Atonement's News

A Monthly Publication of Atonement Lutheran Church

MISSION

Atonement Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered congregation that cares for the whole person with the Good News of Jesus Christ

VISION

To be a strong leader of our community in caring for its needs with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

CORE VALUES

Witness

We are God's redeemed people who bear witness to Jesus Christ

Mercy

We are God's redeemed people who show mercy to those who have physical needs

Life Together

We are God's Redeemed people who gather together around the life giving Word and Sacraments and have fellowship with one another.

I wish to share with you a very few quotes from the pages of our history in this wonderful country of ours. I choose, at random, well know leaders of our nation and where they placed their faith. With Scripture and these quotes I wish to bring to each of you a sense of God at work in the life of America.

2 Chronicles 7:14 – if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
Proverbs 14:34 – Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

"Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics." – George Washington's Farewell Address to Nation
"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religion but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." – Patrick Henry
"We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel." – Benjamin Franklin (From the debates at the Constitutional Convention, June of 1787)
"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people… it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other…" – John Quincy Adams

Ronald Reagan, Excerpts: Farewell Address
"I believe this blessed land was set apart in a very special way, a country created by men and women who came here not in the search of gold, but in search of God. They would be free people, living under the law with faith in their Maker and their future."
"Our liberty springs from and depends upon an abiding faith in God."
"The truth is, politics and morality are inseparable, and as morality's foundation is religion, religion and politics are necessarily related. We need religion as a guide."
"If we lived by the Golden Rule, there would be no need for other laws."

"I believe with all my heart that standing up for America means standing up for the God who has so blessed our land. We need God's help to guide our nation through stormy seas. But we can't expect Him to protect America in a crisis if we just leave Him over on the shelf in our day-to-day living."

"My fellow citizens, those of you here in this hall, and those of you at home. I want you to know that I have always had the highest respect for you, for your common sense and intelligence and for your decency. I have always believed in you and in what you could accomplish for yourselves and others.

And whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts. My dream is that you will travel the road ahead with liberty's lamp guiding your steps and opportunity's arm steadying your way.

My fondest hope for each one of you, and especially for the young people here, is that you will love your country, not for her power or wealth, but for her selflessness and her idealism. May each of you have the heart to conceive, the understanding to direct, and the hand to execute works that will make the world a little better for your having been here.

May all of you as Americans never forget your heroic origins, never fail to seek Divine guidance, and never lose your natural God-given optimism.

And finally, my fellow Americans, may every dawn be a great new beginning for America and every evening bring us closer to that shining city upon a hill…My fellow Americans, on behalf of both of us, goodbye, and God bless each and every one of you and God bless this country we love."

The book I took these from to share with you does not pretend to be an exhaustive reference to the God driven leaders of our land. May we always pray for those who have the awesome responsibility to govern.

Only in America

1. Only in America can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET coke.
5. Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our junk in the garage. Hello.
6. Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls and have call-waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
7. Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

- Pastor Robert Rotnem

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY

1777

One year after the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress authorized Robert Aitken, printer to Congress, to print the first American Bible in the English language. It was the King James Version, but it omitted the traditional dedication page to the king (for obvious reasons).

The Liberty Bell

Millions of tourists have seen it in Philadelphia, complete with its famous crack. The famous artifact from the American Revolution is inscribed with a quotation from the book of Leviticus (25:10): "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (KJV).

First Translation by an American

The first English Bible translation by an American was done by Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress from 1775 to 1783. He found a copy of the Septuagint (the Old Testament in Greek) at a book auction and translated it and the Greek New Testament into English. It was published in 1808.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

"Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means" (Luke 8:1-3).

There were many who provided out of their means for our Lord's work of proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God while He was on earth. Think about that for a moment. These pious women gave to God in the flesh for God the Father's work of bringing the good news of God's kingdom. Their generosity, which was moved by the generosity of God Himself to them in the healing of their infirmities and evil spirits, was employed so that others could benefit as they had. The means they provided was put into God's service to feed and clothe and provide shelter as Jesus and the twelve travelled preaching, teaching, and healing.

That's amazing. These women were widows who had been oppressed by demons. They were forgotten, thought of as nobodies. The world didn't think much of them, or perhaps that they were just in the way. Regardless of what the world thought, God forgets no one. No one is a burden to Him. He cares for the widow and the fatherless. He puts the solitary into a home. And more than that, He brings them the good news of the kingdom and lets them be a part of building it by their giving of what He has provided them. He presses their gifts into His service to His glory. And they are not forgotten. They are inscribed in the Holy Scriptures as a monument of what giving from out of their means does. It helped to turn the world upside down, which happens to be right-side up, reconciliation and healing through what Jesus accomplished on the cross. (Acts 17:6).

This is what your giving to the church does also. It provides the ministers of the Gospel food and clothes, house and home, all that they need for this body and life so that they may preach and teach, and bring the healing of the Gospel of Jesus's death and resurrection to those who need it, those who are homebound and infirm, those who are sick and suffering, those who are bedeviled by evil spirits, depressed, and plagued by guilt and shame. Your gifts are put to use for God's work on earth to bring the good news of His kingdom which has no end.

Who wouldn't want to be part of that? And you are! Thanks be to God. And it does not go unnoticed. Your pastor gives thanks for it and prays for you. And so does your Lord. And the angels rejoice over one sinner who repents and believes. You help to

make that happen. You do it because someone else has made it happen for you.

From the Pews

Evangelism means to proclaim in word and deed what God has done and still doing in Jesus Christ for our salvation and to invite men to take
hold of Him and live. Christ is the content of that proclamation. (Acts 8:35). Our purpose is to present Christ to people within the church as well as to those outside with everything we say or do in the church. In worship, service to the community, etc. our goal remains the same- to the present Christ to the people. Evangelism is the task of the church. All other aspects of church life and activity should support this task and are the methods. Real evangelism deals with the heart of man, with his faith in the Word that is Jesus Christ and how that has changed his relationship with God and others.
The New Testament uses three Greek words for "evangelism". The first word is euangelion which means "Good News". The second word is a verb - euangelizomai which means "to bring or announce or proclaim Good News" The third word is euangelistes - the word for one who announce or proclaims, the evangelist. Euangelizomai is not just speaking and preaching. The word carries all the overtones of full authority and power (Matt. 4:23; Rom. 15: 16-20; Acts 8:4-8). Evangelism belongs to the whole church. Each of us in our daily vocations of life has a role of teaching the faith. You might be wondering why we are putting evangelism as a priority? The task of the church toward unbelievers is to preach the Gospel to them, proclaim salvation, and offer forgiveness. The result of the proclamation is left to the Holy Spirit. Even if we see no results we need to rejoice for having the opportunity to sow the seeds, water, and
cultivate.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP

Please remember that donations to the 'kitty' help fund our Sunday morning fellowship snacks and coffee.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

For the month of April receipts totaled $10,768. To meet the approved budget, we need $10,768. Fiscal year to date, receipts total $121,105 vs budget of $126,524 which puts us $5,419 behind budget. A total of $540.80 has been received through March for Lent folders that will be given to Lutheran High School of San Diego.

- Ann Duggan

Be sure to register for VBS!

July 13th - 17th

For more information please visit

atonementspringvalley.org/vbs

Invite your friends!

There is still space to sign up for flowers in 2015. The suggested donation is $30 and the flower chart is hung

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

4	Patty Singer
11	JoJo Mauser
16	Phillip Brann
17	Teresita Contreras
19	Doug Wilson
	David Brinchman
23	Sean Duggan
24	Manny Cruz
25	Eliana LaFeve
28	Jean Wilson
30	Donna Hurd
31	Teresa Cruz

JULY anniversaries

19	Robert & Shenoah Riess
22	Don & Bonnie Geisinger

July

	Lay Ministers	Acolytes	Flowers
5	Jim Dysart	Phillip Brann	
12	Larry Betancourt	Sheree Moody	
19	Tim Hahn	Junior Betancourt	Manny & Teresa Cruz's Birthday
26	Mike Heidtbrink	Rebecca Moody	Hurd's Anniversary & Donna's Birthday

Usher: Robert Bryant

2015—2016
Officers and Board/Committee Members

Executive Board

President	Todd Martens
Secretary	Shenoah Riess
Financial Secretary	Ann Duggan
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Chairperson	Mike Heidtbrink
Member	Tim Hahn
Member	Larry Betancourt

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Member	Lynn Chiaravalle
Member	Kathy Martens
Member	Jenny Moody

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Member	Dave Brinchman
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Member	Bobby Riess
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Flowers Carol Hernandez

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Weekly Service

Sunday at 9:00 am

Bible Study

Sunday at 10:30 am

(On Break for Summer)
Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Men's)

Wednesday at 10:00 am

(On Break for Summer)
Wednesday at 6:30 pm (Women's)

Sunday School

Sunday at 10:30 am

Confirmation

Tuesday's at 5:00 pm
(On break)

Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday's at 7:00 pm
(On summer break)

Atoner's Bell Ringers

Tuesday's at 6:00 pm
(On summer break)

Hiking Club

Last Saturday of each month. Location and times to be announced

JULY

August 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Scouts	2 11:00 am Lay Ministers 11:30 am Better Life Together	3	4th of July
5 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	6	7 9:00 am Al Anon	8 10:00 am Bible Study	9 11:30 am Better Life Together	10	11
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