



Midweek Message



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11th at 9:30 a.m.

In-Person and Livestream Worship

Join us in-person in our church sanctuary for worship or Livestream with us via our Facebook page as we hear of hope for the oppressed, and our call to witness to justice in company of them, proclaiming God's saving love.

B & B BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 14th

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Outdoors at Atonement



Let's re-connect with God's Word, and each other! Bring a Bible, a beverage (and a lawn chair), and join Pastor Gail on the lawn for an informal Bible study on "Food, Meals, and God's Hospitality."

ADOPT-A-SPOT!

Gardening tasks are abundant around the four sides of our church building and other places on our property. Can you help out by 'adopting' one area for July and August? Some of the tasks include:

- Weeds to be pulled
- Edging to be done
- Bushes to be pruned
- Small beds of stones to re-do around the Enter/Exit signs
- Mulch to be replaced around the front church sign
- ...And more!

So grab your garden tools and head to Atonement! Contact the church office (office@atonementrochester.org) and let us know your 'adoption plans'. *We are grateful for your help!*



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

*In-person worship in our Sanctuary, or
Livestream worship via our
Atonement Facebook page.*

Join Pastor Gail and David McCarthy for music and hymns, scripture, a sermon, prayers, and a Children's Moment.

*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://fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)*

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

Summer Days

Are Come Again

The summer days are come again,
With sun and clouds between,
And, fed alike by sun and rain,
The trees grow broad and green;
Spreads broad and green the leafy tent,
Upon whose grassy floor
Our feet, too long in cities pent,
Their freedom find once more.

The summer days are come again;
Once more the glad earth yields
Her golden wealth of ripening grain,
And breadth of clover fields,
And deepening shade of summer woods,
And glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts, and happy moods
Of love and joy and prayer.

The summer days are come again;
The birds are on the wing;
God's praises, in their loving strain,
Unconsciously they sing.
We know who giveth all the good
That doth our cup o'erbrim;
For summer joy in field and wood
We lift our song to Him.

-Samuel Longfellow

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM ST. JOSEPH'S NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

From Sister Christine Wagner, Executive Director:

"Things I am thankful for today...the trees are greening...our rhubarb is coming up with vigor...we have volunteer groups coming to care for the Center's gardens...I have been able to hug some people, finally. And I am thankful for your financial gift to the Center. Despite the stress the world has us under, there are so many gifts, graces, and blessings surrounding us to be grateful for. Thanks so much...and please take a moment for yourself to appreciate the world around us."

SIGN UP: SUNDAY MORNING SWEET TREATS

During the months of July and August we will be offering a time for fellowship and ice cream served outdoors following each worship service (formerly known as Lemonade on the Lawn).

Can you help us by signing up to host on a Sunday? Just click on the link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FA4AE2FA31-Sunday>



Thank you for your 'sweet' assistance!

A SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone at Atonement that donated to the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church Food Drive in late June. It was a big success! Donated items totaled 575 pounds of food delivered to the Brighton Food Cupboard. Extra thanks go out to Amy Irish and Jean Seager, who volunteered their time at the drive.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM FROM ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Dear Pastor Swanson and all the Saints at Atonement Lutheran Church:

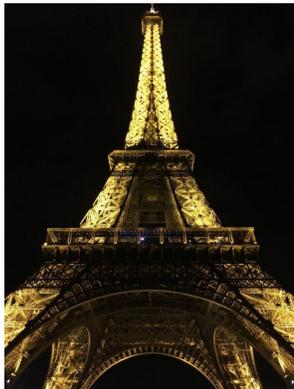
Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of ELCA World Hunger and other churchwide ministries. Your generosity has made you one of the 156 most generous congregations to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response. Together we are changing lives for good! Your dedication helps build a just world where all are fed.



ATONEMENT VACATION PHOTOS

Traveling this summer? Taking a family vacation to the beach, to a lake, to a city, to the woods, to the mountains? Planning a day trip to a new place?

Enjoy your time away...and then send us a photo! (office@atonementrochester.org) We would like to feature photos in the Midweek Message of our church family on vacation during the summer months.



Watch over those who are traveling, Loving God, that they would be granted safe journeys, refreshing days away and a blessed homecoming. Amen.



Prayers

Of Sympathy

We express our sympathy and prayers to Carol Schmidt and family upon the death of her mother, Eleanor Barth, on July 5th.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Sabbath Rest

Remember

Sabbath is not just rest from making things; it's rest from the need to make something of ourselves.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise”

This quote by Martin Luther reminds of the gift of music in our worship life, and in our life of faith. Our Director of Music, David McCarthy, will be providing weekly music links of sacred music to offer inspiration, solace and peace. Click on a title to hear the song.

Ave Maria (J.S. Bach/Gounod) Charles Gounod, a 19th-century French opera composer, was improvising melodies on top of Bach pieces (as one does), and came up with this gorgeous tune to go along with Bach's first prelude from the Well-Tempered Clavier. The piano part is essentially Bach's original, with the first four bars repeated as an introduction. It was originally an instrumental, as in this video, with words added later. This and Schubert's "Ave Maria" are often done at weddings and funerals.

O Magnum Mysterium Here's one of the most popular sacred choral pieces written in the last few decades (it's from 1994). The text is a Christmas one, but I wanted to make sure I didn't forget to share it with you. It's in a style that's been very common recently, maybe inspired by the success this piece has had: not much of a sense of strong beat, and "cluster" chords, with lots of seconds (adjacent notes in the scale, for example a C sharp and a D, or a G and an A). Morten Lauridsen grew up in the Pacific Northwest, and has taught composition at USC since 1967.

GOING TO CAMP

By Pastor Gail Swanson

*These are days for outdoor voices,
Long sprints, and splashes
That sweat and cool like freedom.*

*These are nights for wild noises
And the crackle of bright campfires,
Eyes that find heaven's starry banner above.*

*These are the foods, songs, and spaces
That help stick faith to our bones,
That locate God's love so near after all.*

*These are ways to practice rejoicing,
To notice Christ in mud on your feet
And on the face of friends with flashlights
And the steady buzz of a bug in your ear.*

*This life is a gift. This faith is an adventure.
Blessed are you, who explore with awe.*

-“Going to Camp” by Meta Herrick Carlson

I started going to church camp when I was a child and never really left. The lake, the woods, the outdoor beauty continue to offer a place of Sabbath rest for me, where God not only speaks but listens as well. Where I see the love of Christ on the faces of young people in “a place apart”, where ministry happens, where the Gospel is shared through cool swims and outdoor voices and the crackle of bright campfires in ways that “help stick faith to our bones.”

Have you been camping lately? Even without the experience of sleeping bags, flashlights and bug spray, this summer might be a good time to consider spending time in God's good creation...while giving thanks for such a gift. And as you do, may your eyes have a chance to find heaven's starry banner above.



In Summer...

*Live in the sunshine.
Swim in the sea.
Drink in the wild air.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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