

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Nov. 18-19, 2023

Devotions and Prayer for Calling a Pastor

Writing to the church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul encouraged believers there to consider their own call. Take time this week to consider the call we all have from God by reading some of the following scriptures: Acts 2:39; Ephesians 4:4-6; Colossians 3:15; 1 Timothy 6:12; and 1 John 3:1.

Gracious, calling God, call on us with your grace again and again. Renew us daily in the peace, hope, and eternal life we have been promised and which we have been called to proclaim. As we work to call a pastor to our congregation, may we count on the prayers of all members of this community of faith to uphold us, just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. We remember, God, you are the One who called us first. Amen



Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship —Wed. Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m. We will join at Atonement with sister congregations Zion Lutheran-Ferguson, Living Christ-Florissant for worship. Pastor Kendra will preside and Pastor Larry Lemke from Zion will preach. You are invited to bring canned goods and non-perishable items for God's Helping Hand, an ELCA supported ministry in north St. Louis. The offerings will be divided between God's Helping Hand and ELCA World Hunger.

God's Helping Hand (known to Atonement as 'Breakfast with Immanuel') is the organization that formerly held Sunday morning breakfasts at Antioch Baptist Church in the Ville (across from Sumner High School and St. Phillip's Lutheran Church). They currently offer a food pantry, events for families and children at special times, and have an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant to build a commissary kitchen and a community garden.



DUE NOW! Place your order for the 2024 Order **Cardinals calendar** today! Calendars are only \$17 each. Proceeds will benefit Atonement Youth. Please make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran and indicate the number of calendars. No orders will be taken without payment. Orders are due no later than the morning of Monday, Nov. 20 to ensure delivery for Christmas. Thanks for your support!



Poinsettias - It is time to purchase your poinsettias. Each plant is only \$10. Payment (cash or check) is due at the time you place your order. Please make sure you include who you would like to honor and remember. A box has been placed in the narthex, or you can mail a check to Cathy in the church office. Please make checks payable to Atonement. Help beautify the sanctuary this season! **Deadline is Nov. 27.**



Tour Schedule (Tours all-inclusive):

We invite those 55 years and older to join us Monday, Nov. 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Hillary Peppers, Research Librarian, St. Louis County Library, will discuss Urban Legends of Missouri. Dessert and conversation to follow.

Dec. 10 *Little Alton Theater* - Lunch at Bluff City Grill, then enjoy the "Best of the Best" Christmas Concert. Bus leaves at 11:00 a.m. and returns at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$115 per person.

Jan. 26 Butterfly House and Holocaust Museum—Lunch at Spiro's. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns by 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person, due by Dec. 18.

Contact Pat Furlong at (636) 447-5040.



Our Spirit Store is having a Holiday Sale! From now until December 8th, products are 20% off and free shipping on orders over \$75.

This a great holiday gift for not only your Atonement Eagle, but for the family too! There are 6 new customizable family designs, and by popular request some new product lines to include pajama pants, Women's Cut Adidas, and short sleeve hoodies. All orders have a guaranteed delivery date of no later than December 23rd!

Please see the below link to our School Spirit store: <https://1stplace.sale/51902>



Ladies, you are invited to a special opportunity to relax, refresh, and refocus before the rush of

the Christmas season at Advent by Candlelight, Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6:00 p.m.

In a beautiful atmosphere, lit only by candlelight in Fellowship Hall, guests are served dessert by a table host and treated to a program that includes Advent reflections, Scripture readings, music, and fellowship. Attend as our guest or host a table of up to eight. Sign up on the attendance form or at our table in the narthex on November 12. For more information, contact Betty Luebke (314) 630-1682 or Jane Meyerkord at (314) 731-2658.



SALEM -BLACK JACK LIVE NATIVITY

"Come to the Manger" is an outdoor live nativity experience being held at Salem Lutheran Black Jack. (5180 Parker Rd.)

All who come will be led through Bethlehem by a tour guide. Along the way you'll encounter many familiar characters, including King Herod, the Wise Men, shepherds (and their flocks!), multitudes of angels, and, of course, Baby Jesus.

Our route through Bethlehem is around our school track, and we are wheelchair accessible. Though this is an outdoor event, we begin and end in the school gym, where there will be refreshments and entertainment while you wait for your tour to begin. Travelers (that's you!) are invited to come on Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2, both evenings anytime from 6-8pm. Questions? Call the Salem church office at (314) 741-6781.

ATONEMENT LINKS

Where Atonement school and church families link together in Christ.

Wednesday mornings are special here at Atonement. Our school children are in chapel in the sanctuary to hear about Jesus and praise Him. Want to come and worship with our children? You are always welcome to attend. Join us in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 8:45 am. Don't worry, you don't have to be here every Wednesday, and you can come casually dressed.

Each quarter during school we collect offerings to share. Our first quarter we collected for the USO. The USO received a check for \$700, and we were able to fill 53 "stockings" to be given to military families. This quarter we are collecting for Butterfly Haven. Butterfly Haven serves children impacted by foster care and families who have experienced a crisis situation. There are locations in several states, and we have a location here in St. Louis. If you would like to help us support the Butterfly Haven, you can include your offerings with ours on Wednesday mornings. You can also drop an offering off in the school office, or you can write "School Chapel" in the "other" line on your church offering envelope.

Together, we can help children and families in crisis.

Be the Light; be a part of

ATONEMENT  LINKS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

The Christmas concert at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, featuring the 1924 Kimball Pipe Organ will be held on Tues. Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m. The performance will be given by Keith Tomazi. The Scottish Rite Cathedral is located at 3633 Lindell Blvd., 63108.

Following the performance is Open Console, meaning that anyone who is interested may come up to the choir loft for a closer look and to play the Kimball organ. This pipe organ is one of only three built by Kimball, and the only one still playable, that combines the features of a theater organ and an orchestral organ.

Admission and parking are free. Parking is available in the Scottish Rite parking garage behind the Cathedral on Olive (tell the attendant you are with the Scottish Rite). Entry into the Cathedral is via the skywalk on the third level of the parking garage. The auditorium may be entered through the first door on your right. Note: The doors facing Lindell are no longer unlocked, so entry is only through the parking garage.

Contact Keith Tomazi at (314) 566-3567 or ktomazi@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.



Yes, the dreaded time is coming! Scott Lloyd, who owned our previous snow removal company, has retired. We are looking to hire and are currently taking bids! If you or anyone you know has a snow removal company, please call the church office at (314) 837-1224.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Weekends in November

Saturday-Sunday, November 18-19

Between Sunday services: Conversation about Adult Forum topics in the Family Room; Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th graders

New Member Orientation at Noon.

Saturday-Sunday, November 25-26 Christ the King Sunday

Between Sunday services: Fellowship in the Family Room.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Atonement (Holy Communion)

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

“And we give thanks for Someone to thank!” (poet Gerhard Frost) Take some time in your holiday weekend to remember the One whose giving knows no ending!

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

Christmas trees are being delivered on Sat., Nov. 18. The lot will open on Monday, Nov, 20.

Hours -

Monday through Friday

3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. until 8:00

Sundays 12:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead!

Because of the way Christmas Eve and Day fall on the calendar this year, please note the Christmas/New Year's service schedule that has been approved by the Church Council.

Sunday, December 10—Christmas Decorating in Church (after the late service around noon.) Please contact Dave Johnson if you have any questions.

Saturday, December 23 – NO Saturday service

Sunday, December 24 – One service Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.; Services at 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. Sunday/Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25 –Christmas Day, one service at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 30 – NO Saturday service

Sunday, December 31 –One service Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. (New Year's Eve); Brief worship at 5:00 p.m. followed by food and games.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Closed Nov. 23 & 24

Closes at Noon Dec. 22

Closed Dec. 25 & 26

Closed Jan 1 & 2