidings for details!

## CALENDAR

January 2	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
January 6	Worship	9:30 AM
January 8	Worship Planning Committee	11:30 AM
January 9	Lunch and Laughter	12:00 PM
January 13	Worship Sunday School/ Adult Forum	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
January 15	Stewardship Committee Board of Ministries Meeting	11:45 AM 6:00 PM
January 20	Worship Sunday School / Youth Forum/ Adult Forum	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
January 27	Worship Sunday School/ Youth Forum/ Adult Forum	9:30 AM 10:45 AM

### PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

**Members:** John Condemi, Barbara Goodrich, Vi Price, Betty Browne, Ruth Hunt, Nancy Petrich, Florence Wright, Karen Grover.

**Friends and Family:** Judy and David Ballerstein, Kathy Doherty, Jon and Marilyn Fair (Brother of Nancy Heise), Barb Macholz Grimaldi, Jeff, Richard Kress, Judy Price, Mark, Erika, Steve Kistner (Friend of Karsten's), Steven Bodman.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### January Birthdays

4	Dan Westervelt, John Tokoli
6	Kathy Heinig
12	Andrew Spillane
14	Laura Kaminsky
15	Nancy Templeman
18	Sarah Darder
22	Madison Hauck
24	Andrea Fleishman, Mark Hennessey
30	Judy Lazenby

### January Anniversaries

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** to Pastor Steve Hluchy upon the death of his sister, Anna, on December 22....and to Joshua Brown upon the death of his aunt, Martha, on December 30.

### **A NOTE OF THANKS FROM KAREN AND DON GROVER:**

*Thank you for all the cards and words of encouragement. It has been very helpful in my recovery process. Knowing that you are all thinking of me and praying for me is a big motivation to get better. Wishing you the merriest Christmas and very Happy New Year.*

**January 2019**

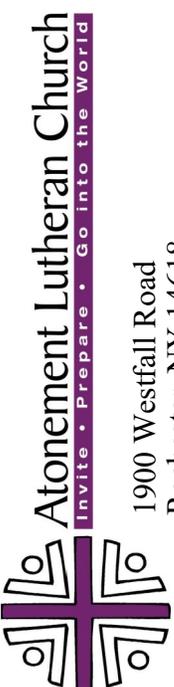
	January 6 9:30 AM	January 13 9:30 AM	January 20 9:30 AM	January 27 9:30 AM
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Joanne Scanlon	Matt McGill	David Wilkinson	Joanne Scanlon
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	David T Wilkinson	Betty Middlebrook	Jim Krapf	Sue Hauck
<b>Reader</b>	Susan Touhsaent	Jess McGill	Colleen Denny	Russell Miller
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Pastor Gail Swanson	Elizabeth Dollhopf-Brown	David T Wilkinson	Karan Thompson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Alexa Howe	Faye Domroes	Greta Brown	Elizabeth Schrlau
<b>Greeter</b>	Carol Pearson	Diane Christianson	Marion Ginegaw	Amy Schrlau
<b>Usher</b>	Jack Teter	Norm Karsten	Jess McGill	Karan Thompson
<b>Coffee Host</b>	/	Judy Lazenby	Jan Hunt	Bob Heinig
<b>Assistant Financial Sec.</b>		John Kruidenier	Bob Touhsaent	Norm Karsten
<b>Counter</b>	Nancy Heise	Diane Christianson	Jack Teter	Tom Thompson
<b>Altar Care</b>	Jean Seager			





**JANUARY 2019**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**  
Dated Material



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**Sunday Worship and  
Holy Communion: 9:30 AM**  
**Christian Education: 10:45 - 11:30 AM Sundays**  
**Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Tues/ Wed/ Thurs**  
**Pastor's Day Off: Monday**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*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*