



Atonement Lutheran Church

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Green Bay WI 54302

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The Visitor

Dear Friends of Atonement,

We are in the hot and humid days of summer. For me July 4th was always a big celebration. On July 3, the town 4 miles away always had a big pork chop dinner and a few activities to start the celebration. The next morning the town which I grew up in, had their big town celebration with a parade and activities throughout the day, and it ended with fireworks in the park. We have many of photos of us standing next to the cornfield that was always higher than knee high and many pictures of us dressed up in costume for the kiddie parade. This year was the first year that Okabena didn't have fireworks or parade or the pie in the park. This isn't the first year I wasn't able to travel back to join the celebration, but there was something different about the event not taking place at all.

Since the middle of March, it seems like everything we know and everything that was a constant in our life, isn't. We are constantly having to change plans or morph our plans and we have had to physically distance ourselves and wearing masks, wash our hands more than we have in the past. We miss the people and events that we want to attend. We know, for the greater good, we are doing these things, but there are many times that we are disappointed. At times we look for loopholes and don't think we are the first ones to do this. This summer we will hear all about the disciples who have been hearing all about the kingdom of God and are now being asked to proclaim it to people and places they don't necessarily want to go. At first everything is exciting. We get to see Jesus command the wind and the waves, his healing power and his own identity as the one who saves. Then we see the disciple's reaction to these things. Their world is being turned upside down. They mistake Jesus as a ghost; Peter sinks into the water and is pulled up by Jesus. They are afraid, they have doubts about many things, and they are constantly being pulled out of their normal comfortable routines to expand the Kingdom of God. None of this was easy for them, and maybe this year, as we are also out of our comfortable routines we can empathize a little bit more with the disciples than we have been able to do in the past.

The good news, God is with us and we are beloved children of God who are continually being shaped by the word of God. Each day we are having to learn how to live out our baptismal calling in a world that looks different than it did just a few months ago. Despite our setbacks, misunderstandings, or distractions, God continues to come close. The prophet Isaiah declares, "the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord" (Isa. 51:3; Lectionary 21, August 23). We are given a precious gift through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. May we find renewal in this gift this summer.

Pastor Brenda

Thursday, June 4, 2020

In attendance: Corey Kirch - President, Lora Vandevoorde - Secretary, Julie Geyer - Treasurer, Denise Martin, Leah Bergstrom, Al Gajeski, Jean Keim, Jolyn Helgeson, Marilyn Rabideau
Absent: Patricia Perez, Jarred Kopkey, Dane Bergstrom
Also in Attendance: Bishop Jerry Mansholdt, Pastor Amy Engebose

Corey called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Bishop Jerry began the meeting with a devotion.

The Council entered a closed session with Bishop Jerry and Pastor Amy.

Following the closed session, Pastor Amy ended the meeting with a prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

**Have you found us on “Zoom Into Fellowship” yet? Every Sunday at 9:45AM we gather from the comfort of our homes to join each other on Zoom! The Zoom link is sent to you Thursday afternoon in your emailed “A Moment of Atone-ment.” The mission of “Zoom into Fellowship” is to keep our connect- edness high priority! Be sure to ask if you have any questions about how to get connected!
We are happy to help!**

Men at Work

There is no current dates for work projects, but stay tuned!

Tuesday Prayers with the Women of the ELCA on our Facebook page.

It begins with acknowledging that we are a **community of women**. As we live into this new reality of a pandemic, efforts to reduce physical community contacts abound (also known as “community mitigation strategies”), and for good reason. But thanks to our faith grounding and modern communication methods, we can remain in community even as we practice physical (social) distancing, for we know that there is no social distancing in God’s love and grace.



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Atonement Lutheran Church ELCA

YTD	Ending	5/30/2020	
Budgeted General Offering YTD	\$94,159.40	Actual Expenses YTD	\$88,286.62
Simply Giving to May 31st	\$24,610.00	Net Income YTD	(\$6,383.31)
Choice Dollars to May 31st	\$1300.00	Simply Giving %	30.05%
		PPP Loan Proceeds	\$28.00
Offering to May 31st	\$55,993.31	U2S General YTD	\$952.75
Total General Giving YTD	\$81,93.31	Chicken dinner	\$0.00

Atonement Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 21, 2020

In attendance: Corey Kirch - President, Jarred Kopkey – Vice President, Lora Vandevoorde - Secretary, Julie Geyer - Treasurer, Denise Martin, Leah Bergstrom, Al Gajeski, Jean Keim, Jolyn Helgeson, Marilyn Rabideau, and Dane Bergstrom Absent: Patricia Perez, Pastor Brenda Crossfield

Corey called the meeting called to order at 6:04pm. Corey began the meeting with a devotion.

Approval of February 20, April 16, and May 14, 2020 minutes: Jean motioned to approve. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried.

Committee reports were sent electronically to the council. The following items were discussed: Christian Ed - no report provided. Al offered to be the liaison between the committee and council. Youth/Family - no meetings since January. VBS and Mission Trip have been cancelled for this summer. Properties – Jarred suggested inventorying the church keys, make 25-30 new keys, numbering them, and putting "do not duplicate" on them. Council agreed. Should probably inventory the keys to the office too.

o Technology subcommittee: Corey working on installing cabling between projector and computer in the sanctuary. Worship & Music - Report was provided. Cate has said that attendance for the virtual services has decreased over the last few weeks. Lora asked for feedback on why people are or aren't watching them. Positive feedback on the Holy Moly, being able to see Pastor during her sermons, and seeing others involved in the service. Jean will have the FORE committee members ask the members they call about why or why not people are watching the virtual services. United 2 Serve - Report was provided. Distributions requested this month are: \$288 for St. John's Homeless Shelter (8 days worth of PPE for staff at \$36/day),

and \$300 for the quarterly ADR installment.

Jarred made a motion to approve the distributions. Jolyn seconded. Motion carried. Jarred made a motion to approve all committee reports. Denise seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report - no written report was provided. Pastor did not attend the meeting due to illness.

Treasurer's Report Julie reviewed the treasurer's report for April. Revenues and expenses are underbudget. *Year-to-date net loss is \$3,800, compared to a budgeted net profit of \$5,000. In the beginning of the pandemic, there were large donations coming in, but those have dwindled. Largest expenses were furnaces (1/2 paid out of Building fund and 1/2 paid out of Rental fund) and the carpet cleaning (paid out of General fund > repairs/maintenance). Given that the church is slowly opening back up, it doesn't make sense to cancel any subscriptions or monthly fees at this point.*

PPP loan funds were received on May 1 so they're not reflected in the April financials. Based on staffing, we may not be able to use up the PPP loan funds and will likely have to return a portion of it. We will have the option to 1) return the remaining balance immediately or 2) keep the funds as a loan at 1%

interest and pay back gradually.

- Stewardship committee plans to send giving reports through May and include a financial update and plea for more offerings. *Marilyn made a motion to approve Julie's report. Denise seconded. Motion carried.*

Old Business

1. *Atonement's Bounce Back Plan, Phase 2 - The task force is working on drafting phase 2 rules and will meet soon to discuss when to move to that phase.* 2. Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan - see Treasurer's report for information

New Business

1. Increased council presence – Suggestion was made to do another letter/*message/devotion to send to the congregation. Send these to the Office email account when completed. Council members are advised to think about other ways we can reach out.* 2. Reimagine Church - Cate joined the meeting to give a brief update. One of the recent tasks was to survey the congregation on connectedness. The results were surprisingly positive - most members do feel connected. They're looking at their next activity. Darlene, the coach they have been working with, is retiring soon so they'll be assigned a new one.

The Council entered into a closed session.

Following the closed session, Marilyn ended the meeting with a prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Tabled for June meeting: Form a task force to review Constitution and Bylaws and recommend revisions to council/congregation.

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 6:00pm. Denise will send the Zoom link and agenda **a few days** before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lora Vandevoorde, Church Council Secretary

Atonement Lutheran Church Special Church Council Meeting Minutes

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

New Community Shelter Meal

Thank you for your donations for July! Stay tuned to find out how our next meal will be handled!



Although the food distribution for the New Community Shelter Meal is done differently during COVID, we were able to served 145 people. In September, we will need to prepare for at least 160 meals. Clients are returning because the center was unable to receive new clients during the quarantine.

We took many precautions and everyone wore masks and gloves and washed our hands several times and the food was served a the exterior door through a plexi-glass separation.



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
Dane Bergstrom

Cate Kopkey
Director of
Music Ministry

Ken Storzer
Tom Holschuh
Custodians

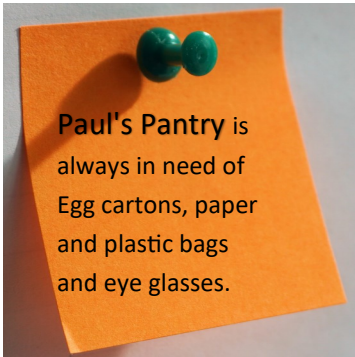
Linda Grzeca
Organist/Pianist

Kathy Huebner
Director of
Youth and Family

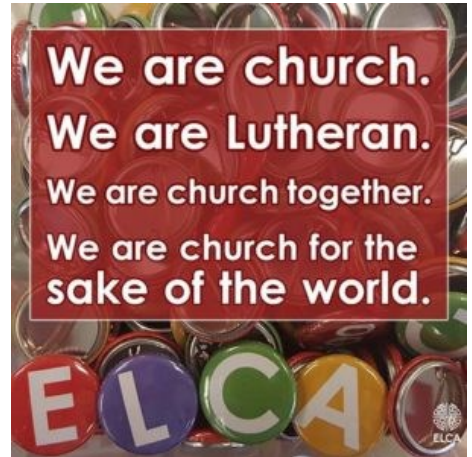
Corina Gerczak
Director of
Sunday School

Happy Birthday!

Korey F.	7/1
Spencer K.	7/1
Alicia R.	7/2
Claire H.	7/2
Bethany T.	7/3
Darlene G.	7/4
Paula J.	7/5
Sophia J.	7/7
Luis P.	7/9
Sarah L.	7/10
Zach H.	7/12
Phil W.	7/16
Bill L.	7/17
Hailey H.	7/17
Emeline L.	7/17
Ginnie T.	7/18
Mary Ann L.	7/19
Emilee B.	7/19
Debra S.	7/20
Karen N.	7/22
Griffin L.	7/22
Amy W.	7/23
Tad S.	7/23
Steven W.	7/25
Pastor Brenda	7/25
Ramona J.	7/26
Lora V.	7/26
Asa S.	7/27
Emma F.	7/29
Jason B.	7/30
Vanessa W.	7/30



Paul's Pantry is still running as normal at this time, and experiencing a high demand from our community in need! Please keep them in your prayers, and remember that often times monetary donations, however small, are best during this time to avoid unnecessary trips to stores!



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

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!!!

National Youth Gathering 2021!
It is time to start planning for next Summer. In September we will need to send our registration in! Contact me if you are interested in attending.
-Kathy Huebner
(Youth and Family)

Items Collected for Preble

Please hold onto any items you may have already collected for Preble and please don't shop for any new items until early Fall.





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