



Atonement Tidings

October 2019



SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTED

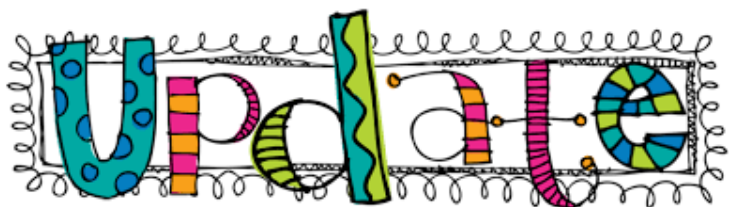
For **God's Work Our Hands** day, we collected school supplies - in fact, we collected **over 1,500 items**, when counted individually! That's spectacular! Thanks to everyone who donated backpacks, pencils, markers and glue sticks. They were delivered to a Foster Care Closet and will be given to children who live in foster homes.



LEMONADE SERVED AT GRACE GROUP HOME

Another part of **God's Work Our Hands** day was serving refreshments to our neighbors at the Grace Group Home. It was a lovely, sunny morning as we visited with staff and residents while enjoying lemonade and snacks.





UPDATE YOUR PHOTOS

Photos on the member bulletin board are in need of updates. Our resident photographer, Skip Waterstreet, will have his camera ready to take your photos on the following dates: Sept. 29, and every Sunday in October. See Skip after worship in the Narthex. Please help us keep our photo board current.

DONATE A BELL...FOR OUR BELL BANNER

All Saints' Sunday November 3

Our Bell Banner will be carried into worship All Saint's Sunday in remembrance of the life and witness of the saints who now live in everlasting glory. If you would like to donate a glass, ceramic, or metal bell (1 – 3 inches in size) in memory of a loved one, please bring it to the church office by **Oct. 20** and fill out a Memorial Bell form.

FLOORING PROJECT UPDATE!

We have recently received three proposals for flooring and three proposals for painting and will meet with flooring companies over the next week. Our hope is 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. Our thanks for your support and patience for this exciting project!



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES: COMING IN OCTOBER

New church directories will be available in the church office and narthex the first week of October. Please stop by and pick up a copy!



REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

With joy and celebration we celebrate the festival of the Reformation and the ongoing renewal of the Church.

Reformation is a time to rejoice in the Good of the Gospel – that we are saved by grace through faith – as well as a time to continue to find ways to share the gift of God's grace throughout the world.

Join us in worship as we remember the legacy of faith that has gone before us, and celebrate our life in Christ who makes all things new!

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Holiness of Parenting

Katharina von Bora, who was raised in a 16th century convent in Germany, did not grow up thinking that parenting was a “holy task.” To her, the idea of raising children... guiding and nurturing the needs of a growing family... and finding happiness in marriage... seemed a world apart from the “true” spiritual life she was taught by the church. Katie had already made her vow to live as a nun within cloistered walls for the rest of her life, when she heard about a monk named Martin Luther. Luther preached and taught the good news that God has blessed all aspects of human life as sacred, including marriage, parenting and family life – things Katie had renounced for her spiritual vocation. And it was from Luther that Katie learned that spiritual vocation and faith formation started at home. Through Luther’s teaching, and Katie and Martin’s marriage in 1525, parenting became a holy, precious vocation to be taken seriously.

As parents in today’s world, we take this vocation seriously; seriously enough to sometimes struggle with it. At times we are burdened by the enormous responsibility given to us in the gift of children; moments of exhilarating joy, moments of deep concern, moments of sin and forgiveness. Being a parent is living out a daily vocation filled with hugs and arguments, encouragement and watchfulness, patience, laughter, tears, goodbyes and hellos. And so much love.

Being a parent is indeed a “holy life” in every way, through which God works small and great miracles. Being a parent also means we need to look for “holy reminders” that we are not alone in this, that this is not about our holiness but about God’s holiness, making us instruments of love and care in the lives of our children. The best reminder? The assurance that God will ultimately make things whole when we fail.

Katie Luther was a great mother – and exactly the wife and parenting partner Martin Luther needed! She raised her children faithfully - and at the same time – managed the entire household, finances, property, orchard, animals (and the brewery!) with excellence. One woman’s “holy life”, giving other parents and children hope that they will find wholeness and holiness in their own lives, too.

In Peace,

Pastor Gail

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

We offer our Farewell and Godspeed to Paula Jackson upon her resignation as Administrative Assistant at Atonement. Her last day of work in the church office will be October 24. This was a big decision for her to make and we are sorry to see her go! We ask for God’s blessings upon her new endeavors as Paula moves into a position as a medical receptionist closer to her home.

In her letter of resignation, Paula writes:

It has been a pleasure working with you over the last year. The best thing about working at Atonement is the amazing members. I have always felt welcome and accepted. Atonement has helped me through a transition in my life. After graduation I started working here and at that time it was exactly what I was looking for. Over the past 4 months my family life has changed considerably. I was blessed with custody of my two stepdaughters. With great blessings comes great responsibility and financially I need to take a position that offers more hours, pay, benefits and the potential for growth and advancement for my family.

Pastor Gail, Members of the Board and ALC Members, thank you again for the opportunity to work with everyone at Atonement. I wish you all the best and many blessings. I look forward to staying in touch and if you need any help in the future that I can assist with please let me know.

As we move forward in identifying candidates to fill this position at Atonement, please let Pastor Gail know if you can recommend someone to us.... OR if you might be willing to serve as an “office volunteer” during this time of transition.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

LYO FALL EVENT Saturday, October 19 at 6:30

Meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Plank Rd in Webster for fellowship and games (and snacks!) and then go to Long Acre Farms in Macedon for the Moonlight Corn Maze. LYO is for grades 6 -12, but younger siblings are welcome when accompanied by a parent. Come see old friends! Make new friends! RSVP to the church office! Corn Maze Cost: \$15 or less Possible group rate.

DISCIPLESHIP

BRIGHTON FOOD DEPOT

For the month of October, please consider donating the following items to BFD: cereal, soup, and packets of hot chocolate. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS

Atonement has an account at Can Kings Bottle and Can Redemption Center. We invite you to use this business for your deposit returnables; we will receive 6 cents for each bottle or can you return to Can Kings.

The return process is very easy. The bag containing your deposit bottles and cans should be clearly marked "Atonement Lutheran Church." It can be dropped off at one of the two Can Kings locations, listed below. They will help you unload the bags from your car. Upon drop off you do not need to get a receipt or wait until the items are counted. Can Kings will sort and count the bottles and then credit Atonement's account. Whenever the account reaches \$50, they will mail a check to the church. (Returnables may also be brought to church, if you'd like.)

Drop off locations are:

Can Kings
1276 Fairport Road
Fairport, NY
585-576-2790

Can Kings
1183 Bay Road
Webster, NY
585-802-5616



SAVE THE DATE!

**Reformation Celebration Party
Sunday, Oct. 27 5:00 – 7:00pm**

**For Young Families.... parents.... and children of all ages.
Food, activities and fun**

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

MORNING PRAYER **Wednesday, October 2** **9:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room**

*Blessed are you, autumn, you draw us away from summer's hot breath.
As your air becomes frosty and cool you lead us to inner reflection.*
Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB

October is a month of transformation, of yearning, of letting go. It's also a good time to join us for Morning Prayer. All are invited to stop by on October 2nd (and the first Wednesday of every month) for a half hour or so of quiet prayer, meditation and reflection. It's a gentle and loving way to begin your day.

WEEKLY E-DEVOTIONS

We are moving into our second 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.

Pastor Gail and Avis Hooper

LUNCH & LAUGHTER **Wednesday, October 9** **At Noon in Founders Hall**

It's the season when our thoughts turn toward crock pots, soup pots and casseroles. 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.

NEW BOOK GROUP FORMING

Our intrepid *Lunch & Laughter* group can't get enough of each other and are starting a new two-month book group to read and discuss:

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

The writer tells her story of visiting and studying fifty old Protestant churches nationwide that appeared to be renewing themselves and finding new spiritual vibrancy. They were mainline churches – not always the largest in their towns – that were healthy, expressed a coherent faith, had a renewed sense of mission and identity, and often had emerged from decline, crisis, threatened closure, or spiritual ennui. A few excerpts:

.....Many people think mainline Protestantism is dying, that it is going the way of the dodo in favor of a more lively form of conservative Christianity found in suburban evangelical megachurches..... I also believe, however, that lively faith is not located in buildings, programs, organizations, and structures. Rather, spiritual vitality lives in human beings; it is located in the heart of God's people and the communities they form. At the edges of mainline institutional decay, some remarkable congregations are finding new ways of being faithful....

....Their paths of renewal varied, but I discerned a similar pattern across these very different communities. Mainline renewal is, as one Lutheran pastor told me, "not rocket science....You preach the gospel, offer hospitality, and pay attention to worship and people's spiritual lives. Frankly, you take Christianity seriously as a way of life."

All are invited! Bring your own lunch and join us at Noon for a lively discussion as we read the book together. We will meet on four Wednesdays: October 16, October 30, November 20 and November 27. We will post a sign-up sheet, but advance sign-up is not required. Come ready to discuss the first four chapters on October 16.

Participants are responsible for securing their own copy of the book. New, used and Kindle or Nook editions are available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Your local library should have copies available, as well. Contact Avis Hooper for more information about the book group.

CALENDAR

October 2	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
October 6	Worship	9:30 AM
	Adult Forum/ Sunday School/Coffee Hour	10:45 AM
October 9	Lunch & Laughter	NOON
October 10	Worship Planning	11:30 AM
October 13	Worship	9:30 AM
	Adult Forum/Sunday School/ Coffee Hour	10:45 AM
October 15	Board of Ministries Meeting	6:00 PM
October 20	Worship	9:30 AM
	Welcome Brunch/ Sunday School	10:45 AM
October 27	Reformation Worship	9:30 AM
	Adult Forum/ Sunday School/ Coffee Hour	10:45 AM
	Young Families Reformation Party	5:00 PM

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We rejoice in welcoming Parker Marvin Jones into the Body of Christ through Holy Baptism on September 15. Parker is the son of Wes and Alyssa Jones.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Steve Oller
6	Ed Heise, Eric Domroes
9	Dick Browne
11	Alyssa Jones
14	Eva Condemi
19	David Wilkinson
21	Jack Teter, Sarah Bogumil
23	Linda Krapf
29	Diane Christianson
30	Vanessa Tassone
31	Margaret Kaminsky

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

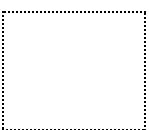
8	Dick & Betty Browne
13	Thomas & Carol Schmitt
26	Regina and Wally Short
29	Amy and David Irish

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

Members: Carl Foucht, Betty Browne, Karen Grover, Helen Pearson, Amy Condemi.

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

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	October 6 9:30 AM	October 13 9:30 AM	October 20 9:30 AM	October 27 9:30 AM
Assistant Minister	Matt McGill	Joanne Scanlon	Matt McGill	Joanne Scanlon
Communion Assistant	Sue Hauck	Wally Short	Judy Lazenby	Jim Krapf
Reader	Kathy Wilkinson	Susan Touhsaent	David Irish	Lindee Krapf
Children's Moment	Karan Thompson	Elizabeth Hanks	Jess McGill	Pastor Gail Swanson
Acolyte	Samantha Hauck	Shannon Howe	Alexa Howe	Eva Condemi
Greeter	Marion Ginegaw	Jean Seager	Diane Christianson	Regina Short
Usher	Michael Hauck	Karen Goodyear	Jack Teter	Wally Short
Coffee Host	Barb Sanko	Judy Lazenby	Welcome Brunch	Bob Heinig
Assistant Financial Sec.	John Kruidenier	Bob Touhsaent	Richard Phelps	John Kruidenier
Counter	Diane Christianson	Jack Teter	Tom Thompson	Stew Stover
Altar Care	Judy Karsten			



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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

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Sunday Worship and
Holy Communion: 9:30 AM

Christian Education: 10:45 - 11:30 AM Sundays

Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM Tues/ Wed/ Thurs

Pastor's Day Off: Monday