

Atonement Quarterly

Summer 2017

10245 Loma Rancho Drive, Spring Valley

619.670.7174

Now I am your Pastor but I can be better.....

By -Anonymous

When you rise to your highest and best, I am your Pastor...

When you yield to temptation and fall to your lowest I am your Pastor...

When you make decisions that are right, I am your Pastor...

When you miss it and make grievous mistakes, I am your Pastor...

When I walk the pathway of duty, I am your Pastor...

When you enter the pathway of disobedience, I am your Pastor...

When joys come to you that swell the notes of praise in your heart, I am your Pastor...

When sorrow comes into your life, I am your Pastor...

When you have done your best and deserve and secure the praise of men, I am your Pastor...

In This Issue

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| From the Pastor | 1-2 |
| LWML News | 2 |
| Flowers, Fellowship | 3 |
| Stewardship Article | 4 |
| From the Pews | 5 |
| Worship and Music | 6 |
| Church Kitchen Recipes | 7 |
| Kids Page | 8 |
| Teens Ministry | 9 |
| Atonement Monthly | 10 |
| Heavenly Humor | 11 |
| Calendar | 12 |
| Officers/Boards | 13 |
| Contact Us | 14 |

When you have done your best and good is evil-spoken of, I am your Pastor...

When the way is clear and you know His will and way, I am your Pastor...

When nothing seems right and burdens multiply, I am your Pastor...

When you please me by the stand you take and the wonderful spirit you manifest, I am your Pastor...

When you disappoint me and cause sleepless nights, I am your Pastor...

When you are living life to the full, I am your Pastor...

When health fails and the end of mortal life seems near, I am your Pastor...

When I reveal that I am human and have my own needs and infirmities and you are charitable and understand, I count it a privilege to be your Pastor.

When we pray for each other and God answers our prayers... I will be a better Pastor.

May the Good Lord Jesus Christ Himself continue to bless us in this relationship and Hope that we grow together in His grace as we walk together through the years in Jesus name. Amen!

LWML News

June 27

Ladies Night Out

Join us at 6:30 pm at Olive Garden for the LWML Ladies Night Out! For more information please call or e-mail the atonement church office.

There is still space
to sign up for
flowers in 2017.
The suggested
donation is \$30
and the flower
chart is hung in
the narthex.



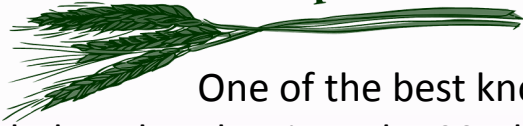
Flowers & Fellowship



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



Stewardship News



One of the best known and beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the Shepherd Psalm. There we learn that the Lord is our shepherd. And since He is our shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

How do we do this? We do it when we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving the gifts that He won for us on the cross, a violation of the First and Third Commandments. We do it when we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we think we don't know what the future will bring, even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters. We do it when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will

help themselves, we do this because we have a mind set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We do this because we have stopped hearing the call of our shepherd, which comes through His Word.

The Word of God is how our shepherd calls us to himself. Through that Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through that Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead you to your true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the good news: The Lord is your shepherd still, even, and especially, for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the shepherd that lays down his life for His sheep. The Lord is your shepherd. Let us live then as His sheep.



What About Local Doctors?



Could you have made an appointment with your local family doctor physician in Jesus' day? Yes! However you must know this was a mixed bag. Some respected them and others considered them the worst of all the crooks. Because of the doctors' poor reputations the Hebrew rabbis invented proverbs to describe them such as, "The best among doctors deserved Gehenna," or hell. Another warned, "Live not in the city whose chief is a medical man."

Jesus also alluded in His teachings to another of those well-known proverbs about doctors: "Physician heal yourself," This saying was also to be found among the Greeks and Chinese. It was a skeptical way of telling the doctor that if his medicine is so good he should use it on himself first . . . then if he survived, others might also try it.

Another negative statement is found in Mark's account. This lady had been sick for 12 years and this Scripture tells us that she had suffered much at the hands of her doctors who had exhausted her funds. Interestingly, Luke himself a doctor, writes about the same story but leaves out the harsh criticism of the medical profession!

From the Pews

Outreach – Inreach

OUTREACH has to do with reaching outside our community with the Good News of Jesus. OUTREACH has to do with being obedient to Jesus' command, "to go into all the nation and make disciples" - Matthew 28:19.



INREACH has to do with reaching into our congregation with the Good News of Jesus. INREACH is about being obedient to Jesus' command, "love one another" - John 13:34.

BACKDOOR LOSSES - Our congregation has them, every congregation does. These are the inactive members who "drop out" of church life. Statistics show that more and more individuals every year become "backdoor losses". It's a growing problem that -- silently and steadily -- can cut off the life of any congregation. Who are these people? What are they really like? Why do they leave the church? How can we continue to minister to them? And perhaps most important, how can our congregation "close the backdoor"?

OUTREACH may add numbers to our membership list. INREACH may help to renew the faith relationship of followers of Jesus. Many persons have stood at the altar and promised to give allegiance, to Jesus. Yet, so many have wandered away. Of the five year groups of Atonement Congregation, the three largest age groups as of 2014 are : under 15, 19-34; 35-48; 50-65+. These three groups are also holders of our largest numbers of inactive. What can we do? How can we listen? How can we stand with these people? Can their walking with Jesus begin again?

To help with all these questions and more, Atonement INREACH training will begin in August. We will start every meeting with a potluck. For more information please see Pastor Scherbarth or Remi Tufts.

SINGING WITH THE LUTHERANS

by Garrison Keillor

I have made fun of Lutherans for years - who wouldn't, if you lived in Minnesota? But I have also sung with Lutherans, and that is one of the main joys of life, along with hot baths and fresh sweet corn.

We make fun of Lutherans for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like they do.

If you ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Lutheranless place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore', they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Lutherans they'll smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony. It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. We're too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment.

I once sang the bass line of Children of the Heavenly Father in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: These Lutherans are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you're dying, they'll comfort you. If you're lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you're hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

The following list was compiled by a 20th century Lutheran who, observing other Lutherans, wrote down exactly what he saw or heard:

1. Lutherans believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
2. Lutherans like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
3. Lutherans believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.
4. Lutherans usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
5. Lutherans believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
6. Lutherans feel that applauding for their choirs would make the kids too proud and conceited.
7. Lutherans drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
8. Some Lutherans still believe that an ELCA bride and an LC-MS groom make for a mixed marriage.
9. Lutherans feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
10. Lutherans believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.





Annie's Fruit Salsa & Cinnamon Chips

"Easy to make, tasty fruit salsa and cinnamon tortilla chips. Great as an appetizer or a snack. Great for anytime!"



Prep time: 15 min
Cook time: 10 min
Ready in: 45 min

Ingredients


- 2 kiwis, peeled and diced
- 2 Golden Delicious apples - peeled, cored and diced
- 8 ounces raspberries
- 1 pound strawberries
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons fruit preserves, any flavor
- 10 (10 inch) flour tortillas
- butter flavored cooking spray
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar

Directions

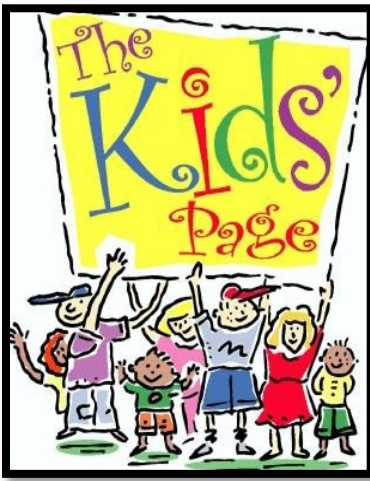
1. In a large bowl, thoroughly mix kiwis, Golden Delicious apples, raspberries, strawberries, white sugar, brown sugar and fruit preserves. Cover and chill in the refrigerator at least 15 minutes.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
3. Coat one side of each flour tortilla with butter flavored cooking spray. Cut into wedges and arrange in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Sprinkle wedges with desired amount of cinnamon sugar. Spray again with cooking spray.
4. Bake in the preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes. Repeat with any remaining tortilla wedges. Allow to cool approximately 15 minutes. Serve with chilled fruit mixture.

Recipe By: CC<3's2bake
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED © 2016 Allrecipes.com
Printed From Allrecipes.com

Submit Your Recipes



If you would like to have your recipe featured in Atonements next news letter, please send a picture, name and instructions for your recipe to Atonement.sv@gmail.com



Our Devotional

Resurrection is a very big word! Can you say it? It means coming back to life. When Daddy steps on a bug or swats a fly, that bug is not

coming back to life. But Jesus was not talking about bugs when He said, "I am the Resurrection and the life." He was telling his friends that He would be coming back to life. You may remember that Easter is the special day when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! After His death on the cross, Jesus' body was put in a tomb, but a few days later, an angel

rolled back the stone that was closing the tomb to show that Jesus was not there anymore! He was alive! He is still alive. Jesus is the living Son of God who rose from the dead and lives forever in our hearts. He has gone ahead of us to heaven to make a place for each of God's people there. You learned a big word today. Can you say it once more? Resurrection...Jesus is your living God!

Bible Verse

"I am the resurrection and the life."

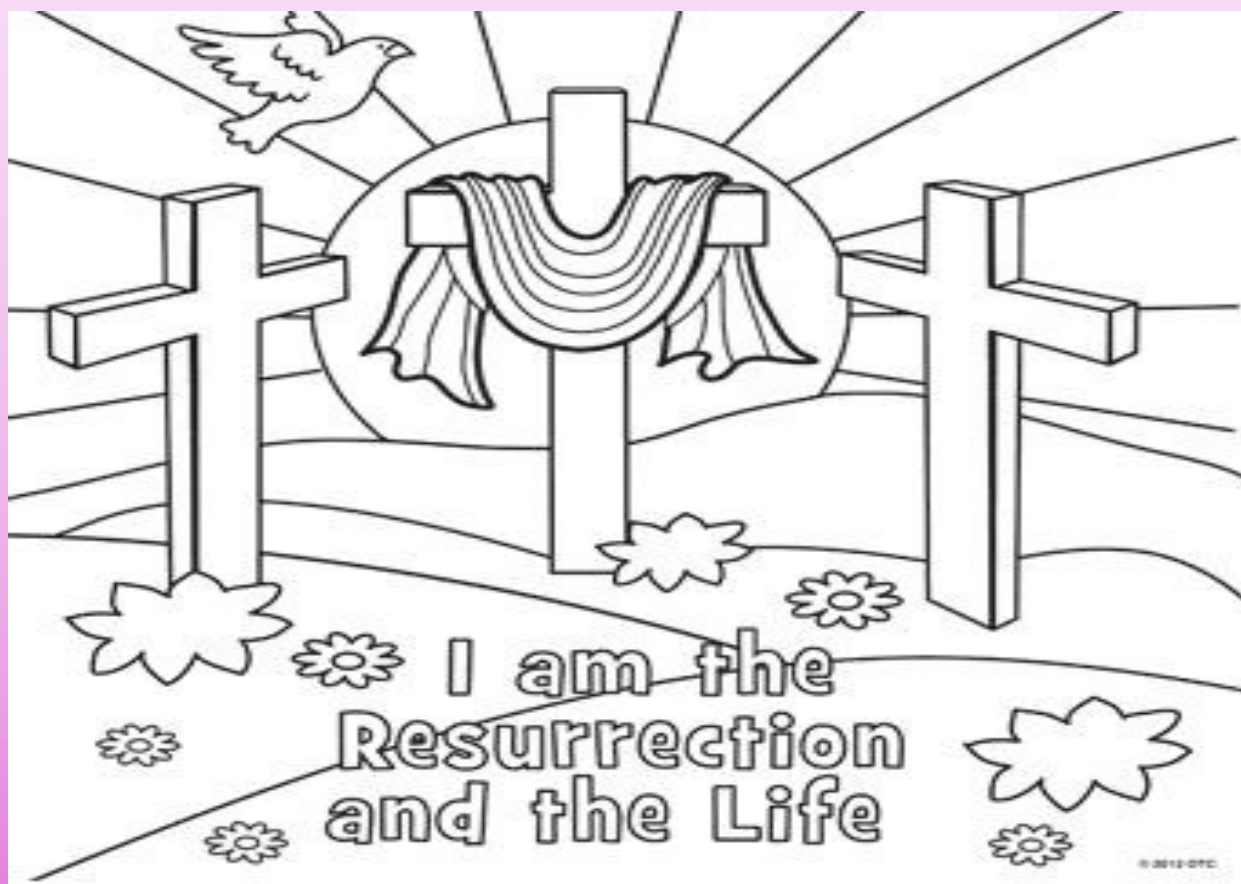
John 11:25

Prayer

Dearest Jesus, How amazing is your power that you would be able to defeat death by coming back to life! Thank you for using Your love and power in my life.

Amen.

Activity Page



TEEN TALK

Here are 5 great ideas on how a teen can come up with their own money for mission trips or summer fun!

1. Bake Sale

A bake sale is a very easy way to make some money. You can go to the store, buy the ingredients you need and make any type of food you want. It could be desserts, little snacks or even delicious main dishes. You could set up the bake sale in your neighborhood, in your church in your school or alongside a busy street. Most of the time people are very willing to help a teen make some cash.

2. Babysitting

So many parents are struggling to find babysitters. They end up just not being able to do what they want just because they can't find anyone they trust to take their kids. You could announce on your social media sites, or at your church that you're willing to babysit. I guarantee that some parents will contact you. You might even be able to land a regular babysitting job.

3. Homemade items

If you have a gift of making easy, cute decorations, then selling them would be an excellent idea. People love buying homemade gifts and keeping them around their house. Some people will even buy stuff for presents to give to people. Small, cute gifts are great ideas for presents, so selling them would be a great moneymaker.

4. Crocheting/knitting

If you know how to crochet or knit, this is a very easy way to make money. All you have to do is make something cute—like gloves, potholders or scarves. You can sell them anywhere or to anyone—even to your family. Don't worry if you don't know how to crochet or knit since it's a very easy thing to learn how to do.

5. Car Wash

A car wash is a great, easy way to make cash. Most people will love having teens wash their car. Most people don't like waiting to have their cars washed in a car wash, so if their car is just sitting in a parking lot anyway, this is a great way for people to save some time. It could be an easy job done in no time when you have multiple people helping you. There are much more easy ways to make money. If you're not busy with anything and you're looking for something to do, consider one of these ways to make some cash.

Written by Jenna Johnson

Check These Out!



www.facebook.com/LCMSYouthMinistry



@lcmsyouth



LCMS Young Adult Ministry
Empowered to lead.



Atonement Monthly

2017

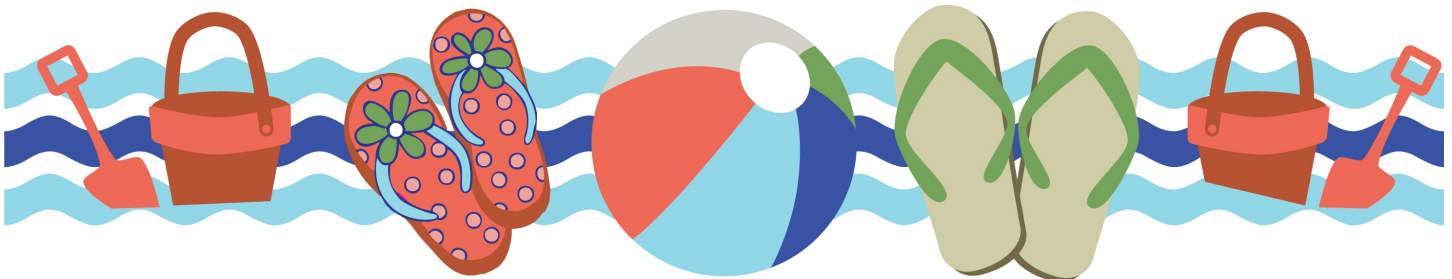


Anniversaries

23 Curtis & Ann Duggan
24 Manny & Judi Cruz

Birthdays

1 Manfred Luther
4 Shirley Tobin
6 Jan Stalman
Hanne Hartwig
7 Chloe Scherbarth
12 Lynn Chiaravalle
14 Ludi Graf
17 Guida Rueger
22 Bonnie Geisinger
24 Stephen Cruz



June

Lay Ministers

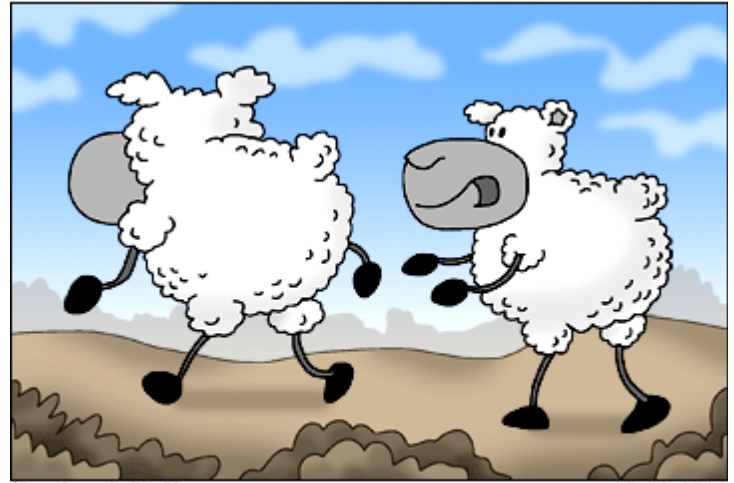
Acolytes

Flowers

| | | | |
|----|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 4 | Larry Betancourt | Junior Betancourt | |
| 11 | Mike Heidtbrink | Sheree Moody | |
| 18 | Tim Hahn | Rebecca Moody | Cruz grandchildren's birthday |
| 25 | Jim Dysart | Phillip Brann | Manny & Judy's Anniversary |

Ushers: Philip Brann

Heavenly Humor



(See Isaiah 53:6)

12-01-2014

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE ASTRAY ...
CAN WE PLEASE STOP AND ASK FOR
DIRECTIONS?

WHAT'S WITH THE
TRAT PACK LOOK?
YOU NEVER DRESS
UP FOR CHURCH.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

I'VE CHANGED! IF JESUS
IS LEADING ME TO THE
GOOD LIFE, I NEED
TO LOOK THE PART.



BY CHANNEUNG
DEAN MARTIN?!



PSALM 23

© WETZSTEIN 05.04

HEY! WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE MANSIONS?
DIDN'T THERE USED
TO BE MANSIONS?

THAT'S AN
ARCHAIC
TRANSLATION.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

BESIDES, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE
ARCHITECTURE, IT'S ABOUT
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
FATHER THROUGH JESUS.



I GET THAT! ALL I'M
SAYING IS I WISHED THAT
THE FATHER HADN'T
DOWNSIZED!







JOHN 14:1-14

© WETZSTEIN 17.05.10



July 2017

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|----------|----------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School | 5 6:00 pm Church Council  | 6 9:00 am AI Anon 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 7 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Scouts | 8 | 9 5-8 AYOP | 10 |
| 11 9:00 am Prayer/Preaching 10:30 am Congregational Meeting | 12 | 13 9:00 am AI Anon 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 14 10:00 am Bible Study  | 15 | 16 5-8 AYOP | 17 |
| 18  Father's Day 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School | 19 | 20 9:00 am AI Anon | 21 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Scouts | 22 | 23 5-8 AYOP | 24 9:00 am Hiking Club |
| 25 8:15 am Lay Ministers 9:00 am Prayer/Preaching 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Altar Guild Meeting | 26 | 27 9:00 am AI Anon 6:30 pm  | 28 10:00 am Bible Study | 29 | 30 5-8 AYOP | |

2017—2018

Officers and Board/Committee Members

Executive Board

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| President | Manny Cruz |
| Secretary | Shenoah Riess |
| Financial Secretary | Ann Duggan |
| Treasurer | Nancy Riley |

Board of Lay Ministry

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| Chairperson | Mike Heidtbrink |
| Member | Tim Hahn |
| Member | Larry Betancourt |
| Member | Jim Dysart |

Board of Stewardship

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| Chairperson | Judy Dysart |
| Member | Lynn Chiaravalle |
| Member | Jenny Moody |

Board of Properties

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| Chairperson | Curtis Duggan |
| Member | Manfred Luther |
| Member | Dave Brinchman |
| Member | Bob Imig |
| Member | Bobby Riess |

Board of Fellowship

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Chairperson | Jennie Green |
| Member | Carol Hernandez |

Board of Education

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| Chairperson | Kristin Brann |
| Member | Gloria Ollhoff |

Board of Outreach

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| Chairperson | Sandee Boelter |
| Member | Ken Handy |
| Member | Remi Tufts |

Flowers

Judi Cruz

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

10245 Loma Rancho Drive
Spring Valley, CA 91978
(619) 670-7174

Rev. Chet Sherbarth
atonementspringvalley.org
atonement.sv@gmail.com

Weekly Service

Sunday at 9:00 am

Bible Study

Sunday at 10:30 am

(On Break until Sept.)

Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Men's)

Wednesday at 10:00 am

(On Break)

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

Atoner's Bell Ringers

Tuesday's at 6:00 pm

Hiking Club

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

Contact Us



Call us!

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30pm

619-670-7174

Pastors Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00-3:00pm



Write/E-mail

Mail: 10245 Loma Rancho Drive
Spring Valley, CA 91978

E-mail: Atonement.sv@gmail.com



**Add us on
Facebook!**



[www.facebook.com/
atonementspringvalley](http://www.facebook.com/atonementspringvalley)



**Check out our
Website!**

www.atonementspringvalley.org