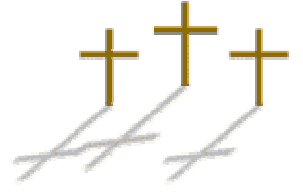
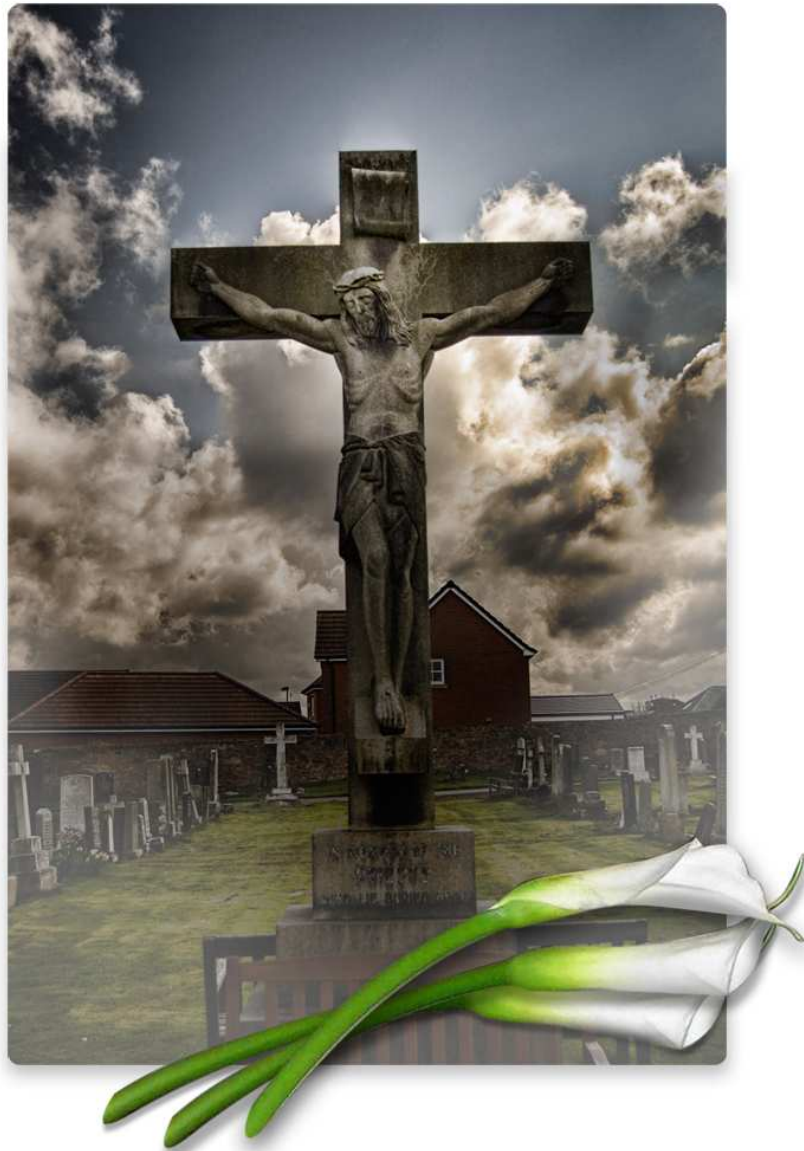


The Messenger



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Nurturing Faith and Discipleship in People of All Ages



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Dear Friends in Christ,

A man out walking came upon a boy who was sitting on a rock repeating the alphabet. "Why are you saying your ABC's so many times?" the man asked. "I'm saying my prayers," the boy replied. "Prayers? All I hear is the alphabet." Patiently the boy explained, "Well, I don't know all the words, so I give God the letters. God knows what I'm trying to say."

I like that story because it's so true. God knows what's in our heart. St. Paul said that even when we don't know how or what to pray the Spirit prays for us with sighs too deep for words. When we pray we are never 'on our own.' The Spirit is always praying in and for us. That was confirmed for me at the silent prayer retreat I attended at a Trappist monastery in February.

It was refreshing to stop talking – stop talking to people, stop talking to God – and simply listen and rest in the love of God like a child. It's difficult to describe how comforting and renewing it was – and is. I believe that God is always present, looking at us with infinite love and willing to embrace us at any moment. Too often we just won't sit still long enough to receive God's love. I'm reminded of the way my grandma would patiently wait for my hyperactive little brother to slow down long enough for a cuddle. He would come away from the cuddle a little more calm, a little more confident, a little less naughty, a little easier for the rest of us to live with. Prayer does that too!

The Cottage Meetings we held in February and March weren't silent, but they did afford us an opportunity to stop, sit still, and reflect on our community and ministry as an expression of God's love. Like prayer or any truthful communication, there were moments of group cuddle - appreciation and love - and moments when we were able to recognize some of what needs healing or growth.

At the **Council retreat on Sat., April 18**, Pastor Chad and I will be reporting some of what we heard at the Cottage meetings. The assembled group (Council, Staff, and any interested members of the Congregation) will look to the Scriptures and be in prayer as together, we begin to discern what God is up to at Atonement. We'll be asking questions about God's mission in the world and how Atonement can best be instruments for God's use. The congregation will be asked for feedback on that conversation later in April.

Members of the congregation are welcome to join in the retreat. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jim Eraker, Pastor Chad or me for details.

May this Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter season be a time of spiritual renewal and renewed commitment to follow our Lord, Jesus. He is gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

In Christ,

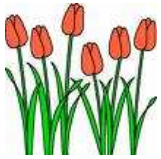
Pastor Debra

FIRST FRIDAY Get-Togethers

Mark your calendars! We will meet on Friday, April 3 at Karen Shepard's home. We'd love to have you join us at this casual gathering—it's an opportunity to meet and visit. Food and fellowship begin at 6:00. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Host will provide soft drinks and you may bring wine if you wish. Call 303-516-9669 for directions. If you are able to host a gathering, please contact Jan Bundy (303-604-0869) or Jan Ydstie-Roy (303-554-0311).

Hope to see you April 3rd!

Pre-Easter Egg Hunt



On Palm
Sunday, April

5th, there will be a Pre-Easter Egg Hunt happening inside and outside Atonement's building. All are welcome, and please invite a neighbor or friend to join us! This will be a fun way to celebrate Holy Week and build community at the same time. The festivities will begin following worship!

COMING SOON:

The Little Lutheran

We have purchased a subscription for 6 copies of "The Little Lutheran." They should arrive for the May edition!

HOLY WEEK / EASTER The Three Days

The Three Days are the anchor of the Christian year, which we will again celebrate with our brothers and sisters from Grace Lutheran and the CU Lutheran Campus Ministry. Spanning Maundy Thursday sundown through Easter Day sundown they comprise one continuous liturgy.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, at Atonement

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday message is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially for the poor and the unloved. Today's liturgy continues in the Good Friday liturgy tomorrow evening.

11:30 a.m. Holy Communion 12 noon – Fellowship Luncheon

A simple worship service followed by a time for fellowship and lunch. Transportation is available; please contact the church office to make arrangements.

7 p.m. Thomas Mass

One of the unique features of the Thomas Mass is that it emphasizes participation by all. The centerpiece of the liturgy is a 20-minute "free space"—an opportunity for worshippers to enter into action and meditation at various stations located throughout the sanctuary and narthex. During our Thomas Mass on Maundy Thursday, all will be able to choose to participate during this time in varied ways:

- *Participating in the foot washing*
- *Remembering baptism*
- *Anointing for blessing/healing*
- *Prayer around the cross*
- *Meditating with music/congregational singing in the sanctuary*

Good Friday, April 10, at Atonement

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Cross of Hope: Four Voices of the Passion.

A service of readings, reflections, and hymns structured so that worshipers may arrive and leave as their schedule allows. Participants include Atonement, Boulder Mennonite, Community UCC, Grace Lutheran, Mountain View Methodist, and St. Andrew Presbyterian.

7 p.m. – Liturgy of the Cross

The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

Easter Vigil, April 11, at Grace Lutheran, 7 p.m.

This is the night! Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, and go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

Weathering Market Volatility

Third in a Series from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

By Deidre G. Farrell

Market volatility points to a basic investing truth: You cannot predict market direction with any degree of certainty or consistency. The key to survival is to have a long-term strategy and follow a few time-proven guidelines to help manage your money and emotions.

Don't panic: If your investment strategy reflects your long-term financial goals, don't make drastic changes or let market swings steer you off course.

Keep investing: Realize that even after markets have dropped, they have rebounded over time. Consider your financial ability to continue investing through periods of low prices. While it does not assure a profit or protect against loss, buying on a regular schedule regardless of price—called dollar cost averaging—may benefit you in the long run.

Diversify: It is important to maintain a good mix of stocks, bonds and cash in your portfolio. Various asset classes perform differently, so the upswings in one may offset the declines in another. While diversification can help spread risk, it does not eliminate it.

Focus on time, not timing: When you invest, do it with long-term objectives in mind. History has proven that a successful investment strategy stays focused and stays

invested. Avoid the temptation to buy as the market surges and sell as it dips—market analyses show that timing the market rarely, if ever, works and it can cost you dearly.

Consistently staying invested can help you realize possible positive returns over time. Those who miss out on the market's best-performing days may miss out on significant returns (and growth) of their investments. Consider the 10-year performance of the Standard & Poor's 500® Index (an unmanaged index which measures the performance of 500 widely held common stocks of large-cap companies) from Dec. 31, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2007. Those fully invested over the full 10 years would have enjoyed an average annual total return of 5.91 percent. A \$10,000 investment tied to the index would have grown over that period of time to \$17,756.

By contrast, if an investor missed the 10 best days of the market (happened to pull his or her money from the market on its 10-most "up" days), he or she would have experienced an average annual total return over that 10-year period of negative (0.30) percent. That same \$10,000 investment would have shrunk to \$9,702.

Similarly, missing the 20 best days of the market would have resulted in an average annual total return of negative (3.91) percent, and his or her

\$10,000 investment would have declined to \$6,715.

Of course, no individual may invest directly in any index, and past performance is no guarantee of future results. Still, the lesson remains clear: Staying invested in the market is the only sure way to never miss the market's best days.

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Can a pig teach your kids to share?

Find out on April 24, National Teach Your Kids to Share Day. This event brings families and children ages 6–10 together for fun and learning. Explore unique ways kids can share, save and spend. Discuss the importance of being responsible with money. Build a financial foundation for your family that will last a lifetime.

When: April 24, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum
7711 East Academy Blvd, Denver, CO 80230

Cost: \$10 per family

Space is limited so register today at Thrivent.com/shareday or call 800-236-3736



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You and your family can look forward to:

- Participating in an interactive workshop.
- Playing and learning through hands-on activities.
- Sharing dinner and fellowship.
- Taking home educational tools to continue the fun.

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Save the Date!

Lutheran Family Services Annual Fundraising Gala

'Anything Can Happen!'

Saturday, April 25th 6:00pm

Tickets: \$100 per person

(33% price reduction from last year)

The Pinnacle Theatre &
Event Center
9136 W. Bowles Ave,
Littleton, CO 80123

Plan to join us for this fun and inspiring event. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call Doyle Lott at 303.217.5860; email at doyle.lott@lfsco.org or visit www.lfsco.org

Baby Items Needed - With spring arriving, LFS has an increasing number of little ones coming into our foster care system. The cost of formula, diapers and other baby products has skyrocketed and our foster families and cradle care homes are feeling the pinch. If you are interested in organizing a Baby Supply Drive for: new or gently used baby clothes or blankets, formula, baby bottles, baby bath products and diapers, please call Judy Lounsberry at 303.217.5841 to arrange delivery or pick-up.

Interested in Adoption?

Lutheran Family Services is providing informational meetings about adoption. For more information please contact Kate DeTrent at 303-217-5850.

Vacation Bible School

*Mark your calendars! The dates are set: **June 21-25.***

Sun., 21, 10:30 am – Noon

Gathering

Mon., 22 – Thur., 25, 9:30 am

– 12:30 pm

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be on Thursday, April 2nd from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Dorothy Weaver will lead our discussion on "*Esther: For Such A Time As This.*"

Lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come and participate!

Carol Winston

Atonement's Playground Dedication

April 26th

The time has come for us to join together and celebrate what the Children, Youth, Women and Men of Atonement have done by the grace and help of God. On Sunday, April 19th at the end of the worship service we will be dedicating our newly-finished playground!

We will connect it with our worship liturgy because we believe this playground is a part of our *ministry* to the children, youth and households of Boulder. This is a great time to invite a friend or neighbor to see what God is up to inside and outside our congregation!

A Moment For Moms

April

We are off to a wonderful start as a newly formed group! Thanks to all of you who have joined us for our meetings! May this group continue to allow us the opportunity to get to know one another better and to form support and

care for each other. Together we hope to work through the struggles and celebrate the joys of motherhood.

Our relationships with our significant others change in a variety of ways after we welcome children into our lives. In April, we will discuss the effects of children on our marriages. Together we hope to share ideas for ways to balance how we nurture our marriages and give our children the nurturing they need. Please bring a snack to share.

We will meet at church Thursday, April 23, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

We begin with a social time from 6:30-7:00pm and begin our topic at 7:00pm. All interested moms are welcome. Please pass this invitation along to other moms outside of Atonement too! It is a gift to be able to share support and care for each other as we journey through motherhood. Childcare is provided in the church nursery.

Our upcoming meeting topics include:

May:

Self-Care for Mothers

June:

Sleep Issues for Children and Parents

July:

Moment For Moms Family BBQ

August:

A Few of My Favorite Things

We continue to ask for support from our faith community at Atonement in the form of volunteer childcare. We offer a special thanks to John Drexler for sharing his time and care in this way. Please contact Aly Kohlmeyer at 720-862-7644 or alyehrenberg@hotmail.com to join our email list, if you would like more information or if you can volunteer in the nursery.

Letter to Atonement

(Excerpts)



Rural ministry last week.

March 9, 2009

Everyday I am amazed at the faith of people serving God in Indonesia. My small community inside the Deaconess School continues to demonstrate the loving care God has for all people. Several of the church workers in my unofficial classes work across the street at the hospital and in the ELCA supported HKBP run HIV/AIDS office. As God's children, they work everyday with the very poor as they die from preventable disease. In the face of depressing and despair-inducing realities, the folks here continue to express the joy that is their faith. Two weeks ago we had visitors from the ELCA Global Mission: the excellent teaching mentor and coach, Mary Johnson and the wonderful regional representative, Richard Sarkar. Together we were invited to a dinner with the folks in the HIV/AIDS office. We had dinner in an area of town where prostitution is common. Though the scenery was beautiful (the restaurant was literally on the lake), my heart breaks for the young women who have little option to support themselves and their families.

My friends introduced me to a gentleman who was living with the difficult realities of being HIV positive. Over dinner of ikan goreng (fried fish), sayur-sayuran dan cabe (vegetables with chilies), nasi (rice), tempeh (for the vegetarian missionary—such hospitality!) and pisang and nanas (fruit) we got to talk about life. He spoke about the discrimination he experiences everyday. He said he was afraid of getting help when he began to lose weight rapidly three years ago. He talked about the choices he made because of poverty and drug addiction. He said he once had a girlfriend he wanted to wed, but when he told her he was positive she left him. He has not told his parents or his siblings about his HIV status. Then he met the people working on awareness in the HKBP HIV/AIDS office and learned Christ's love, when expressed by a faithful community, can work with medicine to help him. He has been free from illegal drugs for two years, he has gained some weight and is taking anti-retrovirals to keep HIV from blooming into AIDS. His status is not a death sentence for him or for his family, but because of social and cultural pressures he is not free to get the support he needs from his family who love him. He has the support of a loving community rooted in Christ to comfort, support, and encourage him. God bless them for their work!

I am still forbidden to work in Indonesia because of visa problems. Having gone two hours away to Siantar to get the maximum number of extensions for the social cultural visa currently in my

passport, I need to go to Penang Malaysia this week to apply for a different visa. The government will not allow me to stay for more than 2 more months on any kind of visa except a work visa. The HKBP, our companion church, sent someone to Jakarta for three weeks last month to try to negotiate with officials at the embassy. Extensions have been taking about three days a month out of my (unofficial) teaching schedule. Extensions are expensive and the level of paper work they require is astonishing. If I go to Penang, I may not be guaranteed re-entry to Indonesia, but I pray I can come back! I put my trust in God and the Jedi trick of looking like I know what I am doing in immigration interviews. If I am only able to get a second social/cultural visa, I will complete my current contract in May and will return home. If I am granted a work visa, I will come home in November, 2010. Interestingly, my sister tells me the 'visa cactus' at home has bloomed.

Please pray for whatever is best in the visa situation. I would be happy to stay and continue to serve and I would be happy to return home after six months. Please continue to pray for my family's health. I pray for both Atonement congregations and Global mission supporters regularly. Lately I am sending up special prayers for Pastor Jim Gonia, Pastor Julie McNitt, and Diaconal Minister Mary Black as they begin to serve in new ways.

God bless everyone.

Laura Stephenson

Christian Faith Development

"It's for Everyone!"

Sunday morning Christian Faith Development (CFD) continues three great series for adults. Each of these series will run from April 19 to May 10, beginning at 10:45 in their respective meeting rooms.

Life Issues/Community Room

Session 1 - April 19th:

Doree Newbery and Howie Madigan giving an "Overview of Addictions"

Session 2 - April 26th:

Allison Harden, Outreach Specialist with the Betty Ford Center Children's Program "Understanding Addiction and Recovery Through a Child's Eyes"

Session 3 - May 3rd:

Joe Herzanek, Chaplain, Boulder County Jail and author of "Why Don't They Just Quit?" speaking about solutions and answers for family members, friends and even employers who want to help someone who has a drug or alcohol problem.

Session 4 - May 10th:

Doree Newbery and Howie Madigan, "Intervention and Treatment, including overview of 12-Step Programs"

Worldly Topics and

History/Chapel. This series covers the history of Israel during the Persian Period c.537-332 BC; presented by Jeanne Nijhowne, PhD. The 'Persian Period' covers the time between the return of the Jewish exiles from captivity in Babylon to the conquest of Jerusalem by Alexander the Great.

The **Bible Study** series will meet in the Library and will be led by Bill Anderson. This 4-week series will include a study of the New Testament books of First Peter and Second Peter.

Chef Scott's Wednesday Night Soup & Dinner Menu

April 1 (Lenten Soup Supper)

Chicken Noodle, Sausage Tortellini, Summer Squash with Leek

April 8 (Lenten Soup Supper)

Chicken Vegetable, Taco Soup, Corn Chowder

April 15

Beef Tips with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread & Rolls, Oatmeal Cake

April 22

Assorted Grilled Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Peach Pie

April 29

Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Peach Ginger sauce, Baby Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread & Rolls, Truffles

Atonement's ONE

Lutheran Information

Corner:

Information about how we as a ONE Lutheran church can raise awareness and take action to end poverty.

"Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honor him." — Proverbs 14:31

As Christians, we believe that God cares for hungry and poor people. Throughout the Bible we find the message that God intends for everyone to have enough, and that human beings have a responsibility to help shape the world as God intends. We need to pay attention to hungry people, share what we have and work for justice for those with less than enough. Ultimately, the way we treat others is the way we treat God. God's Ownership, Our Stewardship—God created the world and

all that is in it. Therefore God is the owner of everything in creation. *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it* (Psalm 24:1). God invites human beings to be good stewards of what belongs to God. Stewardship is a way of managing our possessions. It means, rather, that we care for what God has entrusted to us. The world's forests are disappearing and their destruction is contributing to global warming. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 40,000 hectares of forest are cleared each day for timber, paper, fuel, and to make way for farming and other development. If the lost trees are replaced, it is usually with a single type of tree; the majority of trees in these plantations are non-native species that may disrupt the natural water cycle, fail to provide adequate habitats for animals and birds, and can require large amounts of pesticides.

What can we do?

Reduce your paper use, recycle whenever possible, and buy post-consumer recycled paper products to reduce the demand on our forests.

Ensure that the timber you use comes from forests that are managed with minimal environmental and social impact. The *Forest Certification Resource Center* is a good source for this information.

Clean out your mailbox! Did you know that the average American receives 41 pounds of junk mail every year—that's more than 100 million trees! The nonprofit *41pounds* will cut your household's junk mail back by 80 to 95 percent for 5 years for a one-time fee of \$41. *Thanks!*

ALC Council Highlights March 12, 2009

Playground Status: The dedication of the playground is planned for April 26th. On Palm Sunday, the Childhood Education Committee is planning to have an Easter Egg hunt on the playground. It was verified that our existing insurance policy covers the new playground. Pastor Chad and the Childhood Education Committee will develop some rules for usage of the playground and discuss it at their next meeting.

Music and Worship: Due to budget cuts for 2009, ALC would be not able to host many of the traditional worship and music events in 2009. Thanks to the generosity of several members, it was possible to provide the funding for the brass quintet during the Easter service. Acknowledging the importance of the worship and music programs to the membership, a motion was made and passed to approve an extra \$1,000 for Worship and Arts. Tim Snyder and the Worship and Music Committee will develop a Worship and Arts series to reach out to the greater Boulder community.

Youth Committee: Pastor Chad and the Youth Committee are working on a program for the ALC youth during the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.

Filling Vacant Council

Positions: Motion was made to approve **Wayne Tatro** as President-elect and **Marilyn Morris** as Chair of Congregational Care. The nominees were approved by all members.

Handbook and Contact

Sheet: President-Elect Wayne Tatro will develop a handbook including:

- ALC Constitution
- Description of Council positions
- Historic Council Minutes
- Contact sheet
- Other important information

Retreat: The Council retreat, April 18th, will focus on developing a purpose statement, guiding principles and the objectives for 2009.

Office Volunteers Last Month



Penelope Amabile, Kate Crawford, Sandy Droeger, Barbara Fink, Barton & Kris Kiburz, Bud & Gerry Luethi, Cherie McCandless, Jeff Ramsey, Don & Lucille Ritchart, Virgil & Audrey Schlack, Peggy Simpson, Dorothea Steinke

Sunday Attendance:

Week of February

1	140
8	161
15	176
22	169

Evangelism

A hearty hello from the Evangelism Committee! We have completed our second planning meeting. Our (early) goals are simply to:

- 1) **Increase awareness** of Atonement's ministry within the Boulder community
- 2) **Increase Atonement's already welcoming** spirit to visitors
- 3) **Motivate** our members to integrate **evangelism** into their daily lives.

We'll be working with YOU and other committees to get the 'Atonement' word out.

Near term, we will be publicizing a "PrEaster (Pre-Easter) Egg Hunt," Sunday, April 5 for members and the community. It will be the first use of our playground area!

What can you do? Two homework assignments to our members:

- 1) Look for and greet new faces each Sunday; welcome them!
- 2) *a) Do a web search as if you were looking for a church in Boulder; b) Find a page (or pages) that displays a listing of Boulder-area churches along with a 'review' option; c) write a review for our church—what makes it your family's church home? Churches with insightful reviews become more familiar to someone using the web to find a church. This effort will make Atonement more welcoming to a prospective visitor.*

Thanks for your help this month to make Atonement a more welcoming Christian community! More to come.

Ideas? *Let us know!*

Steve Vahl, Evangelism Chair
303-554-9457

Prayers...



LaVonne Diemer; Dave Marshall; Merle Lindholm; Scott Alexander, previous long-time member of ALC; **Amanda Peebles; Walter Nienaber; Jeanne McNeely; Patti McNeely; Laura Stephenson; ELCA World Hunger.**

...& Praise

Big THANKS to **Bonnie Brooks** and **Joan Schempp** for Soup Supper sidebar help! Thanks to **everyone who donated** food for EFAA. We brought in 292 pounds! Thanks to **Anna Jensen** for her clean-up/nursery attendant ministry and **Joy Symes** for serving as Fellowship Host!

Council & Staff Retreat:



On April 17-18, our Council and Staff will gather for a 1½-day retreat. Friday night they'll gather at President-elect Wayne Tatro's home for a potluck dinner and fellowship. On Saturday, they'll gather from 9am-3pm at First Congregational Church in Boulder for visioning and planning sessions to begin the process of articulating a purpose statement and guiding principles for our ministry together at Atonement. Congregation members are invited to join the Saturday visioning session. Please contact Council President, Jim Eraker, (303) 499-5002, if you plan to attend.

Stimulus, Stabilization, Recovery and Reinvestment:

What the recent tax law changes mean to you

The Thrivent Community—Front Range Group of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites you to a presentation on the federal income taxation of marketable securities, mutual funds, life insurance, and qualified and non-qualified annuities. The presentation will also highlight key provisions of the recent federal tax legislation and its impact on individuals and small businesses, as well as provide a brief overview of the current Federal Transfer Tax system (gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer) and the possible changes being discussed by Washington lawmakers.

Presentation by Scott Robinson, Attorney at Law, D. Scott Robinson P.C.

Please call 866-847-4493 or email: frontrange@thrivent.com by April 3 with the date and location you prefer. Space is limited.

- Wednesday, April 8, 12 p.m. at GROUP Publishing 1515 Cascade Ave, Loveland, CO. Lunch will be served.
- Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. at Fox Hill Country Club 1400 E. Hwy 119, Longmont, CO. Dinner will be served.
- Thursday, April 9, 7:30 a.m. at Fox Hill Country Club 1400 E. Hwy 119, Longmont, CO. Breakfast will be served.

Spring Clean-Up

It's Spring Clean-Up time at the church! On Saturday, April 4th from 9 am – noon, there will be jobs large and small, indoors and out. We'll prune shrubs and trees, weed and spread mulch, and make the church look nice for Easter. For those who would like to work inside, there are windows and cobwebs to clean, upholstery to vacuum; all those little things that never get done! Questions? Call Mary Jensen 303-554-9253.

Prepare for Summer Camp!



Memorial Day Work Weekend

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's time to think CAMP! Each year families, alumni and friends of camp join in to help prepare Sky Ranch for the busy summer season!

Bring your RV or tent and stay in the Campground. Get a group together in a Bunkhouse. Or, stay in a Lodge room. Help with:

- Cleaning, Carpentry & Painting
- Inventory & Organize
- Program Areas
- Campground Preparation
- Trails & Firewood
- Worship, Campfires & Fun Activities ...and so much more! Contact (970) 493-5258 or info@LdoubleR.org if you're interested.

Special Alzheimer's Class

Caregiving Tips: Ensuring Safety

**Thursday, April 23, 10:00 am
At Atonement**

When caring for a person with dementia, having a safe and supportive home is an important concern. As Alzheimer's disease progresses, the person's physical and problem-solving abilities will change. The Alzheimer's Association has tips to creating a safer home environment.

In addition, it is common for people with dementia to lose their sense of direction or become confused or disoriented even in a familiar neighborhood. Wandering incidents can happen on foot or in the car and people can quickly manage to get far from home.

Everyday safety is essential in order to maintain quality of life for the person with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Get practical tips for addressing safety issues in the home and community including wandering. Learn about Medic Alert and Alzheimer's Safe Return enrollment program.

Plan to join us for this important informational meeting. To register, call 303-813-1669 or go to www.alz.org/co. These programs are free of charge and presented by: Alzheimer's Association, Colorado Chapter, 455 Sherman St., Ste 500 Denver, CO 80203.

Birthdays

Doug Baumgartner	4/2
Herm Schempp	4/5
Ed Miller	4/6
Jeff Ramsey	4/6
Dale Peterson	4/8
Greg Oxenfeld	4/9
Beth Baldwin	4/10
Madison Tull	4/11
Chase Elliott	4/14
Mary Anderson	4/15
Carolyn Beach	4/15
Lois Debes	4/17
Kathy Stith	4/17
Mackenna Wolny	4/18
Jeanne Fetterman	4/22
Lucille Ritchart	4/22
Nyomi Davis	4/23
Pauline Farrow	4/24
Carol Hunziker	4/24
Allen Weisheit	4/24
Richard Simpson	4/25
Lori Prater	4/26
Mary Lou Lampright	4/28
David Frostman	4/30



Anniversaries

Walter and Deloris Nienaber 4/21/46

63 Years!





April

Sunday Worship Calendar 9:30 AM

We thank all those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month.

9:30 am	April 5 Passion/Palm Sunday	April 12 Easter	April 19 2 nd Sunday of Easter	April 26 3 rd Sunday of Easter
Liturgy	Holy Communion Setting 1	Easter Liturgy	Holy Communion Setting 6	Holy Communion Setting 6
Readings	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 15:1-39	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
Assisting Minister	Brian Mason	8:30 Stan Jackson 10:45 Cherie McCandless	Kathy Lindholm	Jan Ydstie-Roy
Greeters	Kent Bowron Sydney Swennes	8:30 10:45 Jim & Jeanne Fetterman	Joan Schempp	Ken & Dorothy Weaver
Ushers	Ed McDowell Jean Koster	8:30 Kent Bowron & Sydney Swennes 10:45 Jean Koster	Jim & Jeanne Fetterman	Jerry & Janet Gilland
Lector	Stan Jackson	8:30 Jody Rinehart 10:45 Bruce Allen	Marilyn Morris	Steve Vahl
Acolyte	<i>Please call Tim Snyder to volunteer: 303.499.4567, ext. 4</i>	<i>Please call Tim Snyder to volunteer: 303.499.4567, ext. 4</i>	<i>Please call Tim Snyder to volunteer: 303.499.4567, ext. 4</i>	The Neilands Family
Altar Care	The Robinson Family	8:30 Kate Crawford 10:45 Joan Schempp	Joy Symes	Kiburz Families
Communion Asst.	Antje Sliger Stan Jackson	8:30 Irene & Dennis Koster 10:45 Irene & Dennis Koster	Joan Schempp Marilyn Morris	Neilands Family
Musicians	Sanctuary Choir SpiritSong	Sanctuary Choir Carillon Choir Cathedral Brass Quintet	Sanctuary Choir SpiritSong	Sanctuary Choir Carillon Choir
Fellowship Hosts	<i>Please call Eileen Neilands to volunteer: 303.955.1927</i>	<i>Please call Eileen Neilands to volunteer: 303.955.1927</i>	<i>Please call Eileen Neilands to volunteer: 303.955.1927</i>	<i>Please call Eileen Neilands to volunteer: 303.955.1927</i>

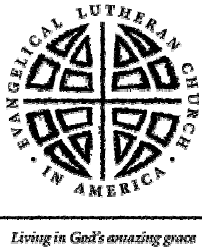
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Holy Week / Easter Worship Schedule

April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday

9:30 am - Worship

10:45 a.m. – Egg Hunt/Holy Week activities

April 9 – Maundy Thursday

11:30 am – Service of Holy Communion (followed by fellowship luncheon)

7:00 pm – 'Thomas Mass' with Holy Communion

April 10 – Good Friday

12:15 pm – 'Cross of Hope: *Four Voices of the Passion*' Community worship

7:00 pm – Liturgy of the Cross

April 11 – Easter Vigil

7:00 pm **at Grace Lutheran Church**

April 12 – Easter Sunday

8:30 am and 10:45 am

Prelude Concerts begin 15 minutes before both services