

FISHER HOUSE PROJECT

The Fisher House donation box (and table) in the narthex has been overflowing for weeks with your generosity. These gifts of love will be taken to the Lackland Air Force Base's Fisher House in April. Thank you for your support to this worthwhile project. Point of Contact is Doris Zamzow.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS



Thank you to the wonderful ladies who come to quilting on the third Tuesday of most months. This year we tied together 38 quilts which will be taken to Seguin along with a check for \$266 to cover the shipping costs. We also extend our gratitude and thanks to the women who make the quilt tops and bottoms, and to those who cannot come, but donate material to us. It takes approximately seven yards of material to make one quilt so the donations of material or sheets in new or very good condition help us keep down our expenses.

COUNCIL SHORTS

Our Congregation Council had their monthly meeting on March 20th. A few items discussed of interest for the congregation are:

1. The council approved giving \$100 for the synod assembly offering which will benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
2. The council is fine tuning the Membership Information Gathering Sheets which will be distributed to Atonement members soon.
3. The council is looking for members to be part of a Tree Committee. Their end goal is to eventually replace the Arizona Ash trees with oaks. Point of Contact for this committee is Ken Zamzow.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Saturday morning **Adult Christian Education Study** will meet on April 2nd and May 7th at 10am in Luther Hall. This year we are studying "When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back In the Box" by John Ortberg. Please note there will be no classes on April 16th and May 21st.

Adult Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:30am. The **Youth Sunday School** meets downstairs at the same time.

The **Alamo Conference** of the Southwest Texas Synod will meet at House of Prayer Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 10th, at 2pm. Delegates for the upcoming assembly and any interested leader of Atonement are encouraged to attend.

Our monthly **Lunch Bunch** resumes on April 13th at noon.

The **Education Action Team** will meet in Luther Hall on April 13th at 6:00pm.

The **Worship Action Team** will meet in Luther Hall on April 13th at 6:30pm.

The next **Council** meeting will be on April 17th following worship services.

The **quilters** will meet on Tuesday, April 19th at 10am. We completed 4 quilts in March.

Pastor's Scripture Class will resume on April 20th at 10am in Luther Hall.

Atonement's **Men in Mission** will meet on Saturday, April 23rd, at 9am for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study.

We will have a **special offering of non-perishable food items** on April 24th to be taken to the Synod Assembly designated for the Hays County Pantries.

Vision Statement: *Growing Disciples*

Mission Statement: *Serving as the Lord's Disciples*

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Pam Torre** upon her retirement from active reserve duty on March 31st! We thank you for your dedicated service to our country.

Matt Goff, son of Pastor Bill and Jaime Goff, is having his retirement ceremony on April 1st. He officially retires in June with 23 ½ years of service in the Air Force. Congratulations Matt and thank you for your commitment and dedication to our country.

We have a few new and proud great-grandparents in our congregation. Congratulations to all!

Blessed with a new great-grandson, **Enzo**, on March 10th was **Jackie Oertel**.

Dona Kellermeyer was blessed with a new great-granddaughter, **Emma Ann**, on March 15th.

Being blessed with their first great-grandchild, **Peter Lee**, on March 23rd were **Pastor and Jaime Goff**.

PRAYERS

Prayers are asked for Elsie Vetter and any of our other members and their families who are or were recently ill or hospitalized. We also ask prayers for Mary Arredondo, Milton Schram, Edna Long, Norma Otten, Leonard Humes, Mae Mercereau, and all other homebound members. Also, please pray for those who mourn, and all others with special needs and requests.

EASTER FACTS

Easter is now celebrated (in the world of the Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday after the full moon which happens on or after March 21st, the Spring Equinox. Therefore, Easter never occurs before March 22nd or after April 25th.

In medieval times a festival of egg throwing was held in church during which the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys. It was then tossed from one choir boy to the next and whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12:00 was the winner and retained the egg.

Newsletter Deadline – April 17

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANK YOU'S

Our Lenten season is over and Easter has arrived. Alleluia! Thank you to everyone who was involved with all of our worship services and meals during Lent.

This includes those who prepared the altar and communion elements; changed the paraments and banners; cleaned between our janitorial service; maintained the outside yard and lighting; prepared, copied, and assembled our bulletins and PowerPoint presentations; cooked for our special meals; assisted during services as ushers, lay assistants, acolytes, and lay readers; counted and took the offering to the bank; greeted visitors; etc. The list goes on and on.

This never-ending help is what makes Atonement so special. Thank you to all and pat yourself and one another especially during National Volunteer Week (April 10th-17th). You deserve it!



HYMN QUIZ

Let's do something a little different this month. Let's name that popular Easter hymn.

1. "Christ the Lord Is ____ Today; Alleluia!"
(Arisen, Awake, Risen)
2. "This ____ Eastertide"
(Happy, Exciting, Joyful)
3. "All Glory, Laud, and ____"
(Love, Honor, Pride)
4. "Good ____ Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"
(Faithful, Loyal, Christian)
5. "Thine is the ____"
(Glory, Promise, Story)
6. "Christ is ____"
(Alive, Risen, Arisen)

Bonus Question: Which of the above hymns is NOT an Easter hymn?

For answers, check the Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal) for song titles and church season (bonus question).