



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# The Visitor

In 1527 the plague returned to Wittenberg, Germany. Two hundred years earlier the plague had swept across Europe killing up to 40% of the population. Understandably, people were anxious and wondered what a safe and faithful response might be. In answer to this, Martin Luther wrote "Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague." In it, he emphasized the duty to care for the neighbor, the responsibility of government to protect and provide services to its citizens, a caution about recklessness, and the importance of science, medicine and common sense.

To provide care for the neighbor, Luther recommended that pastors, those in public office, doctors and public servants should remain in the city. Luther himself remained in Wittenberg to care for his people. He recommended that public hospitals be built to accommodate those with the plague. He condemned those who took unnecessary risks that put themselves and others in danger of contagion. Luther also encouraged the use of reason and medicine, writing, "God has created medicines and has provided us with intelligence to guard and take care of the body. ... Use medicine; take portions which can help you; fumigate house, yard, and street; shun persons and places wherever your neighbor does not need your presence" ("Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague," 1527).

We are living in the time of the coronavirus. We are also living in the time of social media and constant, relentless news coverage. Many of our people have the same concerns as those in Luther's day. Many of our people are anxious. Luther's counsel, based on Scripture, is still sound. Respect the disease. Do not take unnecessary risks. Provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the neighbor. Make use of medical aid. Care for one another, especially the most vulnerable.

The churchwide organization recommends the following for churchwide staff:  
Wash your hands, stay home when you are sick, wear a mask if you have symptoms, consult your medical provider. Bishops and pastors will provide [guidelines](#) for worship and church gatherings.

Luther also reminded his people and us that we should trust God's faithfulness and promises, particularly the promise eternal life. Paul writes: "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8).

In peace,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Quilters**  
**The Bake Sale has been cancelled.**

**Men at Work**  
**Next meeting will be scheduled when we know this time of trouble has passed.**

Greetings Atonement Family,  
These are uncharted waters, and so we look in a multitude of directions to make sure that our at-home worship is enriching, encouraging, and God pleasing!  
You'll be receiving via email, copies of our bulletin, an audio recording

**Community Outreach Needs**

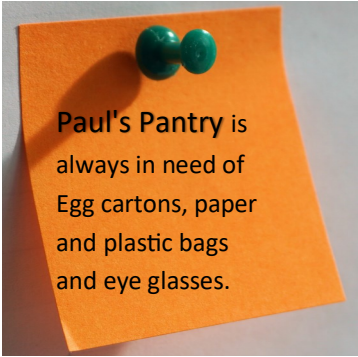
**~~~FREEDOM HOUSE~~~ We need people to take items to the Freedom House! Sign up and check the bin periodically and deliver when it is full. See needed items top right.**

These are just some of the items needed for Freedom House



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.

YTD	Ending		2/29/2020	
Budgeted General Offering YTD	\$41,864.00		Actual Expenses YTD	\$33,920.35
Simply Giving to Feb 29th	\$10,155.00		Net Income YTD	(\$3,016.19)
Choice Dollars to Feb 29th	\$0.00		Simply Giving	32.91%
Christmas Gift				
Offering to Feb 29th	\$20,705.16		U2S General YTD	\$707.75
Total General Giving YTD	\$30,860.16		Chicken dinner	\$0.00



**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 sweatpants, shorts, age appropriate clothing.

Please place items in the bin in the Narthex Cupboard.

**GOLDEN HOUSE** Your donation today gives victims of domestic abuse the basic necessities to rebuild their lives. Thank you for providing a new beginning.

24 hour Help Line:920-432-4244

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

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| Hand soap                | cooking oil           |
| Deodorant                | pillows               |
| Disinfecting wipes       | garbage bags          |
| Toilet bowl cleaner      | sugar                 |
| Toilet bowl brushes      | coffee                |
| Laundry soap             | body wash             |
| Towels                   | paper towels          |
| bath washcloths          | dishwasher soap       |
| Twin bedding-sheets etc. | women’s underwear     |
| Coffee creamer           | disposable silverware |
| Toilet paper             | baby monitors         |
| Dry food items           | new HD vacuums        |

**Youth and Family!**

Please use the materials available through our Facebook page or in an email sent to parents so you can keep your child occupied in Christ centered activities.



Please hold onto any items you may have already collected for Preble and please don’t shop for any new items until later in the summer or early fall.

of our service, and a video to follow along with – utilize whichever works best for you, or all of them. If you prefer hard copies, and haven’t spoken to someone about being on the list of hard-copy recipients, please call and let us know – we are happy to add you! You’ll also be receiving several options for at-home devotions, coloring pages, and more.

All of these resources are also accessible via Facebook, so if you’re not “following” Atonement on Facebook, this would be a great time to do so. (Again, please reach out if this is something you are interested in, but need help accessing!) In addition to the services and devotionals, on Facebook you’ll find Bible Study opportunities, a few projects for our youth, and words of encouragement from congregation members. It’s a great way to be church online!

We were not created to face trials alone. We know that these times are trying. You may feel isolated and worried – we sure do! But, we know that God walks with us every step of the way, and encourages us to be God’s family especially in times like these! We are here to provide support, in whatever shape that may be!

May the peace of God dwell richly in your homes in these comings weeks,

Atonement Worship and Music Committee

**Important Calendar Items for the Month**

All services will be provided by link in a MailChimp email.

If you have trouble with receiving or following any of these emailed links-

Please call the office and leave your number or send email to the office.

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| <b><u>April 5th</u></b>  | Palm Sunday     |
| <b><u>April 9th</u></b>  | Maundy Thursday |
| <b><u>April 10th</u></b> | Good Friday     |
| <b><u>April 12th</u></b> | Easter Sunday   |

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 920-217-3938 or email—[jjanim@aol.com](mailto:jjanim@aol.com)

**Worry** is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

**Prayer** is a conversation with GOD about things HE can change.

**Remember** the church is not a building, it is YOU

**New Community  
Shelter Meal**  
**Will be announced**  
**TBD (to be determined)**

**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.

Council Members	
Corey Kirch	<i>President</i>
Jarred Kopkey	<i>Vice-President</i>
Julie Geyer	<i>Treasurer</i>
Lora Vandevoorde	<i>Secretary</i>
Patricia Perez	
Marilyn Rabideau	
Jolyn Helgeson	
Leah Bergstrom	
Al Gajeski	
Denise Martin	
Jarred Kopkey	
Dane Bergstrom	
Cate Kopkey	
Director of	
Music Ministry	
Ken Storzer	
Tom Holschuh	
Custodians	
Linda Grzeca	
Organist/Pianist	
Kathy Huebner	
Director of	
Youth and Family	
Corina Gerczak	
Director of	
Sunday School	

Happy Birthday!	
Duane Pike	4/4
John Hansen	4/6
Alice Bero	4/8
Connie Worzala	4/10
Dave Kacynski	4/11
Linda Saugstad	4/12
Ken Larsen. Sr.	4/14
Jim Jentz	4/15
Kathrin Sikich	4/15
Mary Vandevoorde	4/16
Lily Jo Wiitanen	4/18
Connie Haefs	4/20
Howard Hansen	4/24
Addison Helgeson	4/28
Onnika Robishaw	4/29
Katie Gajeski	4/30
Wishing you all the happiest and most blessed birthday!	