



THE ATONEMENT

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# PASTOR'S LETTER



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Pr. Kevin is gone. His key has been turned in. Accounts he controlled for us have been reassigned. Last connections with leaders and last pastoral care visits have been done. His alb and stoles are gone from the closet we shared in my office.

I admit that thinking about this today feels both a bit daunting, and a bit freeing.

When the Congregation Council met this month we approved an amount for a compensation package for a transition pastor that is a bit less than what we were paying Pr. Kevin. This, along with what we perceive to be our top needs for this pastor to help us cover (like worship leadership & preaching, pastoral care...) have been shared with the synod. We now wait to see what pastors are available in the synod. This could take several months. In the meantime, expect to see some pulpit supply pastors here at Atonement in the near future.

A few notes about some of these terms I've already started to use: "pulpit supply" is the term we use for when a pastor comes in and is paid just to preach and lead worship. The weeks before Sundays we have a pulpit supply pastor I will be using the time that I would spend on sermon preparation on other responsibilities.

A "transition pastor" is like an interim pastor, with one primary difference. When Pr. Lynn was here as our interim pastor she filled the role left open by Pr. Greg when he left, and she also helped lead the process which created our Ministry Site Profile that was shared with candidates such as myself as well as working with the Call Committee on the call process. Transition pastors also fill a role left

open when a pastor leaves, but they do not have any responsibilities related to the call process – I as our senior pastor will have those responsibilities.

As we begin to grow into what comes next, I ask for your patience and your prayers. Until a transition pastor is in place, I will be handling all of our pastoral duties alone. I know that you know I can't do everything that Pr. Kevin and I were doing together. I ask that you remember this when it is your email or phone call that hasn't been returned. And feel free to remind me – I don't get offended if you ask a second time.

Please keep me, our Congregation Council, our staff, and other congregational leaders in your prayers. We are in good hands – but those hands are all a bit busier right now. We appreciate your prayers for wisdom, insight, strength, and patience.

If you have been thinking about getting more involved here at Atonement, this would be a great time to do so. We're still looking for a few people to help with organizing volunteers who help with worship, for volunteers to operate slides, for fellowship volunteers, and for people to help with aspects of pastoral care like our card ministry. You can contact me about any of these things, or contact someone directly involved in the ministry you feel moved to help with.

Our congregation and its ministries are in good hands – and they are in God's hands. That is why I am able to look forward toward our immediate future with hope and expectation, excited about what we will learn about ourselves, God, and one another as we navigate the changes ahead. I'm glad all of you are with us on that journey.

God's Peace, Pastor Gene

# PASTOR'S LETTER



Dear Atonement community,

As I reflect on my final Sunday with you, I feel humbled and grateful for your love and support. Your farewell celebration for me was truly touching. I wish I would have the chance to bid a personal goodbye to each of you yesterday—if I wasn't able to tell you this directly, please know that I am grateful for you and I will miss you.

Your grace, support, and understanding during this transition period have been such a gift for me. It's never easy to say goodbye but your kindness and grace has once again demonstrated the special community that exists at Atonement.

A special thank you to the Geigers and all who had a part in organizing fellowship yesterday and the BLAST kids who gave me such a thoughtful gardening basket. I cannot wait to start using, for instance, my Chuck the Duck watering can! Just as I will be watching my garden grow this year, I am confident that faith and community will continue to grow at Atonement as well. Additionally, the beautiful stole you gave me holds a special place in my heart. As I wear this stole in the future, I will remember that we are still a part of God's diverse and wondrous family.

I am filled with optimism for the future of Atonement Lutheran Church. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to service are inspiring. I have full confidence in the capable leadership that will guide you forward on this journey.

Though my time as your pastor has ended, please know that I carry each of you with me in my heart as I embark on the next chapter of my faith journey at St. Matthew's. May God continue to bless you and keep you as you continue on your faith journey.

With deepest gratitude,

Pastor Kevin

## **PASTOR KEVIN'S FAREWELL SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**

Check out pages 15 & 18 to see pictures from Pastor Kevin's last day.



# MONTHLY EVENTS



## WINTER WORSHIP HOURS

8 a.m. Traditional Worship  
*Indoors and online*  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
*Indoors and online*  
9:30 a.m. Kids BLAST, ACTS  
and Cross+Training classes  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
*In-person only*

**See all worship options at**  
[atonementmuskego.org/worship](http://atonementmuskego.org/worship)

## BE A PART OF FELLOWSHIP!

We are asking for different Atonement groups to sign up to host fellowship. Serve any food/beverage. Any monetary donations can be kept by the hosts to reimburse for goods purchased, to purchase items to support their service mission, or donated to church. We depend on Atonement groups, families and individuals to host fellowship.

## Fellowship Hosts this Month:

March 3: OPEN  
March 10: Special Fellowship  
March 17: OPEN  
March 24: OPEN  
March 31: EASTER Brunch  
Contact Jaci Geiger if interested:  
414-659-1255 or  
[geiger1029@yahoo.com](mailto:geiger1029@yahoo.com)



## JOIN US WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Wednesdays, February 21 through March 20, we will offer worship using Holden Evening Prayer, also at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Each week, starting with Ash Wednesday, a different group will host a simple meal between services, from about 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. We hope you use these opportunities to take some time out of your normal week, re-center with worship and prayer, and join us in fellowship over a meal. We look forward to seeing you.

## LENTEN DINNERS

Wed., March 6: Stewardship Committee-TBD  
Wed., March 13: Fantteti/Bohne Group-Italian Dinner  
Wed., March 20: Hannah/Mary-Martha-TBD

# MONTHLY EVENTS



## MIDWEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER: NOW THROUGH MARCH 20TH

This Lent we are again offering the opportunity to stop and take a break from normal life in the middle of the week. At 4:30pm and 6:30pm we offer the chance to worship using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer setting. Between services, from about 5:15 – 6:15pm, different groups at Atonement offer a meal and accept a free-will offering. Whether your week is a hectic race and you crave a chance to slow down and re-center yourself on God’s love and grace, or you feel isolated all week and crave a chance to enjoy worship and fellowship with other believers, we hope you will join us.

Our texts each week will be scripture verses that focus on God’s work in our world. What is God up to? What does God hope in Jesus to achieve? As we begin to think about calling a new pastor to serve and lead our congregation, these verses will start to give us a renewed sense of the work we will be inviting that pastor to join us in doing.

The style of the presentation of these scripture verses will be a simplified version of Lectio Divina (Latin for divine reading), an ancient spiritual discipline. Normally Lectio Divina would consist of a whole hour itself, spent mostly in silent prayer and reflection on a text which is read two or three times. We will only spend a couple of minutes in silence after each text is read, reading each text twice during worship. As a worshiper you are invited to simply listen, and let the words that are read take you wherever they take you. Maybe one particular phrase or image stands out. Maybe something grabs your attention so much you miss the rest of the reading. Maybe you are struck by something that is repeated in the text. Wherever your attention takes you, offer that time and those wonderings to God, and see if – and where – God leads.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

### Palm Sunday

March 24, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45 a.m.

### Maundy Thursday Worship

March 28, 6:30 p.m.

### Good Friday

March 29, 4:00 p.m. Service  
March 29, 7:00 p.m. Fauré’s Requiem

### Easter Sunday Worship

March 31, 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.



## EASTER BRUNCH

Enjoy Easter Breakfast from 8 a.m.–11 a.m., freewill donations accepted on behalf of ERAs and the Muskego Food Pantry.

### Looking to help out on Easter Sunday?

We’re in need of volunteers to help during Easter Breakfast! Sign up:

[bit.ly/atonementeasterbrunch2024](https://bit.ly/atonementeasterbrunch2024)

# MONTHLY EVENTS



## **LUCKY LENT RAFFLES: STILL TIME TO BUY YOUR TICKET!**

Drawings starting on Sunday February 13, and ending on Sunday March 31, we will be drawing for cash prizes. If your name has been chosen as a winner, you will be notified by email and sent a check in the mail. Winners also posted online [atonementmuskego.org/events/lucky-lent-affle-2024](https://atonementmuskego.org/events/lucky-lent-affle-2024)

## **CARE CARD MINISTRY—CONSIDER A NEW APPROACH**

For over 20 years Lorraine Behling, God rest her soul, faithfully managed our Care Card Ministry. Lorraine said she took it over after Agnes Kingsbury's long term as leader before her. So, some may know, and some may not know, Atonement Church has, over the years, quietly and humbly enhanced the caregiving ministry with good old-fashioned cards sent the old-fashioned way. Care cards have gone out to comfort and celebrate people experiencing many and varied significant life events.

We are now considering how to best go forward with the Care Card Ministry. Initial inquiries about finding a new manager have failed to reach any one person to step into the traditional solo role. Further inquiries uncovered a different model for managing a Care Card Ministry. This different model relies upon the team approach. The team includes a pastoral staff contact person, a facilitator, and up to 12 team members. A team member may sign up for more than one month if they wish. The pastoral staff supports initial orientation, care card kit creation and set up, as well as providing regular names and situations appropriate for receiving a care card. The facilitator assists with creating and overseeing the care card kit and communicates with team members. The team members commit to one month (or more if they sign on for more than one month) service sending cards to people identified by pastoral care staff and communicated by facilitator. Oftentimes care cards are sent out in response to prayer chain requests.

Please prayerfully consider this ministry opportunity. Discern the value inherent in being remembered or acknowledged at times of joy and sorrow. Remember a time when someone remembered you and took time to let you know. Perhaps this old-fashioned way is out of date. Perhaps this old-fashioned way is still good for sharing God's love, grace and mercy at those times in life when it's just what we need!

I look forward to hearing all questions and comments. Email Deacon Marian at [marian@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:marian@atonementmuskego.org) or phone me at 414-218-2421. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

# CHURCH RESOURCES



## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Caregiving Team which consists of Pastor Gene, Pastor Kevin, and Deacon Marian, regularly checks in with members and friends of Atonement. We would like to have emergency contact information for you. This information can be useful at times of serious illness and other life-changing transitions. This information is especially important to have when a person lives alone. This information will be held in strict confidence, accessible only to the Caregiving Team. Please let Marian know the name, phone number, and email of your designated contact person(s). Email [marian@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:marian@atonementmuskego.org) or call 414-218-2421. Thank you in advance.

## SMALL GROUP MATERIALS

A link for Small Group discussion guides was sent to all SG leaders. If you would like the link sent to you, please contact Kara Mendez: [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

## NURSERY CARE REQUESTS

Running an event at Atonement and need Child/Nursery care? Contact Kara Mendez [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

## NARTHEX DISPLAYS: NOTIFY CHURCH OFFICE

Coordinating a drive or collection and want to put a display out in the Welcome area/narthex? Please notify the Church Office to confirm there is space for you!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

\$25. May bring home after 10:45 service. Need to know of order by Wednesdays of that week. Contact Kara Mendez: [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

## PRAYER REQUEST OPTIONS

**Prayer Chain** Atonement's email prayer chain allows is a community of Atonement members who share prayer requests and pray for one another. To send your prayer request out on our prayer chain, please send your request to [prayer@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:prayer@atonementmuskego.org). Deacon Marian Wasierski and Jan DeGaetano ([jdegaetano135@gmail.com](mailto:jdegaetano135@gmail.com)) can also send a prayer request out on your behalf. If you'd like to receive requests sent out on the prayer chain, please contact Pastor Kevin.

**Connect Card** Fill out a Connect Card/Prayer Request form in our pews, and leave it in the offering basket or Church Office

**Online** Fill out a prayer request form on our website: [atonementmuskego.org/prayer](http://atonementmuskego.org/prayer)

## SIMPLY GIVING ENVELOPES

Do you give to church using Simply Giving? Would you like to receive envelopes on Special Occasions, (ie) Good Friday, Easter, 13 total! These would be mailed directly on a quarterly basis. If you are interested please contact Kara Mendez: [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

# FEBRUARY REVIEW



## 2ND GRADE BIBLES

These 2nd Graders received their Bibles on February 4th! They have been quite excited about reading from them and learning more about God.



## FORT WILDERNESS ADVENTURES

Our Youth took their annual trip to Fort Wilderness from February 8-11!





# FEBRUARY REVIEW



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Meets weekly at 9:00. All children are welcome. Performances throughout the year.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to Isabelle Seifert for the BEAUTIFUL artwork that she created.

Come check it out in the office!



## THANK YOU

Dear Atonement Family, I am so grateful for your care and concern following my recent shoulder surgery. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, and DELICIOUS food have put me well on the road to recovery. Thank you SO much! Mary Mooney

## FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Youth served the congregation a pancake dinner for Fat Tuesday!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Weekly Announcements can now be found in Atonement's Sunday Bulletin email and on the Children's Ministry page: [atonementmuskego.org/children/#weekly-announcements](http://atonementmuskego.org/children/#weekly-announcements)

## CHILDRENS CHRISTIAN THEATER PERFORMANCE

Presents: "The Greatest Hymn on Earth" March 17, 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary at Atonement Lutheran Church (See page 9 for details.)

## PALM SUNDAY

Meet in your classrooms on Palm Sunday, March 24th by 9:20. Children will hand out palms in a palm procession through church.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals Sundays weekly at 9 a.m. with Ms. Mary Taylor.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nora Bridgeland	Joey LaBarber
Grace Ehrick	Trenton McDonald
Lily Ehrick	Havyn Muehlbauer
Atlas Gallo	Will Mueller
Maya Grasset	Reid Nelson
Penelope Hodge	Laylah Puranen
Preston Huber	Emma Zdroik

## BUSY BAGS IN WORSHIP

Does your child need something during service to occupy them for a little bit? Be sure to grab a Busy Bag from the rack, just outside the office.

## CLASSROOM GRANDPARENTS

To nurture intergenerational relationships at Atonement, we welcome our older members to join Kids BLAST in their classrooms on Sundays. Reach out to Anne Farebrother to learn more!



**FOLLOW** our Kids BLAST Facebook page! [bit.ly/3wOG32I](https://bit.ly/3wOG32I)

Contact our Children's Ministry team:

Anne Farebrother [anne@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:anne@atonementmuskego.org), Kara Mendez [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We would like to thank you for inviting Children's Christian Theatre to perform at Atonement on Sunday, March 17, at 1:30 p.m. We are very excited to bring the musical "The Greatest Hymn on Earth" to share with your congregation. This year we have talented and energetic children from a number of different local congregations.

The musical is about 45 minutes in length.

We would also like to be able to take a free will offering at the end of the performance. This offering enables us to keep our group running year after year. If you have any questions regarding the performance or what is needed, please do not hesitate to call Sally Carlson (414)412-1801 or Laurie van Wieringen (414)234-0465.

Sincerely,  
Children's Christian Theatre Directors: Sally Carlson, Laurie van Wieringen, Caitlin Arterburn

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN THEATRE PRESENTS:



Free Performances:

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Children's Christian Theatre is an Ecumenical Outreach Ministry  
Sponsored by Faith Community Church in Franklin, WI  
[www.childrencchristiantheatre.com](http://www.childrencchristiantheatre.com)  
[www.facebook.com/childrencchristiantheatre](http://www.facebook.com/childrencchristiantheatre)

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our Weekly Announcements can now be found in Atonement's Sunday Bulletin email and on the Youth Ministry page: [atonementmuskego.org/youth/#weekly-announcements](http://atonementmuskego.org/youth/#weekly-announcements)

## A QUICK YOUTH UPDATE FROM PR. GENE

With Pr. Kevin's recent departure, I will be overseeing our youth ministries for at least a while. I have already met with Carrie Storm and Mike Gandrud about Cross+Training and A.C.T.S. I will be reaching out soon to confirmation families about our schedule moving forward. I will also be reaching out soon to the Children, Youth, and Family Committee as well as our Youth Position Search Committee. I look forward to catching up on what has been happening, and working with all of you to keep ministry happening and start making plans to expand our youth ministries! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me (call/text 414-422-0401, email [gene@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:gene@atonementmuskego.org)) or Kara Mendez (contact info).

God's Peace,  
Pastor Gene



## LUCKY LENT RAFFLE:

Thank you for supporting the Youth.  
Please be sure to check Atonement's website to see if you are a Winner!  
(Under the heading Events)

If you are a winner you will be notified by email and a check will be sent to you in the mail!

## YOUTH LEADER-NEXT STEPS

After a Fall of giving the youth ministry some time to get used to life after Troy, we're starting up the process to find a new youth leader and the search team will begin meeting in February.

Contact Pastor Gene Talley with any questions. [gene@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:gene@atonementmuskego.org)

# SERVICE & OUTREACH



## DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls will not meet in March. For information contact Nancy Hanks 262-751--7451, nhanks49@yahoo.com

This is a message from Cindy Dostal who was in El Salvador:

Many thanks to the Days for Girls team at Atonement.

Today I had the chance to speak with some ladies who received kits 6 years ago. They had worn out, but lasted over 4 years.

The smiles were incredible! So overjoyed to get a new kit. I asked what they would like to say to you, the women in Wisconsin who make their lives a bit easier.

They want to thank you! Know these are some of the most comfortable things they ever received. Product in ES are very rough paper and they believe promote infection. You have saved their budget. Inflation is very high here

It is a blessing and you are doing holy work!

Thank you from all of us!

Cindy

## MUSKEGO FOOD PANTRY

581 W19150 Apollo Drive | 262-679-6448

Please help us to continue to support the Muskego Food Pantry by bringing an item or 2 on Sunday's. Drop the items in the large bin, labeled Muskego Food Pantry, next to the grocery cart located in the hallway going to the Sunday School rooms.

– Linda Lundin, Church in Society (CIS)

### Any non-perishable food items

- Ø Canned meat (chicken, tuna, spam, and hash)
- Ø Boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin)
- Ø Canned pastas (ravioli, spaghetti-o's)
- Ø Creamed soups for cooking (Chicken/mushroom/etc)
- Ø Canned chili
- Ø Canned tomatoes (diced, sauce and paste)
- Ø Cereal
- Ø Items for school lunches



### Also consider personal care items

- Ø Shampoo/conditioner
- Ø Toothpaste
- Ø Deodorant
- Ø Bar soap
- Ø Laundry soap
- Ø Toilet paper is always a big need

# SERVICE & OUTREACH



## ALL PEOPLES CHURCH (APC) FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Jiffy Mix
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned Vegetables
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Hamburger, Chicken, or Tuna Helper
- Low Salt Spam or Ham
- Tuna
- Potatoes (Boxed)
- Dry Beans
- Rice (small bags)
- Rice a Roni
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce (canned)
- Tomato Paste/Sauce

### Items always needed:

- Personal Hygiene Items
- Shampoo & Soap

## KNIT-WITS NEWS

The Knit-Wits meet the first Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. We always need yarn donations! We typically use 4 ply (worsted weight) acrylic (washable) yarn of any color. We also accept monetary donations. Contact Mary Mooney for more information: 414-425-3299

## GET A JUMP ON A BIG NEED FOR HATS AND MITTENS

Every year, Our Christmas in July project collects hats, mittens and gloves for charities around the Milwaukee area. Right now is the time to look for clearance sales on hats, mittens and gloves. Hang onto them for a few months until our tree goes up in July. All those hats and mittens collected help children and teens around the Milwaukee area. This winter, All People's Church had a big need for hats and mittens for children of all ages and many other agencies benefited from our collection as well. Thank you for your generosity.

## SERENITY INN MEAL

Serenity Inns provides a place for men in addiction recovery to stay while they get back on their feet. We at Atonement have the opportunity to serve these men dinner once a month or so. It is easy to sign up to bring a dish, and you just have to drop it off at Atonement on the planned drop-off date. Jan Larsen coordinates these meals and delivery to Serenity Inns. If you're interested, in contributing part of a meal, give her a call: 414-529-5193

# SERVICE & OUTREACH



## **APC GIVING TREE**

This year, our March Giving Tree will help All People's Church with office needs.

Please take a shopping list from the table in the narthex and return your donation to the collection box in the Narthex. Monetary donations can also be made on line or to the collection plate during Sunday service. APC also has an Amazon "wish list" and your gift will ship directly to them. The Giving Tree Collection will go until March 31.

### **Giving Tree Items:**

white copy paper, forever stamps, good pens, thank you cards w envelope, Tape (scotch, masking, duct), laminating pages, mailing labels (Avery 5260)  
First aid kits, Kleenex (boxes and purse packs)

## **CIS THANK YOU**

Thank-you to all who came to the chili supper to support the Waukesha and Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity. We hope that you all enjoyed the chili dump along with vegetables, cornbread (made by Sharon Hoden Mattern), Italian bread and of course cookies.

With the free will offering of \$200.00, we were able to send \$100.00 to each Habitat.

A special thankyou to Sharon Holden-Mattern and Nancy Hanks for coordinating the supper this year and for all the CIS members who worked to set-up, serve and clean-up.

The CIS committee

## **PASTOR KEVIN'S FAREWELL SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**

Thanks for celebrating the work and ministry of Pastor Kevin at Atonement! He will be greatly missed! Thank you to all who helped out in coordinating the fellowship celebration. See more pictures on page 18!



# MEN'S MINISTRY



## **ATONEMENT LEGENDS: NEXT MEETING MARCH 6, 8:30 A.M.**

The Theology of C.S. Lewis; the affect on Christianity, C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) born in Belfast, Ireland, became one of the most published theologians of our time, including Mere Christianity. Professors Michael Ward & Larry Arnn of Hillsdale College have presented 7 lectures on DVD, about his philosophy.

Join us every 3rd Saturday each month at 8:30, beginning March 6th, as we discuss:

1. Faith & Reason
2. Good & Evil
3. Conversion & New Life
4. Enjoyment & Contemplation
5. Prayer & the Bible
6. Suffering & Death
7. Heaven & Hell.

All are welcomed. Contact Neil Borgman: [neborgman@wi.rr.com](mailto:neborgman@wi.rr.com)

## **RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT (ROMEO)--NEW RESTAURANT**

Meet to chat and connect on the 3rd Thursday each month, 9 a.m. at Tail Spin Cafe, 19680 W. National Ave, New Berlin

Interested? Contact Bob Puranen: 414-791-4197

## **MEN'S GROUP**

Are you a guy who likes to:

- a) hang out every once-in-a-while with just the guys;
- b) make connections with other guys in the community;
- c) have a legitimate reason to get out of the house on Monday evenings;
- and/or d) learn from and perhaps even share with other guys?

If so, make plans to come and check out a new men's group that will be meeting at church Mondays at 7pm, a couple of times per month, on a schedule TBD. We will be kicking off March 11th at 7pm in the conference room, room 201. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Text/call Mike Gandrud at 414-732-9644



# WELCA



“ I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”  
- Mother Teresa

Thank you to the ladies who helped for the Ash Wednesday Lenten supper. Delicious soups, bread and desserts were enjoyed. I received compliments from Atonement members who look forward to our dinner every year. Our free will donation to Street Angels totaled nearly \$200.

The board will meet on Monday, April 8th at 6:30 PM. Bring ideas or suggestions to make women’s ministry vital to today’s church life. Change is good.

Plan to attend the general meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 PM. Enjoy a performance by the Civic Broadway Singers, a group from the Waukesha Civic Theater, followed by desserts and fellowship. All women of Atonement are welcome. Wouldn’t it be nice to place a name with that lady you see on Sunday morning?

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday, March 1st. Women from around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and are encouraged to strive for wisdom to guide the actions in our daily lives. I encourage you to Google “World Day of Prayer” to learn more. It’s very interesting.

During this time of Lent, my hopes are that you will take time for renewal, reflection and enlightenment. May God shower you with blessings, love, and peace this Easter.

“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God ” - Mother Teresa

Candy Nemke WELCA President

## WELCA LEADERSHIP:

**Elizabeth Circle:** Barb Downer [bjdown@wi.rr.com](mailto:bjdown@wi.rr.com)

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and Jan DeGaetano [degaetano135@gmail.com](mailto:degaetano135@gmail.com)

**Mary/Martha Circle:** Wendy Hunjadi  
[wahunjadi@arandell.com](mailto:wahunjadi@arandell.com) and

Lori Schantz [planethyak@aol.com](mailto:planethyak@aol.com)

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## 2024 WELCA OFFICERS

President - Candy Nemke

Vice President - Open

Secretary - Wendy Hunjadi

Treasurer - Kathy Elgin-King

Mission Team - Nancy Hanks,  
Denise Kral, Linda Lundin,  
and Sue Nicgorski



### PASTOR KEVIN'S FAREWELL SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

Thanks for celebrating the work and ministry of Pastor Kevin at Atonement! He will be greatly missed! Thank you to all who helped out in coordinating the fellowship celebration.





# STATS & CONTACTS

## JANUARY DONATIONS

**GENERAL, \$73,375**  
**BENEVOLENCE. \$7,749**  
**MEMORIALS, \$990**

## OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Giving Beyond Atonement Thru Jan 2024



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

#### Hands-on Mission

Primary Benevolence ELCA	\$ 2,230
El Salvador Roofs	\$ 4,914
El Salvador Sponsorships	\$ 7,502

**Giving Beyond Atonement 2024 \$ 14,646**

\*These lists do not include all of the gifts and services given by many individuals and groups to a variety of other organizations and ministries.

### Ministry Plan



**ATONEMENT**  
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#### Year-to-date through Jan 31

Tithes & Offerings Received	\$ 74,338
Tithes & Offerings in our plan	\$ 53,431
Expenses Incurred	\$ 66,260
Expenses in our plan	\$ 69,010

Church Loan@4.25% ends 1/2029	\$ 310,541
OWC Loan @3.95% ends 5/2045	\$ 241,664

## MEMBERSHIP INFO (AS OF JAN. 2024)

**BAPTIZED MEMBERS: 738**  
**CONFIRMED MEMBERS: 503**  
**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: 2**

In our prior 5-year history, giving through Jan should be 8% of our annual plan. On 1/31/24, we are at 11%. Detailed financial reports are posted monthly in the office.

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