



Atonement Tidings

February 2019

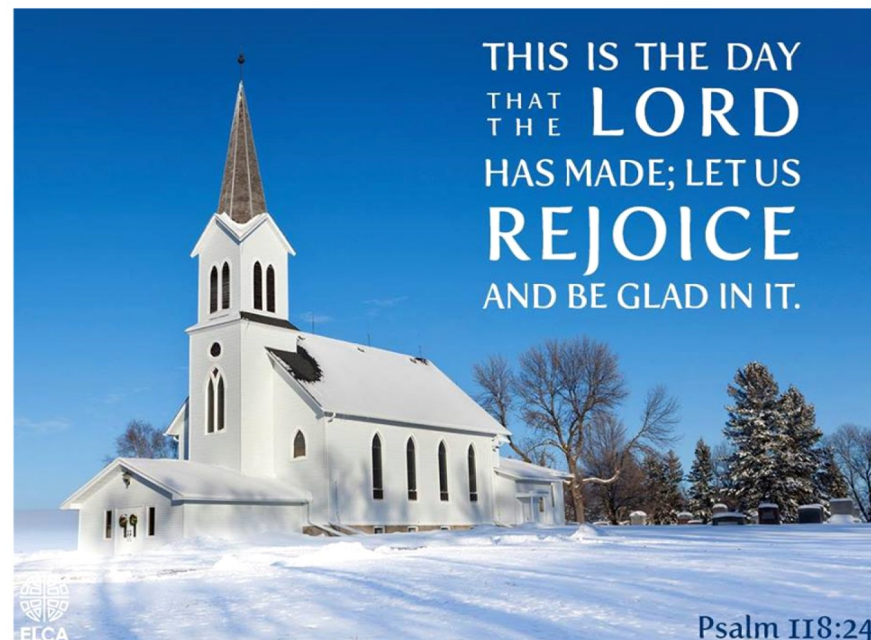
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER BRUNCH
Sunday, Feb. 10 10:45am



Come join us for food, fun and fellowship - and a chance to vision together - at our Midwinter Brunch. Delicious food will be provided...and "Sunday School To Go" packets will be available for children. All are welcome to join in the conversation...and at the table!

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, Feb. 17 10:45am in Reissig Hall

Come and help us celebrate the 100th Birthday of Atonement's oldest member, Ted Bennett. Join us following worship in wishing Ted a Happy Birthday and in celebrating God's blessings upon his many years of life.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, February 3
10:45am

CHURCH NEWS

ADULT FORUM Sundays at 10:45 AM

Feb. 3	Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb. 10	Midwinter Brunch
Feb. 17	100 th Birthday Celebration
Feb. 24	TBA



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

There is an immediate opening for a volunteer at the Brighton Food Depot. Someone is needed for only 2 hours each month. On the first Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00. You would be packing bags for School #4, usually 10-12 food items in each bag, and doing some shelf work, such as stocking and organizing. The Depot is located at the First Baptist Church, 175 Allen's Creek Road, on the corner of Clover. If you are interested, please call or speak to Barb Sanko.

PASTOR'S PAGE

A Death in the Family

We've had a death in our family at Atonement. Although we have experienced many deaths in our congregation over the years, each one still hurts. Each one touches us in a profound way. Our grief has been a shared grief; our pain a mutual pain. Death affects us all: Barbara Goodrich's death, your death, my death.

Thinking about death leads me to think of Jesus, and the occasion when his disciples directed his attention towards a deaf man with a speech impediment. (Mark 7: 31- 37.) Jesus healed the man; but before he did, Jesus looked up to heaven with a "deep sigh." Some have called it a "divine" sigh. Perhaps Jesus did this because life was not meant to be this way. The brokenness, the illness, the hurt in the world – were not suppose to be there. These heartaches were never part of God's plan for his beloved children. So it is that God's Son gave a deep sigh for the pain of the world.

My sense is that our church family has looked up to heaven this past month with a deep sigh in response to the pain and the bewilderment and the hurt of death. But we have not sighed alone. We have not sighed without hope. As a family of believers, we have stood together, prayed together and expressed our hope together "in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

This hope is what comforts and strengthens us in the face of death. A hope that is sure and certain and confident that as God raised his own Son from the grave, he will raise us – and our friends, our sons and daughters, too.

We've had a death in our family at Atonement. But we have been given a living hope and a never-ending promise of never-ending life. We grieve – and yet we have this hope.

In Christ,

Pastor Gail

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FEBRUARY GIVING FOCUS

The Sunday School children will be collecting First Aid Supplies (band-aids, latex gloves, cotton balls, gauze, hand sanitizer) to benefit Catholic Charities Community Services.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM FLORENCE WRIGHT:

Thanks for the cards, notes & prayers during my illness last month. "They perked me up!"

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to Pastor Craig and Pastor Gail Swanson upon the death of Craig's mother on January 11.....to Jean Seager upon the death of her brother-in-law on January 14....and to the family and friends of Barbara Goodrich, who died January 17. A funeral service in celebration of Barb's life was held at Atonement on January 23.

A NOTE OF THANKS:

Our deepest thanks to our Atonement family for your concern, kindness, prayers and many expressions of sympathy during this time of the death of Craig's mother, Louise. She was truly a loving person, and our hearts are sad. Yet we are comforted in knowing she is at peace in Christ and surrounded forever by his tender love. And for this we give thanks.

*Gratefully,
Pastor Gail and Pastor Craig Swanson*

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN YOUTH

ALY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY

WINTER WEEKEND! MARCH 1-3 For Youth in Grades 6-12

Broken and Beautiful

Join us on March 1-3 at the beautiful Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush. Pastor Johanna Rehbaum and others will lead us in a journey of faith exploration, self-discovery, sharing stories of faith, strengthening relationships and good, old-fashioned camp fun. Look for #brokenandbeautiful on social media and join the journey.

What is Winter Weekend?

Every year, the Lutheran Youth Organization of the Genesee Finger Lakes Conference, sponsors a weekend retreat for youth in 6th-12th grades at the Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush, NY.

This "Winter Weekend" is a time when youth and adult volunteers come together in a camp/lodge type setting to explore our spiritual life through a variety of experiences that range from serious to silly. We will wonder, pray and play together while we reflect on where we've been and consider where God may be leading us.

Winter Weekend includes: inspirational large group sessions, small group discussions, creative worship experiences, prayer; music, music; high-energy games, quiet time, outdoor events and a Saturday night dance. Many of our volunteer leaders have been LYO campers themselves.

Parents, youth participants, and Family Group Volunteer staff report growth in new activities, and spirituality. Winter Weekend provides growth experiences for youth that can benefit them through adulthood. For more information contact kristinlyo@gmail.com



MUSIC NOTES



CHORAL MUSIC MINISTRY – UPCOMING DATES

The Atonement Choir has changed the time and day it meets for rehearsals. Beginning in February the choir will meet twice a month at 8:15 A.M. on Sundays. Join with other singers and start your morning with energetic singing!:

No prior experience necessary!

Sunday, February 3	Rehearsal	8:15 – 9:15 AM
Sunday, February 10	Sunday Worship	9:30 AM
The 5th Sunday After Epiphany / Lect. 5 Rehearsal at 8:15 AM		
Sunday, March 3	Rehearsal	8:15 – 9:15 AM
Sunday, March 10	Sunday Worship	9:30 AM
The First Sunday of Lent Rehearsal at 8:15 AM		
Sunday, April 7.	Rehearsal	8:15 – 9:15 A.M.
Sunday, April 14.	Rehearsal	8:15 – 9:15 A.M.
Sunday, April 21	Sunday Worship	9:30 AM
The Resurrection of Our Lord Rehearsal at 8:15 AM		

CALLING ALL MUSICAL YOUTH!

Youth led worship is currently planned for Sunday, March 24, 2019. If you would like to participate in worship by assisting in leading music on this Sunday please contact Director of Music Ministries Joshua Brown at (585) 704 2576 or jhbrown@atonementrochester.org.

THE CAROL AND JOHN CONDEMI GIFT OF MUSIC FUND

The Carol and John Conde mi Gift of Music Fund will generously provide \$5,187.65 for Music Ministry at Atonement in 2019. Through this generosity Atonement can look forward to the following musicians enhancing our worship:

Sunday, March 17, 9:30 A.M. Service of Worship

Roxanne Ziegler, Harp

Sunday, April 1, 9:30 A.M. Service of Worship

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Shogi Hayes, Trumpet, Rachel Sanguinetti, Soprano.

Sunday June 2, Sunday, April 1, 9:30 A.M. Service of Worship

Lessons and Jazz with The Rita Collective.

DISCIPLESHIP

BRIGHTON FOOD DEPOT

For the month of February, we will collect **canned fruit** and **mac 'n cheese** for the Brighton Food Depot. Your continued support of this ministry is appreciated. Thank you!

SPRING CANDY SALE

We will begin taking orders for the Spring Candy Sale on Sunday, Feb. 17. Catalogs and order forms will be on display in the Narthex. This sale supports the work of the Brighton Churches Habitat Coalition. Every 3 years, the coalition funds a Habitat for Humanity project; this spring/summer, we will be doing something a little different - renovating one of the older Habitat houses. More details will follow. See Bob Touhsaent or Barb Sanko with questions.

FELLOWSHIP

VALENTINE LUNCH & LAUGHTER WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 AT NOON

February has long been celebrated as the month of romance. Valentine's Day as we know it is named after Valentine of Terni, the patron saint of Rome. What kinds of foods do you associate with the day? Chocolates and other sweet treats? Heart shaped strawberries? Since Saint Valentine was from Rome, is it Italian food? You decide! Bring a dish to pass and join us for our pot luck lunch. We'll provide beverages, hot and cold. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, but if you forget to sign up, come anyway. There is always room for YOU at our table.

Set-up or clean-up help is always appreciated. If you need transportation, call the office at 442-1018 and we will help secure you a ride.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. – Matthew 25:35

Mark your calendar for our next International Dinner on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church. Watch the bulletin boards and Tidings for details!

PRAYER MINISTRY

MORNING PRAYER WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE PRAYER ROOM

Earth slows down in winter. It is a quiet season. We turn our hearts toward faith in the gift of growth and the faith that peace in our world is possible. Join us for a half hour or so of quiet prayer, meditation and reflection. It's a gentle and loving way to begin your day.

CALENDAR

February 3	Worship Annual Congregational Meeting	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
February 6	Morning Prayer Discipleship Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
February 10	Worship In the Bleak Midwinter Brunch	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
February 13	Lunch and Laughter	12:00 PM
February 17	Worship Sunday School/ 100 th Birthday Celebration	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
February 19	Board of Ministries Meeting	6:00 PM
February 24	Worship Sunday School / Youth Forum/ Adult Forum	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
February 27	Worship Planning Committee	11:30 AM

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

1	Adam Darder
2	Kayleigh Lee
6	Mark Frampton
8	Kathy Jensen, Tom Thompson, Craig Hightower
10	Rev. Gail Swanson
12	Ann Patterson, Olivia McGill
14	John Hanson, Regina Short
16	Jason Hightower
18	Deborah Oller
21	Kristin Romell
24	Elaine Vangellow

February Anniversaries

8	Karen Goodyear & John Kruidenier
24	Stew & Suzanne Stover

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

Members: John Condemi, Lynne Phelps, Pat Brady, Andrea Fleishman, Betty Browne, Ruth Hunt, Nancy Petrich, Florence Wright, Karen Grover.

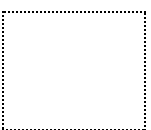
Friends and Family: Judy and David Ballerstein, Kathy Doherty, Jon and Marilyn Fair (Brother of Nancy Heise), Barb Macholz Grimaldi, Jeff, Richard Kress, Judy Price, Mark, Erika, Steve Kistner (Friend of Karsten's), Steven Bodman.

“We are always in the Forge or in the anvil; by trials, God is Shaping us For higher things.”

Henry Ward Beecher

February 2019

	February 3 9:30 AM	February 10 9:30 AM	February 17 9:30 AM	February 24 9:30 AM
Assistant Minister	Matt McGill	David T Wilkinson	Matt McGill	David T Wilkinson
Communion Assistant	Judy Lazenby	Wally Short	Jim Krapf	Sue Hauck
Reader	David Irish	Jack Teter	Jean Seager	Kathy Heinig
Children's Moment	Pastor Gail Swanson	David T Wilkinson	Karan Thompson	Elizabeth Dollhopf- Brown
Acolyte	Hudson Lazenby	Sarah Darder	Elizabeth Schrlau	Greta Brown
Greeter	Jess McGill	Sue Hauck	Barb Sanko	Ann Patterson
Usher	Bob Heinig	Michael Hauck	Tom Thompson	John Tokoli
Coffee Host	Annual Congregational Meeting Barb Sanko	Stewardship Brunch Judy Lazenby	Jan Hunt	Bob Heinig
Assistant Financial Sec.	Bob Touhsaent	Richard Phelps	Bryan Howe	Norm Karsten
Counter	Stew Stover	Amy Irish	Nancy Heise	Diane Christianson
Altar Care	Judy Karsten			



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FEBRUARY 2019

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: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Tues/ Wed/ Thurs

Pastor's Day Off: Monday