



Atonement Quarterly

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This Old House

By Pastor Chet Scherbarth

Have you ever been in an old house? And wondered what history did it see? Who were the families or people that said “Here this is my home.” What joys were within the walls what sorrows? Did it keep the families warm when they were cold? Did it provide refuge from the heat of the sun? When the

weather became a monsoon did its occupants stay dry?

Are the tick marks on the door frame a reminder of children growing up? Is the faded worn carpet a reminder of tennis balls drug across the floor on the bottom of a walker? Are there patches over holes in the walls from teenager angst? Perhaps there’s a stain from that one birthday party.

Maybe on the wall across from the window you can just make it out. A faint discoloration in the paint. Something was on the wall for a long time. One place where the paint was darker and looked almost new. But the rest of the wall was faded with the passage of time. As you look closely you can see the shape of a cross. A symbol of faith marked on the wall.

What does that darker crossed shape spot of

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paint say? It hints at faith that once lived within the walls. It's a reminder that under the cross there is protection. The occupants who hung that cross did they take for granted the protection that their faith brought them? Was that cross the daily reminder of how much Jesus loved them and adored them? Did they share together in the protection of the cross just as the roof kept the sun and rain off them?

This makes me think of another old house. God's House.

Do those who come within the walls find rest, vivification? When guests come do they leave a little lighter knowing they were always welcome to return?

As you think about the God's House. Does it inspire you to leave your mark on the floor, on the walls? Is it your sanctuary? Do you find comfort and rest in its walls? Do guests that come calling promise to come back? Do you look forward to when everything is still and you can plop down in your seat and let the stuff of life stay outside.

As you sit do you hear the words of Jesus? And when you look around do you see the faces of your family? Do you see the little ones that can't sit still bursting full of life and raring to go? Do you see your elder family members bearing the weight of their years? Do you see the faces of those in the middle in many ways so young but catching up quickly as the weight of responsibility begins to add care lines here and there?

The next time you join your family in this old house. Take a moment and look around at the history. See where your story has been added to the ones before and look and see where those who follow after are going to add their

history. Look for the cross and be reminded of the love a Father has for his children. Perhaps as you sit you will see an offer a steadying hand, or a bouncing bundle of joy upon a knee. Maybe you will be surprised to find it is your hand offered and your knee that bounces. Amen



There is still space to sign up for flowers in 2018. 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



“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper.

And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the

conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

*By Rev. Jason Braaten
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From the Pews

TRADE SECRETS

-by Remi Tufts

People who work at any certain job usually learn "trade secrets". These are those helpful "secrets" which help to make the job easier and go along smoother.

Baseball players know you should choke up on the bat to hit a single. That you should move to the front of the batter's box against a curve-ball pitcher. Bakers know that dough is kneaded best when there's plenty of flour on the table, Automobile workers know that you should break in a new car by driving it slowly at first.

Christians know some very obvious things about God, at least they seem to be obvious to us. We know that He loves us, not because of who we are but because of WHO He is; that we are loved by God through the death and resurrection of His Son; that all who believe in Jesus will have forgiveness of sins. Those seems like obvious things, but not everyone is as clear as we are about those facts.

This week I had the opportunity to share some of that Good News with someone who had not really listened to that message. The person's life had been defined in terms of Jesus do some and we have to do the rest. What a joy it was to share with the person that Jesus does it all.

Nobody knows everything about God. People called theologians spend their whole lives learning about Him, but they confess that they never can learn everything about Him. A world-famous theologian near retirement was asked to state his conclusions about Jesus. After pausing to think about all his research, he responded, "I can best answer this question in words I learned long ago, "Jesus loves me this I know; for the Bible tells me so."

What we have to share with parents of our Tutor Center, our spouses, our families, our neighbors, our guest at worship is the same Good News. This is the message of Good Friday and Easter - "God so loved the world"- and you and me - "that He gave His only Son, that whoever" - that's you and me - "who believes will have eternal life." That is the message we have to share everyday.

God bless you as you share the message daily, Amen.

From the Pews

FATHER'S BEATITUDE

-by Remi Tufts

Often we find it hard to express our love for our father. Perhaps the words of a six-year-old would be helpful. Struggling with the mysteries of mathematics, she expressed her affection for her father this way: "Daddy, I love you as many times as God can count."

Perhaps the following Father's Beatitudes might be helpful to our fathers, busy rearing and doing all that is involved in the function of their work:

Blessed is the father who understands his child, for he shall inherit a kingdom of memories.

Blessed is the father who knows how to comfort, for he shall possess a child's devotion.

Blessed is the father who guides by the path of righteousness, for he shall be proud of his offspring.

Blessed is the father who is never shocked, for he shall receive the confidences.

Blessed is the father who teaches respect, for he shall be respected.

Blessed is the father who emphasizes the good and minimizes the bad, for in like manner the child shall make evaluations.

Blessed is the father who treats her child as he would be treated, for his home shall be filled with happiness.

Blessed is the father who answers simply the startling questions, for he shall always be trusted.

Blessed is the father who has character strong enough to withstand the thoughtless remarks and resentments of a growing child, for again in due time he shall be honored.

From the Pews

FESTIVAL OF WEEKS

-by Remi Tufts

As the Jewish people celebrated Pentecost it was a happy time of rejoicing which commemorated the wheat harvest. It was one of their three annual festivals when every able-bodied male was required to appear at the temple or main sanctuary. There, each was to present at least two loaves of bread made from the newly harvested grain along with other offerings which were to be made. It was a huge gathering marked by joy. For the first Christians of the church, Pentecost took on a whole new meaning of significance. The account can be read in the "Acts of the Apostles" when 120 disciples gathered in an Upper Room following Jesus' death and resurrection. When day had arrived. "Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of violent wind and sat on each of them." Then the account continues that each of them began speaking in another tongue, which they had not learned (Acts 2:2-4). It was a supernatural visitation of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of a whole new era. Jesus had commanded His followers to wait in Jerusalem until this outpouring from heaven was experienced. This was the descent of the Holy Spirit upon those believers and this phenomenon is still happening today! Jesus had previously told them that when He went away He would be sending the "Comforter," the Holy Spirit, to dwell within them to lead and guide them in His absence.



“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation! “

-Psalm 95:1



About a year ago it came to my attention that our Sing-along-Sunday booklet was in need of updating and revamping. At about the same time, our Worship Committee began grappling with ways to incorporate the different genres of music meaningful to the wide age span in our congregation. It's been quite a project, but all good things come to those who wait, so now it's YOUR turn. We have printed a preliminary list of those songs we are licensed to use, divided into three parts: Classic Contemporary (taken from our Alternative Worship Service), Gospel/ Traditional, and a Children's Section. Also provided is a form we would like you to fill out if there are selections missing from the list that you would like to see included in the book. These may be placed in my mailbox in the entryway of the church anytime during the month of June, as we hope to begin using the finalized booklet the second Sunday of July. This will allow us to use songs not listed in our LSB Pew Hymnal for any worship service without having to print them on an insert. Please be aware of two things:

1. There are a few "Classic Contemporary" songs already included in our Lutheran Service Book Hymnal. eg. LSB #547 - "The Lamb". Please check to make sure the song(s) you are suggesting aren't already listed in the LSB index at the back of the hymnal.
2. In order for us to legally print and use songs we must have permission under our CCLI license, which we purchase every year. If we print a song which isn't included in our license the church could face heavy fines under copyright laws. The good news is that thousands of songs ARE included in the license.

I would also like to thank Shenoah Riess, our Office Professional, for the hours of work she donated to type and edit this project, and to our Worship Committee for their advice and input. We're pray our efforts enhance your worship experience here at Atonement!

In His Service,
Elaine Heidtbrink
Director of Music

CLASSIC CONTEMPORARY A1-A30

A1 A Shield About Me
A1 Alleluia
A2 As the Deer
A3 Bind Us Together
A3 Change my heart, O God
A4 Commune With Me
A5 Create In Me A Clean Heart
A6 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
A7 Father, I Adore You
A7 Feed Us Now
A8 For Those Tears I Died
A9 Freely, Freely
A10 Glorify Thy Name
A11 He Has Made Me Glad
A12 Here I Am, Lord
A13 His Name Is Wonderful
A14 Holy, Holy
A15 I Love You, Lord
A15 In His Time
A16 Let Us Break Bread Together
A17 Lord, Be Glorified
A17 Lord I Lift Your Name On High
A18 Make Me A Servant
A18 Make Me Like You
A19 One Bread, One Body
A19 Lord, Be Glorified
A20 Pass It On
A21 Seek Ye First
A22 Shine, Jesus, Shine
A23 Spirit Of The Living God
A23 Spirit Song
A24 The Lord Is Present In His Sanctuary
A25 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

A26 This Is The Day
A26 Thy Loving Kindness
A27 Thy Word
A27 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
A28 We Have Come Into His House
A29 We Remember You
A29 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
A30 White As Snow
A30 You Are My Hiding Place

GOSPEL/TRADITIONAL B31-B43

B31 Because He Lives
B32 Blessed Assurance
B33 Count Your Blessings
B34 God Be With You
B35 Have Thine Own Way
B36 I Love To Tell The Story
B37 In The Garden
B38 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
B39 Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
B40 Standing On The Promises
B41 Sweet Hour Of Prayer
B42 The Old Rugged Cross
B43 To God Be The Glory

CHILDREN'S SONGS C44-C50

C44 The Butterfly Song
C45 The B.I.B.L.E
C45 The Bible is It's Name-O
C46 God Is So Good
C47 I Am A "C"
C47 I've Got That Joy
C48 The Donut Song
C49 This Little Light Of Mine
C50 Zacchaeus

Song Suggestion Sheet

Title of Song (s): _____



Recipes FROM THE Church Kitchen

Zesty Slow Cooker Chicken Barbecue

"Use your slow cooker to prepare this great twist on basic barbecue chicken. Throw the chicken breasts in frozen, and serve with baked potatoes."



Prep time: 10 min

Cook time: 4 Hrs

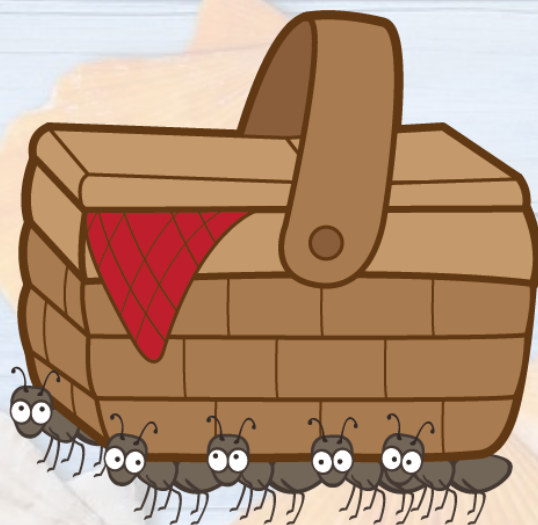
Ready in: 4 Hrs 10 mins

Ingredients

- 6 frozen skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 (12 ounce) bottle barbeque sauce
- 1/2 cup Italian salad dressing
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Directions

1. Place chicken in a slow cooker. In a bowl, mix the barbecue sauce, Italian salad dressing, brown sugar, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over the chicken.
2. Cover, and cook 3 to 4 hours on High or 6 to 8 hours on Low.

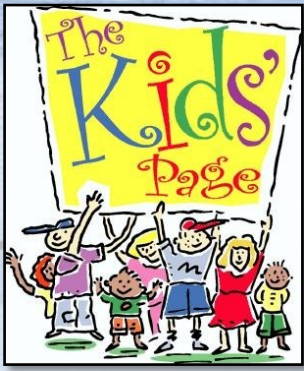


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Fathers Day Devotion

Text: Galatians 4:4-7

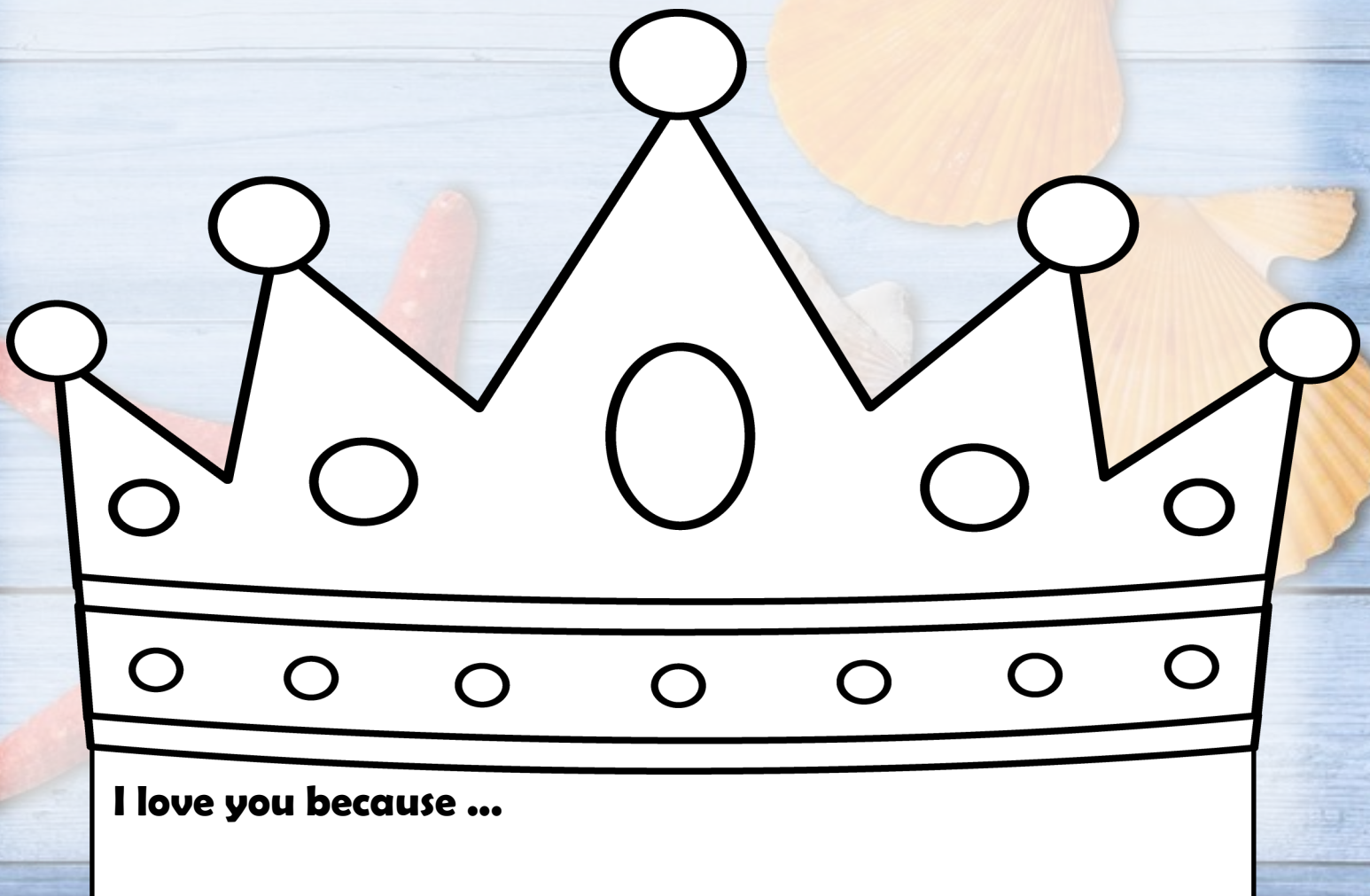
What kind of father might wear a crown? What would it be like to have a king for a dad? The Bible tells us something important about our Heavenly Father. According to these verses in Galatians, who is our Heavenly Father? How are our fathers and the special men in our lives here on earth like our Heavenly Father?

Color the special crown below for your father or a special man in your life here on earth. Finish the sentence, "I love you because ..." You might say, "I love you because you're kind."

On Father's Day, we give our dads special presents. You can give your father or special friend your crown and thank him for being in your life. Can you think of any gifts we can give our heavenly Father?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us and giving us our fathers and the special men in our lives. You're awesome, and we praise you for making us your children. Amen.

Activity Page



4 Truths about Habits

As a teenager, you might not really think about your habits much. But, you probably have tons of habits. You might have a habit of getting up in the morning a certain way. Or a habit of eating something a certain way.

Sometimes, habits can be weird, other habits are boring and some habits are good and others are bad. Regardless of how habits are characterized, let's look at a few things that habits have in common.

Truth #1 – Habits are Hard to Break.

Habits can be really hard to break, especially if you've been doing them for a long time. Maybe you have a habit of cracking your knuckles and it drives your mom crazy. So you try really hard to quit, but it seems like you always forget and crack them anyway. Over time, habits become a part of who you are and it makes it much harder to break them when you find a bad one.

To break a habit, it takes a lot of hard work, but if you decide to do it and are determined, you can break any habit. Also, don't discount God's help in breaking a habit. Ask God for wisdom and strength. The more bad habits you kick when you're young, the freer and more fun you'll have as you get older. Don't waste any time, start working on those bad habits today!

Truth #2 – Habits are hard work

Good habits don't just appear in your life. As awesome as that would be, habits don't just show up. You've got to choose to work on the habits you'd like to have. If you want to be more generous, you've got to spend time working on generosity. If you want to be more patient, you've got to practice patience in your life. A good way to do this, is to find some verses in the Bible that deal with the habit you'd like to see in your life. Read the verses and say the verses out loud daily, and put a copy of the verse in your locker at school or mirror at home. Getting God's word into your heart is a good way to develop good habits.

Another practical thing you can do is to find some resources to develop the habit in your life. Perhaps your library has a book on your habit, or you can spend some time searching online to find tips to develop the habit. You can gain a lot of insight by simply looking for resources designed to help you develop good habits. Regardless of how you develop the new habit, you need to realize that good habits aren't going to just show up in your life. Just like an athlete has to practice hard to become good at their sport, you've got to spend time practicing and developing good habits in your life. Good habits don't happen by chance, rather they're developed through hard work and discipline.



Truth #3 – Habits determine your destination.

Just because you want to get a certain level of success in life doesn't mean that it will happen. Just desiring something will never get you to where you want to go. Your destination in life is determined each day by the habits you keep.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread each day, and at last we cannot break it. - Horace Mann

You've got to put in work to get to where you want to go in life. High achievement doesn't happen automatically. You've got to put some time in to developing habits that will help you reach the destination you desire in life.

If you want to do well in sports there are certain habits you must develop to get you there. If you never show up for practice and don't eat right, you'll never achieve as much as those who do. To be good at something, you've got to develop the habits you need for success.

This is why its so important to develop good habits while you're young. As you get older, habits become harder to break. It also becomes harder to reach your destination. Choose to develop habits that will help you reach your goals.

Truth #4 - Habits help you reach your dreams.

If you have a dream of becoming a musician, then begin to develop good habits of practicing music. If you want to be a writer, begin writing a little bit every night before you go to bed. Whatever it is that you dream of doing, the habits you work on now matter. They will take you toward your dreams or away from them. People ruin their lives with the foolish things they do, and then they blame the Lord for it. – Proverbs 19:3 (ERV)
Habits are really important. So choose today to make good habits in your life. Choose to not let life just pass you by, but rather put in the effort to develop good habits today.

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2018

JUNE 18-22

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Closing BBQ, Friday 22nd at 5:00 pm

All Ages!

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www.myvbs.org/atonementsv

Or call/email us at:

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Heavenly Humor

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(See Genesis 2:18-25)

04-03-2015

AND ZEBR ... OH MY ... I SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACKING UP OCCASIONALLY

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A SNAKE ON A STICK FIXES ANYTHING!

I THINK IT'S ABOUT THEM TRUSTING IN GOD TO SAVE THEM. IT WORKED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED IT WOULD.

THAT'S A PRETTY FANCY PLACEBO!



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NUMBERS 21:1-9.

09.03.15

WHEN JEREMIAH SAYS HE HAS A BURNING FIRE IN HIS BONES IF HE TRIES TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT, I CAN TOTALLY RELATE.

WELL, IN JEREMIAH'S CASE, IT'S THE SPIRIT OF GOD THAT WILL NOT LET HIM REST UNTIL HE SPEAKS GOD'S WORD, EVEN IF IT'S UNPOPULAR.

IN YOUR CASE, IT'S USUALLY GOSSIP.



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JEREMIAH 20:7-13

08.06.17

Atonement Monthly

2018



Anniversaries

- 17 Ethan & Joan Bowen
- 23 Curtis & Ann Duggan
- 24 Manny & Judi Cruz

Birthdays

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



June

Lay Ministers

Acolytes

Flowers


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| 3 | Larry Betancourt | Junior Betancourt |
| 10 | Mike Heidtbrink | Johnathan Moody |
| 17 | Tim Hahn | Philip Brann |
| 24 | Jim Dysart | Rebecca Moody |

- Ethan & Joan Bowen 56th Anniversary
Manny & Judy Cruz Anniversary



2019 JULY

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

2018—2019

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Weekly Service

Sunday at 9:00 am

Sunday School

Sunday at 10:30 am

First Communion Class

Sunday at 10:30 am

Bible Studies

Sunday at 10:30 am

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

Wednesday at 10:00 am

Thursday at 6:20 pm - Joining Jesus
- *Every other Thursday of the month* -

Confirmation

Friday's at 3:00 pm

Membership Classes

Wednesdays at 8:00 am

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

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