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THE ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Messenger

LAST CALL FOR EASTER BAPTISM

It has long been a tradition to include the celebration of Baptism in the Easter Season, especially at the Easter Vigil (March 22).

If you would like to be baptized, or have a child who has not been baptized, please contact one of the pastors and we'll make arrangements to include you.

We are also preparing young people for their First Communion. If you have a young person you would like included, please contact Pastor Rodgers.



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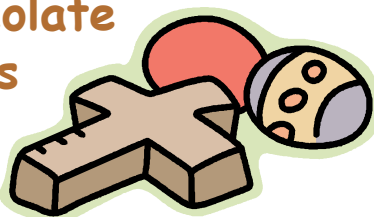
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Atonement Lutheran Youth

**Chocolate
Cross
Sale**



Sunday, March 9 & 16

\$1.00 each
(make checks payable to
Atonement Lutheran Church)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

The "World Day of Prayer" has been held the first Friday of March for over 50 years. Each year the service is written by Women of a different country of the world.

This year's service is written by the Women of Ghana. This year, the local service will be held at **The Nottingham** on **Friday, March 7, at 2pm.** There will also be a display of articles and pictures of Ghana.

For further information call Jeanette Greig, 469-0628



**DON'T FORGET! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME STARTS MARCH 9!**

Remember to set your clocks ahead when you go
to bed Saturday night!

TROJAN WOMEN RUNS THROUGH MARCH 15

If you haven't seen it yet, there's still time!

Appleseed's latest production, Trojan Women, runs through March 15. For more information, see <http://www.appleseedproductions.org> or call 492-9766



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

One of my favorite passages in the Bible. I like the image of the valley of dry bones and all the desolation and isolation that it invites. But what makes this passage even more amazing is what has happened in the previous chapters. Ezekiel prophesies from the temple in Jerusalem, and condemns the people of Israel, often in graphic terms, for their unfaithfulness. Soon, Ezekiel prophesies, the temple will be destroyed and the people will be cast into exile. Despite all the unfaithfulness of the people, Ezekiel gives a glimmer of hope. Whatever may happen, however dead, desolate, and isolated the people may feel, God is there to breathe new life into these people, to reignite their faith and trust. Actually, in Hebrew, the word for breath is the same as wind and Spirit. Notice how often this word is used in this passage. And notice what God calls the Israelites: "O my people" (v. 12, 13). What good news, especially with the hardship that will soon befall them to know whose they are.

The readings lately have dealt with life and the life-giving power of God, which builds up to an object of what seems like the opposite of life: a cross. As we journey toward that cross, where are the places that we need God's breath blown on us? Is it a sickness or ailment? Is it loneliness or a relationship that is broken and needs help? Is it grief or doubt? Whatever it is, God sends breath and God's spirit into that part.

Let us pray, Life-giving Breath, we come to you, dry and desolate. Grow life on us, and fill us with your Spirit. In your name we pray, Amen.

IT TAKES A LOT OF FOOD!

We have 17 families for whom we will be making Easter food baskets. Your donations of food and money are vital for this ministry of care. With the hams we will buy we need donations of:

- Boxed potatoes
- Canned green beans and corn
- Canned fruit and Jell-O
- Funfetti Cakes
- Funfetti Frosting
- Easter Candy
- Coffee



We also fill out our baskets with non perishable foods for the days when children are not getting meals at school.

We can use canned meat and meat entrees like chili, stew, "Chunky" soups, tuna, cream soup, elbows or noodles, mayo, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, rahman noodles, pasta and sauce, canned or bottled juice. Your generosity will make the most important of Christian festivals special for families in need.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED



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

So far, you have helped them raise over \$160!

EASTER PLANTS



We will be accepting memorial donations for the plants that beautify our sanctuary on Easter and are then distributed to members of our congregation who are not able to join us for services. Easter plant memorials will be collected through Palm Sunday. The entire memorial list will be printed in the Easter Bulletin and the Messenger. Thank you!

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Number of plants: _____

Total: \$ _____



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 9, 2008

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

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (3/9)

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)
2:00pm	Trojan Women Performance (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (3/10)

7:00pm	Church Council (Coffee Shop)
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TUESDAY (3/11)

8:00am	Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)
6:15pm	ACC Staff Training (Classroom 2)

WEDNESDAY (3/12)

10:00am	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
Noon	Jolly Dollys & Gents (Coffee Shop)
11:30am	Mid-week Lenten Service and Lunch (Chapel/Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm	Church Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:15pm	Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Church Night Activities (see box)

FRIDAY (3/14)

8:00pm	Trojan Women Performance (Fellowship Hall)
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SATURDAY (3/15)

800pm	Trojan Women Performance (Fellowship Hall)
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atone-ment in your prayers.

Crouse Hospital

Heather Hill-Yackal

At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Terry Colbridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Tom Fitzsimmons (Jay Berry's friend), Merikay Harper, Richard House, Tim Kittell (Joanne Claeys' friend), Eleanor McKinney (Merikay Harper's mother), Nancy Scholz (Linda Koslowsky's mother), Jimmy Turner (Sarah Richter's father)

Those in the Armed Services

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

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alice Gaetz who died February 27th. Her funeral will be held at church on Saturday, March 8th at 11:00 AM immediately preceded by calling hours from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the Chapel.

Sympathy is extended to the family of William Gilbert who died February 24th.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jane V. Mason who died February 27th. Her funeral was conducted by Pr. Gaetz on March 1st.

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

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
	10:45am	Deacon Jay Berry
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Carolyn Schramm
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
USHERS	8:30am	Jeanette & Ken* Greig
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Kevin Smith & Don Brown*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Abigail Wood
	10:45am	Erica Drummond
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Phyllis & David Rodgers
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	The Strumloks
	10:45am	Sue Scharoun & Jon Fitzgibbon
READERS	8:30am	Pam Haumann
	10:45am	Karen Veverka
GREETERS	8:30am	Gayle Wentworth
FLOWER DELIVERY		Ken & Jeanette Greig

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - 3/12

- 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 130 Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3 Revelation 10:1-11
F	Psalm 130 Ezekiel 33:10-16 Revelation 11:15-19
Sa	Psalm 130 Ezekiel 36:8-15 Luke 24:44-53
Su	Fifth Sunday in Lent Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
M	Psalm 143 1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12
Tu	Psalm 143 2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10
W	Psalm 143 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Matthew 22:23-33

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 Hoeffler
- 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
- 5:15pm Hoeffler

Wednesday (Bus)

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