



Midweek Message

SERVICE OF LESSONS, HYMNS, AND THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 21st at 9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship
Please mark your calendars for a special worship service featuring early American music performed by five musicians on guitars, bass, and banjo from the Golden Link Music Society. They will also help lead the congregation in singing the well-known hymn "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" in four-part harmony.

Our guest musicians will be seated in the front of the sanctuary, so it's a great chance for our Atonement family and friends of all ages to see the instruments up close. Begin this week of Thanksgiving by joining us for worship as we lift our hearts and voices in grateful thanks.



*May our THANKSGIVING be to GOD,
For we have been deeply and richly BLESSED.*



COLLEGE CONNECTION: Items Needed by November 21st

Perhaps you remember being at college, away from home, pulling "all-nighters" during exam time, and having a serious case of the "munchies." It's something that all college students experience! Atonement has 7 students attending college, and we also have a connection with the RIT Lutheran Campus Ministry program directed by Pastor Craig Swanson. In previous years, we prepared and shared a Sunday evening meal with the RIT students; however that activity is "on hold" due to the pandemic. So, what can we do?

Let's remind all these students that we are thinking about them by sending some goodies to help get them through those long study sessions. Here are some ideas of items we'd like to collect (all items must be **individually packaged/wrapped**): fruit cups, applesauce, protein bars, nuts, trail mix, peanut butter or cheese-filled crackers, granola bars, snack-size bags of popcorn, cheeze-its, pretzels, etc., packets of hot chocolate mix, leftover Halloween candy. *This is our final week for collections! Please bring your donated items to church by Nov. 21st.*



Thank you for your participation and donations. There is a box outside the Sanctuary (East) entrance where you can leave donations.



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

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

Join us 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://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)*

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

With our Sympathy

And Prayers...

...to the Jensen family upon the death of Kathy Jensen on November 13th at the age of 87. Kathy and her late husband, Howard, were among the founding leaders of Atonement beginning in 1958. A private memorial service will be held in Minnesota.

*Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

THE SOUND OF SAFETY IN WORSHIP

As we enter into the holiday season of this second year of the pandemic, we continue to request mask wearing in worship. Numbers of Covid-19 cases are increasing in Monroe County this month – with sharply rising positivity rates and hospitalizations.

THANK YOU for continuing to care for your neighbor and yourself by wearing a mask in worship and whenever you are in the church building. THANK YOU for your patience as we attempt to improve sound clarity in the sanctuary. Several worshipers have expressed some difficulty in hearing Pastor Gail preach while wearing a mask; and we will be looking into our microphone system to address this. In the meantime, let's stay as safe as possible. The pandemic lingers, but "let us not grow weary in doing what is right" (Galatians 6:9).

MEAL TRAIN SIGNUP FOR FLORENCE WRIGHT

During this time of Florence Wright's recovery at home from hip surgery, it would be helpful if our congregation could provide some meals. Please visit our [online signup page](#) to see what dates are available and sign up, or contact the church office to let us know if you can help provide a meal.



Meals should be dropped off in the church kitchen before 5:00 p.m. on your selected day and placed in the refrigerator. Non-refrigerated items can be left in a marked bag on the kitchen table.

SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE

Volunteer Needed

We are seeking a person to fill an opening in our Sunshine Ministry group. For two months out of the year, you would send greeting cards to Atonement members. Occasions to send cards include birthdays, get well, thinking of you, congratulations, sympathy, etc. Greeting cards and postage are provided on a limited basis. *If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Barb Sanko.*

ADVENT COLLECTION

We will be coordinating this year with Center for Youth/Crisis Nursery for an Advent season collection of needed items. We will be collecting from November 28th through December 19th. A complete list of items will appear in next week's Midweek Message.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPE EXCHANGE

Do you have one or two favorite recipes for Christmas cookies? Please share them with us for our *Atonement Christmas Cookie Recipe Booklet!* Traditional favorites as well as brand new cookie recipes are welcome.

Submit your recipes to the church office by December 1st. Recipe booklets will be available online and as paper copies in time for your holiday baking.

ENOUGH TO SHARE

By Pastor Gail Swanson

It's that time of year again: the time to select your Thanksgiving stuffing.

Will it be Apple Pecan Stuffing? Sausage Stuffing? Cornbread Stuffing? Are you hoping to please the appetite of those gathered around your Thanksgiving table with your recipe for Sage & Onion Stuffing? Chestnut & Oyster? Mushroom & Leek? Or perhaps Grandma's traditional stuffing... made with a little celery, a little onion, a little parsley, and a whole lot of love.

Whichever stuffing you choose to serve this year, they all have one thing in common: Bread.

According to an old Welsh legend, Christ went into a bakery and asked for bread. The baker woman did not recognize him, yet immediately put a piece of dough into the oven. But her daughter felt the baker was too generous; and took the dough out, cut off half of it, and put it back in the oven. Suddenly the dough expanded into an enormous loaf! And just as suddenly, the inhospitable daughter began to hoot...for she had been changed into an owl!



Now, one could draw from this legend any number of guidelines for life:

- Don't mess with bread that's already in the oven.
- Obey your mother at all times, especially if she is a baker.
- Be kind to stray owls. You don't know whose daughter they might be.
- If a stranger asks for bread, be generous. There's enough bread for everybody.

But my favorite is this: Be alert, because the sacred might be at your door. Or perhaps found at your Thanksgiving dinner table...or around the block... or at a food pantry nearby.

Holy moments and opportunities to share may be found at any time. The kingdom of God is near, just over the horizon, where the banquet is ready, where the table is full, where there is always enough to go around. Enough stuffing. Enough bread. Enough to share. Enough for everyone.

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

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

[Thanksgiving Song](#) Here's a song I didn't know until the folk musicians we have coming on Sunday sent it to me – they'll be playing it for us. Songs about giving thanks tend to be kind of “listy,” I guess, usually a litany of beautiful things almost everybody has in their lives: nature, friends, family, or even just food, shelter, and a job that makes you feel like you're making a difference.

[Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 'Pastoral'](#) It might be a cheating a bit to go straight to the shepherds' song of thanks in the fifth movement of Beethoven's Sixth (“Pastoral”) Symphony, skipping right over the stormy previous section. But sometimes you just want dessert without the Brussels sprouts first! The whole movement seems to express joy, energy, and contentment.

Bread for the Journey

*Everyone is kneaded
out of the same dough,
But not baked
in the same oven.*

-Yiddish Proverb

*“Let there be work, bread,
water, and salt for all.”*

-Nelson Mandela

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Worship
9:30 a.m. Sundays
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9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

KIDS' PAGE: FILL YOUR FEATHERS

A Thankfulness Scavenger Hunt

You will need: paper of your choice, scissors, glue or tape, a camera or phone camera if you are taking pictures, or markers for drawing & writing.

1. Cut out 4 of each feather size feather shape from the templates for the Thankful Scavenger Hunt on the Atonement web site [craft page](#) (there will be 12 feathers all together). You can use white paper or colorful paper for fun.
2. Cut out 1 turkey body from the template. Color or decorate it however you'd like.
3. Complete your scavenger hunt (below). Take a picture, or draw, or write a word or phrase on one feather for each thing you find.
4. Put your thankful turkey together with tape or glue:
A) *Small feathers go first on the sides of the lower body. Medium feathers go next, above and behind the small feathers and turkey body & head. Large feathers go last, above and behind the medium feathers.*



Fill your Feathers with a Grateful Heart, with:

Something I love that is outside _____

Something that is soft to touch _____

Something that makes me laugh _____

Something that tastes delicious _____

Something I have done or made that I am proud of _____

Something I hear that makes me feel like dancing _____

Something I would like to share with others _____

Something I see that is a fall color _____
(orange, red, yellow, green, or brown)

Something that I like about my church or school _____

Something that smells wonderful _____

Something that makes people smile _____

Someone (or more than one!) that I love _____