

# Midweek



# Message

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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

***Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.***

Join us in person or via livestream with us on our Facebook page. Each time we hear God's Word read in worship, we are invited to listen, learn, and embrace God's promises in Jesus for our lives.

## MIDWINTER POTLUCK BRUNCH

***Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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. Additional food items are welcome.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

***Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.***

Our Confirmation Class will be meeting in the Conference Room.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following worship***

We'll be grabbing some goodies from our Potluck, then head to Founders Hall for a Bible story about Jesus, art project, activity, and snack. All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us. Classes run until 11:30 a.m.

## BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

***Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.***

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

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> following worship in Reissig Hall***

*Refreshments will be provided*

# Atonement Lutheran Church

## VALENTINE'S DAY COLLEGE CONNECTION COLLECTION

Let's spread some love to our Atonement college-attending students! We will be collecting items to be included in care packages **through Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR PASTOR DEBBIE JOHNSON

***Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> During Our 9:30 a.m. Service***



Please join us in offering Farewell & Godspeed to Debbie Johnson as she moves to Sacramento, CA in February. Pastor Debbie has been a blessing to our Atonement Family and to a wide circle of congregations, colleagues, pastors, and friends in the Rochester community and Synod. May God's Spirit guide, bless, and be present with her in the journey ahead.

## CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

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

[Sabine Devieille, Alexandre Tharaud – Fauré: "Après un rêve"](#) Gabriel Fauré was an important figure for French music in the later 19th century – he bridged the emotional Romanticism of people like Massenet and the cooler ironic style of Debussy and Ravel (usually called Impressionist composers). This is probably his most famous song. Here's a translation of the text: [Gabriel Fauré - Après un rêve \(English translation\)](#)

[LUTHER 500 - Eyn geystlich Gesangk Buchleyn - Johann Walter & Martin Luther](#) Susan Touhsaent very kindly asked me to talk about the very first Lutheran hymnals (really the very first Christian songbooks of any lasting influence), as last year was the 500th anniversary of their publication. This video contains all eight songs in the first book, performed in styles they would have been performed in at the time, with musicians taking the roles of Luther, his wife Katherine von Bora (though they weren't married until 1525), and his musical collaborator Johann Walter.

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

Our new seasonal bulletin board for Epiphany  
in the office hallway.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come and the  
glory of the Lord rises upon you.”  
Isaiah 60:1



## ATONEMENT BOOK CLUB (A.B.C.) RECOMMENDATIONS

We had a good discussion of recommended books at our Adult Forum on January 12<sup>th</sup>. All can be found in the Monroe County Library System. Let's try to think of ways to keep sharing ideas. Any suggestions on how to do that? Contact Margy Peet or Susan Touhsaent with your ideas. Here is a list of recommended books:

*In the Bleak Midwinter*, Julia Spenser-Fleming (a 10<sup>th</sup> book in the series is expected in November)

*On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Service*, Anthony S. Fauci, MD (NF)

Horse, Geraldine Brooks

*In the Heart of the Sea: the Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*, Nathaniel Philbrick (NF)

*What Alice Forgot*, Liane Moriarty

*Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer (NF)

*The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, Robin Wall Kimmerer (NF)

*The Greatest Beer Run Ever: A Memoir of Friendship, Loyalty, and War*, John Donahue (NF)

*Inside Out & Back Again*, Thanhà Lài (in verse) (J,TWEEN)

*Straight Man*, Richard Russo

Louise Penny (*The Grey Wolf* is her latest, 19 books in all in the series)

*The President is Missing*, Bill Clinton & James Patterson

*Wings of Fire series*, Tui T. Sutherland (15+ books in the series) (J,YA,TEEN)

*The Overnight Guest*, Heather Gudenkauf

*Where the Cotton Grows: A Missionary Calling Leads a Baptist Family on a Fateful Journey to China Leaving a Lasting Legacy*, Paul Ashton Vick (NF)

*The Backyard Bird Chronicles*, Amy Tan (NF)\* A new recommendation from Sherry McCarthy



## Come Worship With Us ... Everyone Is Welcome!

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship *Or Livestream on our Facebook Page*

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### ADULT FORUM RECAP

The goal of our Adult Forum is to provide two educational/community-building opportunities each month from September through May. We have been fortunate to have Atonement members and friends willing to share their talents, passions, and stories; opera (Pastor Gail Swanson and David McCarthy), the Rochester Protectives (Skip Waterstreet), World Relief (Meghan Domroes), traveling to Taiwan (the Thompsons), Community Organizing for Housing Justice (Samantha Wolfe), Understanding LGBTQ+ terms (Sahara Kruidenier), a Trip to Florida in the 1980's (Joe Manthey), and Traveling in South Africa (the McGill family). We learned about community resources, as well; The Repair Café and Sew Green, Foodlink, Saint's Place, and Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach, and had some fun while learning; Hands-Only CPR (Jess McGill) and Name That Hymn (David McCarthy).



Many thanks to all who participate and present topics. What would you like to see on a Sunday morning? What would you like to share? Contact Margy Peet or Susan Touhsaent with your ideas.

### THANK YOU, SHOVELERS!

Our thanks and appreciation to Atonement's volunteer snow shovelers for keeping our sidewalks and walkways safe and clear this winter!

## Looking Ahead

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u>    | <u>Event</u>                  | <u>Location</u> |
|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Thursday   | 23rd        | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Choir Practice                | Choir Loft      |
| Sunday     | 26th        | 9:30 a.m.      | Worship                       | Sanctuary       |
|            |             | 10:30 a.m.     | Deep Midwinter Potluck Brunch | Reissig Hall    |
|            |             | 10:30 a.m.     | Sunday School                 | Founder's Hall  |
|            |             | 10:45 a.m.     | Confirmation                  | Conference Room |
| Wednesday  | 29th        | 6:00 p.m.      | Board of Ministries Meeting   | Conference Room |
| Thursday   | 30th        | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Choir Practice                | Choir Loft      |

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