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Messenger

2009 ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

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Our 2009 Church Council: Linda Lance, Paster Gaetz, Carole Barr (President), Karen Douglass (Secretary), Monty Euston, David Koslowsky, Douglas Siddall, Gary Stensland, Pastor Rodgers, Sharon Hothem (Vice President), Pat Strong, and Debi Nelson (Vice President for Finance). Missing from this picture: Roberta Mettler (Treasurer), Solomon Williams, and Tom Irwin.

- Outgoing council members Sue Scharoun, Bill Kemp, and Lorlie Wood were recognized with small gifts for their years of service. Council Member Debi Nelson was re-elected to a second three-year term. New Council Members were elected: Monty Euston, Solomon Williams, Gary Stensland.
- A by-law change, giving the Church Council more latitude about when to hold the Annual meeting, was adopted. The meeting can now be held as late as the second Sunday in February.
- A motion "from the floor" directing the Church Council to revisit the Job Description adopted by the congregation ten years ago—calling a "Director of Youth and Theater Arts" that has been morphed into the current position "Director of Theater Arts and Technology"—was adopted. This motion came out of a concern that we have a large number of teens and children involved in Atonement these days and a limited number of people to work with them.
- After lengthy discussion, a Budget for 2009 was adopted which plans to spend \$49,952 less than in 2008. This reduction was in response to a motion at the 2008 Annual Meeting. The Church Council will be seeking further budget reductions as the Budget still relies on the Kiesewetter Endowment by about \$35,000 more than is wise in the current economic climate. Additional congregational giving could also help this situation significantly.

The New Church Council and officers will be installed at the worship services Next Sunday, February 1st. Please plan to attend and show your support.

At noon on January 25, an enthusiastic group gathered for the Annual Congregational Dinner in the fellowship hall. The hard working kitchen crew: Dave Rodgers, Phyllis Rodgers, Carole Barr, Barb Lasky, and Karen Douglass served a savory stew. Marva Metz provided an amazing assortment of cookies.

After dinner (at 12:45pm), the Annual Meeting was called to order by Council President Sue Scharoun.

Highlights of the meeting include:

- Reports from the staff and committees were received, including a lengthy report on the state of the Renovations Project. The Financial Reports for 2008 were received with some corrections.

REMEMBER SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!



At the worship services on Super Bowl Sunday (February 1) the youth will be collecting money to help stop hunger. Please remember to put something in the Soup kettles as you leave church. Money collected will be split between St. Paul's Pantry on the Westside and the ELCA world hunger fund. A little goes a long way when we work together!

JON WILSON RECOGNIZED FOR 10 YEARS AS AN ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY AND 10 YEARS OF SERVICE AT ATONEMENT



On Sunday, January 25, at the 10:45 service, the congregation recognized Jon Wilson's special anniversaries. Pictured above are Jon, Dustin Czarny, Pastor Gaetz, and Susan Scharoun (on her last day as Church Council President).

Dustin, Vice Chair of the Appleseed board, spoke to the congregation about how Jon's ministry with Appleseed has helped him both personally and as a member of Appleseed.

Jon was presented with a small gift of appreciation for his years of service to the church and Atonement in particular.



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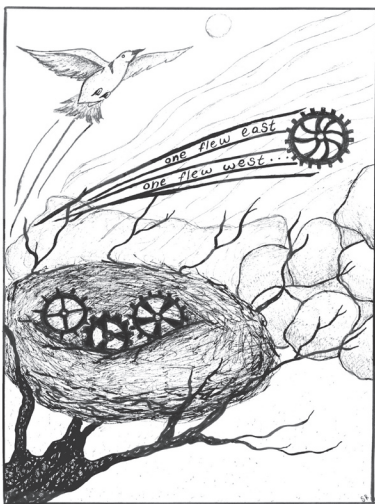
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WORD [WURD] OF THE WEEK
- *contemplating the language of faith*

kneel --[neel] Snap, crackle, pop

We don't kneel too much as Lutherans. Perhaps during Lent there will be more kneeling here at Atonement – I'm about to see for myself. Growing up in the Lutheran church, I found myself kneeling for communion and then, most often, during the season of Lent. Kneeling is found in the Psalms, the Gospels, and in letters of Paul as a sign of reverence and humility as well as a posture for prayer.

There is something to that, isn't there? I know when I have been in tough times, kneeling in prayer has somehow drawn me closer to God and made it clearer to me just what it is I am bringing to God in prayer. Just as kneeling at the table for communion reminds me that I am among a whole host of kneelers, begging for mercy, and receive it again and again from a loving God, who hears our prayers when we're on our knees or not.

Have any suggestions of words your curious about? Contact Laura at 492-9065 or laura.aase@gmail.com.



ATONEMENT YOUTH - SAVE THESE DATES!

- February 1 Snow Shoeing at Highland Forest (7-12 Graders)
Souper Bowl of Caring (7-12 Graders)
- March 6-8 4-8 Graders Retreat at LCLC
- March 6-7 Volleyball Marathon at SU (7-12 Graders)
- March 15, 22 & 29 "Celebrate Communion" (special Lent classes for all Atonement kids & families – congregation members are invited to participate)
- April 4 Spring (day) Retreat at Atonement (7-12 Graders)
- May 17 Faith Hike & Closing Picnic (Youth Group & Sunday School families - congregation members are invited to participate)

2009 Vollyball Marathon March 6 (6PM) - March 7 (8AM)

If are a 7-12 grader who has not received your registration packets and pledge form, please see Pastor Rodgers. Packets and \$10 registration fee are due to Pastor Rodgers or Mrs. Holmgren by February 1st.

VAN AND BUS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY BUS
9:00am Lodi
9:05am Park
9:20am Toomey Abbott
9:30am Arrive Church
9:45am Leave Church
9:55am Lincoln
10:15am Loretto
10:30am Arrive Church

WEDNESDAY VAN
4:45 Leave Church
5:05 Sabine St.
5:20 Driscoll Ave.
5:30 Church

WEDNESDAY BUS
4:30 Leave Church
4:40 Lodi St.
4:45 Park St.
4:50 Sedgwick/James
5:05 Toomey Abbott /Almond
5:20 Valley Vista
5:30 Church



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - FEBRUARY 1, 2009

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

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (2/1)

- 8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
- 9:30 AM Sunday Church School (Classrooms)
- 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Drum Instruction (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 PM One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Performance (Fellowship Hall)

* No Confirmation class at noon

MONDAY (2/2)

- 11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Chapel)
- 7:30 PM OCSO Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY (2/3)

- 8:00 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
- 5:30 PM Asthma Training (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY (2/4)

- 10:00 AM Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
- 5:30 PM Church Night Activities (see box below)
- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY (2/5)

- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY (2/6)

- 8:00 PM One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Perf (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (2/7)

- 8:00 PM One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Perf (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
 - Recreation and games in the gym
 - Adult Class: Luther's Catechism for Today

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

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 15 Deuteronomy 16:18-20 1 Peter 3:8-12	<i>Sunday continued...</i> 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12
F	Psalm 15 Deuteronomy 24:17—25:4 1 Timothy 5:17-24	M Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 1:1-18 Philemon 1-25
Sa	Psalm 15 Micah 3:1-4 John 13:31-35	Tu Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 2:1-16 James 5:1-6
Su	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15	W Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22 Luke 6:17-26

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am Deacon Karen Douglass 10:45am Janet Holmgren
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am Dorothy Philips 10:45am June Quackenbush
USHERS Elevator Op*	8:30am Baxter Simmons & Steve Strumlok* 10:45am Missy Wilber & Bill Kemp*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am Eion Holmes 10:45am Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	8:30am David & Phyllis Rodgers 10:45am Pat Strong
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am Dorothy Phillips & Kim Kennedy 10:45am June Quackenbush & Casey Draper
READERS	8:30am Pam Haumann 10:45am Karen Veverka
GREETERS	8:30am Roberta Mettler
FLOWER DELIVERY	Deacon Karen Douglass

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the pointsettia. I have enjoyed it.
- Elizabeth Dodd

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

University Hospital

Bronwyn Barr (Carole Barr's niece)

At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Mary Bennett (Joslyn Court I resident), Josie Billingsley (Lynn Strumlok's mother), Richard Boynton, Rose Camerata (Eleanora Ott's neighbor), Betty Dodd, Tanya (Gebman) McGinn (Bill Kemp's daughter-in-law's sister), Lois Moran (friend of Pat Strong), Beverly Oliver (friend of Beth Arthur), Barbara Ortell Compa (Bax Simmons' niece), Nancy Welch (Bax Simmons' daughter), Grace Wildman, Joshua Woods (Kathy and Peter Woods' nephew)

Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes, Ill), Scot Carpenter (Ft. Eustis, VA), Travis Carpenter (Florida Reserve Unit), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (29 Palms, CA), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Chris Millhouse (Korea), Justin Randall (Quantico, VA), Jeff Rodgers (Iraq), Daniel Strumlok (Quantico, VA), Melissa Young (National Guard, Syracuse, NY)

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of June Kennedy (Dick Kennedy's sister-in-law).

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