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THE ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Messenger

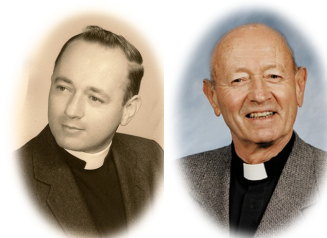
DON'T FORGET!....

On Sunday, June 7th we'll be honoring Pr. Peter Suarez on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. We will celebrate with:

- Festival Service at 10:00am
- Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at Noon

Note: there will be no other regularly scheduled church events that weekend. There will be....

- No Vigil service at St. Paul's in Fabius on Saturday, June 6
- No 8:30 AM service on Sunday, June 7
- No 10:45 AM service on Sunday, June 7
- No 9:30 AM Coffee Shop on Sunday, June 7



In other words – Let's all plan for a Church Family Gathering at 10am on Sunday, June 7 to honor and celebrate Pastor Suarez.

Bus transportation on June 7 will be geared to the 10am service. Watch the Messenger for the exact schedule.

Summer Thursday night services will begin on Thursday, June 11, with a barbecue dinner preceding the 7pm service.

If you plan on attending, but have not returned your response card, please do so soon! If you do not have an invitation, please call the church office at 492-9065.

WE'RE OFF TO CAMP!

A big thank you to everyone who supported the youth of Atonement Church by buying flower baskets and donating to the campership fund. The flower basket sale raised \$394. Donations to the fund equaled \$2,320!!!

A very special thanks to those who went the extra mile and made it possible: Janet Holmgren for coordinating it all and Harper's Greenhouse, our campership sponsors. We thank: the Crafty Ladies, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry

Holbrook, Mr. & Mrs. David Koslowsky, Miss Eleanora Ott, Mr. Dan Randall & Pr. Sorwar-Randall, Mr. Kevin Smith, Mr. Harold Wilber and two anonymous sponsors who matched the church's contribution.

We have four youth going to LCLC for Senior High Week, five campers going to LCLC for Youth Camp, one camper for Horse Camp at LCLC and two campers for Confirmation Camp at VanderKamp. What a wonderful summer it will be!!!!

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Purchase geraniums as memorials to beautify our Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday.

Plants may be taken home or to the cemetery for planting immediately following the Fabius Saturday or Atonement Sunday 10:45am service on Pentecost Sunday (May 31). Memorials will be listed in the Pentecost bulletins and in the Messenger. Cost is \$4/ea or \$40/dozen

Special envelopes are available at church or clip and return this form to the Church office.

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Number of Plants: _____ Total: _____

Please check where you would like to pick up your plants: Atonement Fabius



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

Community- [kuh-myoo-ni-tee] You, and you. And you over there, you too. And you and you and you.

I worked with a man, Ben, from Papua New Guinea years ago. He came to the United States to be a camp counselor for the summer and was an absolute people magnet. Young or old, it didn't matter, people were drawn to him. Ben taught us a song called "Jesus Loves You and You." There was a lot of pointing during the song and the song itself took measures to name as many different people as it could that would be included in just who Jesus would love. It was a cute song and people often felt dorky singing it, so we sang it a lot because feeling dorky is something I enjoy. I think it opens people up.

What I didn't realize about that song until now is that it's about community. It's not "Yes, Jesus loves me," it's "Jesus loves you and you and you and you and you..." Yes, of course it includes you, but it is definitely not limited to you.

Again and again in Scripture, Jesus will talk about something being "for you." And if you were to dig into the meaning of that "you," you would discover that it means a plural you, a royal we, a southern all-ya'll. It pokes us right in our prideful individuality, which is a most tender spot. But once we get over the smarting from looking beyond ourselves, we discover that we were not created to live here on our own, with no regard for others, good, bad, or ugly.

Community is hard – that I know is not lost on Jesus who lived in community with us and is still present with us now, beckoning us to look beyond ourselves and to pay close attention to the "you" that is indeed not you.



HERE WE COME!

On Friday, June 12, we are once again "going to the races" at Vernon Downs.

\$19 fee includes buffet dinner and program. Sign up on the bulletin board inside the back entrance. Everyone will meet at Vernon Downs for dinner at 6pm. Reservations and money must be turned in (to the church office) by June 7.

COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL AND MAY:

- A \$71 profit was realized from the Easter Breakfast
- Atonement received a \$1000 grant from the ELCA Church in Society committee to help defray costs of Wednesday church night.
- Four people are being confirmed on Pentecost.
- Atonement's representatives to the Upstate NY Synod Convention are: Carole Barr, Sharon Hothem, and Jay Berry.
- At each meeting the council reviews staff reports and the budget.

**DON'T FORGET!
YOUTH-AND-FAMILY FAITH
WALK AND PICNIC**

Celebrate Pentecost by joining the Atonement Youth on their second annual Faith Walk and picnic. The event will also include a shorter nature walk for the Atonement Sunday School and Wednesday Kid's Church children.

The entire Atonement Congregation, the young and the young at heart, are welcome to attend. Come join us and help us celebrate our youth and children

Meet at the church at 4pm on Saturday, May 30. Please let us know you are coming so we have enough hotdogs. Sign-up will be posted on the bulletin board outside the coffee shop.

QUESTIONS: Call Pr. Rodgers (492-9065) or e-mail PrRodgers@earthlink.net; or call Judy Holmes (673-9393 after 6 p.m.) or e-mail EWHolmes@att.net.

**IS THERE A GRADUATION
COMING IN YOUR FAMILY?**

Do you know someone in the Atonement family, and/or your family who is graduating from highschool or college this spring, please let us know! Send email to june@alcsyracuse.org, call the church office at 492-9065, or put a note in the "Graphic Arts" mailbox in the church office-by May 28.

Lutheran Charities Appeal



This year, Lutheran Charities Appeal asks you for your support of these eight special ministries. Each helps and serves in its own way, but all need your help to continue. Your opportunity to give in 2009 will be on these upcoming Sundays:

May 24



The Samaritan Counseling Center provides therapy and support to people who cannot afford it.



The Vanderkamp Center is a camp & retreat center located north of Oneida Lake



The Watertown Urban Mission is an ecumenical outreach to the poor and the powerless in Jefferson County.



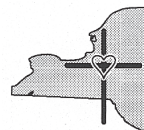
The Lutheran Campus Ministry at Syracuse University meets the needs of students, faculty, & staff through worship, education, and counseling.



The LutheranCare Ministries Network - Your gifts provide spiritual care and counsel to the residents of all Lutheran Care facilities in Clinton, NY.



Applesed Scene 1 is a community theatre ministry of Atonement Lutheran Church whose mission is to further the cause of the arts and grow to provide resources and education for the community.



The Ministry of the Central Crossroads Conference provides care for rostered leaders and supports congregations, especially during pastoral vacancies. Annual events offer training, inspiration, and opportunities for fellowship.



The Food Pantry is a partnership between First Presbyterian and Our Savior Lutheran Churches which covers the inner city area around these two churches in Utica

Offering envelopes are available in your Offering Envelope Box or at worship on all these Sundays.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 24, 2009



5:15 PM (Saturday) Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Suarez, Preaching
 8:30 AM (Sunday) Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Suarez,, Preaching
 10:45 AM (Sunday) Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Suarez,, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (5/24)

8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 9:30 AM Sunday Church School (Classrooms)
 10:45 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 12:00 PM Drum Instruction (Sanctuary)
 7:00 PM Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (5/25)

11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
 12:00 PM Forum Set (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY (5/26)

8:00 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
 5:30 PM Parenting Classes (Chapel & Conference Room)
 7:00 PM Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY (5/27)

10:00 AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
 5:30 PM Wednesday Church Night Activities (See box)
 6:00 PM CDA Classes (Chapel)
 7:00 PM Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY (5/28)

5:00 PM A Night of Literacy (Gym)
 7:00 PM Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (5/30)

12:00 PM Forum Choreography (Fellowship Hall)
 5:15 PM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
 6:15 PM Christian Education Classes (Fabius)

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
MINISTER	10:45am	Gary Stensland
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Carolyn Schramm
	10:45am	June Quackenbush
USHERS	8:30am	Baxter Simmons & David Rodgers*
	10:45am	Missy Wilber & Bill Kemp*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SRVRS	8:30am	Sydney Woods
	10:45am	Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
	10:45am	Missy Wilber
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Betty Suarez & Carolyn Schramm
	10:45am	Don Brown & Jessica Fitzgibbon
READERS	8:30am	Betty Suarez
	10:45am	Karen Veverka
GREETERS	8:30am	Ken Greig
FLOWER DELIVERY		Deacon Karen Douglass

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember members and friends of Atonement in your prayers.

Community Hospital

John Geis

St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee, WI

Dan Stupich (Secretary Laura Light's brother)

Hospital Richmond, VA

Joshua Woods (Kathy and Peter Woods' nephew)

Duke University Hospital

Tom Casey (Peggy Gaetz' cousin)

At Home or in a nursing home

Sharon Hothem

Edward Potter (June Quackenbush's father)

Active Duty Service Personnel

Mike Breedlove (deployed in the Pacific – USS Mustin), Scot Carpenter (Ft. Eustis, VA), James Ferguson III (Iraq), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (29 Palms, CA), Chris Millhouse (Fort Gordon, GA), Justin Randall (Quantico, VA), Jeff Rodgers (Iraq), Daniel Strumlok (Quantico, VA)

MAY 27 We know it's a bit unusual but, Wednesday night church is about to take a summer vacation.
 WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT May 27 is the day the Wednesday night program will wrap up for the season.

Dinner at 5:30 followed by worship at 6:15 that include the celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

Come and welcome these nest members of of God's fold!

Of course, the Wednesday night program will begin again on September 9th.

Until then, remember that the church never takes a vacation from worship. There are not only opportunities every weekend but on Thursday evening in the summer as well.

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Ascension of Our Lord Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Su	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
F	Psalm 47 Exodus 24:15-18 Revelation 1:9-18	M	Psalm 115 Exodus 28:29-38 Philippians 1:3-11
Sa	Psalm 47 Deuteronomy 34:1-7 John 16:4-11	Tu	Psalm 115 Numbers 8:5-22 Titus 1:1-9
		W	Psalm 115 Ezra 9:5-15 John 16:16-24

CHANGES IN "OUR CHURCH FAMILY" IN THE MESSENGER - A REMINDER

In the first Messenger of the month, *all* members and friends—those with critical needs and those with long term or ongoing needs for prayer—will be listed. As will all service personnel will be listed both active duty and reserves.

For the rest of the month, the Our Church Family in the Messenger will only list those in the hospital and those with critical needs. Active duty service people will also be listed every week.

The Sunday bulletins and website will continue to list everyone in our church family needing our prayers.