

# Midweek Message

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

Join us in person or livestream with us on our Facebook page as we receive the assurance that in Jesus, God gathers us and shelters us with mercy.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.**

Our Confirmation Class will be meeting in the Conference Room.



## BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

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

## WE TURN TO GOD FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

*Merciful God, care tenderly for all who live with illness and pain, especially:*

*Laurie Bufano*

*Myrtle Krapf*

*Heather Miller*

*Jan Richmond*

*Barb Santspre*

## CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL



*Christ In Our Home* devotional booklets for Apr/May/Jun are now available. You can pick one up in the church office or on the table in the narthex.

*Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer.*

*-Anita Krizzan*



# Atonement Lutheran Church

## **WADE INTO THE WATERS OF LENT**

*Today we begin our dive into the deep waters of Lent. Through the waters of baptism, we are reminded of this forty-day journey as we are washed again with the grace of God in Jesus, and blessed for the journey to the cross, the tomb, and the empty grave.*

*Dive in...and experience Lent this year "through the waters."*

### **WADE INTO WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER**

***Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 at 7:00-7:30 p.m.***

Join us for renewal and reflection through 'water-themed' prayers, hymns, scripture reading, candle lighting, and a fountain of flowing water.

### **WADE INTO OUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

Journey through this holy season with a copy of our new Lenten Devotional booklet, *Life Renewed*, which provides devotions and prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil. Copies are available on the narthex table.

### **WADE INTO BIBLE STUDY**

***Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:45 a.m. during Adult Forum***

*"Through the Waters of Grace" (Old Testament), led by Pastor Gail*

***Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. during Adult Forum***

*"Through the Waters of Grace" (New Testament), led by Pastor John Macholz*

### **WADE INTO SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS**

Help us help others by donating water and food items for distribution to homeless members of the Rochester community through PCHO-Person Centered Housing Options. We will be collecting items listed below through April 6<sup>th</sup>. Items can be placed on the table in the narthex.

\* Small (8 oz.) bottles of water

\* Individually packaged protein bars, trail mix, dried fruit, and nuts

*"He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters."*

*2 Samuel 22:17*

## **ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE: SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.**

Coffee, snacks, fellowship, and conversation! Our Adult Forum welcomes those of High School age and up following worship. Come learn and discuss scripture, faith, daily life, and the world around us. We meet in Reissig Hall. Topics and presenters vary by date. *We hope to see you there!*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	David McCarthy	Luther's hymnals ( <i>yes, plural!</i> )
Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pastor Gail Swanson	Bible study: "Through the Waters of Grace" (Old Testament)
Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor John Macholz	Bible study: "Through the Waters of Grace" (New Testament)
Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Gail Swanson	Sing With All the Saints in Glory: Planning Your Funeral Service

### *Prayer for Lent*

*God of the desert,  
Guide us as we follow Jesus into the unknown,  
that we may recognize the tempter when he comes.  
Let it be your bread we eat, your world we serve,  
and you alone we worship. Amen.*

*-New Zealand Prayer Book*

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

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

Website: [www.atonementrochester.org](http://www.atonementrochester.org) Facebook: [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch](https://fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch)

### KIDS' CRAFT: SPRING IS COMING!

Have you ever heard someone say “April showers bring May flowers”? This old saying originated (started) in the United Kingdom, where a cold, rainy season would last through April, and flowers would bloom in May. The original inspiration (idea) for the saying is thought to have come from Geoffrey Chaucer, an English poet who wrote a collection stories in the 1300s. That’s hundreds of years ago! He wrote about April rain and how the water spread through the roots of flowers to bring them to life. His poem read:

*“When in April the sweet showers fall  
that pierce March’s drought to the root and all  
and bathed every vein in liquor that has power  
to generate therein and sire the flower.”*

In the 1500s, (200 years later!) Thomas Tusser, another English poet, wrote a much shorter poem: ‘*Sweet April showers do spring May flowers*’. This sounds more like the saying that we use today.

Here’s a simple wreath craft made with recycled materials that you can make to celebrate the coming of spring later this month. **The materials needed and directions for this craft can be found on our website under the 'Ministries and Kids' menu, or just click here: ['Youth and Family Activities'](#) .**



### Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday	12th	7:00-7:30 p.m.	Lenten Evening Prayer Service	Sanctuary
Thursday	13th	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Loft
Sunday	16th	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	16th	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour & Adult Forum	Reissig Hall
	16th	10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class Meeting	Conference Room
Tuesday	18th	6:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries Meeting	Conference Room

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