

Midweek



Message

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or via livestream with us on our Facebook page. A wedding, wine, and a joyful surprise! Jesus promises that his gracious presence in God's good gifts will never run out!

ADULT FORUM

Sunday, January 19th following worship

Paul A. Vick, author of *Where the Cotton Grows :a missionary calling leads a Baptist family on a fateful journey to China leaving a lasting legacy*. Vick is a Baptist minister, lawyer, Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Fund golfer (first place team in 2024), John Lazenby's father-in-law, and the youngest (at the time) sole survivor of a plane crash.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

Sunday, January 19th at 10:45 a.m.

Our Confirmation Class will be meeting in the Conference Room.

MIDWINTER POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, January 26th following worship

Come and join us for brunch as we make our way through the 'Deep Midwinter' cold! We will be providing some nice, hot soups to warm our bodies, and there will be plenty of fellowship and conversation to warm our hearts, as well. We ask that you sign up to bring other brunch foods on the sign-up sheet on the narthex table with suggested items.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Sunday, February 2nd following worship in Reissig Hall
Refreshments will be provided*

Atonement Lutheran Church



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

For anyone wishing to submit 2024 Updates / Recaps / Annual Reports, please be sure to have them in the church office no later than January 21st. Thank you.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to Lori Love, who donated items from our Amazon Wishlist to update our Ladies' Room.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

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

[Camille Thomas – Cello Sonata in G Minor, Op.65: III. Largo](#) feat. [Julien Brocal at The Chopin Salon](#) Chopin's music is almost entirely for piano solo, and I think everything he wrote had a piano in it somewhere. This piece was written for a friend of his named Auguste Franchomme, and was the last work published in his lifetime. They also played it at Chopin's last concert. As far as I can tell, the cellist here has Franchomme's cello!

[György Ligeti - Lux Aeterna - 2001: A Space Odyssey](#) György Ligeti was a Hungarian composer who died a few years ago, and his music tends to be a little avant-garde sounding. But please give this choral piece a try. It sets text from the Requiem mass (Lux aeterna means "light eternal" in Latin), though the words are impossible to hear most of the time.

Choir: our choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for practice. All are welcome! See David McCarthy for details.



Evening Prayer

As I lie down this night in the shadow of your wings, O Lord,
I know you will be with me, even as you have helped me through this day.
Whether I am weary or whether the day has been a feast of blessings,
I give thanks for your care in every circumstance,
remembering your steadfast love. Surround me with your love
as I give myself over to rest and sleep through the hours of this night;
in the peace of Christ I pray.
Amen.



Give Now to Lutheran Disaster Response

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with tens of thousands of people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. News is still unfolding about the full impact as firefighting efforts continue.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. We are committed to recovering communities for months and years to come.

What you can do:

Please pray for communities in California impacted by the wildfires. May God's healing presence bring them peace and hope in their time of need and give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give:

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to communities affected by wildfires and related disasters. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. *You can give online by clicking here: "[U.S. Wildfires](#)"* All donations will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

To give by phone, call **800-638-3522**.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

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

WHATS NEW?

- 1) We've updated our Newsletter format! We hope you find it easily readable and accessible. We've also added a 'Looking Ahead' section (see below) so that you can quickly and easily see what's coming up in the near future at Atonement.
- 2) Take a look at our new bulletin board in the hallway across from the restrooms.
- 3) Our Amazon Wishlist has been updated. You can find a link to our wish list on our website at www.atonementrochester.org under the 'Giving' menu tab. You will also see a short list of items that we use daily and that are needed & used on an ongoing basis.
- 4) Check out our calendar on our website under the 'News & Calendar' menu tab to see what's coming up at Atonement.
- 5) Take a look at our new seasonal bulletin board in the office hallway.
- 6) Our Facility Use & Request Forms have been updated and can also be found on our website under the 'Facility Use Request Forms' menu tab. You can also find these forms in the office.

Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday	16th	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Loft
Sunday	19th	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:30 a.m.	Adult Forum	Reissig Hall
		10:45 a.m.	Confirmation	Conference Room
Thursday	23rd	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Loft
Sunday	26th	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Founder's Hall

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