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Messenger

ATONEMENT REACHES OUT...

Sometimes our tendency is to focus on the large things we do in service to and with the community—like our housing ministry, child care center, and community theater group. While those efforts are absolutely worth noting, we need to remember to take time to celebrate a wide variety of other ways we serve:

- CROP Walk – every year a lively group of youth and adults participate in CROP walk in Syracuse and Fabius
- The Women of the ELCA sponsor a number of efforts each year, including
 - Bread for the Hungry
 - Friends of the Lutheran Homes in Clinton
 - Blanket Sunday
- All year long we collect can “pop tops” for Ronald McDonald House
- Food is collected every week for three food pantries:
 - Our own here at Atonement that serves members and friends of the congregation and families involved in our various programs.
 - The Onondaga Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry at Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church.
 - The Fabius-Pompey Outreach pantry.
- Our St. Paul's, Fabius Community offers “Through the Roof” education and fellowship for persons with developmental disabilities
- Our Youth participate in The Super Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday and the annual conference-wide Volleyball Marathon for Lutheran Charities
- AND - many of our members participate in a wide variety of efforts including overseas mission trips and various walks and runs

Be looking for more information about these and other efforts in this and future Messengers. And share your stories. If you have a story to tell about how you make a difference or about someone you know who is making a difference, let us know. Send email to alcprint@dobbytron.com or call the church office: 492-9065.

Atonement Church is proud to be a people in Mission!

From Deacon Karen Douglass...

I recently attended a Women of the ELCA program on Missing and Exploited Children. There was a wealth of information—but the thing that made a lasting impression is something I want to share with you. So many times in our mail we receive a picture of a missing child. Do you realize we get that particular picture because the authorities believe that child could be in our area? Take a look at the picture. Be conscious of children around you. If you feel it matches the child call the authorities. You just may help unite a missing child with their loved ones.

VOLUNTEERING IN PERU

- Lisa Quackenbush

I have been fortunate to have traveled several times to Central America. Because I was visiting family who lived there, I was not your typical tourist. While I did indeed see the “nice” places, I also saw what it was like to actually live in a third-world country.

Since I am a teacher, I had the option of “taking the summer off” and this past summer, I wanted to do something different. I wanted to again travel to Latin America, but this time to learn and to help. After some research, I discovered the Cross-Cultural Solutions organization. This organization takes volunteers from around the world to locations where they work in, learn about, and gain an understanding of, a different culture. Through them, I was able to spend five weeks as a volunteer in Lima, Peru. I lived, worked,



and explored the area with other volunteers of different ages from around the United States and Great Britain. I volunteered in a daycare center for children (infant-five years) with Down Syndrome in downtown Lima. I worked with four and five year-olds, assisting the teachers with activities and taking the kids to their various therapy sessions. Pictured here with me is Naydeline.



When we were not working, guest speakers visited our home and taught us about the history of Peru and communities through out the region. We went on excursions to different parts of Lima and visited the cities of Ica and Trujillo. When my assignment ended, I traveled to the Inca cities of Cuzco and Machu Picchu.



While seeing the country and taking tours was great fun, it was the people that I met, the Peruvians and fellow volunteers, and the work that I was able to do that made the trip amazing. I was grateful for the experience and hope to do something similar again! If you are curious to learn more about my summer, send me an email (lisa_quackenbush@hotmail.com).

Have a story to tell? Send email to alcpint@dobbytron.org or contact the church office at 492-9065.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Each Wednesday, beginning September 26th Pastor Gaetz will be offering two identical Bible Study opportunities:

- **Noon** – Hosted by the Crafty Ladies – Bring a sandwich and join the Crafty Ladies for lunch about 11:45 in the Coffee Shop.
- **7:00pm** – During Wednesday Church Night.

The class, entitled “*Paul: An Appealing or an Appalling Apostle?*” will focus on the writer of a large proportion of the New Testament. Included will be such topics as:

- Paul’s Place in the formation of the Church.
- Gender balance/imbalance.
- Justification by Faith (Luther’s key discovery in Paul.)
- Sacramental Theology – Baptism & Eucharist

All adults are welcome to join one of these groups and as each week’s lesson will be some what independent you can come any week, or weeks, you can. Invite a friend.

SEPTEMBER 10 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Council welcomed Vicar Aaron Richter to the council meeting. Vicar Aaron led us in a devotional.
- Pastor Gaetz reported that we are still interviewing for a music director and a head custodian—and that the Joslyn Court II dedication was wonderfully attended.
- Our finances are below projections. If you have been away and are behind in your commitment please consider catching up soon so bills can be paid.
- The Youth Group is soliciting for apples sales to help with youth events and they will soon be asking for money for the annual CROP walk held in October which helps the hungry in our community.
- Atonement has been approved for an intern for the 2008-2009 year. We all should be proud that the seminaries see Atonement as a good learning site for those people going into the ministry.
- The Building Committee reports they have not gotten final costs for repairs to the office area. Stay tuned.
- There will be a dinner and special program on Reformation Sunday, October 28th. Save the date.
- Council members will be exploring stewardship materials that Vicar Emilie created before she left. More information will be coming. (Council: remember we are meeting at 6:30pm next time to begin the review.)

- Karen Douglass, Secretary



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

- 8:30am Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching
 9:00am Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching at Fabius
 10:45am Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (9/30)

- 8:30am Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 9:00am Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:45am Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 12:00pm Frankenstein Set (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (10/1)

- 6:00pm Frankenstein Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY (10/2)

- 9:00am Messenger Stuffing (Coffee Shop)
 6:00pm Frankenstein Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY (10/3)

- 10:00am Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
 5:30pm Wednesday Night Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15pm Wednesday Night Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
 7:00pm Wednesday Night Church Night Activities (see below)
 7:15pm Frankenstein Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY (10/5)

- 6:00pm Frankenstein Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (10/6)

- 10:00am Frankenstein Set (Fellowship Hall)

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 146		<i>Sunday continued....</i>
	Proverbs 22:2-16		1 Timothy 6:6-19
	2 Corinthians 8:8-1		Luke 16:19-31
F	Psalm 146	M	Psalm 62
	Proverbs 28:3-10		Amos 6:8-14
	Ephesians 2:1-10		Revelation 3:14-22
Sa	Psalm 146	Tu	Psalm 62
	Proverbs 28:11-28		Hosea 10:9-15
	Luke 9:43b-48		James 5:1-6
Su	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	W	Psalm 62
	Psalm 146		Hosea 12:2-14
			Matthew 19:16-22

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am	Vicar Aaron Richter
	10:45am	Deacon Jay Berry
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Merikay Harper
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
USHERS	8:30am	Baxter Simmons & Richard Vook*
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Kevin Smith & Don Brown*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Eion Holmes
	10:45am	Nick Drummond
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	June Quackenbush
	10:45am	Donia Mrozek
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Phyllis & David Rodgers
	10:45am	Sue Scharoun & Jess Fitzgibbon
READERS	8:30am	Ken Greig
	10:45am	Carole Barr
GREETERS	8:30am	Dottie Davison
FLOWER DELIVERY		Deacon Karen Douglass

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT OCTOBER 3, 2007

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
- Homework help/crafts in the conference room
 - Recreation in the gym
 - Adult Class with Pastor Gaetz: "Paul: An Appealing or Appalling Apostle"

6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

Note: People who are not hospitalized are listed only once for each request. If you would like a person listed for additional weeks, please call the church office (492-9065) each week by 10 AM on Thursday.

BUS/VAN SCHEDULES

Sunday (Bus)

- 9:00am Lodi
 9:15am Presidential Plaza
 9:20am Toomey Abbott
 9:30am Arrive Church
 9:45am Leave Church
 9:50am Hoefler
 9:55am Lincoln
 10:10am Thurber
 10:15am Loretto
 10:30am Arrive Church

Wednesday (Van)

- 4:45pm Leave Church
 4:55pm Lincoln
 5:05pm Sabine
 5:15 Hoefler

Wednesday (Bus)

- 4:30pm Leave Church
 4:40pm Lodi
 4:45pm Sedgwick on James
 4:55pm Presidential Plaza
 5:05pm Toomey Abbott on Almond
 5:15pm Thurber



Please remember to bring food pantry items to church with you on Sunday or drop off in the church office during the week. We really need: Peanut butter, crackers, chunky soup, tuna, elbow macaroni, mayo or Miracle Whip, cereal, canned juice, canned fruit, spaghetti and sauce.