

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Oct. 19, 2025

TODAY: Strategic Planning after worship in Fellowship Hall

NEXT WEEK: Confirmation Renewal/New Member Class w/Pastor Larry - FOR ALL!!

Today the **Strategic Planning Team (SPT)** will be presenting the beginning of the process of gathering information for the Strategic Plan. Your input will be an integral part of that plan.

We will start with a light lunch followed by a short discussion of the parts of the plan, and then the specific areas that we will be asking for your input.

Here are the parts that we will just have some basic discussion.

Our Vision – WHAT is our focus for the future.

Our Mission - HOW do we intend to get there.

Our Values - What are the basic Values that everything we do must “pass muster”.

S.W.O.T. Analysis – *This is the area that we will be asking for your participation today.*

Strengths of Atonement

Weaknesses of Atonement

Opportunities of Atonement

Threats of Atonement

Our Goal & Objectives – Lots of details here when we are finished with all of the above.

You will be asked to write a Strength on a paper pad, later a Weakness, and then an Opportunity, and finally a Threat ... Plus you will be able to do this more than once. You will be able to see what other people have selected but at no time will we be debating anything that is written down, that will be done later by the STP and shared with you for final approval. Look forward to seeing all of you. Pr. Larry



The 75/70 Anniversary Planning Team has begun its work. The first event was the kick-off on September 28 celebrating the beginning of the 75th/70th years of church and school.

Upcoming events:

- St Louis Chamber Choir Concert, Nov.16
- Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social, November 26
- Advent service project inviting both church and school families to participate.

Additional events are in the planning stages. If you have ideas for events or service projects you would like to see, please let one of the Planning Team members listed know.

Team members are: Pastor Larry Lemke, Betty Luebke, Principal Ted Jander, Karen Meyer, Brenda Blight, Bill Meyerkord, Ruth Blundell, Jane Meyerkord, Sharon Carter-Eichenberger, Jeri Dietz, Dolly Schroeder, Cathy Hohl, Joycelyn Pugh-Walker, Angie Kemper, Makiya Wheeler, Jan Koch, Barb Wishon, Norm Koch



Technical issues have caused problems with some Sunday Worship Livestreams over the past several weeks. The first were related to intermittent Internet service outages. Another time it was due to a recent Google security change. Internet service seems to be stable, and we believe we have a solution to the Google change. We apologize for the problems and expect the livestreams will go smoothly again.



Seniors (age 50 and over) are invited to monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 27 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship

Hall. Members of the St. Louis Banjo Club will present up-beat music!

TOURS

Watch for new tours to be added!

<https://www.alcs-web.com/seniors-alive>

In case you missed these...



In my past, I've had "Lunch with Larry" gatherings, but I'm wondering if coffee & donuts would work on Wednesday's at 9:30am. Our Atonement School has Chapel at 8:50am every Wednesday for 30 minutes and we could meet in the Family Area at the entrance right after chapel. where we normally set up on Sunday mornings for coffee/donuts.

If you are interested in helping me to get to know you better, text me at 314-307-4363 with your name and phone number, and the first ten people will come. Depending on the response, we can set up a different time for those who are busy during the day and might be better served by an evening gathering.

Confirmation Renewal Study/ New Member Class: As part of Adult Forum are going to present this in three sessions on **Oct 26, & Nov 2 & 16**. Bring your Bible, your Luther Small Catechism (I have extras), and your Faith Statement (you don't have to share it, I just want you to do a little homework before we start). Everyone is invited to attend. I guarantee that it will be fun as well as a renewal for those of you who were confirmed a Lutheran. For those who came from a different background, there may something totally new for you. We will need to know if you plan to attend. Mark the attendance form, or let me know.

Attendance— Week of 10/12/25

9:30 a.m. = 96

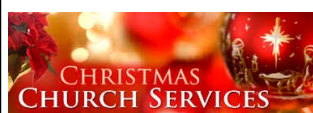
Giving

Sunday 10/12/25 in-person = \$3385

\$2711.29 all other form of giving from 10/6-10/10. This includes church income received by all methods (ex./ online, mail) and all funds (missions, memorials, etc.)

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.



Over the last few weeks, you have been asked to vote for the time to have the "early" Christmas

Eve worship. 4:30 p.m. won by an overwhelming majority. There will also be a 10:00 p.m. service, and a 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day service. Midweek Wednesday Advent services will be at 7 p.m.



It's time to mother Earth"

Taking Care of Our Bees, by Paul Schroeder, Beekeeper

There is a big difference between native bees and European honeybees. Native bees are often solitary and do not live in hives or colonies. Thus, they are great pollinators but they don't build up stores of honey. This is because the adults do not live through the winter. Only the eggs and larvae survive the winter. These live usually in leaf litter on inside the stems of withered plants. This is why it is a good idea to leave some leaf litter in your garden or a portion of your lawn. Also, leave reeds or stems of plants standing through the winter so you will have native bees in Spring. Honeybee adults do live through the winter so they need lots of honey stored to eat through the winter. Usually 40 to 80 pounds are required for the hive to survive. But that is another story!

Upcoming at Atonement...

Mondays - **Weekly Zoom Bible Study** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. on the lectionary texts for the following week led by Pastor Larry Lemke.

TODAY- Strategic Planning Meeting and light lunch in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Oct. 26 - Confirmation Renewal/New Member Class

Saturday, Nov. 1 - APTO Trunk or Treat- cancelled

Sunday, Dec. 7 - Advent By Candlelight

Watch the weekly email and News & Notes for details.

ATONEMENT LINKS

Last week at school was a busy one. We had our fall Book Fair, School Picture Day, Parent-Teacher conferences, and our APTO fundraiser items arrived! Some weeks are just go-go-go.

School is once again collecting food items for TEAM and accepting cash donations for TEAM as well. If you'd like to participate, you can donate through church or school, please just mark your donation for "TEAM" so it goes to the appropriate place. If you'd like to drop off food items, the school office is open Monday - Friday from 8 am until 4 pm. Thank you for any donations already given for TEAM!

I included information for Raise Right last week, and had several families sign up— Thank you! The "Local Dining" through RaiseRight is great for when you are dining out. You must have the RaiseRight app, link a credit/debit card (or more), eat out where you are, even on vacation, (the app let's you know what restaurants participate), and when you pay your bill (with a linked card), Atonement automatically receives 5% of your TOTAL bill, including tax and tip! You don't even have to remember to take along a gift card! Another new perk from RaiseRight - travel planning! To sign up you can use the QR Code on the flyers.

Our first quarter of school ended on Friday. It's hard to believe the first quarter is over. We have all settled into a routine and things are going well. As we gear up for the second quarter, we are all taking a deep breath because the second quarter is always packed with extracurriculars around the holidays, and it will fly by!

As plans are made for Atonement's Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas activities, please make sure we are including church and school families in planning. As we all gather, let's watch for people we haven't met and get to know each other. What a blessing it is to all gather together in God's house - church and school together!

Have a blessed and wonderful week Atonement family!

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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 dates 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.

** Nov. 10, Dec. 8
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.



SAINT LOUIS CHAMBER CHORUS

Concert at Atonement Sunday, Nov. 16

3:00 p.m., Purchase tickets now!

Help celebrate the 70th Season of the *Saint Louis Chamber Chorus*, Philip Barnes, Artistic Director as they present a program entitled "PROTEST: From Martin Luther to Bob Dylan." More information about the highly acclaimed chorus and concert information may be found online at www.chamberchorus.org. Use that link to purchase your tickets (\$41.40 each/\$10.35 student price).

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PRESENTS



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