

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

May 7-8, 2022



STRAIGHT-A STUDENTS FROM ATONEMENT ARE COMMENDED

For 58 years the St. Louis Cardinals and the *Post-Dispatch* have joined in commending A-average students from local high schools. This spring's honorees include the following students from Atonement Church and School:

- (from Lutheran High School North) – *Jordan Braxton, Michael Klotz, and Lucas Koch*
(from Lutheran High School-St. Charles) – *LaNiya Hackney, Jackson Kurtzeborn, Reagan Kurtzeborn, Mya Shorley-Gierer, and Camiya Wooten*
(from Marquette Catholic High School-Alton – *Ava Albers, Izabela Albers, Breanna Gaither, Kelcey Schuh, Ania Sneed, and Taelor Williams*
(from McCluer North High School) – *Jessica Bredenkoetter*
(from Westminster Christian Academy) – *Daniel Holt*
(from Incarnate Word Academy) – *Elizabeth Binder and Elisabeth Laffold*
(from Hazelwood West) – *Joshua Gehner and Lucas Gehner*

Atonement would be happy to recognize additional A-average students not noted in the list above. Please notify the church office,



BARBECUE TIME!

The Men's Club is offering their famous barbecue this weekend.

It's also Valley of the Flowers weekend. Parade organizers will be using our parking lot immediately after the 10:45 a.m. service.



GRADUATION SEASON

May is graduation month, and Atonement wants to remember in prayer all of our *member* high school and college graduates.

Please notify the church office via e-mail, by calling (314) 837-1224, or by marking the attendance form. Please indicate both the graduate's name and his or her educational institution. Thanks.



BLOOD DRIVE, MAY 12

The parish nurses will host a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on May 12. ImpactLife will be here (formerly known as Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center) from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. For questions, contact *Joyce Pingel* at (314) 740-2137, or mark the attendance form. Blood supplies are low. Please help out!



DEVOTIONAL

Copies of the next installment of "*Our Daily Bread*" for June through August are available on the table in the narthex.



WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Please note the change in our summer worship schedule for the "late" service to 10:15 a.m. beginning Sunday, May 29.



All fully-vaccinated seniors (50+/-proof of vaccination required) are invited to our next meeting on Monday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The duo of Steve Galati and Jim Ford combine for great harmony. There will be a brief business meeting, and dessert will be served.

2022 Tour Schedule (Tours are all-inclusive):

May 18 *The Hill* - Includes stops at various shops, bakeries, and Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate. Lunch at Rigazzi's. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$85 per person.

June 22 *Washington, Mo.* - Includes the Model Train Museum, candy shop, and art studio. Bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$95 per person.

July 20 *Casey, Ill.* - Known for its gigantic objects display and one of Lincoln's homes. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. and returns at 7:45 p.m. Cost is \$105 per person.

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.

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

L.W.R. RESPONSE TO UKRAINE CRISIS

Pastor Tim Crick of Lutheran World Relief has asked partner congregations to share that LWR has committed \$7 million to the humanitarian crisis brought on by the war in Ukraine.

Inside Ukraine, LWR has supported hospitals and clinics by providing surgical and wound-care kits, IV infusion pumps, oxygen masks, defibrillators, and stretchers. Also in-country, LWR is providing on-going support to six facilities housing internally displaced persons.

In Poland, LWR is providing support to more than 1,300 refugee families. LWR is also integrating a referral system at refugee sites to protect women and children from sexual exploitation and abuse. A hostel for women and children has been established at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Krakow.

Serving displaced persons in both countries, LWR is providing folding beds, quilts, pillows, heaters, personal hygiene items, and baby-care kits.

In April, Atonement forwarded more than \$3,000 in special gifts to LWR. Additional gifts may be made by visiting lwr.org/match or by mailing a check to Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297 (please write "Ukraine match" on the memo line).



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...

...next meets on Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in-person at Atonement. Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is invited to join.

Call *Shirl Henke* at (314) 831-7032, or *Joyce Pingel* at (314) 740-2137.



CONGREGATION MEETING

Don't forget that next Sunday, May 15, is the date that worship, the congregation meeting, and the church picnic will be held at 370 Lakeside Park (Highway 370 and Lakeside Park, St. Peters, Mo.).

Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the congregation meeting, lunch, and a host of fun activities. In addition to the 5K/1K run/walk, the afternoon's activities include bingo, cornhole games, pinochle, sidewalk chalk, and more! We are looking forward to a fun afternoon!

There are few logistical things to keep in mind.

First, we will be in the west wing of the corporate pavilion this year. Last year, we were in the east wing.

Second, lunch will be provided, so please sign up for lunch on the attendance form as soon as possible so we can place the food order.

Finally, there will not be a service at 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning, but there will still be worship on Saturday evening, May 14, at 5:30 p.m.

The Congregation Meeting will follow immediately after worship. The meeting agenda will include elections for Congregation Council, all incumbent (Vice-President - *Jane Meyerkord*; Treasurer - *Dave Cole*; Member-at-Large - *David Steinbruegge*), and School Board (four to be elected) - *Mike Thompson*-incumbent; *Lisa Moravec*-incumbent; *Carolyn Nimmons*, *Paul R. Schroeder*, and *Gerri Stevenson*). Floor nominations are permissible if the nominee has agreed in advance to serve.

Also on the agenda will be reports from the Atonement Lutheran School principal, the Properties Committee, the Endowment Committee, and the Reflect and Revive Team.

Treasurer *Dave Cole* will also present the budget/ministry program for the 2022-23 fiscal year, to be approved by the congregation. A printed budget summary will be available for everyone at the meeting, and is included as an insert in this weekend's worship folder.

If you want to see the detail and notes behind the proposed budget, printouts are available at the Welcome Desk. You can also access a copy of the summary budget and the detail budget and notes on Atonement's website.

The Council and planning team look forward to seeing you at the park on May 15 at 10:00 a.m.



5K 'FUN RUN' AND WALK FOR MAY 15 ANNUAL MEETING DAY

A five-kilometer "fun run" and "fun walk" will be one of several recreational activities, following Atonement's May 15 worship-in-the-park and annual meeting.

The 5K event will utilize the paths circling the large lake at 370 Lakeside Park in St. Peters. The run/walk will not be timed, but all those who complete the course will receive a memento of their accomplishment.

Those interested in participating as a walker or a runner are asked to notify *Brenda Blight* at (314) 691-6096 (or mark the attendance form), so she can make proper arrangements.

HUNGER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Please remember your non-perishable food donations. April donations were delivered to The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM). May donations will go to PAKT Community Resource Center. The schedule rotates back and forth each month. Thanks for your generous offerings.

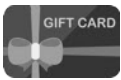


**‘CHANGE FOR THE BETTER’
OFFERINGS
TOTAL EXCEEDS \$700!**

The final offerings for the “Change for the Better” effort were received on Easter Sunday. The 5-gallon pail was over half-filled with pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, together weighing some 67 pounds.

These coins were turned over to volunteers to be rolled. The amount totaled \$660.12 in coins, plus an additional \$50 in cash. The grand total being \$710.12, plus two car wash tokens! Thanks to *Breanna* and *Christy Gaither* for sorting and rolling the coins.

The two-fold collection was intended both to return much-needed coins to circulation and to provide additional funding for the Feed My Starving Children “food pack” to be held at Atonement on Saturday, July 9.



TOGETHER WE’RE BETTER

There are two ways to make gift giving easy and to benefit Atonement.

Together We’re Better gift cards can be purchased at Atonement. There is a wide range of merchants from which to choose – grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, clothiers – to name a few. A Together We’re Better merchant list is available at the Welcome Desk.

For questions, or to purchase cards, please contact *Bill Meyerkord* or *Wesley Johnson*.

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AMAZON SMILE

If you purchase from Amazon, simply designate Atonement as your charity of choice and a portion of your sales comes back to Atonement. As of March, Atonement has received \$1,129.14. Remember, you must log in under Amazon Smile!

**YOUTUBE WORSHIP DELAY
PROBLEM ADDRESSED**

For some time, Atonement members and friends have been receiving e-mails with links to Sunday morning worship at 8:15 a.m. as the service is being broadcast live. The videos themselves, however, have sometimes not been available on Atonement’s YouTube page until hours later, unless you click on the tab to “download recent live streams.”

Starting last Sunday, May 1, the Sunday e-mail includes a link directly to that Sunday’s service – not just to the Atonement page. This should enable interested persons to join in worship on Sunday mornings.

If you encounter further problems in receiving worship videos, please notify the church office.



MASK REQUIREMENTS

The Council reminds worshippers that masks are still expected at all 10:45 a.m. services. While masks are no longer required at other services, masks are expected at 10:45 to respect the needs of those who may be especially vulnerable to Covid or related viruses.

Masks are not required at the May 15 outdoor service at the park.

Thank you for your understanding.



**THE CONGREGATION
IS INVITED...**

...to attend the graduation ceremony of *Caleb Eaton* from St. Louis Community College to be held at the Chaifetz Arena on Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. No tickets are required. Please come! We would love to see as many of you as possible.

–*Kathleen Boyd*