

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

July 30-31, 2022

We need
YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The City of Florissant is seeking to help those affected by the historic flooding on Tuesday, July 26. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Ingrid Rivera, Community Development Specialist for the City of Florissant at (314) 839-7679, or at irivera@florissantmo.com.



OCTOBER 2 IS TENTATIVE DATE FOR 'SERVICE SUNDAY' 2022

The Congregation Council has identified the first Sunday in October, Oct. 2, as a date for Atonement's annual Service Sunday.

Setting the date is, however, "the easy part." Planning and executing a Service Sunday requires completion of multiple tasks, including:

- identifying and preparing for at least a dozen service projects;
- lining up leadership and volunteers for each project;
- maintaining communications with the congregation and the work sites;
- obtaining the supplies needed to complete projects;
- co-ordinating a "sending service" with Holy Communion.

Completing these tasks requires a steering committee with general oversight and team leadership for each project. Summer is the time for beginning the organizational process. Completing a successful Service Sunday will require sufficient members and friends of Atonement to help to lead the planning stages.

If you could serve in either of these capacities (steering committee or team leadership), please contact Council President *Cathy Hohl* at (314) 862-3822, or mark the attendance form.



SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT FROM NEEB FOUNDATION

Atonement Lutheran School has received – and acknowledged with thanks – a \$30,000 grant from the Neeb Family Foundation. The Neeb Foundation has been a generous supporter of Atonement by providing assistance with technology upgrades, student financial aid, and continuing education for teachers



SCHOOL RECEIVES FOUNTAS & PINNELL READERS

Atonement Lutheran School has been gifted with 23 cases of student and teaching materials supporting the Fountas & Pinnell reading curriculum. Fountas & Pinnell is described as "a comprehensive, systematic design for high-quality literacy instruction" and incorporates assessment tools for independent reading levels, classroom resources, and an intervention system to aid "struggling readers." These materials come to Atonement from The Arch Community School, which is closing. The materials were purchased with an educational grant from the Emerson Charitable Trust.



SUMMER CAMP FAMILY PICNIC

Atonement's summer camp hosted a family picnic on Friday, July 8. Campers, along with their families, gathered in the gym for lunch and desserts. The kids played in a bouncy house and were given balloon animals made by *Bill Meyerkord*.



All fully-vaccinated seniors (50+/-proof of vaccination required) are invited to our next meeting on Monday, August 22, at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be guitar and vocals by Atonement member Gene Tisius featuring songs by Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Hank Williams, and more. There will be a brief business meeting, and dessert will be served.

2022 Tour Schedule (Tours are all-inclusive):

- Aug. 24 *Taste of St. Louis* - Goopy Butter Cake, Dad’s Cookies, Ices Plain & Fancy, and more. Bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. and returns at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$99 per person.
- Sep. 21 *St. Louis Church Tour* - Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$81 per person.
- Oct. 11 *Wine Country, Hwy 94* – Winery tour, Augusta, dinner cruise on the river. Bus leaves at 8:45 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$105 per person.

Contact Don Kuethe at (314) 831-8478 or at dthekey@sbcglobal.net for details.



**ATONEMENT ENDOWMENT FUND:
FUTURE, FUN, AND FOOD**

The August Mission-of-the-Month is different from our other monthly missions because your giving is not spent right away. Just as seeds are planted to grow into something useful in the future, funds designated for the Endowment Fund are invested to grow over time and support mission and ministry at Atonement in the future.

You can contribute to the Endowment Fund through your estate, the Endowment Committee

will share ways to do that soon. You can make immediate gifts to the fund by indicating “Endowment Fund” on the “other” line of your offering envelope.

Atonement’s Men’s Club is providing incentives to anyone who makes a gift to the Fund from August 2 through September 4. Men’s Club will match donations through a graduated formula up to \$100. After your donation is posted, Steve Rosenfeld will contact you to thank you, to discuss the matching fund program, and to give you information about entry into a fun football pool, “God’s Chosen Pool.” A donation of \$25 or more entitles you to a Men’s Club barbecue certificate.



**YOUTHWORKS SERVICE
DRAWS TO A CLOSE**

This past week was the final week that YouthWorks made use of Atonement’s facilities for 2022. The final round of mission trippers have left and YouthWorks staff performed a final cleaning of the areas used and placed items in storage.

Over the the past two months, the local YouthWorks staff hosted mission trip groups from 40 churches, from over 10 states, one as far away as Orlando, Florida. Many churches came from Michigan and Wisconsin. Typical service projects accomplished by our guests were urban outreach community gardens and helping senior citizens.

As we bade farewell to the Youthworks teams, we raise the possibility of an Atonement mission trip next summer, perhaps utilizing the resources of YouthWorks. If you have an interest, please share that with *Wesley Johnson*.



ATONEMENT BOOK CLUB...

...next meets on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room to discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Please enter through the school doors. For information or with questions, please contact *Jan Koch* at (314) 921-5434 or at njkoch@aol.com.