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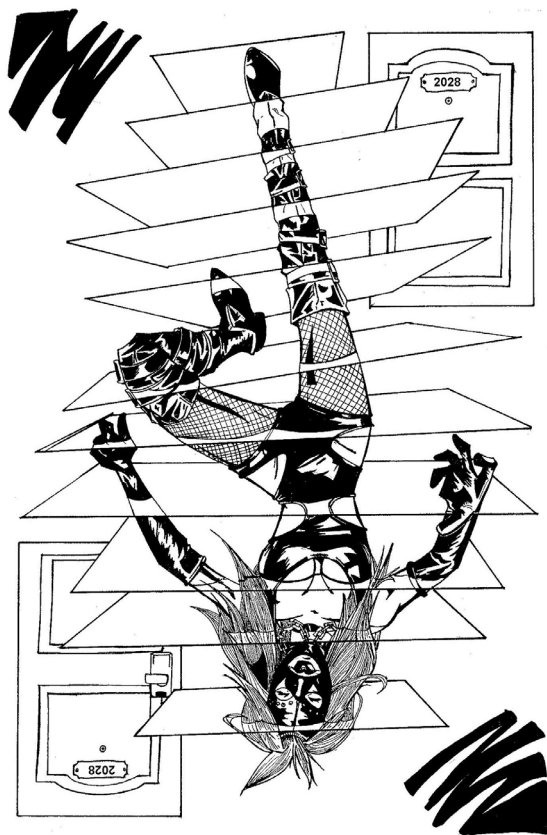
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## HOLIDAY BASKET NEEDS

We are gathering the necessary items for Christmas baskets and need your help. Our food pantry, like so many others, is running low, as are our donations. Please help where you can.

**Contributions** are always welcome. Last year, filling out the baskets, after sorting through the donations, cost almost \$900.

Many of our families have children who are off from school and need to be fed the two meals that they usually get at school. At Thanksgiving and Easter we feed at least 12 families and at Christmas we do about 25 baskets plus meat for additional families. Any help is appreciated. We can use all the usual food pantry items plus whatever you can think of for Christmas baskets! Refer to last week's Messenger for a list and we'll repeat the list next week.

## WORD [WURD] OF THE WEEK

- *contemplating the language of faith*



**Advent --lad-vent\ Literally means "coming" or "arrival" of Jesus Christ.**

Anytime I talk about a season of the church year, I usually say "oh, it's one of my favorite seasons." While this may seem insincere at first blush, it is earnest and true at the most basic level. Because all church seasons bring with them something new that we can appreciate only as we look over our shoulder at what is behind us now.

Advent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. It is the start of the church year when we dive into a new Gospel and begin again our journey of faith. We begin the church year at a time of darkness and we yearn for light, just a little at a time, to remind us that Christ is

born anew in us. And of course we know that Christ remains with us, as we look back over our shoulder at the church year we've just completed. We look forward, peering through the darkness at the light that will increase our hope and longing as Christ promises to come again and again and again.

*Have any suggestions of words your curious about? Contact Laura at 492-9065 or [laura.aase@gmail.com](mailto:laura.aase@gmail.com).*



### Christmas Plants

– Don't forget to order a beautiful Christmas Poinsettia that will grace our sanctuary for

Christmas. Plants are \$11 each. Donations are being taken at worship on Sunday December 7 and 14 - or may be mailed to church. Be sure to include your desired memorial inscription.

We'll print an order form in next week's Messenger or you can get a special envelope between services on Sunday.

Can't find your Stewardship Pledge card for 2009? Please call the church office at 492-9065 and Laura will send you a new packet or tear off the one below and return it to church as soon as possible—Council needs your help to get the 2009 Budget completed before the annual meeting!



*We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us...Signs of your gracious love.*

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Realizing that all we are and all we have are gifts from God's abundant love, I/We joyfully pledge to support His ministry at Atonement Lutheran Church in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week, in 2009.

Check one:

- This reflects a 10% increase in giving over 2008.  
I/We will continue to support the ministry in prayer.
- This reflects an increase in giving of \$\_\_\_\_\_/week over 2008  
I/We will continue to support the ministry in prayer.
- My/our gift to the church will need to remain the same as 2008.  
I/We will continue to support the ministry in prayer.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like more information on:

- Stock Donations       Matched Gifts       Insurance
- Appreciated Assets       Deferred Gifts
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Whereas



**Merikay Harper**

**a long time active member of Atonement Church, having served in many capacities including the Church Council.**

### And,

**Whereas she has served with distinction on the Support Staff of the Upstate New York Synod, ELCA for many years.**

### And,

**Whereas she will be retiring from service to the people of the Upstate NY Synod, ELCA at the end of November 2008.**

### Therefore,

**Be it resolved that her church family here by congratulates her and wishes God's richest blessings on her new endeavors and continued service to the wider community.**

**Attested this 10th day of November 2008.**

**Susan Scharoun, President  
Nelson W, Gaetz, Senior Pastor**



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - DECEMBER 7, 2008

8:30am Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Aase, Preaching

9:00am Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching at Fabius

10:45am Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Aase, Preaching

### WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY (12/7)

- 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)
- 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 PM Communicating Doors Performance (Fellowship Hall)

#### MONDAY (12/8)

- 11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Church Council (Coffee Shop)
- 7:00 PM Cuckoo's Nest Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM The Boys Next Door Auditions (Chapel)

#### TUESDAY (12/9)

- 8:00 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
- 7:00 PM Cuckoo's Nest Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM The Boys Next Door Auditions (Chapel & Coffee Shop)

#### WEDNESDAY (12/10)

- 10:00 AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
- 4:30 PM Head Start Parents (Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM CDA Classes (Chapel)
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Church Night Activities (see box)
- 7:30 PM Cuckoo's Nest Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

#### THURSDAY (12/11)

- 5:30 PM Head Start Cooking Class (Coffee Shop)

#### FRIDAY (12/12)

- 8:00 PM Communicating Doors Performance (Fellowship Hall)

#### SATURDAY (12/13)

- 8:00 PM Communicating Doors Performance (Fellowship Hall)

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

#### **Wills Eye Hospital, PA**

Eleanor McKinney (Merikay Harper's mother)  
Harriet Walters

#### **At home or in a nursing home**

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Mary Bennett (Joslyn Court I resident), Richard Boynton, Rebeca Kench (daughter of the Suarez'), Betterae Kennedy, June Kennedy (Dick Kennedy's sister-in-law), Tanya (Gebman) McGinn (Bill Kemp's daughter-in-law's sister), Beverly Oliver (friend of Beth Arthur), Barbara Ortell Compa (Bax Simmons' niece), 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 Strumluk (Quantico, VA), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

*Congratulations to Karen Douglass on her serving as an Atonement Deacon for twenty-five years.*

*Congratulations to Donald Brown, Sr. on his retirement from St. Joseph's Hospital with 22 years of service.*

*We welcome into the Lord's family through baptism Siearra Elizabeth Wilber, daughter of Harold L. Wilber II and Sarah S. Bard. His Godparents are Diane Wilber and Brian Bard.*

### ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

- |                         |         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| ASSISTING MINISTER      | 8:30am  | Vicar Laura Aase                |
|                         | 10:45am | Vicar Laura Aase                |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS    | 8:30am  | Ken Greig                       |
|                         | 10:45am | Kevin Smith                     |
| USHERS                  | 8:30am  | Baxter Simmons & David Rodgers* |
| Elevator Op*            | 10:45am | Sue Scharoun & Barbara Lasky*   |
| ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS | 8:30am  | Abigail Wood                    |
|                         | 10:45am | Jose Fuentes                    |
| ALTAR CARE              | 8:30am  | Linda & John Owens              |
|                         | 10:45am | June Quackenbush                |
| GIFT BEARERS            | 8:30am  | Ken & Jeanette Greig            |
|                         | 10:45am | Louise Brown & Stacie Draper    |
| READERS                 | 8:30am  | Pam Haumann                     |
|                         | 10:45am | Karen Veverka                   |
| GREETERS                | 8:30am  | Harriet Walters                 |
| FLOWER DELIVERY         |         | Deacon Karen Douglass           |

### BIBLE READINGS

	Su	Isaiah 40:1-11
		Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
		2 Peter 3:8-15a
		Mark 1:1-8
Th	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	M Psalm 27
	Hosea 6:1-6	Isaiah 26:7-15
	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	Acts 2:37-42
F	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Tu Psalm 27
	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 4:2-6
	Acts 11:19-26	Acts 11:1-18
Sa	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	W Psalm 27
	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Malachi 2:10—3:1
	Mark 11:27-33	Luke 1:5-17

### WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT

5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary

7:00 Wednesday Night Activities

- Recreation and crafts in the gym
- "Kid's worship" in Coffee Shop (about 6pm)
- Adult Class with Pastor Peter: "The Three Faces of Christmas"

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

### SUNDAY ADULT CLASS

On Sunday, December 7, 14 & 21 Pr. Suarez will be offering the same class that he will be offering on Wednesday - The Three Faces of Christmas. The class meets in the Conference Room of the Kiesewetter Center at 9:50 AM and all are welcome.

### YOUTH GROUP REMINDERS

Hanging of the Greens Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, 12/21 (see Mrs. Holmgren for your setup/serving/cleaning assignments).

LCLC Senior High Reunion Retreat will be the first weekend in January. Details are pending. Please let Judy Holmes know if you are interested in attending this year's weekend event.