



# Atonement Tidings

November 2019

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



**Welcome to Becky Wiesmore**, our new Administrative Assistant at Atonement. Becky is a graduate of Nazareth College in Rochester. She previously served as Program Administrator for Flower City Down Syndrome Network and brings writing, editing, copywriting, and organizational skills to this position. Becky and her family are members of Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rochester.

**Welcome to Janeen Oliver**, our new Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. Janeen is a graduate of SUNY at Geneseo, Lamar University in Texas, and Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School. Her first career was as a speech language pathologist. She has also worked as a Christian Education and Youth Director in Texas and currently serves as the Director of Youth Ministries at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rochester, where she and her family are members.

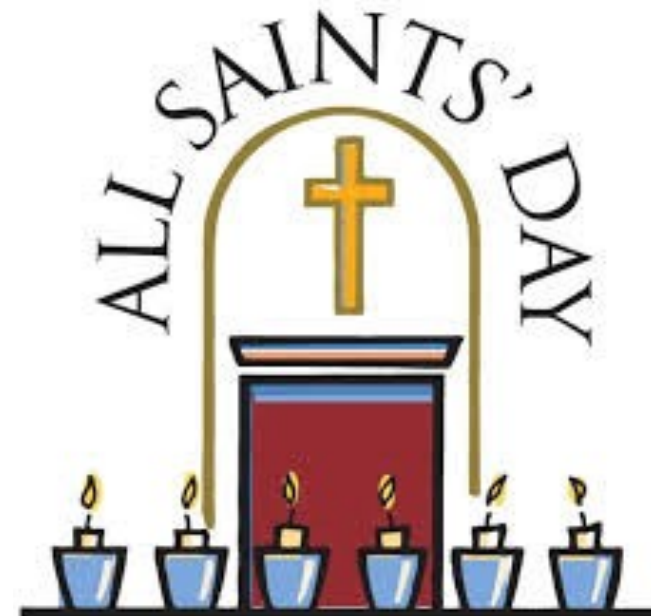
We are delighted to have Becky and Janeen join our church staff and are excited about the many gifts they bring!

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

Listen to the sound of bells as our Bell Banner is processed into worship in remembrance of the life and witness of the saints who now share in everlasting glory with Christ. We will end our worship service by recessing to the



**CHURCH NEWS**

**FLOORING PROJECT UPDATE!**

We have recently received three proposals for flooring and three proposals for painting and are meeting with the flooring companies over the next week and hope to enter into agreements in early October. The over-all flooring project will progress in phases and will stay within the funds received from the flooring fundraising effort. The first phase will incorporate the hallway, including up to Founders Hall, the two offices, the Library and the Music Room. Future phases will include the Kitchen and Founder's Hall.

**HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?**

Do you have a will? Is it up-to-date? Whether you are a young person or a senior adult, single or married – an updated will ensures that you have the final say in determining how your estate is distributed for the care of your family members. In addition, you can express the values of your life by leaving a legacy to the people and ministries most important to you. Please consider remembering Atonement Lutheran Church in your will and estate planning. And, let us know if you do.  
*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21*

**ADULT FORUM**  
**Sundays at 10:45am**

- Nov. 3      Video: “Don’t Sit On Your Stuff: A Light Hearted Look At Money and Talents
- Nov. 10     Led by the Spirit: The Book of Acts  
*Presented by Pastor Gail Swanson*
- Nov.17      Travelogue: The Sights and Sounds of London and More  
*Presented by Avis Hooper*
- Nov. 24      Lutheran Church History through Hymns  
*Presented by David McCarthy*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**WALKING A FAITHFUL LIFE**

**Generosity**

Living generously as God’s stewards.  
 Giving our whole selves as people who want to be like Jesus.....  
 The wholly, holy practice!

**Stewardship**

*Managing things entrusted to our care...*

**Discipleship**

*Following Jesus and becoming like Jesus in every way...*

**Gratitude**

*When gratitude is the source of our action, our giving becomes receiving...*

**Give thanks with your Time, Talent and Treasure!**  
**Stewardship Campaign November 1 through 24**



## INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK DINNER

**Sunday, November 10 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm  
12 Corners Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall**

*And the table will be wide....And the welcome  
will be wide....And the arms will open wide  
to gather us in....And our hearts will open wide  
to receive.....*

Excerpt from *And the Table Will Be Wide*  
by Jan Richardson, janrichardson.com



Welcome our new neighbors, refugees from faraway lands; share food and fellowship at this abundant potluck dinner. Our outreach ministry partners are Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, Catholic Family Center (the agency that settles legal refugees here in Rochester) and we welcome our new partner, Our Lady Queen of Peace/St Thomas More parish from here in Brighton. There will be an arts & crafts time for children during the first half hour. Entertainment during dessert will be provided by the Burmese Dancers!

Space is limited for each congregation and reservations are required. Please bring a dish to pass that will serve at least 8 to 10 people. Because many of our guests are Muslim, dishes with any kind of pork should be avoided. Electric outlets for crockpots are limited, so try to bring your dish as warm as possible, or able to wait in one of the warming ovens.

*Would you like to volunteer?* A sign-up sheet is in the narthex listing our Atonement volunteer needs.

Join us at the table, share a meal, be a welcoming and healing presence for people who have made a long and arduous journey to their new home....come and give thanks!

*For more information, contact Avis Hooper, Pastor Gail, Margy Peet, or Karen Goodyear.*



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### GRATITUDE ATTITUDE

Newspaper Columnist Ellen Goodman once wrote about the Thanksgiving traditions in her family. *“My aunt called the other day to ask for a Thanksgiving Dispensation. Surely, she pleaded, 25 years of pumpkin pies are enough. Why can't we have a new dessert for Thanksgiving? But my Grandma recoils at such a thought, as if my aunt had suggested heavy metal guitarists instead of the organ for a wedding.*

*My Grandma, you see, is the anointed keeper of the family Thanksgiving ritual. It is her job. It is her ministry. There has never been a kiwi or a Cornish hen on Grandma's Thanksgiving table. No wild rice with almonds, no spinach dip, and, heaven forbid, no Bundt cake. On Thanksgiving, there shall be turkey and stuffing and potatoes. And pumpkin pie. Thus it has been written! Untouchable recipes handed down from one generation to another arrive on the table bearing the names of our ancestors. We dine with their memories and their sauces...”*

There is something about Thanksgiving which proclaims in the midst of the changes in life: This is our family. This is the way we do things. This is our Thanksgiving. So it is that the Thanksgiving tradition for the whole Christian family is to give thanks to God. Where does this power to thank and praise the God we know in Christ come from? True thanks comes only after God touches us, grabs us with grace, embraces us in all-consuming love. When realization of such gracious love hits us, our thanks literally bursts forth, spilling over into every corner of our lives.

This Thanksgiving, enjoy the turkey, the potatoes... and whatever delicious dessert happens to appear on your table. And remember to recall all that is good, all that God has given, and all which God continues to do. And allow yourself to say it: Thank you.

In Thankfulness,

Pastor Gail

## DISCIPLESHIP

### BRIGHTON FOOD DEPOT



For the month of November, we are helping the Brighton Food Depot by collecting the following items: **baked beans, entrees such as ravioli, chili or beefaroni, and ramen noodles.** Thank you for your donations.

### HABITAT PIE SALE

We have begun taking orders for Thanksgiving pies. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to place your order **beginning Nov. 3.** Three varieties are available: Apple Crumb, Apple Raspberry, and Pumpkin; price is \$17. A smaller Apple Crisp is available for \$13. Pies may be picked up at Atonement on Tuesday, Nov 20 from 2PM-4PM. See Barb Sanko if you have questions.



### ASBURY DINING CENTER MINISTRY Sunday, November 17 11:30am – 1:30pm

Join us in serving a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the Dining Center at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth and adults to serve others. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board or contact Karen Goodyear for more information.

## PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

### **MORNING PRAYER** **Will Not Be Held In November**

### **WEEKLY E-DEVOTIONS**

We are moving into our third month of testing the new E-Devotions, sent directly to your home via email or regular mail. Let us know what you think and if you would like us to continue them in the New Year.

### **LUNCH & LAUGHTER** **Wednesday, November 13** **Noon in Founders Hall**

*Round the table peace and joy prevail.  
May all who share this season's delight enjoy countless more. –  
Chinese blessing*

Who doesn't delight in this season of Thanksgiving?! If you feel inspired, bring your favorite harvest-time dish to share and celebrate the season's bounty. But really, anything goes at our monthly potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass and join in on the friendly conversation. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex, but if you forget to sign up, come anyway. There is always room for YOU at our table.

If you need transportation, call the office at 442-1018 and we will work on securing you a ride. If you can lend a hand with setup or cleanup, it will be much appreciated.

### **BOOK GROUP CONTINUES**

We will continue our noontime book discussion on Wednesday, November 20 and 27 at 12:00 Noon.

*Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith,*  
by Diana Butler Bass.

The prolific writer and theologian Diana Butler Bass tells her story of visiting and studying fifty old Protestant churches nationwide in her research to discover how they renewed themselves and found new spiritual vibrancy. Bring your brown bag lunch. All are welcome to join us. Contact Avis Hooper for more information and to find out how far we have read in the book.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

### **YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

#### **Fall Fun Event**

**Sunday, Nov. 17 4:00 – 6:00pm**

Calling all youth in Grades 2 - 8 for an afternoon of Fall Fun! We will be gathering for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and a service project. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and getting our hands sticky as we decorate cookies for cookie plates in hopes of sharing God's kindness and a little

Thanksgiving cheer with others.....and put together Jesse Tree kits to take home to use with our families in Advent. Please sign up to come on the narthex bulletin board.

Grace and peace,

Ms. Janeen Oliver  
Youth and Family  
Ministry Coordinator



## CALENDAR

November 3	All Saints Sunday Worship Adult Forum/ Sunday School	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
November 7	Worship Planning Adult Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	11:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM
November 10	Worship Adult Forum/Sunday School	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
November 13	Lunch & Laughter	NOON
November 14	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
November 17	Worship Adult Forum/Sunday School/ Confirmation Fun Fall Youth Event	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 4:00 PM
November 19	Board of Ministries Meeting	6:00 PM
November 20	Book Group	NOON
November 21	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
November 24	Worship Adult Forum/Sunday School/ Confirmation	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
November 26	Habitat Pie Order Pick-Up	2:00-4:00PM
November 27	Book Group	NOON
November 28	Happy Thanksgiving!	

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Nancy Petrich
3	Florence Wright, Rafael Ovando
5	Barb Seils
11	Suzanne Terhune
15	John Condemi
17	Raleigh LeVan
23	Susan Touhsaent
28	Stew Stover

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12	Don & Karen Grover
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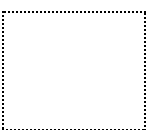
### **PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS**

**Members:** Carl Foucht, Betty Browne, Karen Grover.

**Friends and Family:** Tom Upson, Ken Klassen, Aimee, Sean and Harry Parmalee, Judy and David Ballerstein, Kathy Doherty, Jeff, Richard Kress, Judy Price, Mark, Erika, Jeffery Auer.

**November 2019**

	<b>November 3 9:30 AM</b>	<b>November 10 9:30 AM</b>	<b>November 17 9:30 AM</b>	<b>November 24 9:30 AM</b>	<b>December 1 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Russell Miller	Matt McGill	Joanne Scanlon	Lindsay Lazenby	Joanne Scanlon
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sue Hauck	Betty Middlebrook	Jim Krapf	Wally Short	Judy Lazenby
<b>Reader</b>	Madison Hauck	Kathy Heinig	Jean Seager	Jack Teter	Susan Touhsaent
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Karan Thompson	Elizabeth Hanks	Pastor Gail Swanson	Jess McGill	Pastor Gail Swanson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Samantha Hauck	Sarah Darder	Faye Domroes	Hudson Lazenby	Shannon Howe
<b>Greeter</b>	Carol Pearson	Regina Short	Diane Christianson	Karen Goodyear	Ann Patterson
<b>Usher</b>	Michael Hauck	Wally Short	Norm Karsten	Jean Seager	John Tokoli
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Barb Sanko	Judy Lazenby	Margy Peet	Bob Heinig	Barb Sanko
<b>Assistant Financial Sec.</b>	Norm Karsten	Bryan Howe	Richard Phelps	Bob Tousaent	John Kruidenier
<b>Counter</b>	Amy Irish	Adam Darder	Diane Christianson	Jack Teter	Tom Thompson
<b>Altar Care</b>	TBA				



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**NOVEMBER 2019**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
Dated Material

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Atonement Lutheran Church is a  
gathering of God's people  
in Christ called to:*

*Invite all people into the presence of the  
living God,*

*Prepare for ministry in daily life,*

*Go into the world as disciples*

### ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship and Holy Communion:	9:30 AM
Christian Education:	10:45 - 11:30 AM Sundays
Office Hours:	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Tues/ Wed/ Thurs
Pastor's Day Off:	Monday