



May 2013

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## Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm  
Tuesday through Friday



## Sunday, May 19

Our spring congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The festivities will begin after the second service with a potluck and the meeting to follow. Items on the agenda include: reports from staff and committees, presentation of strategic plan, and the election of leaders in various capacities.



## Congratulations Graduates!

Join us on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am service as we celebrate the achievement of our High School Seniors, who are graduating this spring. The women of the church will present a quilt, to each of them, in honor of their achievement. May God bless them as they take their next steps in the adventure of life.

## New Members

We rejoiced to receive some new members on Sunday, April 28. Received into membership were Dene Bateman, Terri Homer, Mary Ellen Murphy, Cynthia Rowlee, Barry and Denise McPherson.

Please welcome these new members of our community and make them feel at home.

We at Atonement Lutheran Church reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

As Christ's ministry includes everyone, we, too, welcome persons of any ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, marital status, age, economic situation, and physical or mental ability.

We celebrate the gifts each one brings to the life and ministry of this community of faith.





# *Strategic Planning and Stewardship*

*by Linda Kilbride*



Church Council has re-blessed the Mission Statement, with a slight change, and the proposed Vision and Values for Atonement for you to consider at the Annual Meeting in May. We will be presenting a synopsis of the entire Strategic Plan for your vote of acceptance at that time. Here is a sneak peak:

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*"To Reach Out with God's Love"*

## **VISION**

*Embraced by the graciousness of God, we seek to grow in faith, in hope, and in loving service to God and neighbor.*

## **VALUES**

- 1. Radical hospitality**
- 2. Community**
- 3. Inclusivity**
- 4. Compassion and care**
- 5. Spiritual Renewal through worship,  
prayer, education and service**
- 6. Service to others**
- 7. Peace and Justice for all people**
- 8. Care of the environment**

See you at the Annual Meeting!





## From the Pastor ...



*Pastor Ed Milliken*

Dear Friends in Christ,  
"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting...And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Hearing all the noise and excitement, devout Jews who had journeyed to Jerusalem from all corners of the earth came together and were bewildered because each one heard the apostles speaking in his or her own language...and all were amazed."

The miracle of Pentecost: the descent of the Holy Spirit, gracing the apostles with the ability to speak and be understood by people from many lands, in many tongues, in praise of the one God. The miracle of Pentecost: that God would come to us in Word and Spirit to draw us all together and make us one.

But what might that miracle mean for us who live some 2000 years later? Let me suggest a couple of possible meanings. The first meaning that Pentecost has for our lives is the assurance that God speaks our language. Whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever we are like, the Holy Spirit knows how to address us in ways that we can understand. The Spirit of God

continues to come to us and to touch our lives in many different ways. For some, the Spirit speaks in words, like a favorite verse from Scripture: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ." For others, the Spirit speaks through music – the swell of an organ, the familiar melody of a beloved hymn. For others, the Spirit speaks in the cry of a child, a neighbor, a stranger in need. For some the Spirit speaks most profoundly in silence, in prayer, as we wait quietly for God's leading.

How does the Spirit speak to you? In what ways does the Spirit of God call out to you, sweeping you into the presence of God? Whoever you are you can be assured by the miracle of Pentecost that God knows how to speak a language that is tuned to reach your heart. Listen for that language.

A second meaning of Pentecost is that, once the Spirit speaks to us it also gives us a voice, a language of our own. Just as the Spirit led the apostles, and millions of people after them, to take the good news of God's love out into the world, so too, the work of the Spirit is to help us to find our tongues, those distinctive ways that we can speak to the world through the

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## Adult Forum News... *by Pastor Ed*

### **Living the Questions**



Below is a tentative schedule for the adult forum class in May:

**5/5 Living the Questions 13 – Debunking the Rapture (written material)** Focus: Failing to understand the message of hope offered in the Book of Revelation, many Christians have been misled by 19<sup>th</sup> century doomsayers and modern-day apocalyptic preachers who proclaim their vengeful god's impending extermination of the apostate masses. Just what part of "love your enemies" doesn't their god understand?

**5/12 Living the Questions 13**

**– Debunking the Rapture (video)**

**5/19 Living the Questions 14 – Reclaiming the World (written material)**

Focus: While human beings have been gifted with a beautiful and complex world in which to live, its systems and resources are being stressed by our behaviors, lifestyles, and arrogance. Care for the environment is not only deeply biblical and practical, but increasingly critical – for both the present spiritual life and for our collective future.

**5/26 Living the Questions 14 – Reclaiming the World (video)**

*from the Pastor . . . (continue from page 3)*



witness of our daily living.

What is the special word that God's Spirit is eager to speak through you? Perhaps it is a word of courage, shown in the ways God has helped you confront the troubles and trials of your life. Perhaps it is a word of patience and forbearance as you forgive those who have wronged you. Perhaps yours is a voice of compassion as you reach out in love to care for someone who is hurting. Perhaps it is a word of challenge, proclaimed against injustice. Whatever it may be, you can be assured that each of us has a sacred word to speak through the story of our living. Pentecost calls us to listen for the voice of God; in listening to find our voice; and then, in faithfulness, to speak with that voice to the needs around us.

The miracle of Pentecost is that God comes to us, speaks our language, and gives us a calling. Throughout the season of Pentecost, throughout the whole of our lives, let this then serve as our ardent prayer: *O for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemers praise; the glories of our God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

Pastor Ed Milliken



*Rhonda Harman*  
*Director of*  
*Family*  
*Ministry*

A seminary student was having second thoughts about going into the ministry. She went to a well respected professor and asked, "How do I know if I should continue this call?" He answered her, "If you have to preach, preach ". We find God's will in our lives when we are passionate about something then "*just do it!*" These passions are gifts from God. If your passion in life is to sing, *then sing*. If your passion is to lead, *then lead*. If you have a heart for the sick and disenfranchised, *then heal the sick...teach the lost*. Stoke that fire in your heart, get started and God will do the rest and you will become amazingly and truly happy! I guarantee it!

Sounds simple! So what holds back from our living our passions? What or maybe who gets in the way? Is it a lack of energy? Is it laziness, selfishness or is it possibly fear? I have struggled with fear of failure off and on. Most of us have routines and on one hand they are comforting. Some are good and some not so good. At the end of the day who did we serve? Did we do our work or His? I know I fit some of these scenarios, how about you? Oops, did I say that?

I think everyone could agree on healthy routines, for instance; going to bed and getting up about the same time each day. Eating a good breakfast,

a healthy mid-morning snack, a good lunch and then a smaller dinner is smart! Another really good one is spending time with God each day, every day no matter what. You know, kind of like how God loves us! This has become one of my most precious daily goals. I can tell you, it has made a huge difference, all for the better and to God's glory!

I started praying daily after I listened to a speech by the President of Princeton University. It was all about prayer; daily prayer. If only 10 minutes a day... prayer is so wonderful! A chance to be still and simply breath fully in and out, letting everything else go bye-bye. Try it! Give God a chance to call you by name and whisper to your heart and into your spirit. You will feel so good. You will feel so loved! One hour a week in church is simply not enough. We need more God. He yearns to hold us and mold us and open our hearts and minds to love more. His love is like the sunshine today in Newport. The warmth of the sunshine permeates every cell in my body feels alive and joyful! Bask in the glory, bask in Gods love! Go ahead, enjoy! Take action today-no more excuses.

Dear God, help us to stretch my routines to include more of your work and less of mine. Help me to stretch my limitations and comfort zones. Make phone calls to someone who needs my encouragement while waiting for the cookies to

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## Family Ministry News... *Rhonda Harman*

Our second annual, Cinco de Mayo Celebration is right around the corner. We will again have an appealing and savory Taco-Bar. Hopefully by the time you read this all the food selections have been filled. If you were not able to come last year I hope you will make it a "starred IGA attraction" this year. We had a great time last year? We will eat, dance, play piñata, blow giant bubbles and enjoy more sunshine. We will celebrate our blessings of freedom and God's love for one and for all!

One of our newer members' Joachim (Joe) Baumgarten asked me why we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. He told me he lived in Mexico for many years. I have to admit I thought we were celebrating Mexico's independence from Spain but that is a widespread misconception. Here is what I discovered when I "googled" it.

"Cinco de Mayo (Spanish for fifth of May) is a celebration held on May 5th. It is celebrated in the United States and regionally in Mexico, primarily in the state of Puebla (Pooabla). In the US, we observe the date to celebrate democracy and freedom established during the early years of the American Civil War. In Puebla, the date is observed to commemorate the Mexican army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862." So there, now we have better information. Thank you Joe!

We are looking forward as our senior's graduate from high school this year. Quilts will be presented May 19<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations to all! These kids are stellar students and fantastic people and we pray for all God's blessings for them as they continue on life's journey. We are blessed to have been a part of their lives.

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come out of the oven. Text someone when I are waiting for your appointment. Talk to my neighbor in the check out line. Give me more ideas so that I may follow your will for my life. Amen.

Every time we step up and help each other we are personally advancing God's plan. The more we love each other, the more love we have to love each other. This is so incredible. Believe me it feels so good to grow in God's love.

There are a lot of service opportunities here at Atonement. Why is the 80-20 rule still a pretty good estimate of volunteer work and workers? 80% of good works happen because of the effort of 20% of the people. We can change it here and now! Maybe we get too wrapped up in our routines and the "things" we have to do? Maybe we do our work too much and not His work enough? All we have to do is start something and God will see us through. Psalm 40: 8 says, "I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." All we have to do is ask God to open our hearts so we can listen and then give it ten minutes a day. Let me know how it goes. "Find the good and praise it!" A. Huxley



## On The Power of Prayer ... *by Lynn Moody*



Lynn Moody is our  
Parish Nurse.

This past January, my best friend of 44 years became very sick. I talked to her on the phone daily but as she became sicker, I was then speaking to her husband on the phone, sometimes twice a day. She asked me to come and be with her. After knowing Joni for this long, she has never asked me to come to her side. I knew this was serious. Not just in my nurse's brain, but in my heart.

As I prepared for a quickly planned trip to Wisconsin to be with her, I asked the people of Atonement to pray for my friend Joni as she battled the pancreatitis that was making her so ill. Jim Lynn delivered a powerful prayer request during that February 3<sup>rd</sup> service, for which I am so thankful. I received encouraging words from many of you that day, for which I am also thankful. I am so blessed to a part of this church family.

But the real blessing in all of this, is this. My friend Joni told me that on that day, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, she knew that she was seriously ill and her condition was deteriorating rapidly. But later that day she felt a change come over her. She told me that she was able to feel the prayers from this church coming

to her and lifting her up in this time of illness and despair. At that point, she started to improve.

I spent a full week with Joni while she was in the hospital, but she was not released home until the day after I left to return to Oregon. Her hospital stay had lasted three and a half weeks. She has been making a slow but steady recovery over the past two months and just last week she sounded like the Joni I have known for so long. Upbeat and full of life.

Joni asked me to thank the people of Atonement for all of the prayers said for her as she knows they made a huge difference in her recovery. She also told me that she still gets tears in her eyes to think that a bunch of strangers would pray for her like this. And I can attest, Joni is not the type of person who chokes up easily.

I do not know how else to express my gratitude to all of the prayer warriors out there, other than to say "Thank you".

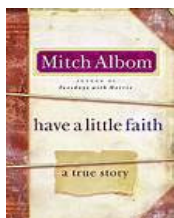


Lynn Moody, RN



## Library Committee... by E.J. Warren

### Book Review: HAVE A LITTLE FAITH by Mitch Albom



The non-fiction book, *HAVE A LITTLE FAITH*, by Best Selling Author, Mitch Albom is now in the Atonement library in a large print edition as well as small print.

Mitch Albom, a Detroit Free Press sports writer, broke into the best seller world with his poignant non-fiction story, *TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE*, about his visits with a former professor who was dying of Lou Gehrig's disease. His later book, *HAVE A LITTLE FAITH*, begins with an unusual request from an 82 year old rabbi of his youth to write and deliver his

eulogy.

The book alternates from his train trips to visit this wise, eccentric and witty rabbi in New Jersey to seemingly disparate chapters on Henry, a black, former drug dealer in Brooklyn who Albom met in Detroit.

How Albom interwove the lives of these two real-life characters into a journey of his own faith and inspiration is truly a work of literary genius. As I read it I alternated from laughing out loud to moments of a lump in the throat to tears. I highly recommend this book.



## ALC Book Club by Lucy Milliken

The next meeting of the ALC Book Club will be on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am. The book being discussed will be "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee, treats, and a good conversation.



Enjoy a blast from the past Wednesday, May 1st as *Flashbacks* in Newport hosts Dine Out for Samaritan House. Burger baskets, homemade shakes and sodas as well as a variety menu await. Flashbacks is donating 10% of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter.

Thank you for your continued support of Dine Out!

Samaritan House  
Rose Davis  
Volunteer





# May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Mental Health Awareness Month</i>		1 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails <i>May Day</i>	2 <i>Nation Day of Prayer</i>	3 12:00pm 1st Friday Lunch at Fish Tails	4 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
5 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum/SS 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Cinco de Mayo/Taco Bar	6 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Parish Life/Outreach	7 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel <i>National Teacher's Day</i>	8 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4:00pm Finance 7:00pm HMT	9 11-4pm OCQG (FH)	10	11 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) 10:30am ALC Book Club
12 8:00am Worship 9:30am SS/Adult Forum 11:00am Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	13 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Property	14 2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry 6:30pm Early Risers Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	15 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 12:30pm WELCA 7:00pm Council	16	17	18 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH) <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
19 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum / Youth Forum & SS 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Annual Mtg/Pot Luck	20 1:00pm Prayer Group	21 <i>WAVES</i> Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	22 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	23 5:00pm Randy's F&R	24	25 8:00-11:30 am Weight Watchers Mtg (FH)
26 8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum & SS 11:00am Worship	27 1:00pm Prayer Group 5:00pm Stone Soup at St Stephens <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	29 8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails	30		



Techy Youth Forum  
May 19th 9:30—10:30am





# Worship Page

## Worship


## Readers

## Altar Guild

## Musicians

5	8:00 a.m.	Carla Johnsen	Mary Lou Mate	Marian Brown
	11:00 a.m.	Dean Hill	Dolores Bennett	Marian Brown
12	8:00 a.m.	_____	Sonja Wiley	Tami Johnson
	11:00 a.m.	Shannon White	Olga Buswell	Tami Johnson
19	8:00 a.m.	_____	Lucy Milliken	Marian Brown
	11:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman	Lucy Milliken	Marian Brown
26	8:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson	Marian Brown	Caro Somers
	11:00 a.m.	_____	Marian Brown	Caro Somers



BIRTHDAY				Paul & Jean Amundson		5	Pete Kraack & Paul Stangeland
Bob Olson	5/4	Tim Miller-Morgan	5/20	12	Don Davis	12	Pete Kraack & Linda Kilbride
James Ezzell	5/5	Lily Phelps	5/20	19	_____	19	Linda Kilbride& E J Warren
Tom Hamilton	5/5	Margaret Harris	5/24	26	_____	26	E J Warren & Bob Olson
Reuben Johnsen	5/7	Tami Johnson	5/25				
Laura Swanson	5/9	Anne Swinehart	5/25				
Hellen Ezzell	5/11	Roger Snelling	5/28				
Austin Job	5/13	Megan Milliken	5/29	10	Frank & Barbara Wilson		
Carol Baker	5/19	Carlton Olson	5/30	17	Mike & Tami Judy		
				30	Dick & Linda Kilbride		

## Social Ministry Committee

### Food for Food Share Program

by Terri McCulley



To those who have contributed to our Food Pantry Barrel in the past and hopefully, to our future endeavors.

Anything is welcome and helpful, but this month we will focus on **Soups** to try to "fill the barrel".

There are many hungry people and children in Lincoln County that need our help. Please, place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex and someone from the Newport food pantry will pick it up.



### Family Ministry News... *(continue from page 6)*

They will soon be off to college, both home and abroad so let us join in prayer for their up-most authentic lives to be God filled and inspired with learning and fun and growth.

Hatfield Marine Science Day was our most recent IGA event. We were about 26 all total. Most of us started here at church, car pooled to Fishtails for a delicious and special luncheon offered by Barbara Abshire. Then we all went over to the behind the scenes tour open house annual event. We had a good time and enjoyed several new exhibits. There is always something new to learn. Dr. Sarah Henkle-Black gave us an outstanding talk about wave energy. She delivered a fabulous presentation with good and easy to understand information. Sarah answered all our questions, responded to remarks and made us laugh together!

I still need help with our church garden beds so we can provide more wholesome, fresh vegetables to our local Newport Food Pantry. Let's make Steve Brown proud! Thank you, Dee Waldo, Dan Roumagoux, Linda and Dick Kilbride for all your help and dedication to our mission feeding the hungry in our community.

This summer, we are looking forward to both familiar and new IGA's (Inter-generational Activities). We will be doing a QUEST on the bayfront, a tour through Ripley's and Undersea Gardens. On nice sunny days you may expect a car-wash each month and of course kayak trips, barbeques, bonfires and more. Give me more ideas! It takes a village and we are very together on that! God bless you all! Love in Christ, Rhonda



*Color Me Spring....*



The long cold winter is melting away  
A single red bird was spotted today

Through the mist the sun is peeking  
Squirrels are about and acorn-seeking

New life has come to fields and woods  
Kids venture out in sweatshirts with hoods

In just a few weeks the river will flow  
Blossoms on trees will be starting to show

There's still a chill in the springtime air  
Winter is gone but the memory is still there

Summer is waiting a few months beyond  
To warm the air and the meadow and pond

A gopher peers out from the holes that he makes  
Springtime is when the whole world awakes





## *Outreach Committee...* by Paul Amundson

We have been working towards generating a new website with greater capability, storage capacity, and overall information content. Although it remains a work in progress by the time you receive this Waves we will have made the change.

We intend to make this website one of the primary ways we communicate with our members, friends, and people who live in or are visiting the greater Newport area. In this light we hope to update the information on our website every few days. We need your help to do that. As we prepare for future activities we need to highlight this both on the website calendar and via information packed articles. And after we complete these events we need to include an article summarizing the results. For example, after the upcoming church wide meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May we need to highlight the meeting minutes on our website.

Pastor Ed will have overall control of the information we share on our website. For

purposes of adding information to the website the primary contacts are Raynette Rawles and Rhonda Harman. Paul Amundson and a person to be named later will serve as backup website data entry contacts when neither Rhonda nor Raynette are available.

A Facebook account will also be initiated as part of our website. For our Facebook account to be useful in supporting the website all comments and requests for information must be addressed every day. We are actively seeking people who would be willing to be part of a group of Facebook responders\*. In many cases the responses will be straightforward. In some cases the requests must be forwarded to Pastor Ed or others in our church.

Our new website will continually grow and improve as we become more familiar with the capabilities being offered. You are all a part of this and your suggestions and inputs are strongly encouraged.



*Oregon Synod*

### **God's work. Our hands.**

The Oregon Synod Assembly will be held on May 17-19 at the Hilton Hotel in Eugene. Pastor Ed, and Paul and Jean Amundson will be representing Atonement. Diana Butler Bass, author of "Christianity for the Rest of Us," will be the keynote speaker. Her presentation at 7pm on Friday night is open to the public. Among the agenda items to be considered will be the election of a bishop for the Oregon Synod (Bishop Dave is eligible for re-election), the synod budget, and a number of resolutions.





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*Reaching Out with God's Love*

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*Reminder...*



***Come Join Us!***

Randy's Read & Feed  
May 23, 2013  
5:00pm