



Midweek Message

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person in our sanctuary or livestream via our Facebook page as we hear the answer to the question “Who are the blessed ones of God?” For the prophet Micah, it is those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

FAITH-FILLED FUN DAY ON SUNDAY

THIS SUNDAY, January 29th, 4:00-5:15 p.m.

“Wade in the Water: Baptism at a River”

All children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to participate in these afternoons of faith and fun.

Join us for a new twist on faith formation for our Atonement children: a Vacation Bible School-type gathering once a month on Sunday afternoons! Each session will include story time, crafts, games, and snacks related to the Bible story of the day. *We look forward to seeing you!*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



COFFEE HOSTS: Please help us host a coffee hour for the upcoming months. A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. Please see Barb Sanko for details.



SHOVELERS: A few hardy volunteers are needed to help shovel the walks into the church (Sanctuary entrance and Office entrance) for this season. We haven’t had much snow yet, but we will need assistance when it arrives! If you can help, please contact Stew Stover or Skip Waterstreet to let them know.



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary, or Livestream worship via our Atonement Facebook page.

You can follow us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special services by going to our Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

A worship bulletin with hymns will be Emailed to our Atonement families, and posted weekly on our web site.

February Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Adam Darder
- 8 Tom Thompson
- 10 Rev. Gail Swanson
- 12 Olivia McGill
Ann Patterson
- 14 John Hanson
- 22 Amy Loporcaro
- 24 Elaine Vangellow

Anniversaries

- 8 Karen Goodyear &
John Kruidenier
- 24 Stew & Suzanne Stover

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Sunday, February 5th at 10:30 a.m. in Reissig Hall
Refreshments will be provided*

VALENTINE'S DAY COLLEGE CONNECTIONS



Let's spread some love to our (7) Atonement college-attending students! We will be collecting items to be included in care packages through the next two Sundays, January 29th and February 5th. Packages will be delivered to our students in time for Valentine's Day.

In order to keep the cost of postage to a minimum, we are proposing the packages include a few individually wrapped sweets/chocolates and also some \$5.00 gift cards to those favorite beverage stops, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, or Tim Horton's. Please place your donations of candy and gift cards on the table in the Narthex. Any questions should be directed to Barb Sanko.

COMING UP: THE SOUPER BOWL!



On Sunday, February 12th we will hold our annual *Tackle Hunger* event. We will be collecting soup and other canned goods for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Catch the spirit of giving and bring a can or two, placing it on the side of your favorite team!



*Lord, in the midst of winter,
when days are cold
and wind can pierce,
remind us of the warmth
of your love.*

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS **by Pastor Gail Swanson**

*It has happened again.
We feign disbelief, but
if we are being honest,
we can believe it. We must,
since this hate is born of us.*

*There is a fear that flows
through the veins of this nation,
unleashed on the bodies of the innocents.
It rumbles between each gunshot.*

*It will continue to rage,
stealing breath
from God's beloved...*

-from "After a Mass Shooting" by Meta Herrick Carlson

There is a sickness in this world with symptoms as old as humankind, a rush of power born by inciting fear in others, in causing others pain and death. There is sickness...yet there is also a remedy.

11 dead in Monterey Park...12 wounded in Baton Rouge...7 dead in Half Moon Bay...2 dead in Des Moines...and it's only January.

It's overwhelmingly clear that the prevalence of guns in our country has made tragedies like deadly mass shootings too frequent. Not video games, mental illness, bullying, or the internet. Other countries have video games, mental illness, bullying and the internet. What they *don't* have are more than 458 million registered weapons... some of which are literally classified as weapons of war.

Among certain Americans, a gun now claims nearly divine status; an object of reverence. But Jesus had a word for this and every other idolatry: "*No one can serve two masters.*" Opposing gun violence isn't primarily a political issue, at least not for followers of Christ. It's a deeply religious issue. The value and worth of every human being is unmistakably precious. Our faith asks us to stand up for human preciousness, and stand alongside all whose life is ended by violent means. When we do this, we stand with the model and teacher of nonviolence himself: Jesus.

We are called to live, work, pray, speak out, and take a stand for the day when swords are beaten into plowshares... when each of us will learn how to truly love our enemies...when gunshot will no longer steal the breath of God's beloved. There is a sickness...and there is a remedy; Jesus' path of peacemaking. Take a stand.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil.4: 7)

Confirmation Class

Meeting

Our Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday, January 29th at 1:00 p.m. In the church library.

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Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays
in our Sanctuary

Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

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

Hear My Prayer, O Lord Henry Purcell was an English Baroque composer, living in the late 17th century. His style isn't very much like Bach's, and one feature that was typical of English music since the Renaissance is the rapid mixture of major and minor. It's often present in this piece at "and let my cry-y-y" (the third note of "cry"), where it must be being used to amplify the emotion.

Follow Me I can't find out anything about the composer, Tim Osiek, but he has a few things out in this vein (pretty, verging just the tiniest bit into cheese). The text relates to some of our recent readings about Jesus' beginning ministry, when he was collecting his disciples.



LCLC 4TH-8TH GRADE WINTER RETREAT

March 3^d-5th, 2023 at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

You are invited to spend the weekend at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) learning about your relationship with God and having an awesome time with new and old friends!

The LCLC Winter Retreat includes:

- † Fun Bible Studies
- † Meaningful Worships
- † Campfires, Great Music, and S'mores
- † Sledding and Fun in the Snow
- † Games and Hikes, Great Food and Snacks

Grab a friend, bring your sleds and winter gear, and get ready for a great LCLC experience. The retreat begins with registration at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night and ends with closing worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Your families are welcome to join us for Sunday worship.

The cost includes programming, great meals, delicious snacks, and lodging in the Retreat Center. *Registration deadline is February 24th*. For online registration, [Click Here](#)

LCLC FAREWELL EVENT FOR LEE LINDEMAN

Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY, 14426.

Attention all campers, parents, staff, past staffers, and board members of the LCLC community! We welcome you to join us for a celebration of the great work Lee Lindeman has accomplished over the past 17 years while at LCLC, as well as to reconnect with all of our community; past and present!

Breakfast items and juices/coffee will be provided. A Service of Blessing and Sending for Lee will take place at 11:45 a.m.

Please join us!