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The Visitor

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of the 50 days of Easter! We get to celebrate Christ's resurrection for 50 days. Within that time frame we have Christ's Ascension and then the Day of Pentecost. Historically the season of Lent was set aside as a preparation for baptism. At Easter, the water flows freely. At the Easter Vigil, during the second half of the service, new members are added to the congregation and the candidates for baptism are baptized. At Atonement we might not have a vigil, but we still give thanks for the gift of Baptism each Sunday in worship at the beginning of the service. This replaces our normal rite of Confession and Forgiveness. While it might seem strange to some, as Martin Luther put it, baptism and the confession are tied together.

Martin Luther reminded us that each morning when we get up and washed our face we were to remember our Baptism. Over the course of his life, Martin Luther suffered great bouts of anxiety and depression. He would have crises of faith so severe that he doubted his own salvation. At times he became so frightened he had visions of Satan standing before him, ready to usher him through the gates of hell. So, he placed a large plaque in his room that said: "Remember your baptism." Luther understood that the fact of his baptism was much stronger than any doubt or anxiety he might produce. It is said that Martin, because his bouts with depression were so severe, would repeat as a mantra: "I am baptized! I am baptized!"

The thanksgiving for baptism recalls some significant scriptural images of water- creation and flood, exodus and baptism of Jesus. It also gives us voice to the power of water to sustain life and how water is connected to the word in baptism that renews all of God's people.

In this way, it reinforces Luther's understanding of the continuing character of baptism and its presence in all of life for people of faith.

Finally, the language of thanksgiving for baptism does what contemporary Christians do so little in lives apart from worship: It shares a model of praise and adoration to the triune God. Our habits of prayer so often lack anything other than intercession—asking God for things. So to have language of adoration and praise is a gift in and of itself and models such thanksgiving for the people of God to appropriate in their own lives of prayer and devotion.

So this season of Easter, Remember you baptism!

Pastor Brenda

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Current Office Hours

Monday– Thursday 8am– 2pm

Friday Closed

Summer Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 8-2

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 8am -2pm

Friday Closed

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

WHO: ALL YOUTH ENTERING 4K–6TH GRADE IN THE FALL OF 2019

WHEN: JULY 8TH–11TH (9:00 AM–3:00 PM)

JULY 12TH (9:00 AM–12:00 PM)

PLEASE SIGN UP AT... vbspro.events/p/04edb0

Or call the church office at 920-468-0713

SEE THE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX FOR DONATIONS AND
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Preble Parking Fundraiser — Your help is needed! There are still remaining dates to sign up to be the parking attendant for Preble High School sporting events! Please consider signing up for a day or two. See Kathy Huebner with questions.

It's not too late to join
Alpha!

Join us each Sunday
through June 16th at 5:30pm
as we engage and inspire
conversations about our
faith!

Alpha is open to everyone,
and you may come and go to
sessions as your schedule
allows.

See Cate Kopkey
for details



ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
is United 2serve

How you can take action today!

*Buy your Chicken Dinner tickets

*Sign-up in the Narthex as a Chicken Dinner helper

*Sign-up to help provide for the NEW Shelter Meal

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. 1Peter 4:10

Upcoming Events...

- May 4th—Chicken Dinner & Auction
- June 23rd Brunch Feast/U2S Goal Setting
- August—LifeTouch Directory and Pictures planned

Hearing Loop Update!

To be able to hear the word of God clearly it is not always easy. Even with best sound systems, those who have hearing impairments sometimes struggle to hear things being said. We are pleased to announce that the monetary goal was met and the installation project has started!

By the time you read this, the system will be up and running. That being said, please use the system and give us feedback on how it is working.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in getting this project completed!



The Hearing Loop is up and running!

Council Members

Jason Helgeson
President

Corey Kirch
Vice-President

Julie Geyer
Treasurer

Lora Vandevoorde
Secretary

Tim Wentworth
Joellyn Kacynski
Leah Bergstrom
Al Gajeski
Denise Martin
Jarred Kopkey
Josh Helgeson

Lori Duval
Office Manager
churchoffice@atonement
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Cate Kopkey
Director of Music Ministry

Ken Storzer
Custodian

Linda Grzeca
Organist/Pianist

Julie Geyer ~ Treasurer

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, June 3rd from 4pm-8pm
Proceeds support the 2021 National Youth Gathering in Minnesota. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to learn how you can help!

Milestone Ministry

We have something exciting for all! The confirmation students will be presenting the Milestone Ministries and Prayer Bowls.

The Milestone Prayer class will take place Sunday May 19th following Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall! Sign-ups are in the Narthex and prayer bowls will be provided for all participants.

See Jolyn Helgeson with any questions!

The Easter Season: Love Shows Up

While the lectionary texts for the Easter season contain familiar elements from year to year (the Gospel of John, Thomas on Easter 2, at least one Sunday about shepherds/sheep), the readings aren't identical, and different themes emerge.

- *Easter 2: John 20:19-31.* The word *love* isn't used in this passage, but God's love shows up in Jesus' particular concern and care for Thomas and in bringing a breath of peace to the grieving disciples.
- *Easter 3: John 21:1-19.* "When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'" Simon declares his love three times.
- *Easter 4: John 10:22-30.* Jesus knows the sheep, gives them eternal life, and promises that nothing will ever separate him from them.
- *Easter 5: John 13:31-35.* "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
- *Easter 6: John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9.* "Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'" Or, from the alternate gospel reading, a story of God's love in action: Jesus healing at Siloam on the sabbath.
- *Easter 7: John 17:20-26.* "I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."
- *Day of Pentecost: John 14:8-17 [25-27].* "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

Taken together, these texts ask and answer a series of powerful questions. *How do we know God?* Embodied love (Jesus). *How can we be sure God is still with us, after the resurrection and before Christ comes again?* God sends the Spirit. Because God loved us, we also can love.

Hymns this month...

Hymns have always held a special place throughout much of Christianity. Whether old or new, music has the power to transform our worship space. Like with all things, sometimes learning the historical background and scriptural references, deepens our connections and enhances our worship.

Blessed Assurance

"What does this melody say to you?" was a question asked of Fanny J. Crosby by her friend and composer, Phoebe Palmer Knapp. Her response, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" was just the beginning. She continued at that moment to recite the entire first stanza. In her lifetime she authored more than 8,000 gospel hymn texts, drawing inspiration from her own faith. Fanny J. Crosby was born in 1820 and declared blind at only six weeks old. It would be a hurdle she would quickly overcome, composing hymns beginning at age six. Blessed Assurance remains a hymn staple even 150 years after it was written.

River in Judea

On Sunday, May 26th, the choir will be singing a selection titled, "River in Judea," written by Linda Marcus & Jack Feldman. The song is in reference to the Jordan River and paints a musical landscape of salvation and the joy that comes when we walk through life in the fullness and hope of Christ.

"I believe it keeps on traveling, but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray."

Sunday School Wrap-up!

Our final two weeks of Sunday school will be a shortened gathering time!

Sunday, May 12th—Mother's Day Craft

Sunday, May 19th—Pinwheel Craft

COUNTING TEAMS

May 5 Tom Pike & Connie Worzala
May 12 Maryl Nelsen & Sharon Schneider
May 19 Duane Pike & Barb Schewe
May 26 Ken Storzer & Robin Last

NARTHEX DESK

May 5 Kathy Donarski
May 12 Maryl Nelsen
May 19 Donna Aznoe
May 26 Gladys Nickodem

COFFEE

May 5 LuAnn Helgeson
May 12 Donna Aznoe
May 19 Charlotte Schneider
May 26 Karen & Dan Neveau

BULLETIN FOLDER

May 5 Darlene Gast
May 12 Rose Kantola
May 19 Dori Larson
May 26 Mary Ann Larsen

PROJECTION SYSTEM TECH

May 5 Dave Robishaw
May 12 Corey Kirch
May 19 Josh Helgeson
May 26 Sharon Schneider

May 2019 Worship Assistants

READER/COMMUNION

May 5 Kristin Michels
May 12 Dane Bergstrom
May 19 Sharon Schneider
May 26 Don Donarski

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Donarski

NURSERY

May 5 Kim Nesslein
May 12 Alicia Reichstader
May 19 Ava Kirch
May 26 Dane Bergstrom

USHERS

May 5 Duane Pike, Jim & Maryl Nelsen, Tom Pike
May 12 Dave & Jean Keim, Julie & Bob Geyer
May 19 Don Donarski, Jim Michels, Mary Ann Larsen
May 26 Ken Storzer, Dan & Amy Wheelock

GREETERS

May 5

Main Eugene & Gladys Nickodem
Side Gary & Kathi Sikich

May 12

Main Paul & Thea Sager
Side Donna Aznoe

May 19

Main Paula Skorczewski
Side Janet Jacobson

May 26

Main Laura Sternitzky
Side Judy Slamp

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Natalie	Helgeson	5/2
Ava	Kirch	5/3
Katherine	Radloff	5/3
Grant	Blum	5/4
Melody	Wohlfeil	5/8
Denise	Martin	5/9
Nicole	Tilot	5/9
Harper	Kopkey	5/15
Ian	Gerczak	5/15
Tim	Wentworth	5/16
Gina	Basten	5/20
Zach	Schneider	5/20
Daniela	Lara	5/21
Vincent	Hoppe	5/22
Dale	Timm	5/24
Jason	Helgeson	5/26
Amy	Herms	5/27
Rhonda	Vivoda	5/28
Angie	Urbina	5/30
Sam	Rabideau	5/31

Do you want to join the prayer chain? You will be contacted by email when someone requests prayer and then pray for the request. If you would like to be listed on the prayer list please contact Janet Jacobson at 468-0238 or jjanim@aol.com

In the Hospital?

If you want us to know you are going to be and/or are hospitalized, please be sure to contact the church office, at 468-0713. When admitted to the hospital, tell them to contact Atonement. Even when you tell this to the hospital, sometimes we are called and sometimes we are not. The only way to be sure we know about your hospitalization is for you or a family member to contact us directly. Without your assistance, it is very possible your hospitalization will not be known to us.

Homebound Communion

If you or someone you know may want visitation and/or delivery of communion, please call Atonement office to let us know how we can help!!!

Community Outreach Needs

New Community Shelter Meal

Check the sign up in the narthex to time or to donate food.

Needs for the Fellowship Hall

Plastic Forks
Napkins
Gallon Ziplock Bags

UWGB Cupboard is in need of many items. Gently used dresses, skirts, shorts, t-shirts, shoes and spring jackets for all ages are needed.

When shopping for food— watch for sales on soups, pasta sauce, crackers, pudding, popcorn, and peanut butter. Consider gluten free items too!

Always looking for pots and pans and general kitchen items.



PREBLE HIVE IS IN NEED OF:

School Supplies: We like to stock The Hive with school supplies of all shapes and sizes –Pencils, Pens, Highlighters, Markers, Glue, Protractors, Notebooks, Student Planners, Calculators, folders, paper, flash drives, goggles, and backpacks.

Personal Hygiene Products or Toiletries: We request these donations be NEW. Toothpaste, deodorant, combs, shampoo, tampons, makeup, toothbrushes, soap, conditioner

Clothing: New or Gently Used: Some items we request as NEW products and not USED. Those items are underwear and socks. Hats, gloves, underwear, graduation gowns, socks, jackets, sweatshirts, girl's sweat-pants, shorts, age appropriate clothing.

Please place items in the bin in the Narthex Cupboard.

~~~FREEDOM HOUSE~~~

**We need people to take items to the Freedom House! Sign up and check the bin periodically and deliver when it is full.**

## **Door County Bus Trip**

**needs a new organizer!!!**

Judy Slamp will be able to work with you to help plan the event.

Please contact Judy

Slamp at 920-680-1446



### Upcoming Dates

Sign up for Milestone prayer class! We will talk about and have prayer bowls for participants. Save the date: **May 19** after Sunday School in the fellowship hall.



| YTD                           | Ending      | 2/28/2019           |              |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Budgeted General Offering YTD | \$60,248.90 | Actual Expenses YTD | \$54,758.76  |
| Simply Giving to Mar 31st     | \$15,900.00 | Net Income YTD      | (\$4,687.94) |
| Choice Dollars to Mar 31st    | \$198.00    |                     |              |
| Christmas Gift                |             |                     |              |
| Offering to Mar 31st          | \$33,972.82 | U2S General YTD     | \$1,389.00   |
| Total General Giving YTD      | \$50,070.82 | Chicken Dinner      | \$0.00       |



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Sunday School 10:15 am  
Confirmation 10:15 am

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