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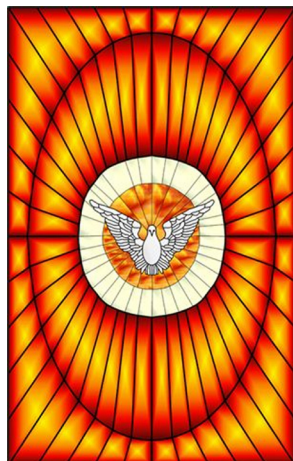
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Come celebrate the third great festival of the church year and support the confirmands who have completed two years of concentrated study in preparation for affirming their baptisms.

We'll celebrate Pentecost at the 8:30am service at Atonement and the Saturday evening service at St. Paul's Fabius (at 5:15).

Then, you are invited to celebrate both Pentecost and Confirmation at the 10:45am service at Atonement.

Congratulations to our confirmands and their families:

- Austin Draper
- Angelique Hamilton
- Shawn Langdon
- Evan Mrozek

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR RSVP?....

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: The **only** service this weekend will be the 10am service honoring Pastor Suarez.

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

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.

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.

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.

LITERACY & HEAD START



Do you know someone who could use a little one-on-one help with their reading skills? Do they need to develop reading skills?

Receive one-on-one help with reading and go at your own pace.

Contact the Family Worker of Head Start, Andrea Bernard, right here at Atonement. 701-1867

Details:

- Once a week, each Wednesday, July 1-August 6.
- 5:00-7:00pm with dinner at 5:00.

SUMMER THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 11

Thursday Informal Worship will begin on Thursday, June 11 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.



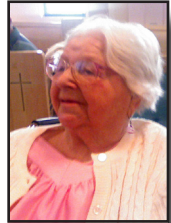
Don't forget to pick up your geraniums! they will be ready for pickup following the Saturday evening service at St. Paul's Fabius and the Sunday 10:45am service at Atonement.

June  **BIRTHDAYS**
THIS MONTH

- 1 Joyce Ellis, Edward Skellan, Emelia Jamison, Allen Aberdeen, Roxanna Randall, Angelique Warren
- 2 Gudrun Koslowsky, Kaylia Jones
- 3 Bryan Bassett
- 4 Karen Christenson, Violet Harfmann
- 5 Timothy Schilling, Rachel Kennedy
- 6 Sarah Carter
- 8 Lynn Strumlok, Douglas Siddall
- 11 Brenda Wilber, Jasen Bassett, Shane Casler
- 13 Karen Pranis, Heather (Kniffin) Well- ing, Jose Fuentes
- 14 Robin Kenedy, James Quackenbush, Wilfred Batsford, Holly Boname
- 15 Michelle Curtis, Robert Dodd
- 16 Ryan June
- 17 Steven Olney, Heather Ross Williams
- 18 Sebel Gebru, Connie Rodriguiz, Drew Scharoun
- 19 Ben Ryan
- 20 Linda Wilber, Jay Berry, Dorothy Phil- lips, Jennifer Walsh, Viola Bradley
- 21 Christopher Karins, Elizabeth Hurley, Cathy Kelley, Debra Nelson
- 22 Anne Mackenzie
- 23 Betty Theel, Eliana Naki Reese
- 24 Frank Kniffin, Guenther Niebuhr, Ruth Veverka
- 25 Robert Mahaney, Kristen Edmonds, Nathan Phillips, Michael Fuentes, Desiree Pecore
- 26 Dianne Judge, Timothy Cox, Stepha- nie Johnson, Taylor Anne Ferrara, Ronald Jones
- 28 William Smith

CONGRATULATIONS MARGE!

Marge Tracy turned 94 on Monday, May 25!



When you see her, be sure to wish her a be- lated happy birthday...



- June
- 1 Michael & Talatha Monds (2002)
John & Kristen Gunsalus (2002)
 - 5 Melissa & Robert Cascanett, II (1999)
 - 7 Tommy and Jennifer Magee (2003)
 - 14 Debbie & Tom Pauls (1986)
 - 18 James & Dianne Judge (1977)
 - 20 Patricia & Michael Davis (1993)
 - 22 Gary & Renee Nuzzo Jr. (1997)
Michael & Patricia Clough (2002)
 - 26 Charles & Cheryl Mango (1999)
 - 27 Robert & Carol Mahaney (1964)
 - 29 Heinz & Charlotte Aserian (1957)
Brigitte & Guenter Niebuhr (1957)
Pastor Dawn & David Rodgers (1974)

IS THERE A GRADUATION COMING IN YOUR FAMILY?

Do you know someone in the Atonement family, and/or your family who is graduat- ing 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.

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



Good Works- \gud wuhrks\ What you do because you don't have to do anything.

Your friend invites you to dinner. You ask, "What can I bring?" Your friend answers, "Nothing; there is nothing you can bring. I've got it all covered."

Out of gratitude, you bring something any- way.

Now, read this article again. But...

For "friend" substitute "Lord."

For "invites you to dinner" substitute "saves you from your sins."

For "bring" substitute "do."

**The entry above was taken from the book Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuff Dictionary of Theological Terms, edited by Rolf A. Jacob- son, a professor at Luther Seminary. He has given me permission to do so.

I just couldn't help but share this with you. It makes me laugh out loud every time I read it because it is so true. We know we can't earn God's love. We know there is nothing we can do to make God love us any more or any less. But we keep trying, don't we? And it's sort of fun to try and is often our point of drawing breath some days. Yet, we can be assured that our good works (or our bad works, for that matter) do not hinge on how God feels about us.

That's good news.

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP - JUNE 2009

<i>Service</i>	<i>Acolyte/ Altar Server</i>	<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Ushers *Elevator Operator</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Altar Care</i>	<i>Flower Delivery</i>
June 7 10:00 AM	Abigail Wood Casey & Stacie Draper	Merikay Harper	Kevin Smith	Jeanette & Ken Greig	Baxter Simmons Steve Strumlok*	Harriet Walters	Karen Douglass	Karen Douglass
June 14 8:30 AM	Adam Wood	Jon Wilson	Lynn Strumlok	Phyllis & David Rodgers	Jeanette & Ken* Greig	Bobbie Mettler	Peggy Gaetz	Jeanette & Ken Greig
June 14 10:45 AM	Dennis Walker	Kevin Smith	Sue Scharoun	Karen Veverka Kevin Smith	Sue Scharoun* Barb Lasky		Barb Lasky	
June 21 8:30 AM	Evelyn Hyde	Carole Barr	Linda Owens	Carole Barr Merikay Harper	Pat Simmons Sol. Williams*	Robyn Scharoun	Louise Brown	Karen Douglass
June 21 10:45 AM	Desi Pecore	Missy Wilber	Jay Stone	Casey Draper Louise Brown	Don Brown Bill Kemp*		Missy Wilber Desi Pecore	
June 28 8:30 AM	Sydney Woods	Carolyn Schramm	Betty Suarez	Nate Woods Carolyn Schramm	Joanne Claeys Baxter Simmons*	Jeanette Greig	June Quackenbush	Pastor Suarez
June 28 10:45 AM	James Stanford	Gary Stensland	Karen Veverka	Stacie Draper Missy Wilber	Louise Brown Austin Draper*		Pat Strong	

PENTECOST - MAY 31, 2009

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

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am	Linda Owens
	10:45am	Deacon Jay Berry
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Kevin Smith
	10:45am	Gary Stensland
USHERS	8:30am	Steve Strumlok* & Baxter Simmons
	10:45am	Karen Douglass & Barbara Lasky*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SRVRS	8:30am	Dennis Walker
	10:45am	Eion Holmes
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Peggy Gaetz
	10:45am	Barbara Lasky
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Roberta Mettler & Kevin Smith
	10:45am	Louise & Don Brown
READERS	8:30am	Karen Veverka
	10:45am	Vicar Aase
GREETERS	8:30am	Harriet Walters
FLOWER DELIVERY		Jeanette & Ken Greig

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (5/31)

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)
12:00 PM	Forum Set (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM	Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (6/1)

Office closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday
7:00 PM Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY (6/2)

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

WEDNESDAY (6/3)

10:00 AM	Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
6:00 PM	CDA Classes (Chapel)
7:00 PM	Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY (6/4)

6:00 PM	Forum Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
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SATURDAY (6/5)

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Effective immediately, all new entries on the Sanctuary Light (red candle in the main church) Memorial list will need to have a donation of \$15 per month (\$4 per week.) The cost of the candles has just gone up dramatically and we regret that we must pass the cost along. This increase will not impact those memorials already made. Thanks for your understanding.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Update on the two remaining renovation projects:

1. The windows installation should have started this week. Well, you may have heard that a truck turned over north of the city last week. Our windows were on that truck! Every one of them was damaged. The factory is re-making them and will rush to deliver them so we still get them installed this summer.
2. The story on the back entry is not as positive. The city has rejected our request for a building permit AGAIN! This time it is because they are asking for some nine pages of documentation about the two pillars that will hold up the very small portico roof over the new back doors. We hope to get this resolved soon—but it is impossible to estimate when.

Note that we still need your generous support because the work will happen and the bills will start arriving. So, if you have not made a contribution this year, please do so as soon as possible, especially if you qualify for Thrivent match.

BUS NEWS

As you are probably aware, the church bus has been ailing. It seems like every week there is a new malady. This week we had two: a hose leading to the power steering pump and tires for the front end came to about \$300. No big deal by itself, but with chronic repairs, it would feel better to spend the money on a newer vehicle. Vicar Aase is hard at work tracking down a replacement bus and may have found one—but we will still need to make a down payment. SO... if you have a few dollars burning a hole in your pocket, how about a contribution to the Bus Fund?

Just for the record... about 30 people ride the bus each week, people who have no other way to get to church.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember members and friends of Atonement in your prayers.

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

Pam Coppola (Directory, Atonement Childcare Center), John Geis, Sharon Hothem, Edward Potter (June Quackenbush's father), Reva Kieffer (in Texas)

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)

Sympathy is extended to Jon Wilson and family on the death of Jon's uncle, Hugo Buehring on May 20.

Sympathy is extended to Lisa Rushlow, day care staff, on the death of her grandmother Louise DeStefano.

On May 17, we welcomed Payton Jessik Abbott into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Baptism. Her parents are Craig and Christina (Nelson) Abbott. Godparents are Erik Nelson & Jessica Nelson.