

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Jan. 18, 2026

MATCHING GIFTS



We're making good progress in our Matching Gift Program as we're almost halfway there. We received just over \$16,000 through year-end, and current gifts will still be matched. This means that if our donations to this program reach \$35,000, the financial support of our ministry will reach \$70,000 because of the matching funds. What a blessing that would be!

Any amount is matched, so . . . don't forget that \$1 turns into \$2; \$2 turns into \$4; \$10 turns into \$20. Just mark your gift for the "matching program." No amount is too small to be matched, and our combined financial gifts support the work to which God is calling us. It truly takes all of us!

- *Cathy Hohl, Congregation President*



(L) banner from the original A-frame church that hangs on the back wall of the sanctuary.

(R) the original Atonement church bell which is displayed in cabinetry crafted by Bob Baumgartner.

Both are on display today at our first HERITAGE Sunday reception in the Family Room TODAY!



The Celebration Committee presents the first in a series of **HERITAGE Sundays—**

Sunday, January 18

Pastor Kristen Koch will be returning to preach. She was our Associate Pastor 2009-2012. She is also a

beloved daughter of our congregation and is a graduate of Atonement Lutheran School. Since serving at Atonement, she has been the pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and most recently has served both Shepherd of the Hill and Unity. Beginning December 15, she is serving in a new role as Director of Evangelical Mission as part of the Central States Synod staff.



Please join us for Worship and a Reception to follow in the Family Room where you will have the opportunity to visit with Pastor Koch and view a display of historical items. In worship, watch for a special children's talk looking back at life in the 1950s when Atonement church and school were just forming.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th. Invite friends and family who would like to catch up with what God is making New at Atonement.



Seniors (age 50 and over) are invited to monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 26 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Come and enjoy Lamar Pilsing as he presents hit songs made famous by Sinatra, Dean Martin and others. Lamar's styling has pleased a broad spectrum of audiences over the years. Come take a step back in time!

Atonement Men's Club exclusive Super Bowl pre-sale is BACK!



Host an EPIC Super Bowl bash with our summer's best BBQ ribs! Get ahead of the game and secure your order for the juiciest, mouthwatering, smoked ribs that will have your taste buds cheering! We're also selling our 4.5lb tray of cheesy potatoes, and \$10 Super bowl squares for those who want to play. A copy of the squares will be sent to those who play.

Order at the Welcome Desk after Sunday services or scan the QR code anytime to place your order by February 5. Pick up your food on February 7 between 11:00 - 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Pay with cash, check, credit card, or PayPal!!



*** TAI CHI CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 26
Atonement Fellowship Hall

Classes for both beginning and returning students will resume on January 26. We will be accepting new participants in Tai Chi for Arthritis only thru February 4, so if you have friends or neighbors interested, please let them know.

No class March 30 and April 1. Classes end May 13.

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Open to beginning and returning students and will cover both Part 1 and Part 2 of Tai Chi for Arthritis.

Yang 8/SUN 73

Monday & Wednesdays, 10-10:45 a.m.

The first 15 minutes of this class will be devoted to the Yang 8 and is open to everyone.

The second part of the class will be the Sun 73 and is open to new students but you must know Tai Chi for Arthritis, Parts 1 and 2. Although this is very long form, if you w Tai Chi for Arthritis, you already know almost a third of Sun 73.

Cost: Free will offering for church

We will require a signed waiver of liability from participants. Masks and proof of vaccinations will not be required at this time but we reserve the right to require them if conditions warrant. Please wear flat, comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle.



USHER HELP!!

If you would like to serve as an usher during select Sunday's, please contact Bill Meyerkord. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.



"It's time to mother Earth"

You can recycle single-use plastic bags at Dierbergs, Schnucks, Target, and Walmart.



Have a question about your phone, tablet, computer, or other device? Are you fifty years of age or older? If so, the Oasis Technology team can help you at one of our FREE Ask a Techie sessions. They're held weekly at 1:00 p.m. at Northwest Plaza on Mondays and the Center of Clayton on Tuesdays. Please see upcoming date scheduled at Atonement.** These sessions are led by Jordan Carr (Oasis Technology Director) and David Cole (Oasis Technology volunteer and Atonement member). Class size is limited, and registration is required. Please sign up by calling (314) 862-2933 or registering online at stloasis.org/tech.

** Feb. 9
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance— Week of 1/11/26

9:30 a.m. = 80

Giving

Sunday 1/11/26 in-person = \$2992

\$3010.31 giving from 1/5-1/9. This includes church income received by all methods (ex./online, mail) and all funds (missions, memorials, etc.)

Previous attendance

12/21 = 102

12/24 4:30 pm = 142

12/24 10 pm = 65

12/25 = 40

12/28 = 76

Shop RaiseRight

Don't forget to stop by the Welcome Desk or scan the code below to order your gift cards. Proceeds benefit Atonement School. Contact the school office with questions.



Go Fund Me:
gofund.me/580b1615f

PayPal.com
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=AY5JSU5UWCVS6

Scan to donate



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TEAM Food Pantry

Dec 29, 2025

Thank you -
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT
CONGREGATION for the awesome food
donation. We are so grateful for your
wonderful support!

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Thanks to all who participated in the Reverse Advent Calendar project of the Celebration Committee. The TEAM Van came to Atonement and picked up 32 boxes of food plus several bags. The van was filled, including the back seat! Several boxes were also delivered directly to TEAM.



ST. OLAF BAND

HENRY L. DORN · CONDUCTOR



Thursday, February 5
7 P.M.

Kirkwood High School
Featuring the Kirkwood High School Wind Ensemble
800 Dougherty Ferry Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122
\$10 adults • FREE for students and educators



TICKETS: stolaf.edu/tickets
OR 800-363-5487