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Lenten Schedule



Mid-Week Lenten Worship—Wednesdays

6pm *Soup Suppers* at hosting church

7pm *Parish Worship*

March 4 at Cross of Glory

March 11 at Atonement

March 18 at Cross of Glory

March 25 at Atonement

April 1 at Cross of Glory

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—April 5—8:30am at Cross of Glory

10:30am at Atonement

Maundy Thursday—April 9—7pm at Atonement

Good Friday—April 10—7pm at Cross of Glory

Easter Sunday—April 12

7am Sunrise Easter Service at Cross of Glory followed by Easter Breakfast

10:30am Easter Worship at Atonement



Choir Rehearsal Change

Due to mid-week Lenten services, beginning March 1 choir rehearsal and the worship team will meet on Sunday mornings before worship. Choir will meet from 9:25—10am and the Worship Team will meet from 10:00-10:15am.

The regular Wednesday night schedule will resume after Lent.



Lifetouch Photo Day

A reminder that our last Lifetouch photo day is **Tuesday, March 3 from 2—9pm at Cross of Glory**, for both Atonement and Cross of Glory members who signed up for this date.



LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERS

Pastoral Delivery



Hello Siblings in Christ,

Another month has flown by and here I am writing to you again: preparing for the season of Lent and hopefully some warmer, sunnier weather. Looming larger in my mind is Daylight Savings Time, which will make Sunday mornings feel much earlier to me when on **Sunday, March 9th, we will need to “spring” our clocks forward by an hour** to make sure we’re on time for worship. Even if you show up late to worship that day, we will be glad to have you!

Turning our attention toward the season, as you probably know by now: **our 2020 Lenten theme is “Less is More.”** As some of us have experienced, by giving something up for Lent, we just might become more aware of our patterns, routines, and agendas in life. The hope is that we also remember that we belong to God. We also add a few things during Lent: a Wednesday evening Soup Supper at 6pm followed by a simple worship service at 7pm. Our two congregations join together in worship on these Wednesdays--and we encourage you to invite neighbors and friends to gather with us in worship.

Our hymn of the season of Lent will be **#616 “Jesus, Remember Me.”** This hymn comes to us from the Taize Community in France, a destination where people “search for communion with God through community prayer, song, silence, personal reflection, and sharing.” I pray that this song helps you to reflect on your own life and draws you closer to God.

With the sometimes frenzied pace of the world constantly nudging us to move through this life quickly--and to do more, be more, acquire more--we know from scripture that Jesus invites us to something different. We are to be present in our lives: to seek out those who are in need; to take time for Sabbath rest; to dwell in scripture and to wonder together about where God is leading us.

May God bless us as we slow down together, taking a break midweek to break bread together, to sing, to pray, and to be in community as we walk through Lent together.

May God bless you today and always,

Pastor Cassie Nault

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Camp Wapo Registration is OPEN!

YOUTH CAMP WEEK

August 9—14

Completed Grades 4—8

\$470* (\$100 due at registration)

The week is packed with a variety of activities that are meant to impact kids for eternity. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games and campfire.

Closing worship is on Fridays at **12:00 pm** when family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Camp Wapo

738 Hickory Point Lane

Amery, WI 54001

715-268-8434

SEEDS WEEKEND

August 7—9

Completed Grades 1—3

\$185* (\$50 due at registration)

This action packed weekend for our youngest campers begins Friday and concludes with worship at **12:00 pm** on Sunday. Families and friends are welcome to attend the closing worship.

Knowing that this may be some kid's first camp experience or even their first time away from home, our counselors will spend every moment with these campers. They will provide a safe and caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and tons of games.

REGISTER AT: <http://lwlbc.com/cross-of-glory-mv>

HopeFULL
God's Unwavering Promise—Romans 15:13

*Scholarships are available. All kids should be able to attend camp and we don't want the cost of camp to be an obstacle.

Connect With Us

Weekly announcements and the Facebook feed are posted on our website: AtonementNB.org

Please "like" and "follow" us on the Atonement Facebook page.

If you missed a Sunday, bulletins are available on our website or in the narthex by the bulletin board.

You can also find recordings of some sermons on our website. atonementnb.org

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

King's Kids Preschool

2020-21 School Year Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is now open. The school has programs for youth aged 33 months to 5 years old. Please call 651-633-2240, extension 15, or go to AtonementNB.org for more information.

Upcoming March Events

NO SCHOOL—March 16-20

Parent/Teacher Conferences—March 23-27



Afternoon teacher change until March 10:
MWF—Mrs. Webb
TTH—Ms. Sullivan

MARCH READING VOLUNTEERS:

We are emphasizing **READING ALOUD** during March. Parents, grandparents, friends and members are invited to spend 15 minutes or so reading their favorite preschool book to our students. Please sign up on the KKP Bulletin Board or speak to one of the teachers.

Volunteers Needed for “Children’s Church”

Please consider volunteering to help with lessons for our children during “Children’s Church”. The children leave worship during the sermon and learn about the Bible in a child-friendly way.



What a great opportunity to help our children develop their faith as they learn about Jesus and the Bible.

Please talk to Andrea Weatherly or Pastor Cassie if you are interested in this important ministry.

MISSION PARTNERS

Community Support Center (CSC)

It was fun for our choir to sing in the CSC fundraiser January 26. It was also exciting to sing with so many area church choirs. Such a beautiful sound from so many people. A special thank you to Shannon for not only arranging our participation, preparing us to sing with Cross of Glory, but also for filling in as the choir director for **both** of our pieces at the last minute (even though she wasn't feeling well herself).

And we raised some real money to support the Community Support Center and heard a wonderful success story from one of the clients they've helped effect long-term success. Here are the results from Karen (the only paid employee of CSC):

"We had another successful Sing for Our Neighbors concert fundraiser! 200 people came out to support us and we raised over \$5,000! We now have 21 new Neighbors and 47 of you have renewed your membership for 2020."

Thank you to all who participated and contributed. Please consider joining this neighborhood resource.

March is FoodShare Month

Please be mindful of the people in our community who do not have enough to eat. All during March the Hunger Group will be collecting non-perishable food (canned vegetables, fruit, meat, or soup; boxed pasta or rice mixes; cooking oil; etc.), to be put into the wooden box behind the kiosk.

Better yet, you could write a check to either Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) food shelf or Ralph Reeder food shelf. If you put it in the offering plate, the Hunger Group will bring it to the food shelf of your choice at the same time that they deliver the tangible food items.

Or if you prefer, you could mail it directly to an address below. With monetary donations, the food shelves can purchase foods much cheaper than one can at a supermarket.

Thank you!! The Hunger Group

SACA
627 38th Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421



Ralph Reeder
2544 Mounds View Blvd
Mounds View, MN 55112



MISSION PARTNERS

American Red Cross



**American
Red Cross**

Give Blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs Blood.

Blood Drive Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
8211 Red Oak Drive
Mounds View

Thursday, March 5 from 1:30—to 6:30pm.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
Abiding to schedule an appointment.

Growing Through Loss

***Growing Through Loss* – Support for Those Experiencing Loss in their Lives**

Growing Through Loss is a grief and loss support ministry jointly sponsored by the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition, of which 19 churches and organizations in our area are members. The coalition hosts two six-week series each year at various locations that address both the educational as well as support aspects of a variety of loss and grief issues.



The spring series will be held on Monday evenings, April 13th through May 18th from 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Rd NE, St Anthony, MN 55418.

Each session offers an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by peer support groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Each session is complete in itself, so you may attend any or all sessions. Registration takes place the evening before each session. There is no cost, although donations are welcome. Free childcare is available, but please call a week in advance so they are prepared for your children. You may call 763-755-5335 or visit www.growingthroughloss.org for more information.

AROUND ATONEMENT

Easter Garden 2020

Please consider helping the Altar Committee beautify the sanctuary with an Easter Garden by purchasing a plant. Mums, Tulips and Hydrangeas will be available for purchase. Donations for Palm branches will gratefully be accepted as well.



Please find the order forms in the narthex at church. Orders need to be returned by Sunday, March 29 to Carol Hoiby or dropped in with the offering. Please make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church and add *Easter Garden* in the memo.



Mums (purple, white or yellow) \$8.00



Tulips (purple, red or yellow) \$7.50



Hydrangeas (pink) \$15.00



Donations for Palm branches (15 palms per bunch) \$7.25

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Amy Lonsky, Christine Yee

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President: Andrea Weatherly

Vice President: Tanner Wyatt

Secretary: Tony Houfek

Committee Chairs

Worship: Carol Hoiby

Children/Youth/Family: Open
Charitable Giving: Bonnie Anderson

Evangelism: Steve Klaers
Education: Andrea Weatherly

Finance: Open
Property: Ron Evens

Stewardship: Jim Nelson

FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Activity	Description
Prayer Shawl Ministry Mary Billington 763-786-7201	We support our brothers and sisters in Christ through prayer. Knitters and crocheters pray for the recipient as they create the prayer shawls.
Greeting Cards TBD	Check out our selection of cards available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall for \$0.50 a piece! Since 2012, we have sold over 1,100 cards! If you are interested in taking over this ministry please contact Virginia Cahow.
Game Day Kerry Shoberg 763-786-5658 Thursdays at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall	A relaxing time as we enjoy fun and fellowship playing games. Bring a game to share.
ABC (Atonement Book Club) Third Monday of the month in member's homes.	Monday, March 16 at 1pm.
ABCD (Atonement Book Club Daytime) Nancy Jahnke, 651-633-5441. First Monday of the month at the home of Nancy Jahnke.	Monday, March 2 at 1pm. We will discuss <i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens. Karen Ochu will provide treats.
NAddy's Men's Fellowship Scott Carlson 651-633-1512, Thursday mornings at 7am at R.J. Riches in Mounds View.	Join us for fellowship and great food.

Bible Studies

- ✚ **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** meets at 7am on Monday mornings for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Study of the next Sunday's scripture readings will follow.
- ✚ **Elizabeth Circle** – We will meet March 10 at 1:00pm.
- ✚ **Mary Morning Circle** - March 12 at 9:30am at Atonement. Phyllis Kvitrud and Fong Lee are hosting.



Bedrock Beliefs of Atonement Lutheran Church

We believe that...

- ✚ God is present and active in our lives and in the world.
- ✚ God is generous to all people.
- ✚ God calls us to work.

A Quick Note:

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf is located in the Silver View Plaza Strip Mall, 2544 Mounds View Blvd (formerly County Hwy 10), Mounds View.



SENDING NOTES & CARE

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mar 4	Paul Anderson	Mar 15	Nancy Jahnke
Mar 6	Chris Paradise	Mar 16	John Miller
Mar 7	Richard & Karen Larson (1964)	Mar 26	Taylor Buffington
Mar 9	Jan Zastrow	Mar 28	Karen Ochu
Mar 15	Isabelle Eschenbach		



Keep Them in Your Prayers

† John Miller	† Cindy Skalicky & Family
† Ron Evens	† Bill Uecker
† Dave Kellsvig	† Carol Tilden's sister, Diane
† Larry Weatherly	† Sheridan, Arlene Drier's granddaughter
† Dorri & Larry Olson	† Parish of COG & ALC
† Shirley Peterson	
† Ron Hoiby	
† Virginia Cahow	
† Brielle and Alaina	
† Sally Kline	



Many Thanks!

- ♥ Many thanks to Tony Nault for spending over 8 hours working with the sign company about our electronic sign!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone at Atonement for your thoughtful concern during my recent illness. Your prayers, cards, calls and visits have been much appreciated by me and my family. Thank you to all who assisted in getting me to the hospital safely. I am so thankful for my Atonement family. In God's Love, Sally Kline
- ♥ Thank you everyone, for all you do for Atonement every day!



ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the volunteers!

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and let the office know.

If you would like to help during Sunday morning worship and are not scheduled, contact the office.

Sunday Morning Service

		March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Lay Assisting Minister		Marilyn Nelson	Royce King	Royce King	Wayne Haselhorst	Carreen Houfek
Lector		Marty Wyatt	Pat Haselhorst	Andrea Weatherly	TBD	TBD
Ushers		Gwen & Kevin Blomseth	Bonnie & Paul Anderson	Cheryl Lunde & Nancy Jahnke	Arlene Drier & Bea Laubach	Bev Johnson & Dave Landrus
Greeters		Fong Lee	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth	Janice Schmidt	Kerry Shoberg	Nancy Jahnke
Communion	Bread Baking	Marilyn Nelson	Marilyn Nelson	Andrea Weatherly	Andrea Weatherly	Jan Zastrow
	Set Up &	Judy Hill	Judy Hill	Bev Johnson	Bea Laubach	Lynn Miller
	Sunday Servers	Nancy Jahnke Scott Carlson Marty & Tanner Wyatt	Bea Lea Helen Campeau Wayne & Pat Haselhorst	Andrea & Isaac Weatherly TBD	TBD	TBD
Technology		Bruce Jahnke	Bruce Jahnke	Bruce Jahnke	Bruce Jahnke	Bruce Jahnke
Dave Landrus is scheduled to fill coffee filters this month.						

Prayer Ministers




Prayer ministers will be available following the worship service on **March 8** for those requesting intercessory prayers for themselves or others.

If you are interested in serving as a prayer minister once a month, please contact the church office.



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am COG Worship 9:25am Choir 10am Worship Team 10:30am ALC Worship 11:30am FCC	2 7am Men's Bible Study 1pm ABCD Book Club 1pm Music Lessons 6pm Girl Scouts	3 1pm Music Lessons	4 6pm COG Soup Supper 7pm Parish Worship @ COG 7pm FCC	5 Organics Pick Up 7am Naddy's Men's 1pm Cards/Games	6 Pastor Day Off	7 8:30am MoB
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15 Pastor Vacation 8:30am COG Worship 9:25am Choir 10am Worship Team 10:30am ALC Worship 11:30am FCC 6pm Girl Scouts	16 Pastor Vacation Newsletter Articles Due 7am Men's Bible Study 9am Pack Up Quilts 1pm ABC Book Club 1pm Kitchen Kut Ups 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Council	17 Pastor Vacation St. Patrick's Day 1pm Music Lessons 	18 Pastor Vacation 6pm COG Soup Supper 7pm Parish Worship @ COG 7pm FCC	19 Pastor Vacation 7am Naddy's Men's 1pm Cards/Games	20 Pastor Vacation 5pm MoB	21 Pastor Vacation 8:30am MoB
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Getting to Know You

Let's Meet....

We begin our *Getting to Know You* series where we get to know a little more about a couple of our members each month. This month we introduce Carol Uecker and Marilyn Nelson.



Carol Uecker

My name is Carol Uecker and I was born and grew up in North Minneapolis. I graduated from North High. After high school I worked for the Bell system and retired from AT&T Company with 30 years of service.

I am blessed with four children, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

My hobbies are crocheting, embroidery, coloring and singing. I sing with the Kitchen Kut Ups of New Brighton.

I joined Atonement in 1963. My faith has grown through the years through worship, choir, women's retreats, women's bible study and Caring Community program.

Marilyn Nelson

I've been a member at Atonement since 1976; my family (2 sons) grew up here. I worked full time in adult education until my retirement in 2006. In 2006, my husband's memorial service was held here. I like to sing, teach children and enjoy square dancing and my 5 grandkids.

I was raised in a Christian home and the Presbyterian Church: enjoyed choir, camp, and youth group, was baptized and confirmed. When I was confirmed, I felt a bit guilty, because I really wasn't sure **what** I believed about God, but everyone else was getting confirmed, so.....

Things got really confusing at age 18, when I left family, friends, and Minnesota to attend college. I felt very alone and God seemed far away. He didn't fit **my** idea of an all-loving God. If He didn't **make** bad things happen to good people, He allowed evil to win. Since God didn't obey **my** rules, I stopped attending church and experimented with different spiritual practices and beliefs, finding none satisfying.

But God didn't forget about me. In the next 10 years of seeking, He kept putting me in touch with loving believers and sacred writings. Each opened my heart a bit more. One day, a friend said her faith and church helped her get through tough times and asked if I'd like to stop by one Sunday. There I met God and accepted that His ways are beyond my comprehension. I let Him out of the box and it's been an exciting ride.

Almost a Year...

Thoughts on Becoming a Parish

Forming a Parish has been a learning experience for us all at Atonement and Cross of Glory and we've been figuring things out as we go along. As you can image, for a Pastor with two congregations comes many, many emails, texts, phone conversations, in person conversations, home and hospital visits and meetings. Did I say meetings? And then of course, planning worship for two congregations with different styles and building relationships with two congregations.

As two-point Parish congregation members, we can do our part in remembering that our Pastor is only 20 hours per week at each church and it won't look the same as having a full-time pastor. *We need to think about where her time is best utilized with us?* Do we want her spending her time on non-pastoral issues or do we want her using her time for *planning our worship service experience to bring us closer to God, to connect and prepare our youth to be faithful servants to God and to help us connect and serve our communities?*

It's more important now than ever, to step up to organize and do the work needing to be done for our churches so that our Pastor can do what we called her to do. It's critical for our leaders to streamline meetings, dates and times so our Pastor can spend her evenings and days off with her family so she can come to us refreshed and effective.

We, as members of a two-point Parish, have to remember what affects one church affects the other as our Pastor is part of both. As we are getting to know each other more, we must remember to care for each other as if we were one congregation.

Becoming a Parish is new to us all and *change is necessary* for it to work and for us to survive in an increasingly difficult time for churches. As we try to streamline the daily operations of both churches, please try to be receptive of the change that it brings.

As Atonement and Cross of Glory continue to work together, worship together, build relationships with each other and share resources, please keep in mind our ultimate goal is to get outside our walls and do what Jesus calls us to do; *to share God's love and serve each other, our neighbors, our communities and those in need.*

Peace,
Dawn Saros-Kirk

Priority Mail

April Newsletter Deadline:

Third Monday of the month:
March 16, 2020

Sunday Bulletin Insert Deadline:

End of day Wednesday

Church Schedule

Sunday Worship Service

10:30am

Fellowship

11:30am



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When moving, changing addresses
and/or phone, please notify the
church office.

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