



Atonement Ministries on the Move!

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body now but
yours,
No hands, no
feet on earth but
yours.**

**Yours are the
eyes through
which he looks
compassion on
the world.**

**Yours are the
feet with which
he looks to do
good.**

**Yours are the
hands with
which he
blesses all the
world.**

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**St. Teresa of Avila
(1515-1582)**

Church of the Week...

The first two weeks of April we will again host the “Church of the Week”.

This is an excellent opportunity that we have to make a difference in our own community as well as to learn about the many and diverse reasons for homelessness and how it affects individuals and families.

Thank you to the literally hundreds of people who participate in this ministry of hospitality to which we are called. It makes a difference in our own lives as well as those whom we serve.

Christ Our Companion, Sharing Our Story

On Sunday, April 10, you are invited to Redwood Falls to participate in a special afternoon with Rev. Kelly Fryer, author of the popular book, “Reclaiming the ‘L’ Word”, as we live out our Lutheran Christian calling.

This program starts at 1:00 pm in the Redwood Area Community Center. The afternoon promises to be filled with inspiration and encouragement for our life as the people of God. All this is a free gift to the members of the SWMN Synod.

Out of Africa....

On Sunday, April 17, Kris Lehman will give a presentation on her recent Companion Synod trip to South Africa following the 8:00 and 9:30 worship services.

Kris will bring several articles she acquired in Africa for “show and tell” as well! Kris is very passionate about this experience and this passion definitely comes through when she speaks about the people she met and the things she experienced.

Attention: Daughters, Mothers & Grandmas...

On April 21 Sts Peter, Paul & Michael and Atonement Lutheran Churches will sponsor Centra Care Mobile Mammography at St. Peter’s school parking lot. If you are underinsured or uninsured a program is available to cover the charges. You must sign up by April. Call Connie Moline at 252-2113 to schedule a time and receive further information.

*Sponsored by Atonement
Health Ministry*

Women's News

Wednesdays at 9:00 am Quilting

April 5	1:30-6:30	Bloodmobile
April 26	9:30	Naomi Circle
April 27	9:30	Elizabeth Circle
	1:15	Esther Circle
	8:00	Ruth/Martha Cir.

Bloodmobile.... Donating blood is giving the gift of life. If you or anyone in your family would like to donate blood please call the Red Cross Blood Center nearest you to schedule an appointment. The next time the Bloodmobile is available at Atonement is April 5 from 1:30-6:30. Please consider donating blood! Many thanks to the volunteers who served at the March Bloodmobile—Nancy and Bob Johnson and Bill Garner.

Atonement's "Heart Warmers"...On February 7 the Atonement Quilters delivered 77 quilts to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis. Thanks to Deb Krogstad who drove the church van and to all who have contributed to this worthy cause.

Spring Gathering.....will be held April 9 at Our Saviors in Albany from 8:30-noon at a cost of \$6.00. Our speaker is Mary Jo Severson. Call Sylvia at 255-9826 for information or reservations.

Ministry Opportunities

"Shower" Place of Hope with Kindness This April!!....Paper & Plastic is collecting personal care items for **Place of Hope** in April, **especially deodorant, disposable razors (for men and women), and shaving cream.** Please bring your donation to church on April 17 or drop it off any time in April. Questions? Call Phil Sturlaugson at 259-6451.

Kids Against Hunger...Help feed the Kids of the World—Enjoy a Great Evening! The second annual banquet and fund-raiser for Kids Against Hunger will be held April 22 at Best Western Kelly Inn Grand Ballroom, \$30.00 per person. Social and silent auction at 5:00 pm followed by buffet dinner and entertainment at 6:30 pm. For tickets call Melinda Sanders at 259-7859 or Ron Zitzow at 251-3648.

ELCA Global Mission Event....This summer's Global Mission event will be held July 14-17 in Fargo, ND, on the campus of NDSU. The theme of this year's event is "Gathered by God's Grace for the Sake of the World". Global Mission events are an opportunity to hear speakers from all over the world and to learn with other mission-minded Christians. They are also great events for youth and families. Childcare is provided for children through age 2. Children's programming is for kids three to ten. Youth 11 to 14 and 15-17 enjoy their own unique programs. If you are interested in attending, Kris Lehman or go to www.elca.org/gme.

Inside Atonement

Book Nook News....Half-price Spring Cleaning Book Sale!!! The Book Nook is having a sale on April 10 of selected books and items from the book store to make room for new inventory. If you are starting your spring reading or need that special gift item, come and see what we have for sale.

An Evening with Joe & Sheila Biernat—The Edge of Greatness is a book of Empowering Meditations for Life. Joe and Sheila Biernat of Minneapolis have written commentaries in a book by Joni Woefel. Joe and Sheila will be coming to Atonement on April 23 at 6:30 pm. The Book Nook is sponsoring this evening with Joe & Sheila. Join us for coffee and bars. There will be a free-will offering to support the ministry of the Book Nook. We have several mission projects that we are supporting so please come as we share Joe & Sheila's faith story.

Inside Atonement cont....

Thank you....to everyone who supported and participated in World Hunger Month at Atonement! The following are some of the ways you were involved....

Super Bowl of Caring... February 5 & 6 Atonement youth raised \$682.53 for *Kids Against Hunger, Caritas Food Shelf, and Tsunami Relief*. With added funds from Thrivent Financial, the total was \$982.53! Nationally, Super Bowl of Caring raised \$3,798,219.00.

Adult Forum on Hunger....February 20, twenty-five people attended the adult education forums on world hunger presented by Janet MConkey.

30 Hour Famine....February 25 & 26, nineteen Atonement youth participated in the World Vision 30-Hour Famine; on Friday, February 25, they packaged 2,376 meals at the *Kids Against Hunger* warehouse in Sauk Rapids. They raised over \$1,100.00 in pledges for the 30-Hour Famine. These funds will be matched by Thrivent (\$.50 for every dollar!).

Kids Against Hunger...On February 26, eleven people from Atonement packaged 1,726 meals for *Kids Against Hunger*.

World Hunger Appeal...On February 27 & 27, a special offering was received for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal at which \$707.00 was contributed.

Tsunami Relief...\$1,036.00 was raised for LWR's "Wave of Giving" - \$200 was a matching gift from Thrivent.

China Trip...Pastor Jerry & Marjo are taking a trip to China September 14-30 and would like to invite you along! Currently we have 19 folks and can take 24. If you are interested, please ask Pastor Jerry for a brochure

Youth Update

VBS Kickoff...Registration begins Sunday, April 17, for Vacation Bible School. This summer ministry will be a Circus Spectacular Gospel Adventure! Children age 3 through grade 6 are encouraged to experience Bible stories through combination of music, art, snacks, games, and drama. Students in grades 5 & 6 will participate in SIT (Servant in Training) which prepares them to help with VBS and Sunday School when they reach junior high. VBS will be June 20-23, and you may choose either morning or evening sessions.

Day Camp...Day Camp is July 25-29 from 9:00-3:00 each day. Staff from Luther Crest bring great camp experiences here to St. Cloud for children kindergarten through grade 3. We meet at church and venture out to community parks for the day's experience. This year's theme is **Pray!** and focuses on 1 Thess. 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances...." Registration forms are in the church office. Fee: \$35.00

Sunday School....The Rotational Sunday School story this month is about Elijah and the Widow. Read about them in 1 Kings 17. This story will cover five weeks. There will be no Sunday School on Mother's Day, May 8. We encourage families to worship together that day and perhaps treat Mom to breakfast at church!

Christina Buckner Scholarship Fundraising...Because we believe Bible camp is an important faith journey for children, we make scholarships available for youth to attend Luther Crest Bible Camp each year. There have been an unusual number of requests for scholarships this year—more than double what the fund can accommodate. To cover this year's requests and grow the fund for future years, we will have two fundraising breakfasts at the church: **Sunday, April 17, from 8:30—11:00 and Mother's Day (May 8) from 8:30—11:00 am**. Menus will be published in the worship bulletin announcements. If you cannot join us for one of these breakfasts but would like to support this ministry, you may do so by writing a check to the Christina Buckner Campship Fund and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. Thank you!
