

THE VISITOR

JANUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES

UPCOMING SERIES — “OVER THE FENCE”

We've been blessed to be a blessing. Having been changed by the love of God through the gospel, it is our duty and our delight to share that love with our neighbor. Faith is more caught than taught, and genuine relationship is God's method of furthering the Kingdom.

....January 8.....“Think Again” Matthew 28:18-20
....January 15.....“Dig Deep” Ephesians 2: 1-14
....January 22.....“Break Free” I Corinthians 15: 3-11
....January 29.....“Look Around” Mark 1: 16-20

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECOND SERVICE WHICH IS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH WILL BE AT 11:15 a.m. IN JANUARY

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT GERTH'S

Wednesday, January 4th from 3:00–7:00 p.m. you are invited to stop by the home of Pastor Jim & Karen Gerth for some holiday goodies and good warm fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! We live at 3080 Bay View Drive Green Bay, WI.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. “**Our Future is in God's Hands**”
Join us as we pause to dream about 2012 and what God has in store for Atonement's 50th Anniversary! **CHRIST HAS COME!**

DECEMBER & JANUARY GIVING UPDATE FOR ATONEMENT LUTHERAN

Thank you for your many gifts which make it possible for Atonement Lutheran Church to give witness to the Grace & Mercy of Jesus Christ. We give because God gave to us, as it says in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” It is important that we continue to financially support the ministry God has entrusted to us here at Atonement Lutheran Church.

The congregation at our Annual Meeting on January 30 approved a new budget for 2011 that is \$1,567 less than 2010. In order to fund our new 2011 budget we need weekly offerings of: \$4,400. Our offerings as of December 23 are \$220,592.35 and our budget to date is \$224,000. This means that we are \$3,407.65 behind budget at this time. It is our hope with the Christmas Offerings that we will end the year in the black. Thank you for your gifts.

If you have any questions about our budget feel free to talk with any member of the Church Council or with Pastor Jim.

WE GIVE BECAUSE HE (GOD) FIRST GAVE HIS SON!

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29th

Atonement's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 29 @10:15 am. Business to be conducted will include:

- Election of church council
- Adoption of the 2011 budget
- Review of Atonements 2011 ministry
- Update on United 2 Serve & Hispanic Ministry
- Presentation of the Atonement Lutheran Church Constitution

All confirmed members of Atonement are invited to be present for the annual meeting and child care will be provided.

Should the meeting not be held on Sunday, January 29 due to inclement weather, the meeting will take place the following Sunday, February 5 @ 10:15 a.m.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

All reports for the 2012 annual report should be in the church office at this time. If you are the chairperson of a committee/team, or the leader of an organization, etc., please be sure your report is in the office. You can send it to Eileen's email at eileenberken@newbc.rr.com or drop a hard copy off at the office. The report should include information about activities held in 2011 and goals for 2012. It is also important that you include a financial report if your team or organization was responsible for keeping financial records.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE FELLOWSHIP?

ATONEMENT COUPLES GATHERINGS IN JANUARY

REEVES GROUP

Think about coming on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. at Kim & Randy's house. We are starting a new series. It's always fun and all are welcome, young or old. Not sure what to do with your kids? You are welcome to bring them too. Please give us a call at 465-6965. It's a great way to get to know the people you go to church with and you are more than welcome to bring others who are not members.

Be sure to join us in January as we begin a new study called "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado. These are difficult days in our world's history. Billions of people are poor, millions go hungry or thirsty every day. Disease claims thousands of lives daily. But we have been given an opportunity to make a big difference. We can rock the world with hope. We are created by a great God to do great works. Join us for this exciting study as we discover with God's grace how we can make a difference. If you have questions about this get together talk with Kim or Randy. God is Great!

HELGESON'S GROUP

There is also a group that is meeting at Jason & Sara Helgeson's home on Sundays. They are doing a DVD series on marriage.

(BE SURE TO CONTACT THESE FAMILIES FOR POSSIBLE TIME CHANGES)

WHAT IS SQUIRCLE?

Next Gathering January 28th at 9:00 a.m. Squiracle is (squares, men and circles, women) a group of senior citizens who get together once a month for food, fellowship, fun, and study. This is a time for good fellowship and food as we give thanks for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our party will be held at the home of which is located at Wanda Hammer, 2097 Garden Grove Lane, Green Bay. We will begin a new study in the New Year called "Opening the Book of Faith" – Lutheran Insights for Bible Study. Questions? Call Kathryn 469-2720, or Janet 468-0238.

A LIFE WORTH LIVING ~ EXPLORING THE MEANING OF LIFE!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will continue to gather on the first & third Tuesday morning of each month at 9:30 a.m. We will continue a video series called "A Life Worth Living", a 9-week course based on the Book of Philippians. Each talk (by Nicky Gumbel) explains how it is possible to live the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully. Based on Paul's letter to the Philippians, this series takes a look at some of the new things Jesus Christ can do for us today.

- Week 2 "A New Purpose"/Philippians 1:12-30
- Week 3..... "A New Attitude"/Phillippians 2:1-11
- Week 4 "A New Responsibility"/Philippians 2:12-18
- Week 5 "A New Friendship"/Philippians 2:19-30
- Week 6 "A New Confidence"/Philippians 3:1-11
- Week 7 "A New Ambition"/Philippians 3:10-21
- Week 8 "A New Resource"/Philippians 4:1-9
- Week 9 "A New Generosity"/Philippians 4:10-23

Come and join us! Invite a friend to join us as we pray, hear from scripture and talk about the questions around life and faith. See you on the first & third Tuesday morning of each month!

THE ALPHA COURSE ~ EXPLORING THE MEANING OF LIFE!

HERBIE'S CAFÉ THURSDAY MORNING 6:30 A.M. IN JANUARY 2012

Herbie's Café will gather on Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. in January 2012. We will continue a DVD series called THE ALPHA COURSE, a 15-week course that explores the meaning of life. This course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith.

- Week 5 Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- Week 6 Why and How Do I Pray?
- Week 7 How Does God Guide Us?
- Week 8 Who Is The Holy Spirit?
- Week 9 What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- Week 10 How Can I Be Filled With the Spirit?
- Week 11 How Can I Resist Evil?
- Week 12 Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- Week 13 Does God Heal Today?
- Week 14 What About the Church?
- Week 15 How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?

Breakfast will be served at Herbie's Café at 6:30 a.m. Pancakes, juice, coffee, tea and maybe more. Come and join us for breakfast and Bible study. **SEE YOU AT BREAKFAST!!!**

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY JANUARY 2012

Confirmation is: A pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child, through Word and Sacrament, to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission.

MAKE-UP TIMES!

Please note that there will be time to work on make-up of missed classes on Wednesdays evening after class. All classes that are missed must be made up. Those who have make-up to do are: Lexi, Jared, Daniel, Lauren, Autumn & Karla . Please let Pastor Jim know ahead of time when you plan to come & do make-up.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

9TH GRADE SUNDAY CLASSES

January 8..... "Jesus-The Risen Lord"/10:15 a.m.
January 15.. .. "Jesus-The Risen Lord"/10:15 a.m.
January 22.. .. BAPTISM ?/10:15 a.m.
January 29.. .. "Holy Communion/10:15 a.m.

9TH GRADE WEDNESDAY CLASSES

January 4/6:30 p.m.... FAITH HUDDLE (all ages)
January 11/7:00 p.m.... "OUTFLOW I"
January 18/7:00 p.m.... "OUTFLOW II"
January 25/7:00 p.m.... "OUTFLOW III"

7TH & 8TH GRADE SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY CLASSES

January 4 / Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
FAITH HUDDLE (ALL AGES)
January 8 / Sunday..... 10:15 a.m.
"The Greatest Prayer"
January 11 / Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
"Father in Heaven"
January 15 / Sunday..... 10:15 a.m.
"A Holy Name"
January 18 / Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
"The Kingdom"
January 22/ Sunday..... 10:15 a.m.
"The Divine Will"
January 25 / Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
"Give Us This Day"
January 29 / Sunday..... 10:15 a.m.
Atonement Annual Meeting

Important Dates to Keep in Mind

2012 QUAKE is April 27-29, 2012

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND
WISCONSIN DELLS QUAKE**

Yes, it is that time to prepare for another great weekend of fun, fellowship, food and growing in faith. The Quake is for youth in grades 6–9 and will be held at the Wilderness Resort. This year's focus is on being ROOTED in Christ – Colossians 2:6-7. Speaker will be Justin Vetrano with music by Agape. For us to get the early bird discount we **MUST BE REGISTERED** by the first part of February 2012. See Pastor Jim for more information!

SUMMER CAMP – 2012

Yes, we are already making plans for going to Imago Dei in 2012. This week is open for youth in grades 7–12. Remember, confirmation parents, it is expected a confirmation youth attend a week of Bible Camp before they are confirmed. WHAT A DEAL! Yes it is back for a second year! Any young person that would like to attend camp a second or third or fourth time will have their way paid for in full by Pastor Jim! WOW! The week we plan to attend will be June 17-22. Talk with P.J. soon so that we can get in on the early bird discount.

9:00 a.m. NURSERY 8:45 a.m. ACOLYTE

Jan 1	Autumn Frerk	Megan Zentmeyer
Jan 8	Hailey Huebner	Lexi Krenke
Jan 15	Pariss LeMay	Daniel Nessler
Jan 22	Jared Pike	Lauren Rupp
Jan 29	Megan Zentmeyer	Autumn Frerk

11:15 a.m. ACOLYTE

Jan 1	No Worship
Jan 8	Kevin Lopez
Jan 15	Edith Mendez
Jan 22	Eric Cardona
Jan 29	Karla Lopez

N.E.W. Shelter Meal Confirmation Youth

Helpers January 2, 2012:

Jared Pike, Pariss LeMay,
Daniel Nessler, Karla Lopez

CHURCH CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Atonement sometimes cancels activities and/or worship due to snow and other bad winter weather. We follow the lead of the Green Bay Public Schools. If schools are closed for the day, Atonement's activities will be cancelled. If after school activities are cancelled, Atonement's evening schedule will not be held. We will try to provide information regarding cancellations to radio and TV stations regarding cancellation of Sunday or Special Worship Services.

When in doubt, please call the church office at 468-0713, before leaving home. If no one answers, please leave a message as we may be elsewhere in the building, but will get back to you as quickly as possible.

SPANISH & ENGLISH CLASSES

Spread the word and invite others to join us at Atonement for Conversational Spanish Classes or English Classes. Plans are in the works for these to take place starting in January, 2012.

January 15, 2012 @10:15 a.m. Spanish Class
January 15, 2012 @12:15 a.m. English Class
January 22, 2012 @10:15 a.m. Spanish Class
January 22, 2012 @12:15 a.m. English Class
January 29, 2012 NO SPANISH CLASS
BECAUSE OF ANNUAL MTG
January 29, 2012 @12:15 a.m. English Class

These classes will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2132 Deckner Ave. Please call one of the following numbers to sign up:

920-435-9224 Jairo Huilar, Teacher
920-468-0713 Church Office

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE: "HOPE FOR ALL"

Come and worship with us on Sunday morning as we share a bilingual worship celebration (English & Spanish). This celebration is open to all people. The worship service is being called "Hope For All" – "Esperanza Para Todos". Come let us worship the Lord! Worship time is 11:15 a.m. Please note that we often have Mexican food after the second service!

N.E.W. SHELTER MEAL NEWS

N.E.W. Shelter Meal will be Monday, January 2.
We will serve spaghetti, fruit, vegetable, rolls & cupcakes. Containers and recipe are in the drawer below. Your help is needed as we continue to reach out to those in need in the Green Bay Community. Thanks for helping us feed our neighbor. We have volunteers to organize the meal!

Sara Helgeson is the United 2 Serve leader for the Shelter Meal/Needy Family Team.

January 2.....Wentworths
March 5.....Hope For All
May 7.....Helgesons
July 2.....Huebners
September 3.....Reeves
November 5.....Schneiders

If you have any questions about this ministry please call Pastor Jim.

Helpers: Mary Ann Larsen, Judy Slamp, Lois Dart, Elizabeth Green, Tom & Kim Nesslein

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

This group will meet on Sunday, January 22nd at 10:00 a.m. (after Worship) to prepare to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ. We will use "SEE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES" & "Divine Drama" by H.N. Wendt to help us understand what God in Christ has done for us and what that compels us to do for others. If you would like to be part of this study, confirmed or not, talk with Pastor Jim. Be sure to come with your questions and thoughts about what God is telling us through scripture.

HOSTS/HOSTESSES & TREATS NEEDED FOR COFFEE

FELLOWSHIP Did you sign up to bring treats for our Coffee Fellowship? If you are bringing a treat for our coffee fellowship, please write your name on the date you would like to provide the treat on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all willing to bring treats! Questions? See Donna Aznoe 468-7507.



REMEMBER OUR GOALS FOR 2012

Let Pastor Jim know if you are interested in helping reach some of these goals. You can e-mail him at james.gerth@yahoo.com

1) Pay off the mortgage so that we can use these funds for other ministries. The pay off for the mortgage is \$80,000 as of the end of February 2011. We have collected as of the end of December \$7,398.44 plus the budgeted amount of \$10,000 which makes a total of \$17,398.44 towards this debt. I know this seems like an impossible dream - is it? Let us together step out in faith and have this paid off by the June 2012 Celebration! How much from our General Fund Balance can we put towards this debt at the January Annual Meeting? (\$5,000 or \$10,000 or \$15,000)

2) Welcome into the Atonement congregation 50 new families. So far we have welcomed 6 new families and a total of 14 new members. Next month there will be our last "BRING A FRIEND TO WORSHIP SUNDAYS". Begin now to prayerfully consider who you will bring to worship Sunday, February 19, 2012 !

3) 50 people who will attend the "Walk Thru the Old Testament & New Testament". This will happen in 2012.

4) 40 participate in a 40 Day Prayer Journey that began on SEPTEMBER 11th and ended on the celebration of the groundbreaking – October 20th. We had 23!

5) 50 people participate in a Mission Trip in 2011 & 2012. There were 9 adults who went on Mission Trips in 2011 and we have 6 signed up at this time for Mission Trips in 2012. At present we had 6 go on the youth mission trip. We are almost half way towards our goal. Long Weekend Mission Trips are being planned for the summer of 2012. We will do volunteer work in Burnett County south of Duluth, MN. Talk to P.J. for more info. This is for all ages!

6) The last goal is as important as all the other goals put together: Increase our worship attendance between now and the next annual meeting by at least 25%. This can happen as we encourage each other to come and worship. MARCH – DECEMBER 7, 2011 2010 = 5,707 2011 = 7,167 UP 1,460

IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you want Pastor Jim to know you are going to be and/or are hospitalized, please be sure to contact the church office, 468-0713. When admitted to the hospital, you will have to 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 by Pastor Jim.

RAINBOW BAGS FOR OUR CHILDREN IN CHURCH

The rainbow bags at the entry to church are filled with religious books for your children to read during worship. Please feel free to take one for your child to use and return to the rack following worship.

Rainbow Bag Care Schedule
January -Tanner Keim

ADDRESS, PHONE OR EMAIL CHANGE?

If you have a change of address, phone or email, please call Eileen in the church office, 468-0713. We don't want to lose you to missing facts! **Thank you for helping reduce our postage costs.**

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

The church website is:
www.atonementlutheranchurchgb.com

For those who have indicated they do not have access to the internet, the Visitor will be available at church with your name on it and will be here for you to pick up in the narthex. Please pick them up as we are trying to avoid mailing costs. If you no longer need a printed copy, please advise the office.

For those of you indicating you have access to our website, we will not be emailing them to you. Please go to our website and access it there after the first week of the month. Eileen will notify you by email when the Visitor is posted. Call the office if you are unable to access our website and Eileen will walk you through it, 468-0713.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL FROM YOUR
ATONEMENT
CHURCH
FAMILY!**



Andrews, Shirley	01/21
Aznoe, Donna	01/04
Dietz, Kelly	01/22
Fitchett, Alicia	01/25
Franz, Kassidy	01/13
Green, Elizabeth	01/05
Haase, Laura	01/29
Haefs, David	01/23
Honzik, Abbie	01/17
Huempfnr, Wayne	01/27
Krenke, Brian	01/25
Lee, Debra	01/19
Lopez, Brisa	01/15
Menne, Savannah	01/29
Michels, Kristin	01/04
Nelsen, James	01/14
Nickodem, Gladys	01/01
Possley, Kathy	01/12
Reeves, Kim	01/12
Reidinger, David	01/24
Reidinger, Bethany	01/09
Sager, Dorothea	01/10
Schilz, Roshel	01/15
Schilz, Payton	01/15
Sheppard, Isaac	01/03
Sikich, Gary	01/17
Starks, Henry	01/16
Storzer, Ken	01/23
Trom, Randy	01/16
Wentworth, Alyssa	01/12
Young, Sarah	01/17
Ziesemer, Doris	01/02

(If you have a January birthday and were not recognized, Happy Birthday! Please call the church office, 468-0713, to record your birth date.)

FAIR TRADE SALE

Our Fair Trade Sale benefitted not only the people who produce and sell these items, but also Atonement Lutheran Church. Thank you for participating in our sale!

THE PREBLE HIVE

The Preble Hive now has a washer and dryer and is able to offer laundry services to families in need. The Hive is seeking donations of laundry detergent and fabric softener sheets to support this new outreach. Other items suggested for donation are

- ✚ personal hygiene items: body wash, soap, shampoo and conditioner – regular size is preferred over the hotel/sample size
- ✚ paper products: toilet paper and paper towels
- ✚ alarm clocks (simple wind-up ones)

Donations can be brought to church or dropped off at the Preble office during school hours.

The Hive is open to ALL members of the Preble community who are in need. The families/individuals do not need to have children who attend Preble. If you know of someone in need, please tell them about this wonderful resource. The Hive is open during school hours and by appointment.

COUNTING TEAMS SCHEDULE

Jan. 1	Team 3: Ken Storzer & Craig Schneider
Jan. 8	Team 4: Jim Michels & Dave & Jean Keim
Jan. 15	Team 5: Tim Wentworth & Tom Pike
Jan. 22	Team 1: Maryl Nelsen & Sharon Schneider
Jan. 29	Team 2: Duane Pike & Julie Geyer

**FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:
DON'T FORGET FREEDOM HOUSE NEEDS**

We have a new bin under the Narthex counter for Freedom House. Needs are garbage bags, regular coffee, cough drops, canned fruit, cleaning spray bottles.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER, PROTECTING AND PARTNERING WITH OUR PASTOR!

Currently we have a small group of 2 to 3 Atonement members who meet and pray with Pastor Gerth at 8:45-8:55 am each Sunday before service. The prayers focus on lifting our Pastor (Spiritual Leader) up to the Lord. We focus on 4 areas of prayer for Pastor. The first area is Pastor's Personal Needs, the second is Family Needs, the third is Spiritual Needs and the fourth is Congregational Needs. The goal is to have at least 4 to 5 smaller groups which would rotate each Sunday and pray with Pastor before service. I would encourage each and every member of Atonement to consider partnering together in prayer for our Pastor. If you have any questions or are interested in joining this ministry, please call Paul Honzik at 468-6670 or cell 680-8439. I do have reading material I will be handing out in the group which explains in greater detail what this ministry is focused on. I personally along with other members have found this prayer time with Pastor to be a blessing. I also ask each member of Atonement to keep the success of this ministry in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARY COMING UP!

February 26, 2012 is the 50th Anniversary of Atonement Lutheran Church! We are planning a day of celebration on June 3, 2012, when we will gather together to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Volunteers are needed for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Contact anyone on the planning committee or P.J. for more information or if you can give ANY amount of time. Help is needed for the following:

- Ideas for and planning of fundraisers to pay for the celebration
- Ideas for contents and burial of the time capsule
- Event planners for the June 3rd celebration
- Publicity for the event
- Reception & Food Planning
- Development of 50th Anniversary Program
- Create a 50th Anniversary DVD
- Worship Planning & Decorating

Many, many people are needed to make this celebration a success!

Now, what should we call our wonderful celebration? If you have any ideas for an interesting, eye-catching name for our 50th anniversary celebration, please share it!

Anniversary Celebration Committee:

Co-chair: Paula Breese 465-6603

Co-chair: Sue Byers 468-6021

History: Mary Ann Larsen

Fund Development: Donna Aznoe 468-7507

Secretary: Bobbie Bierhals

NEEDS AT MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Let's help Martin School get ready for a new school year! There is a continuing need for boy's and girl's elastic-waist pants (sweatpants, etc.), and underwear, all in sizes 5-8. Please put your donations in the cupboard marked for Martin School. Also, Martin is looking for volunteers, especially in the kindergarten rooms. If one day a week for an hour or two is too much, we could also give them a list of people who are available for short-term needs. If you would be interested in volunteering at Martin, please call Mary Jo Rabideau at 662-7551.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH & SCHOOL KITS

Our church is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed for health kits are bath towels, combs, and bar soap. Items needed for school kits are 70 count notebooks, pencils, rulers and 24 count crayons. Please place your items in the LWR cupboard in the narthex. Items were shipped in September **and we continue to collect all year.** Thank you for your help.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Looking for a weekend away, for just the two of you? A Marriage Encounter Weekend offers you this experience. It's a time to renew your relationship, away from the everyday distraction of life. It's an opportunity to strengthen your communication and promote greater intimacy in your life together. You don't need a Marriage Encounter Weekend, but you DESERVE one. "Discover Each Other Again," more deeply, honestly and warmly.

The upcoming schedule consists of February 10-12 at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in De Pere. Later weekend dates are also scheduled. For more information and to obtain an informational brochure, contact Sue & Dennis Amtmann, 544-5166 or visit the website at www.gbme.org.

ATONEMENT LIBRARY BOOK SALE CONTINUES . . .

New books keep coming in! Check out the many new books that have come in for our Book Sale. Many popular authors are out on the table. Paperbacks are 50 cents and Hardcover are \$1.00. If you have any great books you wish to share, leave them on the table. Proceeds go to update our Church Library and Wednesday Women projects. Thanks for your support!

MEN'S GROUP

It's Anybody's Guess! The Tuesday Men's group will start a new book in January, but we haven't made a choice yet! We generally meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 a.m. at Perkin's by East Town. To confirm a meeting or to find out what we decided to read, call Tim Harder at 465-0752.

LOOKING FOR SERVANTS TO SERVE ON THE ATONEMENT CHURCH COUNCIL

We are prayerfully looking for people who would be willing to serve on the Church Council. The Church Council has the following who serve on this board:

Jason Helgeson 2012 David McCarthy 2012
Tim Wentworth 2013 Donna Aznoe 2012
Leah Bergstrom 2013

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR:

One Year Term _____

Three Year Term _____

According to the Constitution some of the duties of the council are:

- ▶ To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- ▶ To seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service and support.
- ▶ To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.

If you know of someone who you feel would be a good leader on council please share that name with a member of the council.

ALTAR GUILD

IS LOOKING FOR HELP

Please consider volunteering to help 1 month/year to set up our altar for worship services. If you wish to help, call Eileen in the church office, 468-0713 Sue Byers, 468-6021. We need to fill 4 spots.

MISSION TRIP/GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHALMETTE, LA

January 6-January 14, 2012. You are invited to join our team of volunteers to help with the ongoing recovery work in Chalmette, LA. Our team will be doing a number of things to help families get back into their homes. Some of the skills that we are always looking for are: carpenter, clean-up, drywall hanger, drywall finisher, electrician, flooring, framing, insulation, painter and general helper. Lodging will be at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The team will prepare our own meals and clean up the area we are using during the week. If you have any questions about the trip talk with Pastor Jim.

MISSION TRIPS FOR 2012

Plans are being made for two possible Mission Trips in January and or February of 2012. One is being looked into that would go to Loreto, Mexico possibly the weeks of January 20th or February 17th. Dave & Jean Keim went on this last year as part of a medical team to care for families. But there are other types of volunteers needed to help build churches and do other types of service. If you want to learn more about this please talk with either the Keim's or Pastor Jim.

We are also planning a mission trip to New Orleans in January 6 – 14, 2012. We will depart on a Friday and be gone for nine days. We will arrive in New Orleans on Saturday and will worship at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon will be spent organizing for our work which will begin on Monday morning. If you are interested in going, talk with Pastor Jim.

GREAT LAKES MISSION TRIPS

This mission trip is based out of Luther Park Camping and Retreat Center in Danbury, Wisconsin with destinations to the Duluth/Superior area and Burnett Co., Wisconsin. Take part in a Duluth experience to help groups experience the world of poverty and those living on the margins. This is not a typical trip and more than merely a retreat. Your group will be engaged by being lead through and experience living in poverty. Along with the immersion, groups will be working with Habitat for Humanity, the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers, numerous food shelves or other service opportunities in Duluth and working in the local area of Danbury and Burnett County, which statistically is the poorest county in the state of Wisconsin. Some of these projects could include our local habitat chapter, local food shelf in Webster and projects around our neighborhood. **UNITED 2 SERVE FUNDS** would help with the cost of the trip.

LONG WEEKEND MISSION TRIPS

Friday—Monday We would stay at Camp Luther Park and do volunteer work in Burnett County as we possible work on people's homes and volunteer with community agencies that reach out to the poor. This is open to all age groups. Room for 10 to 15 people. Possible dates are June 22-25 or July 13-16 or August 2-6.

WEEK LONG MISSION TRIP

Sunday—Friday We would spend part of the time at camp and the rest in the Duluth, MN area. Room for 10 to 15 people. Possible date would be July 22-27.

LOOKING FOR SERVANTS!!

You may recall that one of our United 2 Serve goals was to help with tutoring at area schools. It was in September that Rebecca Storzer sent me an e-mail asking for volunteers to help at Fort Howard school. Volunteers are asked to come during either math or reading workshop times. Reader's Workshop times are Monday through Friday 12:55-2:20 p.m. and the Math time is 9:00-10:15 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to live out our faith by helping students and teachers in our community. Rebecca wants to set up the volunteer group soon – so please let Pastor Jim know right away if you can help.

OFFICE NOTES

Thank you to everyone who helped in the office in 2011! A sincere thank you to everyone who helped me in the office this past year! I could not do it without your help. If you would like to help in the office on occasion, just let me know. Let's all have a Happy and Healthy 2012 ~ Your Church Secretary, Eileen Berken

If you have an address, email or phone change, please call Eileen at the church office, 468-0713, so I can change our records!

If your only phone is a cell phone, please call the church office, 468-0713, and give us your correct cell phone number so we can communicate with you. Thank you!

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012?

New offering envelopes should be mailed to you for 2012. If you did not receive them, please call Eileen in the office, 468-0713. Thanks!

DISCARD OLD OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please discard your old 2011 envelopes when your new envelopes arrive. At the beginning of each new year, the counters encounter difficulties when members use both envelopes from the prior year as well as the new year. By using only your 2012 envelopes, you will ensure an accurate record for the year.

SEMINARIAN UPDATE

Atonement would like to take a moment to recognize Paul Kacynski, our second-year seminarian at PLTS, and his efforts to pursue ministry in theological education. To support the difficult work that he does, we offer cards and prayers to Paul and his family in support of Paul's dedication to bringing peace, love, and God's transforming Word to both the church and the world. He appreciates our support!

Paul Kacynski
1300 Delaware St. #42
Berkeley, Ca 94702
pkacynski@gmail.com

ATONEMENT WEDNESDAY WOMEN

Happy New Year! Start out the New Year by coming to the Wed Women lunch. Jan. 4th at the same place, Village Grille in Allouez, and of course it is on a Wednesday. Time is 11:30. It will be a good time to share what we especially found meaningful this past year in our group and make some plans for 2012! If you have never attended a Wed. Women Lunch and would like to come, call me (Janet 468-0238) or let the church office know so we can arrange that for you. (We order off the menu) See you Wed., Jan. 4.

DIRECTORY NEWS

Your new Atonement Lutheran Church Directory is now ready for distribution beginning on Sundays in January, starting January 8th. Each Atonement family will receive one directory. They will be handed out in the narthex area and will have a name sticker on the inside cover of each of the directories to ensure each family will receive a copy. Enjoy your new church directory!

Karen Neveau

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

YOUTH GROUP

(Family/General Info)

LADY PHOENIX BASKETBALL GAME

Saturday, January 21st

Come cheer for the UWGB Women's Basketball team when they face Cleveland State on **Saturday, January 21st at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets just **\$5 for adults, \$3 for youth ages 5-17, children under 5 get in free!** Check out the signup sheet on the narthex counter for more information! Sign up by **January 15th**.

Save the date:

ATONEMENT'S ANNUAL SWEETHEART OR SOMEONE SPECIAL (SOSOS) DINNER

will be **Saturday, February 11th**.

Dinner will start at 5:30 pm.

Calling All Youth – SOS(OS)!

Your help is needed once again for the SOSOS dinner on Feb. 12th. We need performers, servers, decorators, cleaners, the works! This event is only successful if **everyone** gets involved.

Performers – this is great practice for Solo/Ensemble! Sign up sheets in the narthex.

QUAKE 2012 – April 27-29 Wilderness Resort in WI Dells

This weekend is all about connecting with God and with each other. Guest speaker Justin Vetrano and musician/speaker Agape will help us grow in our faith walk with Jesus, and our friends from Captive Free West Lakes will get us dancing and singing! Best of all, we get to spend the weekend at the Wilderness Waterpark Resort in Wisconsin Dells!

Registration packets will be sent home the first week of January. Forms and money are due by **Sunday, February 5.** (Early Bird Registration ends Wed Feb 8th.) This means that if you want to bring friends, you need to ask them **now** so we can get their registration packets taken care of too!

Don't Miss This Awesome Event!

PARENTS: We Need You!

Many of our upcoming programs (including the highly anticipated Quake) will require parent volunteers to be successful. The time commitment is a few hours to a full weekend depending on the event. If you are willing to serve as a driver or chaperone, or are able to help with program set-up, let Kate know!

TAKE STOCK IN THE YOUTH of Atonement Lutheran Church

The Youth of Atonement are selling stock to raise funds for the Quake/Zone at the Dells and a summer mission trip along with Bible camp. This stock is selling for \$10.00/share and is issued by the Youth of Atonement to further the growth in faith and service to our Lord and Savior by our youth. The stockholder will be invited to an annual stockholders banquet to hear what their gift has made possible.

You can purchase as many shares as you wish. Questions? Talk to any 7th, 8th or 9th grader or Kate Worzala. Stock sales start in February 2012 after worship. See the table in the narthex.

Stockholders are asked to pray for our youth and encourage them in their life of worship and service to God. Thank you for the support of our youth.

THANK YOU!

A sincere and heartfelt "thank you" for all the support and well wishes I have received since going back to school. One Semester Down!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School starts again on January 8, 2012. Please continue to read to your child or listen to them read from their Story Book Bible or their Bible. God Bless.



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

This has been a wondrous Christmas! It all began on Christmas Eve at about noon. Word came to Jim that Jessica's water had broke and they were on their way to the hospital. Jim was making final preparations for the three Christmas Eve Services and the one on Christmas Day. Karen was at St Vincent Hospital as the day & night chaplain. Everyone was waiting for the word that Charlotte had been born - but just before the first Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 pm Jim called to see how things were progressing. Charles answered and mentioned they were all settled into a room and things were moving forward.

Just like we had been doing with Advent we continued to WAIT with a growing amount of anticipation. But no word came from Troy as the second Christmas Eve Service was getting underway. This was the Spanish service and the children helped Jim tell the Christmas story. By the end of this service it was close to 8:30 pm and still no word about the birth of Charlotte.

The last service was to take place at 10:00 pm and included the Atonement Choir sharing the Christmas Story through readings and music. Charles did call to say it was going to be soon. WOW! The waiting was almost over. I gave my cell phone to one of the ushers asking they take the call for me.

The 10:00 pm service had just begun and I saw the usher step out of the worship area. I looked to see where he was and noticed he was standing in the hallway. He saw that I was looking and gave me the thumbs up that all was ok and Charlotte had been born. It was at about this time that Karen arrived from the hospital for worship and found out from the usher that we were grandparents! WOW! Praise God! It was at about 11:30 pm after worship that we finally talked with Charles and found out that Charlotte Elaynne Gerth had been born on Christmas Eve at 9:45 pm at Anderson Hospital. 5# 13 oz. and 17" long.

It was after Christmas Day worship that we (Karen & Jim) got into our car at about 12:30 pm and drove 514 miles to arrive at Anderson Hospital around 8:15 pm to see and hold our very first Granddaughter! What a joy to see this little one that God has created and blessed us with on this Christmas Eve. It was a joy to also see how excited Jess & Charles are about their first baby.

Karen & I had breakfast with Charles & Jess & Charlotte on Monday morning as we spent time holding and taking pictures of Charlotte. We went over to the house to see the nursery and then stopped back at the hospital to see Charlotte and the blessed parents one more time. We then drove to Chicago to see Nathan & Laura as Nathan was to be in the air going back to Russia on Tuesday morning for another 5 months.

Yes - this has been a remarkable Christmas! We thank God for all the blessings of this Christmas time as we see the wonderment of God's love and creative grace in our Granddaughter!

In Christ,

Pastor Jim Gerth (P.J.) and Karen

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

PRESENT: Donna Aznoe, Leah Bergstrom, Jason Helgeson, Jim Michels, Lora Vandevoorde, Tim Wentworth, Kate Worzala, Pastor Jim Gerth

ABSENT: Dave McCarthy, Barb Schewe

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Tim made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2011 council meeting. Jim seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: PJ reviewed the October 2011 and year-to-date financial report. PJ discussed each disbursement line in comparison to the budget. Several line items have credits that have been used or can

be used before the end of the year. Repairs and Maintenance, snow removal, and utilities will be higher than budgeted for 2011. Overall, it is anticipated we will be over budget by around \$7,000. Jim made a motion to accept the October 2011 financial report. Donna seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jason and PJ attended a stewardship seminar put on by Pastor Staude. One suggestion taken away from it is a letter requesting an additional donation to help Atonement remain "in the black" by the end of the year. Jason recommended we send a similar letter in December. And Council members agreed. Jim will work with PJ to send the appropriate letter to each family of the congregation.

PASTOR'S REPORT: (also see packet from PJ) Blue Christmas service will be held again this year, on December 13th. Worship attendance continues to increase.

TEAM REPORTS:

- Worship & Music – (Holiday worship services listed in the agenda) Christmas Day service will be around 11:00am and New Years Day service will be at 9:00am.
- Fellowship Outreach Evangelism (FORE) – Bring a Friend to Worship Sunday is Dec. 18th. Be sure to welcome our guests and give them a visitor bag.
- Parish Education – (see emailed report) Nothing else to report.
- Youth – Love baskets will be delivered on Sunday (Nov. 20th) after the Lock-in Saturday night.
- Management/Personnel/Stewardship (MPS) – Jim presented the 2012 budget developed by MPS and discussed each category, highlighting the important line items. The total budget increased by about 2% from 2011. Much of the increase is due to staff salary raises and the expectation of higher utilities, snow removal, and maintenance costs in the next year. Tim made a motion to accept the proposed budget and present it for approval at the congregation's annual meeting. Kate seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Thank you to Jim and the MPS Committee for all their time spent on the budget this year. Julie Geyer offered to help with the new accounting software. Barb was introduced to the program and will work more with it in the coming months. A new computer will need to be purchased soon, which will have the accounting software loaded on it.
- Properties – Tim is continuing to get bids for snow removal contracts.
- Social Concerns – (see emailed report) We adopted 3 families from the Salvation Army for Christmas. Donations for small items are being collected for the Preble House. See Donna for items to buy.
- Multi-cultural Ministry – Great turnout (43 people) and many donations received (around \$1,000) at the Walking Together Dinner held by the MCM team last Sunday.
- United 2 Serve – Two presentations will be done this month – one at Tuesday's Thanksgiving service and one at the usual U2S Sunday (Nov. 27th). SOSOS Dinner will be in February, and the Chicken Dinner & Auction is tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

1. United 2 Serve Distribution: Requests made for the current distribution are as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Distribution approved</u>
ADR	\$162.12 (20% of Sept. offering)	\$162.12
Multi-cultural Ministry	121.59 (15% of Sept. offering)	121.59
Youth fund	150.00	150.00
Family-In-Need	250.00	250.00
Dishwasher Replacement	200.00	200.00
TOTAL	\$883.71	\$883.71

Kate made a motion to approve the \$883.71 distribution as noted. Jim seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Balance remaining is \$320.03.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Annual Meeting will be held on Jan. 29, 2012, after the 9:00 a.m. service.
2. Locations for the Council Thank You Dinner were discussed. Calls for locations and dates will be made.
3. Thank you to all who offered their time and donations to the Family-in-Need.
4. Next council meeting is: December 15th at 6:30 p.m.. Jason will do devotions.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim and seconded by Kate. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lora Vandevoorde,
Church Council Secretary

UNITED 2 SERVE

TEAM LEADERS OF UNITED 2 SERVE FOR 2012

This is a new list of team leaders as we move into 2012. If you see an area that you would like to be a part of please contact Sharon. Thank you to all who have served as team leaders in the past.

- ✚ Website Team Corey Kirch
- ✚ Newsletter Team Mary Vandevoorde
- ✚ Printing Team
- ✚ Media Team Jason Bergstrom
- ✚ Presentation Team Randy Reeves
- ✚ Secretarial Support Team Gladys Nickodem
- ✚ Grief/Loss Team Visitations Paula Skorczewski & Karen Bialkowski
- ✚ Personal Visit Team.....
- ✚ Prayer Vigil Team Paul Honzik/Janet Jacobson
- ✚ Dessert Feast Team Randy & Kim Reeves
- ✚ Facility Upgrade Team Gladys Nickodem, Barb Hruska
- ✚ Seminarian Team Diane Whiting, Mary Ann Larsen
- ✚ Visitor Welcome Team Mary Ann Larsen, Diane Whiting, Judy Slamp
- ✚ ADR Team Duane Pike
- ✚ Community Events Team.....
- ✚ Community Outreach to Homeless Team Sara Helgeson
- ✚ Young Couples Group Sara & Jason Helgeson
- ✚ Liaison to Council Tim Wentworth

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

U2S MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 2, 2011

In Attendance: Mary Vandevoorde, Judy Slamp, Mary Ann Larsen, Sharon Schneider, Tim Wentworth

- ◆ Needy Families continue to be on the rise—Fire in Pulaski may present a need that we can fill.
- ◆ Kitchen Replacement Team - Meeting next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14th. Total cost may be in the neighborhood of \$4500. A donation received this week for \$1500 for this purpose already. Discussion was that we direct our Christmas donations to Atonement & encourage others to designate for this purpose.
- ✚ Washer - Paul Honzik & Sue Storey have researched the purchase of a commercial grade dishwasher. It contains 4 trays that rotate into the machine. The machine cycles every 3 minutes, but requires 20 gallons of water to enter at 110 degrees. This could not be accomplished with the present hot water heater we have. The cost runs about \$3100.
- ✚ Hot-water heater would need replacing as well. It is not an ample heater regardless, so research has been done for this item, too. It is going to cost over \$900 without the installation. Jim Schilz is willing to help install with his father-in-law. They are available the week after Christmas.
- ◆ Sign-up sheet for the Shelter needs to be distributed earlier next time. It was distributed at the Wednesday Women's Christian luncheon, so that will be a benefit. It is now on the counter in the narthex.
- ◆ New Leaders may be found in active members from potentially new members to Atonement. The word is that we have some interested parties that may be rejoining our congregation who once were quite active.
- ◆ Homeless student helped by Wednesday Women Group. A \$100 donation was spent purchasing essentials for Deb Brown, (an NWTC student of Sharon) who recently was homeless for 9 months. She also received many household items from the ladies, as well as clothing. She is most grateful and happy to be on her own once again with an apartment filled with Atonement's generosity. A thank you card was received from her describing her appreciation.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Offering was greater than \$1300 and is designated for needy families.
 - ✚ \$600 for Preble Hive will be requested. Mary Ann Larsen will look into the needs and priorities of the Hive, via a visit to the High School and a conversation with Connie Worzala, who has been the liaison. Mark Bonetti was the teacher at Preble who started the store initially.
 - ✚ \$300-400 for heating needs of a Hispanic Family member
 - ✚ 3-4 \$20 gift certificates for families at Fort Howard School will be given via PJ for items at a store that does not sell cigarettes, such as Target. A Storzer daughter is our contact.
 - ✚ Remaining cash needs to be distributed via an interview process by Sara's Team???
 - ✚ Decision was to search for Atonement members as our priority for a recipient

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schneider

SALVATION ARMY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Thank you for your support and generosity of the Adopt-A-Family Program. You provide a Christmas blessing to the less fortunate in our community.

~ The Social Concerns Committee

FAMILY NEWS

We extend our sympathies to Barb Schewe and family upon the death of Barb's Aunt, Grace Schewe on November 22, 2011. *May the God of comfort give peace and hope to all who mourn.*

Our congratulations to Judy Slamp and family on the birth of her new grandson, Cayden, who was born on December 19.

Congratulations to Grandpa Pastor Jim and Grandma Karen Gerth and families as they celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, Charlotte Elayne Gerth born on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2011.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Michael Corroy, upon his death December 24, 2011. The funeral was at Atonement Lutheran Church on December 29, 2011. *May the God of comfort give peace and hope to all who mourn.*

We extend our sympathies to Bethany Thier and family upon the death of Bethany's father, Jerome Thier, on December 26, 2011. *May the God of comfort give peace to all who mourn.*

EDUCATION OF BSA RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAM FOR ALL NON-CATHOLIC RELIGIONS AT ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Why? Baden-Powell stated, "No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His Laws. So every Scout should have a religion...Religion seems a very simple thing: First: Love and Serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbor." (Scouting for Boys, 1908) This training program is for all Scout Leaders! Learn about the religious emblems programs, resources and process to help you implement for your unit. Please call 469-2474 to register.

JANUARY 2012 SCHEDULE

GREETERS

Jan. 1 - Pastor Jim & Karen Gerth
 Jan. 8 - Robert & Julie Geyer
 Jan. 15 - Dr. Jeremy & Elizabeth Green
 Jan. 22 - David & Connie Haefs
 Jan. 29 - Bill & Kay Hasseler

READERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Jan. 1 - Sharon Schneider
 Jan. 8 - Barb Schewe
 Jan. 15 - Don Donarski
 Jan. 22 - Paula Skorczewski
 Jan. 29 - Joellyn Kacynski

USHERS

Jan. 1 Team 7

Gary Sikich, Sandstrom/Brost, Craig Schneider

Jan. 8 Team 8

Robin & Bonnie Last, Gordy Jacobs, Tom Nesslein

Jan. 15 Team 1

Richard & Sue Storey, Tim & Vanessa Wentworth

Jan. 22 Team 2

Paul Honzik, Tim Berken, Corey Kirch

Jan. 29 Team 3

Duane Pike, Jim & Maryl Nelsen, Tom Pike

COUNTING TEAMS

Jan. 1 - Team 3: Ken Storzer & Craig Schneider
 Jan. 8 - Team 4: Jim Michels & Dave & Jean Keim
 Jan. 15 - Team 5: Tim Wentworth & Tom Pike
 Jan. 22 - Team 1: Maryl Nelsen & Sharon Schneider
 Jan. 29 - Team 2: Duane Pike & Julie Geyer

SHELTER MEAL ORGANIZERS

January 2, 2012 - Wentworths

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 - Donna Aznoe
 Jan. 8 - Lee & Kathy Bialkowski
 Jan. 15 - Paul & Darlene Gast
 Jan. 22 - Pastor Jim & Karen Gerth
 Jan. 29 - Donna Aznoe



NURSERY

Jan. 1 - Hang Nesslein
 Jan. 8 - Roshel Schilz
 Jan. 15 - Taylor Michels
 Jan. 22 - Emma Fay
 Jan. 29 - Alicia Nowak

ALTAR GUILD

Vicky Holschuh
 Pat Wistenberg

YOUTH SCHEDULE

	<u>Nursery - 9:00</u>	<u>Acolyte - 8:45</u>	<u>Acolyte - 11:15</u>
Jan 1	Autumn Frerk	Megan Zentmeyer	No worship
Jan 8	Hailey Huebner	Lexi Krenke	Kevin Lopez
Jan 15	Pariss LeMay	Daniel Nesslein	Edith Mendez
Jan 22	Jared Pike	Lauren Rupp	Eric Cardona
Jan 29	Megan Zentmeyer	Autumn Frerk	Karla Lopez

Youth Servers @ NEW Shelter

Jan 2 - Jared Pike, Pariss LeMay,
 Daniel Nesslein, Karla Lopez

Rainbow Bags Schedule

January - Tanner Keim