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THE ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# Messenger

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



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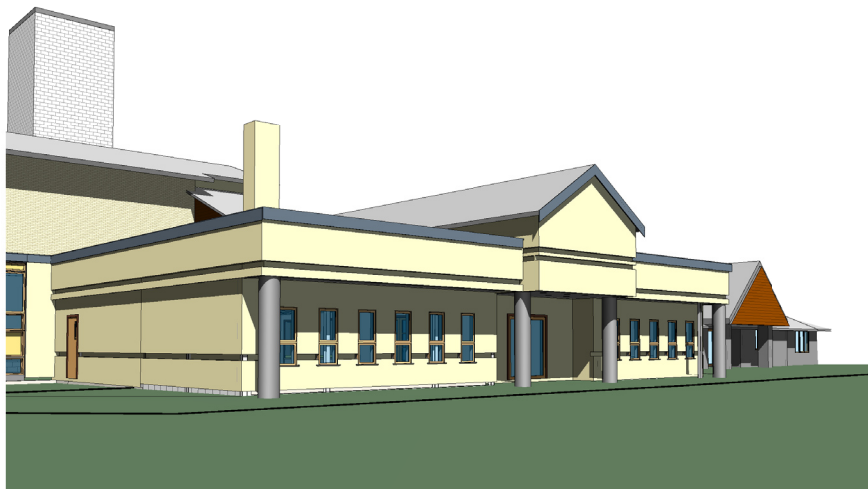
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**On Sunday, June 1st at 9:30 AM there will be a Special Congregational Meeting** to receive a recommendation from the Church Council about a package of renovations to the church building. There is one informational forum remaining:

**Sunday May 25th at 11:45am** – Following the 10:45am Service

A full report, including all the financial projections, will also be mailed to each household prior to the special congregational meeting this week. If you haven't received a copy before the June 1 meeting, you will be able to pick one up prior to the start of the meeting.

The full content of the proposal will also be available on the Atonement website this week at <http://www.alcsyracuse.org/renovations.php>

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## SUMMER THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 5

May 28 will be the last Wednesday Church Night for the season. We will resume in September. Thursday Informal Worship will begin on Thursday, June 5 with Worship at 7:00pm, in the Chapel, preceded by a picnic supper in the Coffee Shop at 6pm. If your summer weekends are busy, please join us for this mid-week service.

And, please join us Wednesday night, May 28, for a special evening of worship, fellowship, and praise. A full turkey dinner will begin at 5:30pm, followed by a worship celebration at 6:30 with the Sunday Praise band playing (no recreation or adult class this week).

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

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

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Rose Camerata (Eleanora Ott's friend), Jennifer Cornish Genovese, Tom Fitzsimmons (Jay Berry's friend), Evelyn Goings, Loretta Golden (Erik Holmgren's mother-in-law), Judy Howell (Pat Strong's friend), Dorothy Phillips, George Schmoezer (Margie Tracy's brother-in-law), Betty Theel, Jimmy Turner (Sara Richter's father), Sandy Walters

### **Those in the armed services**

Mike Breedlove (Pensacola, FL), Scott Carpenter, Travis Carpenter, Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (Paris Island, SC), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Chris Nillhouse (Korea), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

*Congratulations to Matthew Bleichert and Aileen Marie (Hamm) Bleichert who were married on May 17th.*

*Sympathy is extended to the family of Henrietta Paterek. Her funeral was conducted by Pr. Suarez on May 27th.*

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*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.*



## A NIGHT OF LITERACY

MAY 29, 2008

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Atonement Child Care Center

Book Sale - Book Prizes - Door Prizes

Bring the young ones and share the gift of reading.

## MESSENGER IS GOING ON VACATION!

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no Messenger published on May 27. Regular schedule will resume on June 3. Deadline for content submission for the June 3 issue is Friday, May 30.



## 2ND ANNUAL ATONEMENT CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

Don't miss our second annual Atonement Church School Family Picnic. Good food, fellowship and a not-to-be missed nature walk on the park trails. Rain or Shine (barring torrential downpours).

WHEN: Sunday, June 1

TIME: Immediately following second church service

WHERE: Clarks Reservation State Park, Jamesville Road, Picnic pavilion near parking lot

WHO: All Atonement children, teens and their families are welcome.

BRING: Please bring a dish to pass. Hotdogs and beverage will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: Clarks Reservation charges a \$6 per car parking fee. We can carpool from Atonement, if you let us know you are coming.

QUESTIONS AND RSVP: Please let us know you are coming so we will be sure to have enough hotdogs. Because this is a FAMILY picnic, parents or other adult guardians must accompany children and teens unless you make prior arrangements with the contact people listed below.

Contact: Judy Holmes at 673-9393 (after 6 p.m.), Janet Holmgren (677-3846) or Pr. Rodgers (492-9065).



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS WITH SUPPLIES FROM HOME

The Crafty Ladyes, acting on a suggestion from Jerry Holbrook, are collecting items to send to our service men and women. Please drop items off in the church office.

Items needed include:

- Crackers
- Hard candy and gum
- AA batteries
- Soft drink mixes
- Moistened hand wipes
- Small notebooks
- Stationery
- Journals
- Pens/Pencils/Markers
- Canned tuna
- Slim Jims
- Chapstick
- Raisins
- Nuts
- Toilet tissue
- Kleenex (small packages)
- Ankle socks
- Antipersperant

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Scott Kennedy, William Anson
- 3 John Geis, Sean Walsh, Sirena Morgan
- 7 Laura Hurley
- 9 Barbara Nelson, Michael Strumlok, Erik Young
- 10 Robert Keil, Terry Gore, Theresa Rice
- 11 Allyson Fox, Ivy Casler
- 12 Caleb Hillman
- 13 Steven Galaska, Linus Ressler, Tyler Carry, Matthew Cox, Tracy Rosenbarker, Jay Stone
- 14 Ingrid Smith, Nancy Walsh, Willie Monds, Shirley Marshall, Marissa Smith
- 15 Michael Smith, Sabrina Rehm
- 16 Signe Nelson, Rhiannon Randall
- 17 Tamara Springer
- 18 Fredrick Hill, Jr., Clara Doerle
- 19 Evan Loehr, Adlai (Bill) Wheeless
- 21 Mark Huston, Sr.
- 22 James Christensen, Morgan Mrozek, Ashley Casler
- 23 Elizabeth Russell, Zachary Riker
- 24 Linda J. Galaska, Michele Lindor
- 25 Ernst Hantke, D. Nicole Fatherly, Evan Mrozek
- 26 William Hanlon, Michelle Knaack, Charles LaDuca
- 28 Janet Holmgren
- 29 Cherrae Lynch
- 30 Alexandrea Kennedy, Kathy Cavallo, Samantha Kluchiewicz, Howard Besig, Cale Schad
- 31 David A. Edmonds, Christine Gaetz Bauer

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Donald & Nancy Hamilton (1965)
- 4 William & Marcia Gessler (1964)
- 8 Carl & Elizabeth Morgan (2000)
- 9 Horst & Linda Koslowsky (1982)
- Jennifer and Andrew Hazeltine (2005)
- 11 Susan & Timothy Marshall (1998)
- 13 Steve & Lynn Strumlok (1974)
- Thomas and Susan Johnson (2002)
- 16 Scott & Patricia Wells (1994)
- 27 Lisa & Scott Kniffin (1996)
- 28 Brent & Katie Rodgers (2002)
- 31 Michele & Edward Curtis (1998)
- Kimberly & Scott Kennedy (1999)

## GRADUATION TIME IS NEARING!

...and we would like to recognize our graduates. If you have a family member graduating in May or June (highschool, college, or "other"!), please send the information to [june@alcsyracuse.org](mailto:june@alcsyracuse.org) and we'll include them in the June 10 Messenger. Send that email by June 1 to make sure your graduate is included!

## FRESH FROM THE FARM!



"Farm Fresh" a partnership with PEACE will bring a Farmer's Market to our Parking Lot each week this summer.

Starting June 3, the Mobile Farmers Market will be in the Atonement parking lot Tuesday afternoons. Read more details

here as soon as they become available.

## CRAFTY LADYES NEED YOUR HELP!



The Crafty Ladyes would appreciate any wide mouth pint-size canning jars you have. Please leave them in the designated box in the Coffee Shop. Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS BETH!

We are pleased to announce that Beth Arthur has been awarded the Herman L. Joachim Graduate Fellowship for 2008-2009. Beth is a graduate student in the Department of Paper and Bioprocess Engineering - a program sponsored by SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse University, and Lemoyne College.

Congratulations Beth - and keep up the great work!

## THANK YOU FROM THE ACTII PRISON MINISTRY:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$60 to the ACT II Prison Ministry. We are grateful for your generosity in sponsoring our weekend in the Cayuga Correctional Facility. The materials of fresh fruit to keep the residents alert and refreshed through the day are much appreciated.

The team has been busy preparing for this journey for some months now and we are blessed to be able to share Christ in this environment. We look forward to sharing God's love and grace with the residents at the Cayuga Correctional Facility....

- Tom and Mary O'Conner and the ACT II Team 2008

## 1ST ANNUAL BIKE BLESSING

May 17th turned out to be a perfect day for a motorcycle ride in the country - right after the 1st Annual Bike Blessing in Fabius.

The event was well-attended, and certainly well-enjoyed!



# Lutheran Charities Appeal



This year, Lutheran Charities Appeal asks you for your support of these seven special ministries. Each helps and serves in its own way, but all need your help to continue. You still have the opportunity to give on Sunday, May 25.



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



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



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



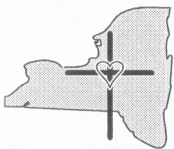
**The Lutheran Campus Ministry** at Syracuse University meets the needs of students, faculty, and staff through worship, education, and counseling.



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



**Appleseed 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. Three or more annual events on the conference territory offer training, inspiration, and opportunities for fellowship.

*Offering envelopes are available in your Offering Envelope Box or at worship on Sunday.*

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## VANDERKAMP NEWS

Come and get it....at Vanderkamp's Benefit Barbecue on Saturday, May 31. An afternoon of camp fun with swimming, boating, games, crafts, and musical entertainment. A free will offering to benefit the Campership Fund (a fund that supports children who need financial assistance to attend camp) will be collected. For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact Vanderkamp at 315-675-3651.

## CENTRAL CROSSROADS ASSEMBLY

On May 8th, we (Deacon Jay Berry, Deacon Karen Douglass, and Dan Randall) attended the Central Crossroads Spring Assembly along with Pastor Gaetz, Pastor Rodgers, and Vicar Richter. The meeting was conducted by Dean Gaetz who began it with a service of the word.

The major business of the day was voting for various positions:

- The Rev. John VanHanneghan (St. Stephen, Syracuse) was elected Dean on the third ballot. He will take over the position from Dean Gaetz on July 1st.
- Ms Susan Sterner (St. Mark's, Baldwinsville) was elected as lay member to the Synod Council, who help to oversee the work of the Upstate NY Synod.
- ELCA 2009 Assembly representatives were also elected:
  - Mark Betely (Our Saviour, Utica) was elected lay representative. Donald Mills (Good Shepherd, Fayetteville) was elected alternate lay representative.
  - Pastor Ann Zimmerman (Trinity, Herkimer) was elected clergy representative and The Reverend Nelson Gaetz was elected alternate clergy alternate representative.
- Elected to the conference cabinet, those who oversee the work of our conference, were
  - Mr. Jeffrey Pelletier (St. Michael's, Camillus) and Ms Kathy Moragne (Trinity, Herkimer) as lay delegates
  - The Rev James Shaud (St. Paul's, Redwood and Evangelical, Orleans Four Corners) and The Rev James Doyle (Faith, Cicero) as clergy members

The assembly also received information on Lutheran Charities, Mission Partners, and a clothing drive held by First English, Syracuse (to gather unwanted clothes from SU students to deliver in the Syracuse community).

We will be attending the Synod Assembly on June 8-10 in Rochester—and will report back!

*- Jay Berry, Karen Douglass,  
and Dan Randall*



## 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - MAY 25, 2008

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

### WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY (5/25)

8:30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
10:45am	Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

#### MONDAY (5/26)

Memorial Day Holiday - Office and Child Care Center closed

#### WEDNESDAY (5/28)

10:00am	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
5:30pm	Wednesday Night Closing Activities (See box)

#### THURSDAY (5/29)

5:00pm	Night of Literacy (Gym)
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### ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am	Vicar Richter
	10:45am	Janet Holmgren
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	David Rodgers
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
USHERS	8:30am	Joanne & Paul* Claeys
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Missy Wilber & Karen Douglass*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Eion Holmes
	10:45am	Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
	10:45am	Missy Wilber & Desi Recore
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Ross & Chuck Kennedy
	10:45am	Sue Scharoun & Jessica Fitzgibbon
READERS	8:30am	David Rodgers
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
GREETERS	8:30am	Jeanette Greig
FLOWER DELIVERY		Deacon Karen Douglass

### WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - 5/29

Special schedule on May 28th to end the program year:  
 Full turkey dinner at 5:30 PM  
 Worship celebration at 6:30 PM Sunday Praise band.  
 (No recreation or class)

### 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### ISAIAH 49:8-16A

I am struck by the imagery in v.15 in this section. As I write this, it is before Mother's day, and I'm thinking about how God acts as a mother or a parent. And here we have this passage from the prophet Isaiah, who is speaking to a group of people who have been exiled to the faraway land of Babylon. And the people are probably wondering "what's happened to God? Has God forgotten us?" And God, through Isaiah, gives them comfort. And the image that is used is of a mother and her newborn child, or a pregnant woman with child. Can a mother forget a child, or show no compassion to her child? And God is even more faithful. To people who are hurting, this is a wonderful message.

With the devastation in Myanmar, the new violence in Lebanon, as well as ongoing violence in many places around the world, and the economic instability in our country and world, we can also ask where God is, that maybe God has forgotten us. But God is faithful, and will keep God's promises. Good news for turbulent worlds.

Let us pray, Compassionate God, you keep your promises and bless your people. Be with us as we deal with the struggles of this world, and strengthen

### BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 131 Proverbs 12:22-28 Philippians 2:19-24
F	Psalm 131 Isaiah 26:1-6 Philippians 2:25-30
Sa	Psalm 131 Isaiah 31:1-9 Luke 11:14-23
Su	Isaiah 49:8-16a Psalm 131 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34
M	Psalm 104 Deuteronomy 32:1-14 Hebrews 10:32-39
Tu	Psalm 104 1 Kings 17:1-16 1 Corinthians 4:6-21
W	Psalm 104 Isaiah 66:7-13 Luke 12:22-31

### 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
5:00pm	Driscoll
5:05pm	Hoofer
5:15pm	Sabine

#### 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

### SO, YOU THOUGHT EASTER WAS REALLY EARLY THIS YEAR?

Well, you were right. This year's March 23 Easter is the earliest Resurrection Sunday that most of us will ever see. Only the very elderly of our population has ever seen it this early before. The next time Easter will be that early will be in 2228 (220 years from now!). The last time it was so early, it fell on March 23 in 1913.



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- 9:00am Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
- 10:45am Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY (6/3)

- 8:00am Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)

### WEDNESDAY (6/4)

- 10:00am Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)

### THURSDAY (6/5)

- 6:00pm Summer Dinner (Coffee Shop)
- 7:00pm Summer Worship (Chapel)

## BIBLE READINGS

- Th Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24  
Exodus 24:1-8  
Romans 2:17-29
- F Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24  
Deuteronomy 30:1-5  
Romans 9:6-13
- Sa Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24  
Amos 2:6-11  
Matthew 7:1-6
- Su Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28  
Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24  
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 [29-31]  
Matthew 7:21-29
- M Psalm 52  
Joshua 8:30-35  
Romans 2:1-11
- Tu Psalm 52  
Joshua 24:1-2, 11-28  
Romans 3:9-22a
- W Psalm 52  
Job 28:12-28  
Matthew 7:13-20

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## 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### DEUTERONOMY 11:18-21, 26-28

This passage is fascinating, especially because of how it has been understood in different ways. There are some Orthodox Jews who take this passage very seriously, especially v. 18-21, which speak of binding God's commandments on one's forehead and hand. They have small boxes called tefillin, which they attach with leather straps on their wrists and their heads. In them they carry the most important commandments. It allows them to stay devout by seeing the box either in the mirror, when it moves on their head as they walk, or as they shake hands, reach for something, or pay for something. When it is written on the posts of the house you see it as you enter and when you leave.

Now, I'm not suggesting that we all wear little boxes on our heads. But there is something powerful about recognizing how the commandments of God can dramatically change the way we behave, the way we treat others, the way we live in a way that is God-loving and other-focused. And it happens in the choices that we make: what we buy, what we do, and our interactions and conversations with others. So, let us put the words of God in our hearts and our souls.

Let us pray, Holy God, you gave us your commandments to take care of us and order our lives. Remind us of the blessings that come from loving you and

## COMING JUNE 8-BECOME A FRIEND

On June 8, the Women of the ELCA will be appealing for Friends of the Lutheran Homes after each service.

Become a "FRIEND" for \$5 and help support activities to brighten the day of our friends living in Lutheran Homes.

More information will be in the Messenger June 3.