



April 2021

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Atonement continues to encourage social distancing and the wearing of masks when inside the church. Each month the council will determine the level of continued safety. If you are planning on attending in-person worship, please continue to practice use of the hand sanitizers, social distancing, wearing your mask and respecting the different opinions of others around you.



## HOLY WEEK EASTER

**SPRING are coming!**

# HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday: March 28 at 9:00am** Palms branches waving, shouts of “*Hosannas*” turns to “*Crucify him*” as we hear of Jesus’ arrest, suffering and death.

**Maundy Thursday: April 1 at 6:30pm** Jesus gives us a New Commandment, to love one another as Jesus loves us. Jesus shows us how to love and serve by washing his disciple’s feet! We celebrate “the Last Supper” as we receive Holy Communion. Our service ends in the dark as the altar is stripped to prepare for Good Friday.

**Good Friday: April 2 at 6:30pm** Come and see ...the visual story of Good Friday, from the arrest of Jesus to his burial, comes to life before your eyes through the brush and creativity of artist, Pastor Paul Oman via video.

**EASTER SUNDAY: April 4 at 9:00am** Easter lilies abound, singing the liturgy “*This is the Feast*”, Holy Communion celebrated, the tomb is empty -Jesus is Risen! ALLELUIA!

**SPRING IS COMING...** I love spring! It feels like the earth wakes up after a long winter nap---new growth, new life and resurrection!  
The weather is getting warmer, the snow has melted and spring is one its way... soon the trees will be budding, tulips, crocus’ and other colorful spring flower will pop their green heads out of the ground and the grass will become green!



### A SPRINGTIME PRAYER by Joyce Rupp

Ever-renewing and energizing Creator, come, stir my dormant spiritual limbs.

Wake my tired prayer.

Revive my weary efforts of care. Sing hope into my discouragement.

Wash my dusty, drab attitude with the cleansing rains of your vision.

Go deep into my roots and penetrate my faith with the vibrancy of your grace.

Shake loose the old leftover oak leaves of my tenacious ego-centeredness.

Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties.

Warm the buds of my relationships so they bloom with healthy hope.

Clear out my wintered debris with the wild breeze of your liberating presence.

Nudge me, woo me, entice me, draw me to you.

I give you my trust and my gratitude as you grace my slowly thawing spirit.

Light-filled Being, my Joy and my Hope, let the greening in me begin!

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**BLESSED HOLY WEEK! HAPPY EASTER! HAPPY SPRING!**

**God’s grace, love and peace to you all, Pastor Linda**

The Church office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The office is open 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Wednesdays. Pastor Linda can be reached any time via cell phone. Her number is (701) 269-1475. If you need the code to get in for a meeting, you can contact either Pastor Linda or Michelle at (701) 320-8787.

# Atonement Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2021 7:00 p.m. – via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Tanea Clocksene, LeAnn Fuchs, Judy Hager, Jean Hanson, Sheila Harr, Tory Hart, Lisa Jackson, Pastor Linda Schauer, Steven Schultz, Al Storkson, Michelle Watne

**Absent:** Beth Fugleberg, Chris Lunde

1. **Call meeting to Order** Tanea Clocksene, President
  2. **Devotional** Pastor Linda
  3. **Correspondence** thank you for mission of the quarter
  4. **Approve Agenda** Sheila moved to approve, Lisa seconded
  5. **Approve January Meeting Minutes** Sheila moved to approve, Al seconded
  6. **Financial Report** LeAnn - sent to members prior to meeting, Jean motioned to approve,  
Sheila seconded
  7. **Pastor's Report** sent to members prior to meeting – review of activity from January, looking ahead to February
  8. **Unfinished Business** – tabled due to COVID quarantine
    - a. Update photo directory
    - b. Triumph to do work at church
    - c. Daily Bread site consideration
    - d. SWOT results
  9. **Unfinished Business – current**
    - a. **Facility Use agreement** LeAnn – Lisa has done some work on this, staff will meet to finish
    - b. **Office Staffing** Pastor Linda – Michelle Watne has been hired as Office Manager
  10. **New Business**
    - a. Lenten Worship
    - b. Alignment for congregations in our region – meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> to support other churches in our area in need of assistance – especially some without a pastor
    - c. Council Membership
      - i. brief overview of responsibilities/upcoming Council training Sunday Feb 28 2-5
      - ii. election of officers – Al motioned for Tory to be Vice President, Sheila seconded, unanimous yes vote; President position has not yet been filled, will revisit at next meeting
      - iii. committee assignments – Jean will be Parish Fellowship liaison
      - iv. meeting date/time/method – will continue to meet first Monday of each month via zoom for now
  11. **Save the Date** Council training Sunday Feb 28 2-5
- Closing Prayer**  
Sheila motioned to adjourn  
Next Council Meeting: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021



Did you join us for Lenten services? If you didn't you missed out on the steps of the **FAITH5** and videos about each of the steps. We encourage you to review the **FAITH5** bookmark sent to each Atonement household. If you can't find yours, we can send another out to you. As we move out into the world again, **FAITH5** in action can help you and your family maintain some of the close togetherness you have experienced over the last year. **PS – check YouTube for the videos!**

**A Message from the Church Office:** I just wanted to tell all of you how excited I have been to expand my ministry by serving as your church office manager. I have organized the physical church. Rooms are neater. We have a pile of potential garage sale items, & a few things were tossed. I am working on the membership database. I will be working with council & you to ensure we are current with addresses, phone numbers & emails. Inner workings of the church takes all of us. "All hands on deck". "Many hands make light work". "God's Work, Our Hands".

Thank you and God bless you all! *Michelle*

### Upcoming Events:

April 1st— Maundy  
Thursday service—  
6:30pm

April 2nd—Good Friday  
services—6:30 pm

April 4th—Easter Sunday  
service—9:00 am

April 7th—Youth Event—  
7:00 pm

April 8th—Executive  
Committee

April 12th—Worship &  
Music Committee—  
5:30pm

April 12th—Church  
Council Meeting—7:00  
pm

April 18th—Red Willow  
Ministries Annual  
Meeting—2:30 pm at  
RWBC

May 8th—RWBC Work  
Day

May 16th—Graduation  
Celebration Service—  
9:00 am

### WANTED FOR SUMMER 2021: **SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS** **SUPPORT STAFF** **LEADERSHIP TEAM** **ASSISTANT COOK** **LIFEGUARDS**



Apply today at:

[www.redwillowministries.com/employment](http://www.redwillowministries.com/employment)

The Mission Support Team has made arrangements with Red Willow Bible Camp for a work day on Saturday, May 8th. Volunteers will be needed to clean up the grounds and prep flower beds ready for planting. Any help is always appreciated. If you are interested in going, call the office. We will make a list of those going to provide to the Mission Support Team.

### Atonement Members in Action in April:

**Accompanist:** Tonya Sletto, Joyce Nienow, Terri Johnson, Julie Skunberg

**Readers:** Michelle Watne, Arlyce Klein, Jean Hanson, Ardina Bentz, Mona Klose

**Ushers:** Tim Harr, Steve Schultz, Beth Dewald

**Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is offering a Grief Support Group.** The group will meet once a week on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church, 302 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Jamestown, beginning April 13<sup>th</sup> and will run for six weeks. Anyone who has experience the death of someone important to them is encouraged to attend. The group is free of charge, but registration is required. Participants should plan to attend all six sessions. CDC guidelines will be followed. To register or for more information, call Diane at 701-320-4915 or





### A NOTE FROM YOUR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:

Easter Greetings to you!

Hello, I am Tory Hart and I am currently on your council and serving as VP. As our President office is vacant I will be providing a newsletter message in the interim. Lori and I moved to Jamestown a little over 4 years ago. We visited a lot of churches in Jamestown while being members of Faith Lutheran in Valley City. While in Jamestown we had met many members of Atonement and realized that Atonement is the church family and home for us. Dorothea Brodigan was the first to invite us to visit Atonement. The energy and welcoming way of Pastor Linda also was a strong message to us that we should join here. Lori and I look forward to getting to know everyone here.

Your church council is very dedicated to you! It is working together to restart when ready, programming, and church access as we continue to build and grow this mission church. Just to highlight a couple items from the last meeting, the council approved for the staff to authorize requests for use of the church. This means that if a group or committee would like to use Atonement, the staff will review the application and will decide if it is safe and can be allowed. This is great news!!

The council also is reviewing and encouraging all committees to meet, begin planning, and goal setting. This alone will get holy work and conversation moving through our membership. Each committee of the church will also be looking for potential new help and members. If you have an interest in serving in any area of the church, please let Pastor Linda or Michelle know. If you get asked to serve, please prayerfully consider accepting the request.

After a year of Pandemic in our world, we will slowly return to some form of normal. Remember John 19:26 notes *"That with Gods help everything is possible!!"* Come along and attend church virtually or in person when you are ready. There is plenty of room and the church continues to mask and social distance for safety.

Thank you to our staff, Pastor Linda, Steve, Leann and Michelle for all you do!!

Easter blessings, Tory

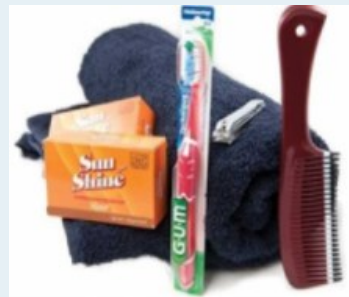


**WELCA** is collecting items for **Personal Care Kits**.

Lutheran World Relief distributes these kits to people affected by war, displacement, and poverty. At the present time, their warehouse shelves are almost empty. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items. Baskets are located near the entrances to the church.

#### Each kit contains:

- ◆ 1 lightweight bath towel—dark color preferred, up to 52"X27"
- ◆ 1 adult-sized toothbrush
- ◆ 1 sturdy comb—no picks
- ◆ 1 nail clipper—file optional
- ◆ 2 bars of soap—4 oz.




## MEET YOUR COUNCIL:

My name is **Steven Schultz** but to many I'm probably best known as the man at the back of the church in the sound booth.

After an early retirement in December 2012 I relocated to Jamestown ND from Southern California (about 38 miles from Los Angeles) in January 2013. I joined Atonement soon after arrival in ND. The choice of church home was easy - I simply went where my Mom (Jeannette) and Dad (Darrell) had been members. Not too long after joining I was approached to help run the laptop/projections. Since that time things have become more complicated but somehow turn out ok. I've been on the council for several years - this is the final year of the 2nd term.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Mar 28</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>29</b>	30	31 Confirmation	<b>Apr 1</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Services	2 GOOD FRIDAY 6:30pm Good Friday Services	3
<b>4</b> 9:00am Worship 	<b>5</b> 	6	7 7:00pm Youth Event	8 1:30pm Quilting 5:30pm Executive Council	9	10
<b>11</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>12</b> 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee 7:00pm Council	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Mission Support Team 1:00pm Rostered church leaders and SAM che...	<b>14</b> Confirmation	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm Vital Signs Team	16	17
<b>18</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Sarah Circle - Shawn Fugleberg	20	<b>21</b> Confirmation	<b>22</b> 1:30pm Quilting	23	24
<b>25</b> 9:00am Worship	26	<b>27</b> 11:30 am Stewardship Committee	<b>28</b> Confirmation	<b>29</b> Pastor Linda vacation	<b>30</b> Pastor Linda vacation	<b>May 1</b> Pastor Linda vacation
Please contact Pastor Lucinda at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 320-7220 for any pastoral assistance while Pastor Linda is off.						

### Mission of the Quarter: February-April



# RED WILLOW MINISTRIES

### Mission of the Quarter:

May-July



# Dakota O'yate