

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY
THE ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Messenger



THE ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH
116 W. Glen Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13205

CHURCH OFFICE
Phone: 315-492-9065
Fax: 315-492-1206

DAY CARE
492-7407
ACCllovekids@earthlink.net

APPLESEED PRODUCTIONS
492-9766
info@appleseedproductions.org

PASTORS
Nelson W. Gaetz
468-5335
PrGaetz@earthlink.net

Dawn E. Rodgers
430-8190
PrRodgers@earthlink.net

Peter R. Suarez
463-5389
pbsuarez@hotmail.com

Laura Aase, Vicar
492-9065
laura.aase@gmail.com

ASSOCIATES IN MINISTRY
Carol N. Perry
446-0291

Jon Wilson
425-9982
JonWilsonAiM@earthlink.net

MUSIC COORDINATOR
Kathy Woods
492-9065

BUSINESS MANAGER
Beth Ann Arthur
492-9065
alcBusMgr@earthlink.net

SECRETARY
Laura Light
alcSecretary@earthlink.net

MESSANGER SUBMISSIONS
june@alcsyracuse.org -or-
graphic arts mailbox in church
office by noon on Friday



A LETTER FROM CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT SUE
SCHAROUN AND PASTOR GAETZ

During 2008 we have all worked together to accomplish what we believe the Lord has given us to do as a congregation:

1. The Church Council and Atonement Staff have managed our financial affairs carefully, resulting in many economies. Many expenses are running well behind budget.
2. Our partner ministries (Appleseed, Child Care Center, and Housing Assoc.) have significantly increased their financial participation.
3. You have been very generous in your financial support:
 - a. We have managed to run a little ahead of current income projections all year.
 - b. Many of us have already made generous pledges and gifts to the Atonement Renewal Campaign.

We are pleased to report that, as the 4th quarter opens, we are managing to pay bills promptly.

Unfortunately, things beyond our control have not been as kind to us as we might hope and make the coming year a challenge:

1. In spite of our best efforts, some costs just keep going up:
 - a. Like everywhere else the cost of health insurance for our staff sky-rockets.
 - b. Supplies and postage go up with every order.
 - c. Maintenance and trash removal costs continually increase.

- d. Cost of programs (i.e. camper-ships, Sunday School, youth events, mid-week services) continue to increase at the same time we feel these programs are needed more than ever.

2. As you can probably relate, this has been a very rocky year for our investments. The principal is down and likely won't recover very much before the end of the year. This means an even greater urgency for less reliance on endowment income.

Therefore we need to ask you to prayerfully consider:

1. Making a 2009 Financial Commitment at least 10% larger than your 2008 commitment.
2. Making a generous contribution—either a one time donation or three year pledge—to the Renewal Campaign, if you have not already. We've enclosed a pledge card for the renewal campaign, just in case you need one.

The Church Council needs time to meet, pledges in hand, to develop a semi-final draft of the 2009 Budget Proposal to be shared with the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25th. So, time is tight and we would be grateful for a timely response. If you have not yet received your 2009 Pledge Card, please call the church office at 492-9065 and Laura will see you get one.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in the Atonement ministries.



Thanksgiving Baskets

We need food for Thanksgiving! We will feed at least 12 families who worship with us.

Please consider donating:

- boxed stuffing
- boxed mashed potatoes
- canned vegetables, fruit, & gravy,
- fall "Funfetti" cake mixes & icing
- quick bread mixes
- pumpkin pie filling (not plain pumpkin)
- pie crust mix, juice and coffee
- ...and as always, we'll happily take cash (or check) to help to purchase turkey and anything else needed to round out the baskets.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Rodgers at 492-9065.

Thank you for your generosity!

WHERE ARE THE DONUTS?



Well, unless someone volunteers to pick them up, they won't be in the coffee shop on Sundays!

If you are a regular, or even if you are just a "sometimer," please help out and sign up for your turn to pick up the donuts at Dunkin' Donuts.

Sign up in the Coffee Shop or call the church office at 492-9065.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS FOR ADVENT

Beginning on Advent Sunday, November 30th and running through 2009, most of the Sunday Gospel reading will be from St. Luke. This is an opportunity to become familiar with the major themes before starting "The Year of St. Luke."

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO GET THE MESSENGER ONLINE?

The Messenger is now available online at:
http://www.alcsyracuse.org/alc_messenger.php

To sign up for electronic "delivery" complete the online form at:
<http://www.alcsyracuse.org/maillinglist.php>



IT'S MORE THAN MONEY...

Stewardship is about money but it is not **only** about money. We are stewards of all that we have, and all that we have comes from God.

As you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the church, please also prayerfully consider how you can participate in and help to support church activities.

Here is just a short list of where help is needed right now. If you see something you would like to learn more about, or are prepared to just "jump in!" – please talk with Deacon Karen Douglass or contact the church office at 492-9065 and Laura will get word to her.

- Ushers
- Gift Bearers
- Altar care (washing dishes after Sunday service)
- Flower Delivery
- Wednesday night helping with the "Kids Service"
- Serving on Committees
- Sunday Doughnut Pickup
- Helping to prepare for or clean up after special events (breakfasts, dinners, etc.)

BIBLE READINGS	
Th	Psalm 70 Amos 1:1—2:5 Revelation 8:6—9:12
F	Psalm 70 Amos 3:1-12
Sa	Psalm 70 Amos 4:6-13 Matthew 24:1-14
Su	Amos 5:18-24 or Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 70 or Wisdom 6:17-20 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
M	Psalm 63 Amos 8:7-14 1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Tu	Psalm 63 Joel 1:1-14 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
W	Psalm 63 Joel 3:9-21 Matthew 24:29-35

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



saint and sinner
--[seynt]-and-[sih-nuhr]: *One person, yet at the same time, you are both saint and sinner.*

Many religious denominations believe that you are either one, working your way toward the other, or vice versa. There seems to be a destination for that view, either you're a saint or a sinner.

Lutherans are unique in this viewpoint. It's a bit of a messy view, isn't it. Let's see if I can muddy the waters any more for you.

It's our humanness that gets us into trouble. Because we're human, things happen that we don't necessarily want to have happen. We sin. We mess up royally. Even when we try not to mess up, inevitably, we do. Some days are just like that. Paul laments about this problem in Romans 7, so read that for comfort. You're not alone. This would be the sinner definition.

It is through our humanness that God initiates and establishes a relationship with us. Because God desires and seeks out and makes this relationship happen with us, we can tell God we're sinners. Of course, God already knows this. God didn't enter into this relationship with eyes closed, you know. And it's because of this relationship with God that we try and love and serve others in the world. This is more toward the saint definition.

And God loves us, sinning sinner and saintly saint. All at the same time.

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

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT	
5:30	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:15	Worship (Sanctuary)
6:00	Kid's Worship (Coffee Shop)
7:00	Wednesday Night Activities
	• Recreation and games in the gym
	• Adult Class: The Wholeness Wheel with Pastor Gaetz
<i>6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years</i>	



27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - NOVEMBER 16, 2008

- 8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching
- 9:00 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Laura Aase, Preaching at Fabius
- 10:45 AM Holy Communion Service, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (11/16)

- 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)
- 10:00 AM Adult Class (Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM Second Sunday for Teens (Chapel)
- 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Drum Instruction (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 PM Don't Feed the Actors Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Communicating Doors Rehearsal (Gym)

MONDAY (11/17)

- 11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
- 12:00 PM Bazaar Clean up (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 PM The Heart of Christianity (Chapel)
- 6:00 PM ACC Staff Training (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Don't Feed the Actors! Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Communicating Doors Rehearsal (Gym)

TUESDAY (11/18)

- 8:00 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
- 7:00 PM Applesseed Steering Committee (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (11/19)

- 10:00 AM Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM CDA Classes (Chapel)
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Church Night Activities (see box on facing page)
- 7:00 PM Don't Feed the Actors Rehearsal (Classroom 1)
- 8:00 PM Communicating Doors Rehearsal (Gym)

THURSDAY (11/20)

- 12:00 PM ALAS (Coffee Shop)
- 5:30 PM Head Start Cooking Class (Coffee Shop)
- 5:30 PM WELCA Set up & Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Communicating Doors Rehearsal (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Don't Feed the Actors! Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Worship & Music (Chapel)

FRIDAY (11/21)

- 8:00 PM Don't Feed the Actors (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (11/22)

- 8:00 PM Don't Feed the Actors (Fellowship Hall)

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

- ASSISTING 8:30am Vicar Laura Aase
- MINISTER 10:45am Vicar Laura Aase
- COMMUNION 8:30am David Rodgers
- ASSISTANTS 10:45am Kevin Smith
- USHERS 8:30am Jeanette & Ken* Greig
- Elevator Op* 10:45am Casey Draper & Sue Scharoun*
- ACOLYTES/ 8:30am Adam Wood
- ALTAR SERVERS 10:45am Randy Hyde
- ALTAR CARE 8:30am David & Phyllis Rodgers
- 10:45am Janet Holmgren
- GIFT BEARERS 8:30am David Rodgers & Sydney Wood
- 10:45am Kevin Smith & Janet Holmgren
- READERS 8:30am Steve Strumlok
- 10:45am Jay Stone
- GREETERS 8:30am Roberta Mettler
- FLOWER DELIVERY Deacon Karen Douglass

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following Atonement members & friends in your prayers.

At home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Mary Bennett (Joslyn Court I resident), Richard Boynton, John Geis, Heather Hill-Yackel, Pr. Paul Joslyn, June Kennedy (Dick Kennedy's sister-in-law), Gudrun Koslowsky (Iroquois), Tanya (Gebman) McGinn (Bill Kemp's daughter-in-law's sister), Beverly Oliver (friend of Beth Arthur), Barbara Ortell Compa (Bax Simmons' niece), Tyler Smash (Pat Strong's friend), Judy Thomas (June Quackenbush's friend), Nancy Welch (Bax Simmons' daughter)

Those in the armed services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes, IL), 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 (Phoenix, AZ)

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Audrey Kent who died on November 3. Her funeral was conducted by Pastor Suarez, at St. Paul's, Fabius on November 8.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Roberta Frigon who died November 6. Her funeral will be conducted at the Welter Price Funeral Home on Monday, November 10, at 10:30 AM.

Sympathy is extended to Betty Suarez on the death of her uncle Robert Berg in Binghamton.

(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 10am on Thursday.)

VAN AND BUS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY BUS

- 9:00am Lodi
- 9:05am Park
- 9:15am Presidential Plaza
- 9:20am Toomey Abbott
- 9:30am Arrive Church
- 9:45am Leave Church
- 9:55am Lincoln
- 10:10am Thurber
- 10:15am Loretto
- 10:30am Arrive Church

WEDNESDAY VAN

- 4:45 Leave Church
- 4:55 Lincoln Ave.
- 5:05 Sabine St.
- 5:10 Bellevue Ave.
- 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
- 4:55 Presidential Place
- 5:05 Toomey Abbott /Almond
- 5:15 Thurber Ave.
- 5:20 Valley Vista
- 5:30 Church

bringing back the magic this holiday season

Amahl and the Night Visitors

www.openhandtheater.org

315 476 0466

at First English Lutheran Church ~ James and Townsend Streets

Friday December 5 at 8 pm

Saturday December 6 at 8 pm

Friday December 12 at 8 pm

Saturday December 13 at 8 pm

Sunday December 14 at 2 pm

Friday December 19 at 8 pm

Saturday December 20 at 2 pm

tickets: \$15 in advance

\$20 at the door



Presale ticket coupons are available at First English by calling 471-1678. The Theatre (First English's transformed sanctuary) is handicapped accessible and you are cordially invited to bring youth groups, seniors, SS classes, neighbors and friends. We're talking 55 minutes of spellbinding story telling, 15 foot tall puppets, SSO musicians and Syracuse Opera voices over three weekends in Advent.

Note from The Lutheran Homes Foundation...



Christmas is a very special time of the year and the Christmas spirit abounds at LutheranCare...with your help.

As we have in the past, we are respectfully requesting the donation of items that would surely brighten the season and bring the Christmas spirit to life for those we care for and care deeply about. This "wish list" includes:

- Personal care items such as unopened boxes of tissue, hand cream, and hairbrushes
- Books, both hardcover and audio
- Afghans, throws, and comforters
- Jigsaw and crossword puzzles
- VHS video tapes
- Slippers, slipper socks, hats, gloves, and mittens
- Candy, artwork, and tote bags for walkers

Be assured that these simple gifts will be long-remembered and treasured by all whom they touch. We deeply appreciate your kindness toward our residents and, because they are not able to do so personally, allow me to thank you on their behalf... Thank You!

Karen Anne Ostinett
Director of Development
The Lutheran Homes Foundation
Clinton NY

Note: The Atonement Women of the ELCA will be placing a box in the Narthex for your donations.

IT'S FINALLY HERE!



The Crafty Ladyes bazaar, in the fellowship hall, will include crafts, attic treasures, soup and sandwich lunch, and baked goods.

As part of the bazaar, the Crafty Ladyes are raffling a pair of hand-knitted Christmas stockings. If you are the lucky recipient, they will personalize them with names of your choice!. See a Crafty Lady and get your ticket! Donations are \$1.00. The drawing will be on November 15.

Every year, the Crafty Ladyes use proceeds from the bazaar to fund special projects. So please stop by and please be generous!

Note: the crafts from the bazaar will be available only for two days (November 15 and after church services on November 16), so if you see something you like, get it then.

The Crafty Ladyes also need your help...

- setting up for their sale. They will start at 9am on November 15th.
- **making baked goods.** They can be dropped off either Friday, 11/14 or the day of the sale.
- packing up after the sale, on Monday, 11/17.