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THE ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Messenger

A SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT....

No reservations required. We encourage you to attend!



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SOJOURNER STORYTELLING

Thursday, February 14 • Hendricks Chapel • 7 p.m.

Lessons from Katrina: Rebuilding Community

Keynote Speaker

Kathleen Hicks

Mayor Pro Tem
Fort Worth, TX

Storytellers

Sonita Surratt

Vanessa Johnson

Brian Spendley

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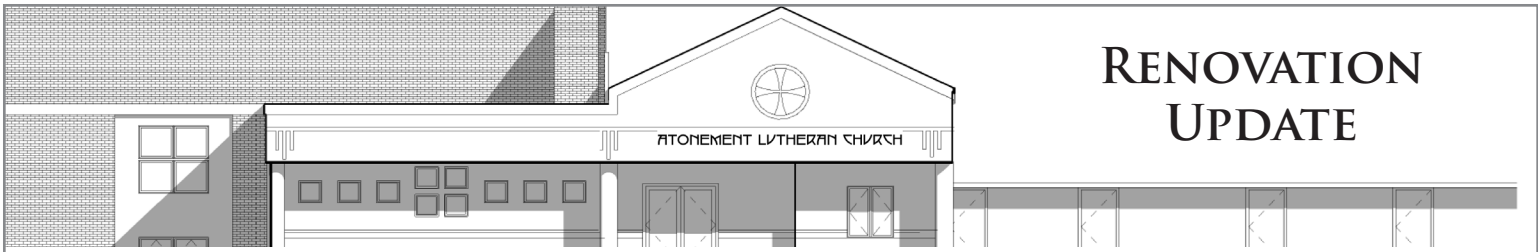
Office of Community Engagement
and Integrative Learning, Hendricks Chapel



In cooperation with

Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies
Office of Multicultural Affairs
Habitat for Humanity
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*The event is free and open to the public; parking is
available in the University's visitor pay lots.*



RENOVATION UPDATE

Progress continues to be made on following up on questions from the Annual Meeting:

1) One question was about insulation for the office wing and how we know it will make a difference. There are two components to this portion of the work:

a. The roof insulation is quite interesting. The actual insulation is custom designed (on a computer) to provide exactly the correct thickness and pitch of the material for every inch of the roof. The “new roof” is then factory built and delivered in pieces much like a giant jigsaw puzzle and fused together in place. This also allows for a new properly pitched roof without adding significantly to the weight pressing down on the existing structure.

b. Side wall insulation and window replacement is a complex issue. The proposal, as presented, calls for replacing the large window panels with new, smaller, high-energy windows and “in-filled” insulated walls—much as what was

done on the south side of the sanctuary, but without stained glass. One suggestion from the meeting was that larger windows be retained to provide maximum light. This is being researched and a “thermal study” will be provided by the contractor, at no cost to us, allowing us to see exactly where heat is escaping so whatever we do can have maximum energy impact.

2) Another question was about the Furnace. The original proposal called for providing heat and air conditioning in the office wing through new forced air furnaces, properly zoned. This plan would leave the sanctuary and fellowship hall on the old boiler. We are revisiting this issue, leaning toward replacing the existing boiler with a modern high energy efficient furnace. The cost may be a bit higher initially but should provide “pay back” thorough fuel savings, in as little as 3 years. The new furnace would be at least 75% efficient—dramatically better than the existing furnace.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

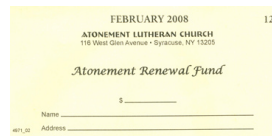
Genesis 12:1-4a

We continue in our season of Lent where we hear about God’s promise and blessings. In our reading, the Lord speaks to Abram (soon to be Abraham) about a promise for land and children. But the Lord asks something of Abram first: leave your father’s house, leave your country, leave what you know and have lived with, and go somewhere new and scary. God does give a blessing, but even the journey towards it will not be easy.

As someone who has left family in Texas, left a job, and uprooted my wife, in order to follow a call from God, Abram’s story resonates with me. In his story, I can see how difficult a faith journey can be, but how God continually works in our lives. Has there been a time of transition or change when you’ve wondered where to go next? Maybe a job change, a change in living situation, or a family circumstance? God’s blessing and love has been offered to us in Jesus Christ, but it does not mean our lives will not be filled with difficulty. We can only continue to follow as Abram did, continually looking for what God was showing him.

Let us pray. God of blessing, you call us to paths that we do not know, to choices that we struggle with. Guide our paths despite the difficulties that are there, and keep us always focused on the promise that came, died and was resurrected. In your name we pray, Amen.

DON’T FORGET THE PARKING LOT!



As explained in the annual report, the parking lot was repaved (as part of ongoing maintenance) during the Joslyn Court II construction because the cost savings to do it then rather

than later was significant. We do, however, still need to pay for the work.

The Church Council approved using the Atonement Renewal Fund envelopes for this purpose. Please use your envelopes and help us cover those costs.

“WE PLAY FOR LUTHERAN CHARITIES”



2008 Volleyball Marathon - March 7th-8th at Syracuse University

Our Youth Group members will be participating in the 29th Annual Volleyball Marathon - 12 full hours of volleyball, fellowship, worship and fun - all to benefit Lutheran Charities.

Please help them with this community service project by pledging whatever amount you can. Youth Group members will be taking your pledges between and after services on February 17, 24, and March 2. Contact Pastor Rodgers or Janet Holmgren with any questions.



COLD ENOUGH FOR YOU?

Even though it has been, so far, a “comparatively” mild winter, it is still cold enough that we need to run the furnace! Therefore, we need everyone to be especially generous with contributions to the “Fuel and Heat” offering envelope in your envelope box. Please prayerfully consider what you can do for this “extra mile” effort that comes around every heating “season.”



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - FEBRUARY 17, 2008

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

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (2/17)

8:30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
9:45am	Sunday School/Adult Class
10:45am	Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Comedy Murders Auditions (Coffee Shop/Chapel)

MONDAY (2/18)

7:00pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm	Comedy Murders Auditions (Coffee Shop/Chapel)

TUESDAY (2/19)

8:00am	Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)
7:00pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm	Appleseed Steering Committee (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (2/20)

10:00am	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
11:30am	Lenten Prayer Service and Fish Dinner
5:30pm	Church Night dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:15pm	Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Church Night Activities (see box)
7:30pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm	Comedy Murders Auditions (Coffee Shop/Chapel)

THURSDAY (2/21)

6:00pm	WELCA (Conference Room)
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FRIDAY (2/22)

7:00pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
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To my friends at Atonement,
Thank you for your lovely cards, thoughts, and prayers. I am
on the mend and hope to be back soon. Thanks also to Karen
for delivering the Christmas plant!

- Grace Wildman

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Community Hospital

Eleanor McKinney (Marikay Harper's mother)

St. Joseph's Hospital

Margaret Schnittger (Dorothy Phillip's sister-in-law)

At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Richard Buyer (Beth Arthur's stepfather), Terry Colbridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Jean Dehm (Peggy Gaetz' friend), Betty Jane Farley, Tom Fitzsimmons (Jay Berry's friend), Daniel Pauls, Tim Kittell (Joanne Claeys' friend)

Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes Naval Station, IL), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Sympathy is extended to the family of George Soldan who died February 7th. A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

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.

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP - SUNDAY

ASSISTING	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
MINISTER	10:45am	Gary Stensland
COMMUNION	8:30am	Linda Owens
ASSISTANTS	10:45am	Missy Wilber
USHERS	8:30am	Steve & Mike* Strumlok
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Barbara Lasky & Louise Brown*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Eion Holmes
	10:45am	Austin Draper
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Barbara Nelson
	10:45am	Pat Strong
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Linda & John Owens
	10:45am	Louise Brown & Stacie Draper
READERS	8:30am	Ken Greig
	10:45am	Susan Scharoun
GREETERS	8:30am	Merikay Harper
FLOWER DELIVERY		Yvonne Tucker

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - 2/20

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 with Vicar Richter

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

BIBLE

READINGS

Th	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:1-3 2 Timothy 1:3-7
F	Psalm 121 Micah 7:18-20 Romans 3:21-31
Sa	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:4-8 Luke 7:1-10
Su	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 ...Sunday cont... Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
M	Psalm 128 Numbers 21:4-9 Hebrews 3:1-6
Tu	Psalm 128 Isaiah 65:17-25 Romans 4:6-13
W	Psalm 128 Ezekiel 36:22-32 John 7:53-8:11

BUS/VAN

SCHEDULES

Sunday (Bus)

9:20am Toomey Abbott
9:30am Arrive Church
9:45am Leave Church
9:50am Hoefler
9:55am Lincoln
10:10am Thurber
10:15am Loretto

Wednesday (Van)

9:00am Lodi
4:45pm Leave Church
9:15am Presidential Plaza
4:55pm Lincoln
5:05pm Sabine
5:15pm Hoefler

Wednesday (Bus)

4:30pm Leave Church
4:40pm Lodi
4:45pm Sedgwick on James
4:55pm Presidential Plaza
10:30am Arrive Church
5:15pm Thurber
5:20pm Valley Vista