



Midweek Message

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: 45/45 Worship and Blanket Project

This Sunday, March 5th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person in our sanctuary or livestream via our Facebook page for a 45 minute (approximately) worship service followed by a 45 minute project to benefit foster children in our community. We will be making blankets for caseworkers to keep in their vehicles and distribute to the children as needed. *No sewing skills are required to participate.*

We are asking for donations of fleece for this outreach event.
Each blanket requires 2, equally sized pieces of fleece to complete.
Fleece throw kits are on sale this week at JoAnn Fabrics for 40% off.
Fleece can also be purchased for lower prices at Walmart.

- * 1 yard will make the right size blanket for smaller children
- * 1 & 1/2 yards will be ideal for an upper elementary child
- * 2 yards will make a great size for teens

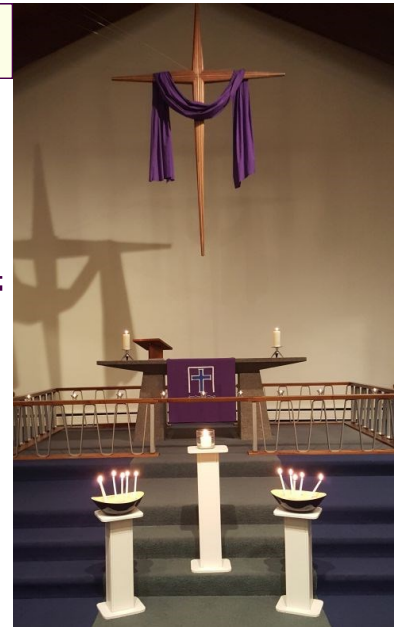
Please also consider bringing a rotary cutter & mat, and fabric scissors if you have them. We can also accept donations of pre-made blankets in new condition at this event.

ADULT FORUM & COFFEE HOUR IN MARCH

Sunday, March 12th at 10:45 a.m.

Join us next Sunday as Andrew Spillane shares stories and talks about his experiences working with incarcerated individuals.

Date	Presenter(s)	Topic
Mar. 12 th	Andrew Spillane	Christianity and the Incarcerated Individual
Mar. 19 th	Chris Scribani	Open Door Mission
Mar. 26 th	Pastor Gail Swanson	Finding Our Lutheran Voice in the midst of Christian Right Noise



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/

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

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Disaster Response

Once again, the people of Atonement have given so generously to people in need through Lutheran Disaster Response. In two short weeks, \$9,793.25 was collected to aid the people of Turkey and Syria suffering loss and devastation due to the recent earthquake.

Glory be to God!

LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT: Birthday Cake Bags

Help us provide a special treat for families receiving food assistance at Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Rochester with a donation of a *'Birthday Cake Bag'*. Each bag provides supplies for a birthday cake celebration for families in need. We will be collecting these bags in the church narthex during Lent (Sunday February 26th through Palm Sunday, April 2nd). They will be delivered to Messiah Lutheran Church for distribution, along with a carton of eggs for cake baking.

To create a *Birthday Cake Bag*, gather:

- ◆ One cake mix (any flavor)
- ◆ One can of frosting (any flavor)
- ◆ One package of birthday candles
- ◆ One package of small *Happy Birthday* plates (8 plates per pkg)
- ◆ One package of small *Happy Birthday* napkins (8 napkins per pkg)



Place all items into a paper bag/tote bag with handles (gift bags work well, and they can also be used to give a gift).

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Wednesdays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

6:30 p.m. Cake, Coffee, and Conversation

7:00-7:30 p.m. Service of Holden Evening Prayer and Candle Lighting



Gather with us during the season of Lent for a midweek opportunity to share a simple dessert and fellowship... and to lift up prayers, hymns, and scripture on our Lenten journey. (Cake bakers are invited to sign up in the narthex if you would like to provide a cake.)

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

"Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith"

Thursdays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

11:00-12:00 Noon in the Church Library

This year, the Gospel texts for Lent offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes in the veil of night; a Samaritan woman comes searching at a well; a man born blind in want of healing. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith, a wider grace.

What are you seeking? Bring your Bible and a beverage and join us as we explore the big questions of our lives and our faith.



FAITH-FILLED FUN DAY ON SUNDAY

Sunday, March 19th, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
“Jesus Calms the Storm”

All children ages 2 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!

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

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

[Kyrie Eleison & Aramaic Hymn](#) It’s easy to forget the Mediterranean roots of our religion, but there are still remnants everywhere. One is the phrase “Kyrie eleison” (“Lord, Have Mercy”), one of the few bits of Greek left commonly known by Christians. Here is a Greek singer who specializes in ancient Byzantine chant, singing that phrase in Greek and various other languages, combined with a version of Psalm 50.

[Piano Sonata No. 3](#) The first movement of this very mid-century work is a set of variations on another Kyrie eleison plainchant tune. Dello Gioio was an American composer with a very accessible, but still interesting, style, similar to that of Paul Hindemith, his teacher.

INSTALLATION OF 2023 BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

Thank you to our Board of Ministries members and officers who were installed on February 26th, as we offer gratitude for their leadership and service in the coming year:

Karen Goodyear, <i>President</i>	Sue Hauck
Margy Peet, <i>Vice President</i>	Amy Irish
Nancy Dahl	Barb Sanko
Karan Thompson, <i>Treasurer</i>	
Lindee Krapf, <i>Financial Secretary & Finance Chair</i>	

*Ashes to Go at Atonement
on Ash Wednesday*



Prayers

Of Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Florence Wright upon the death of her brother-in-law, Don Wright.

*Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Thank You

Snow Shovelers

During these past few weeks of wintry weather, we offer our appreciation to the volunteers who have kept our Atonement sidewalks shoveled and salted for safe walking!

AN ADVENTURE AHEAD

By Pastor Gail Swanson

There are times when a voice calls, and, like Samuel, our response is: *"Here I am, for you called me."*

I have been asked to serve as the Interim Executive Director at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center ...and after discernment, have agreed to accept.

This is a short term (6 - 9 months) commitment beginning March 1st which will provide oversight and leadership for the campers, staff and overall operations of LCLC. There is a Search Committee actively meeting to interview, select and bring on board a new Executive Director for a permanent position beginning later this Fall.

Over the next two to three months, my responsibilities will involve extra hours of work per week, which can be done here in Rochester.

During the months of June, July and early August, (when church responsibilities are a little lighter) I will need to spend a few days each week at LCLC...and the rest of the week and Sunday mornings here at Atonement. In case of pastoral emergencies in my absence, Pastor John Macholz has graciously agreed to step in as needed.

Please know that the LCLC Board and others involved are fully aware that I already have a great (and fulfilling) job as pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church! But with my long history, staff experience and relationship with LCLC ...I believe this is a calling rather than a job.

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center includes both a summer church camp and a year around Retreat Center on 140 acres near Jamestown, NY. It is an outdoor ministry of the Upstate New York Synod of the ELCA with woods, fields, streams and 1/2 mile of waterfront overlooking beautiful Lake Chautauqua. As an outdoor ministry, LCLC is dedicated to providing opportunities for spiritual growth, renewal and Christ-centered community for children, youth and adults in the wonder of God's creation.

I would be grateful for your prayers and support on this new adventure!



INTERIM DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

*A letter from Board President Chris George of the
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center:*

Welcome Pastor Gail Swanson!

The LCLC Board of Directors has been busy looking for our Interim Executive Director, and we have found one! Please join me in Welcoming Pastor Gail Swanson as she steps into this new role.

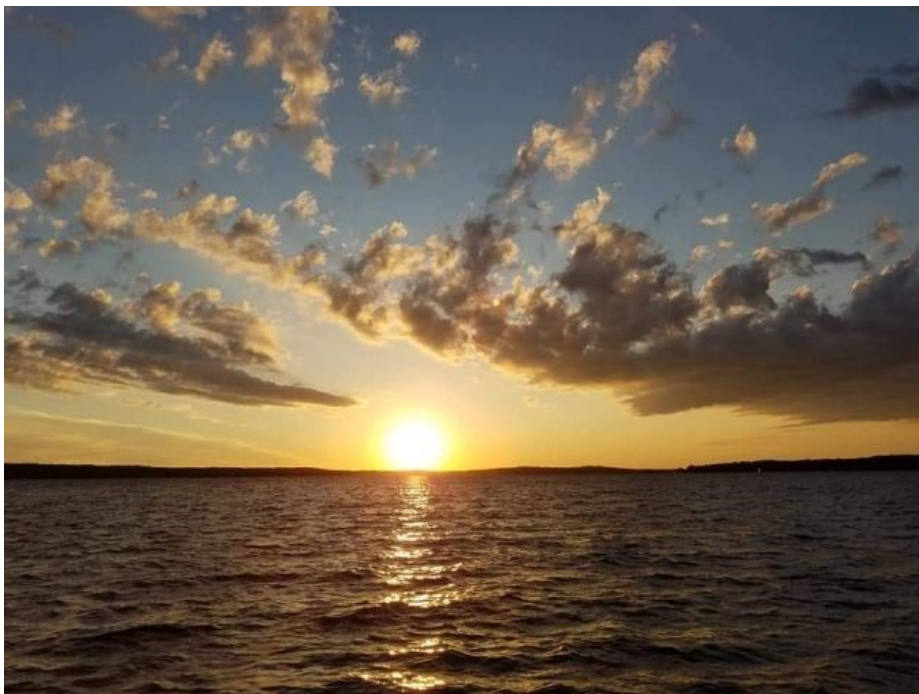
For those who do not know Pastor Gail, she currently serves as the pastor of the wonderful people at Atonement Lutheran Church in Rochester, NY. In 2021, she completed two terms on the LCLC Board of Directors and has been coming to camp for over 50 years! Pastor Gail was an LCLC camper, spent 10 summers on staff, as well as serving as a Chaplain and Confirmation Camp Pastor. When she is not attending LCLC for programming, Pastor Gail and her husband, Pastor Craig Swanson, spend summer vacation time at their trailer in the Family Trailer area at LCLC.

As soon as we met with Pastor Gail, her love for LCLC could not have been stronger. She immediately jumped in on where we currently stand and what needs to be done, in order for her to hit the ground running when she begins her Interim responsibilities on March 1st. She later went on to say how important it will be to make sure the relationships between the campers/parents/staff/pastors/ Synod and the whole LCLC community stay positive and strong throughout this transition. Pastor Gail is excited to meet everyone and will be a welcoming face when it comes time for Summer Camp! We are excited to bring her on board as we start our search for our permanent Executive Director, and know that she will work faithfully in this position!



Prayer *For Lent*

Wild God of wilderness;
As we devote these forty days
to you, shape us by your Spirit
into the image of Jesus,
servant of all,
so that we may be ready, by
your grace, to confront the
power of death with the
promise of eternal life. Amen.



DAILY DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS & PRAYERS FOR LENT

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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

Wednesday, March 1

*Where in your life
would you like to say
yes?*

Creating God, there are countless voices that ask for our time, energy, and creativity. Sometimes I wonder-am I saying yes to the right things? Do I need to adjust? Am I missing out on something you are calling me to? Give me the wisdom to hear your invitations and the conviction to say yes to the things that matter most. Gratefully I pray, **Amen.**

Thursday

*What voices are
harmful to you?*

Loving God, one of the hardest things to do is recognize and name the voices that harm us-voices of comparison or negativity, messages of scarcity. Give me the strength to pluck those voices from my mind. Drown out the voices of temptation and harm, and replace them with your voice of love and affirmation. **Amen.**

Friday

*Whose voices are in
your social media and
news sources?
What voices are
missing?*

God of all people, I have the opportunity to select the voices I listen to. I can listen to only those who think and look like me, or I can recognize if there are voices missing from my life right now. If there are voices that are silenced, bring them to my heart. **Amen.**

Saturday

*Who in your life is an
excellent listener?
How can you learn
from them?*

Listening God, you have gifted special people with the spiritual gift of listening. Thank you for their comforting, encouraging, and strengthening presence in my life. Help me learn from them, so that I, too, may bless other people with a listening ear. **Amen.**

Sunday

*Is it ever too late to
begin again?*

Holy God, is it too late? Have I missed the window? Is it really possible for me to unlearn and relearn new habits? Like Sarah and Abraham, surely, there is new life for me as well. Give me courage when opportunities for new beginnings walk my way. **Amen.**

Monday

*Where did you see God
today?*

God, sometimes we play Marco Polo. Sometimes you leave breadcrumbs on the path for me. Other times you tap me on the shoulder and we start to dance. No matter how I find you, I know you are always there. Give me a spirit to see you. Help me to pay attention to you. **Amen.**

Tuesday

*What is something you
are learning right now?*

Creator God, sometimes I have to stop and think: what am I learning these days? What is my body trying to teach me? What is my soul yearning for? If I'm not careful, I could ignore life's lessons and simply carry on. Help me to grow. Help me learn. **Amen.**