

Midweek Message

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person or livestream with us on our Facebook page. We, who are like the fig tree in this week's Gospel, pray that with Christ's saving love we will respond to God's call to fruitfulness.

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!*

Date	Presenter(s)	Topic
Mar. 23 rd	Pastor Gail Swanson	Bible study: "Through the Waters of Grace" (Old Testament)
Mar. 30 th	Pastor John Macholz	Bible study: "Through the Waters of Grace" (New Testament)
Apr. 6 th	Pastor Gail Swanson	Sing With All the Saints in Glory: Planning Your Funeral Service
Apr. 13 th	Margy Peet & Susan Touhsaent	Mapping Inequality-Redlining in New Deal Rochester

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS

Florence Wright would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern as she heals. We also rejoice with Florence as she is a Great-Grandma again, and a Great-Great-Grandma for the 9th time!

OFFICE NOTES

Please note that the church office will be open on Monday, March 24th and closed on Thursday, March 27th.



Atonement Lutheran Church

WADE INTO THE WATERS OF LENT

*We continue 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 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 23rd at 10:45 a.m. during Adult Forum

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

Sunday, March 30th 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

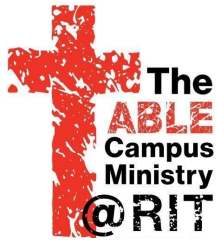
Help us help others by donating water and food items for distribution to homeless members of the Rochester community through PCHO-Person Centered Housing Options. We will be collecting items listed below through April 6th. Items can be placed on the table in the narthex.

* 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*

R.I.T. CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL



Sunday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Help us provide 'Breakfast for Dinner' for Lutheran and Episcopalian students involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry at R.I.T. Items should be dropped off in the church kitchen before 6:00 p.m. on Sun., Apr. 6th.

You can sign up to provide food items or help with setup/serving/cleanup on the sheet in the narthex, OR, contact the church office at office@atonementrochester.org to let us know how you can help.

A Roof, A Bed, A Nest

*We pray for all who are endlessly homeless,
wandering on streets and sleeping unprotected;
and for those who are homeless for a season or two;
when money runs out, when trouble occurs.*

*We trust in you, O God,
for you give to the sparrow a nest where she may lay her young.
Make us determined to work, to advocate, to offer hope for those who need
a roof, a bed, a nest to raise their young ones.
For you are our refuge, our shelter, our home. Amen.*



CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

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

[Come to the Water - John Foley, S.J./arr. Lynda Hasseler](#) We'll be hearing a lot about water imagery over the course of Lent, and one of the songs the choir will be singing is this one (though in a different arrangement). John Foley is a Jesuit priest, who also wrote the song "One Bread, One Body." Both are from 1978, and, along with "Eagles' Wings" are still the most popular of the many ballad-style songs that were written in the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

[Cécile Chaminade - Capriccio | Elizaveta Saul](#) Cécile Chaminade was a French composer who lived from 1857 to 1944. Her work was very popular during her lifetime, but was mostly forgotten in the later 20th century – I would guess partly because she was a woman, and partly because the late-19th century style fell out of favor. It seems to be making a comeback, though – I heard this piece on the radio today!

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

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



IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

Easter flowers are available to order in honor or in memory of loved ones. The plants will decorate the altar area on Easter morning and may be taken home following worship.

Deadline to order: Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Given By: _____

Number of plants: _____ @ \$10.⁰⁰ each = total \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please return this form with payment to the church office.

Looking Ahead

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday	19th	7:00-7:30 p.m.	Lenten Evening Prayer Service	Sanctuary
Thursday	20th	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Loft
Sunday	23rd	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	23rd	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour & Lent Bible Study	Reissig Hall

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