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Last Sunday was Vicar Aaron Richter's last worship with us. Friends from Atonement gathered with friends from OVPC to wish him well. Below are some parting words from Aaron:

As I was thinking about the end of internship, I was thinking on this past week's Gospel reading of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5000+ and how this connected with this experience. And it occurred to me that the language of feeding and a great feast is a great metaphor for this year. Sarah and I have felt fed, encouraged, and enriched by this experience, and we are thankful and appreciative for the wealth of experiences, connections, and friendships we have made this year. I take away from this experience a new understanding of how God works and moves in congregations, especially those in the city. Thank you, each and every one of you for these great gifts. God's blessings, riches, and grace be with you.



Sunday mORning LiVE!

August 24 and 31
10:45am

SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY..or so the song says.

It is also our chance to catch the television reruns of our favorite programs that we missed during the year or want to see again.

Like television programs, worship services also get recycled.

So, 10:45 on Sunday, August 24 and 31, we will have the opportunity to revisit SUNDAY MORNING LIVE... the "contemporary" worship service

that was offered here at Atonement from 1996 thru 2004.

Those for whom SUNDAY MORNING LIVE was their worship of choice will need no introduction...for others let me say it is a service that includes the familiar elements of "gathering", "song", "word", "meal" and "sending" in an informal and abbreviated form. God is always our primary focus in worship! SUNDAY MORNING LIVE, like any worship form, is just one more way to help us do that.



13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - AUGUST 10, 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	Holy Communion Service, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	10:45am	Gary Stensland
	8:30am	TBA
	10:45am	Missy Wilber
USHERS	8:30am	Joann Claeys & Solomon Williams*
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Karen Douglass* & Don Brown
ACOLYTES/ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	TBA
	10:45am	Stacie Draper
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Carole Barr
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Kevin Smith & TBA
	10:45am	Missy Wilber & Margaret Kenyon
READERS	8:30am	Pam Haumann
	10:45am	Jay Stone
GREETER	8:30am	Jeanette Greig
FLOWER DELIVERY		Jeanette & Ken Greig

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (8/10)
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)
12:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Goodbye Charlie Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY (8/11)
6:30pm Goodbye Charlie Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Church Council (Coffee Shop)
TUESDAY (8/12)
6:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY (8/13)
10:00am Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
12:00pm Jolly Dollys & Gents (Fellowship Hall)
5:00pm Healthy Couples Classes (Conference Room)
6:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)
THURSDAY (8/14)
6:00pm Summer Dinner (Coffee Shop)
7:00pm Summer Worship (Chapel)
SATURDAY (7/16)
11:00am Goodbye Charlie Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
2:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCENE ONE "SEASON"



The Scene One program presented its sixth annual original summer production on July 25 and 26 to large and appreciative audiences. Entitled "Frantastic Voyage: Tales From the Data Buffer", the completely original sci-fi comedy follows the adventures of a stressed high school senior after she is pulled inside her own computer while attempting to locate a missing term paper; she befriends many well known programs and enlists their aid in her search, as well as foiling the plot of a rogue program intent on infecting the system with a dangerous virus, all before her adventures finally lead her home.

This year, twenty-one young adults participated, hailing from eleven different schools, and ranging in age from high school freshmen to college juniors. Their efforts were focused by Scene One staff Greg and Pam Hipius and Noelle Files, with the aid of visiting theatre veterans Ted Limpert, Terry LaCasse, and Meg Flanagan.

Made possible in part by funding from the Lutheran Charities Annual Appeal, the program provides a unique summer theatre opportunity to high school and college aged young adults (an otherwise under-served age group). Participants entirely conceive of, write, edit, cast, stage, and perform their original production over the course of two months, beginning

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 85:8-13	Sun continued...	
	1 Kings 18:1-16	Romans 10:5-15	
	Acts 17:10-15	Matthew 14:22-33	
F	Psalm 85:8-13	M	Psalm 18:1-19
	1 Kings 18:17-19		Genesis 7:11—8:5
	Acts 18:24-28		2 Peter 2:4-10
Sa	Psalm 85:8-13	Tu	Psalm 18:1-19
	1 Kings 18:41-46		Genesis 19:1-29
	Matthew 16:1-4		Romans 9:14-29
Su	1 Kings 19:9-18	W	Psalm 18:1-19
	Psalm 85:8-13		Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24
			Matthew 8:23-27

SUNDAY BUS SCHEDULE

9:00am Lodi	9:50am Hoeffler
9:15am Presidential Plaza	9:55am Lincoln
9:20am Toomey Abbott	10:10am Thurber
9:30am Arrive Church	10:15am Loretto
9:45am Leave Church	10:30am Arrive Church

with weekly meetings and ending with three weeks of daily rehearsals before the final production.

The program provides the flexibility to serve many needs, with challenges and experiences deep enough to stretch the talents of theatre veterans, but also the safe and relaxed atmosphere and setting to provide first-timers with a comfortable and nurturing environment in which to take their first steps onstage, as well as a more informal positive outlet during the summer for busy young adults. In addition to their work directly on the show, participants are treated to theatre skill building and games from visiting theatre veterans.



14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - AUGUST 17, 2008

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

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (8/17)

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)
 12:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm Goodbye Charlie Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (8/18)

6:30pm Goodbye Charlie Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY (8/19)

8:00am Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
 6:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00pm Healthy Singles Classes (Chapel/Classroom1)
 7:00pm Appleseed Steering Committee (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (8/20)

10:00am Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
 5:00pm Healthy Couples Classes (Conference Room)
 6:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY (8/21)

12:00pm Men in AtonEMENT (Coffee Shop)
 6:00pm Summer Dinner (Coffee Shop)
 6:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00pm Summer Worship (Chapel)
 8:00pm Worship & Music Committee (Coffee Shop)

SATURDAY (8/22)

11:00am Goodbye Charlie Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
 2:00pm Goodbye Charlie Set (Fellowship Hall)

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Things are beginning to move along.

- The furnace has been shut down and is beginning to be dismantled. We are already seeing significant energy savings which is great for our budget—and the environment. The new furnaces will be functional by early fall. Yes we said furnaces, plural. To maximize efficiency, there will be three very small furnaces replacing the one very large one.
- Measurements have been taken for placement of the new furnaces and the air conditioning in the office complex. Note that this air conditioning will serve not only the offices, but the current coffee shop and all the halls. We've been told that this reduction on heat retention will even help the main sanctuary.
- Our electrical people have met with the electrical contractor to insure that the new installation will serve our needs exactly. This work should start within a few weeks and be completed by Labor Day, depending on when we can find a day to "shut the building down" to make the conversion to the new system. (The power will need to be off for some hours while National Grid makes the new connections.)

You might like to know that the work is being done by the same team that did Joslyn Court II – Wolff Garritano, Architect and Rich and Gardner, Contractor. They did a great job for us at Joslyn Court II, where we have had only very minor

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ASSISTING 8:30am Linda Owens
 MINISTER 10:45am Deacon Karen Douglass
 COMMUNION 8:30am David Rodgers
 ASSISTANTS 10:45am Janet Holmgren
 USHERS 8:30am Jeanette & Ken* Greig
 Elevator Op* 10:45am Barbara Lasky & Susan Scharoun
 ACOLYTES/ 8:30am Abigail Wood
 ALTAR SERVERS 10:45am Austin Draper
 ALTAR CARE 8:30am Carole Barr
 10:45am Deacon Karen Douglass
 GIFT BEARERS 8:30am David & Phyllis Rodgers
 10:45am Janet Holmgren & Karen Veverka
 READERS 8:30am Carole Barr
 10:45am Deacon Karen Douglass
 GREETERS 8:30am Roberta Mettler
 FLOWER DELIVERY Deacon Karen Douglass

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 67 Isaiah 45:20-25 Revelation 15:1-4	Sun continued... Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
F	Psalm 67 Isaiah 63:15-19 Acts 14:19-28	M Psalm 87 2 Kings 5:1-14 Acts 15:1-21
Sa	Psalm 67 Isaiah 56:1-5 Matthew 14:34-36	Tu Psalm 87 Isaiah 43:8-13 Romans 11:13-29
Su	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67	W Psalm 87 Isaiah 66:18-23 Matthew 8:1-13

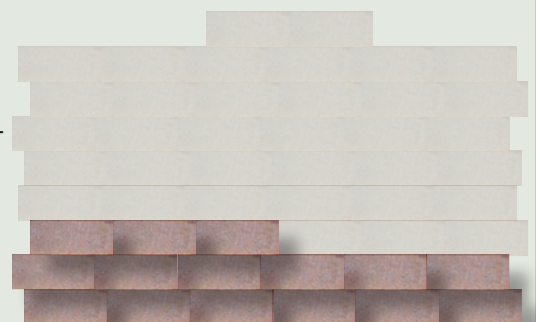
SUMMER THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Can't make it to church on Sunday? Join us on Thursday evenings, with Worship at 7:00pm, in the Chapel, preceded by a picnic supper in the Coffee Shop at 6pm. If your summer week-ends are busy, please join us for this mid-week service.

problems since the completion of construction a year ago. We anticipate the same results with the church renovations.

A number of significant contributions have already been received as well as nearly a 1/3 of the pledges we need! If you have not already made your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not received a pledge card, and would like one, please contact the church office at 492-9065.

We need everyone's support to complete our wall of bricks!



Vacation Church School: Power Lab Learning Fun

Last week 19 children and 12 adults discovered Jesus' power. Through the familiar stories of the 10 lepers, the blind man healed, Peter walking on the water, Jesus cross and tomb, and Pentecost helped all to explore how Jesus gives people the power to be thankful, to be helpful, to be brave, to live forever, and to tell others.

The week was filled with hands-on science based activities. Each day had something surprising that illustrated the bible point of the day. Dry ice made mist and blew bubbles. Liquid starch and white glue mixed together made Slime. Walking on water was made possible with

cornstarch and water which

has unexpected properties. Mentos candy and diet coke create an amazing exploding reaction. Games and songs and themed snacks rounded out the program.

Planning is already beginning for a "Slime Time" fall festival for September or October—where everyone can learn more about Jesus in a fun way.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

At home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Mary Bennett (Joslyn Court I resident), Ryan Bonds (Yvonne Tucker's grand-nephew), Richard Boynton, Charles Hyde (Mary Hyde's Brother), Tom Irwin, Bette Rae Kennedy, Audrey Kent, Bobby Mettler, Barbara Nelson, Eric Peterson (in Schenectady), Dorothy Phillips, Betty Theel, Sandy Walters, Mary Williams (friend of Sharon Hothem)

Those in the armed services

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

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of John Weh-heim. His funeral was conducted by Pr. Gaetz on August 1st at Veterans Cemetery.

We welcome into the Lord's family through baptism Gideon Da-vid Gunsalus, son of John Gunsalus and Kristen Edmonds. His Godparents are Christ Masterpol and Kelly Kelly.



Announcing Appleseed's 2008-09 Season!

Appleseed Productions 16th season will cover genres from riotous farce to horror to science fiction to heartwarming drama to musical comedy and more. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at Noon. *I Shot My Rich Aunt* will have an additional dinner performance on Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10 at 12:30pm.

Goodbye Charlie

By George Axelrod.

Directed by William Edward White

September 12-27, 2008

Charlie was a demon lover, a connoisseur of wines, and the possessor of a fine backhand. He met his end trying to escape through a porthole on a cuckold's yacht. Now Charlie has returned as a woman, and his big problem is changing his personality from male to female. The transformation of attitudes, gestures, and expressions is hilarious. Posing as Charlie's wife, his female reincarnation meets several of his mistresses and begins a collection for a memorial to Charlie, at \$5000 apiece. Meanwhile Charlie's friend has begun to feel a different kind of affection for the new Charlie.

Dracula

By Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston

(from Bram Stoker's novel)

Directed by Patricia Elise Catchouny

October 24 - November 8, 2008

Lucy Seward, whose father is the doctor in charge of an English sanatorium, has been attacked by some mysterious illness. Dr. Van Helsing, a specialist, believes that the girl is the victim of a vampire, a sort of ghost that goes about at night sucking blood from its victims. The vampire is at last found to be a certain Count Dracula, whose ghost is at last laid to rest in a striking and novel manner. One of the great mystery thrillers and generally considered among the best of its kind.

Communicating Doors

By Alan Ayckbourn. Directed by Dan Stevens

December 5-20, 2008

In this intricate time traveling comic thriller, Poopay, a London sex specialist, stumbles into a murder plot that sends her, compliments of a unique set of hotel doors, traveling back in time. She and two women who were murdered in 1998 and 1978 race back and forth in time trying to rewrite history and prevent their own violent ends. The frantic race begins when Poopay is hired for an evening at the Regal Hotel by an old man who eschews a fling in favor of confessing his role in the demise of his wives. Now a target, Poopay flees into the vestibule and somehow triggers the time machine.

To Be Announced...

January 23 - February 7, 2009

The Boys Next Door

By Tom Griffin. Directed by Sharee Lemos

March 13-28, 2009

In a communal residence in New England, under the supervision of an earnest, but increasingly "burned out" young social worker named Jack, live four mentally handicapped men: Norman, who works in a doughnut shop and is unable

to resist the lure of the sweet pastries, takes great pride in the huge bundle of keys that dangles from his waist; Lucien P. Smith has the mind of a five-year-old but imagines that he is able to read and comprehend the weighty books he lugs about; Arnold, the ringleader of the group, is a hyperactive, compulsive chatterer, who suffers from deep-seated insecurities and a persecution complex; while Barry, a brilliant schizophrenic who fantasizes that he is a golf pro. Mingled with scenes from the daily lives of these four, where "little things" sometimes become momentous (and often very funny), are moments of great poignancy when, with touching effectiveness, we are reminded that the handicapped, like the rest of us, want only to love and laugh and find some meaning and purpose in the brief time that they are allotted on this earth.

I Shot My Rich Aunt

By Mark Chandler. Directed by Jon Wilson

May 1-16, 2009

Guests are due at Lady Valonia's stately manor (a castle with a weird history) for the announcement of her nephew Dustin's engagement to Judy Blake. Unluckily, Dustin's former flame also arrives to find out why Dustin dumped her while Judy's brother is persuaded to go shoot at starlings. The family solicitor is on his way to change Valonia's will (out of Dustin's favor) and Judy's school chum Gwendolyn is coming to ensnare Dustin's cousin, a humble clergyman. A stray bullet enters the library and Dustin finds Valonia with a hole in her blouse oozing warm red liquid. By the time he gets help, the body has vanished. Meanwhile, the picketing cooks' and maidservants' unions have raised the drawbridge, entrapping everyone as night falls. The solicitor's wife thinks he's having an affair with Gwendolyn and arrives with horse-whip in hand on the incoming fire engine. Who said the place was on fire? This rollicking romp is a mélange of off the wall farce and near murder mystery.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Directed by Dustin M. Czarny

June 12-27, 2009

This musical takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested, 2000 year old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville, all set to music. The result is a non-stop laugh-fest in which a crafty slave (Pseudolus) struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan (Philia) for his young master (Hero), in exchange for freedom.

For more information on any of these shows or about Appleseed's 2008-09 season, please contact Jon Wilson, at 492-9766 or by sending email to: jonwilson@appleseedproductions.org.