

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Nov. 11-12, 2023

WE'RE LISTENING INSTEAD OF TALKING

Grab a donut and join us in the Family Room between services next Sunday, Nov. 19. Think about what you would like to see and talk about in weekly Adult Forum. On a broader scale, what has Covid taken from us that we haven't re-started? What should we re-start? Is there a new thing we could try?

Some other possibilities:

- Studying the Bible - Is there a particular Book of the Bible or subject you would like?
- Short videos and discussion - What should be the subject or theme?
- Outside leader - On what topics or which charity they represent?

There are more possibilities! Let us know what you are thinking.

As always, we ask for the Spirit's guidance as we work to fulfill Atonement's mission.



Poinsettias - In the "tradition" of starting Christmas immediately after Halloween, it is now 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!



There will be a New Member Orientation on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 12:00. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office at (314) 837-1224.



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 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.



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 \$110 per person, due by Dec. 18.

Contact Pat Furlong at (636) 447-5040 for details.



**ADULT FORUM
PRESENTED BY
CREATION CARE**

The Creation Care Adult Forums have been completed. If you missed them in person, they are available on the website in the Creation Care tab. The presentations were interesting and informative.

Thanks to Paul Schroeder, Brenda Blight, Howard Nimmons, Ron Behrens, and Mary Beth Sandcork for their research and insights. They may enable us to find something we can do in our little corner of the world that will help us leave the only planet we live on in good shape for our children and grandchildren.



CARDINALS CALENDARS

Place your order for the 2024 Cardinals calendar! 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 taken without payment. Orders are due no later than the morning of Monday, Nov. 20 to ensure delivery for Christmas. Thanks for your support.



Ladies, you are invited to a special opportunity to relax, refresh, and re-focus 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.



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.

Where Atonement school and church families link together in Christ.

Lutheran Schools Week will be February 20-23, 2024. This is a way to celebrate the importance of Lutheran education in our country. This year the national theme is "Connected" which is inspired by John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches." We have decided to tie the "Connected" theme with the upcoming Summer Olympics. During this week, we will view how the Olympics connect cultures and communities all over the world. There will be a new activity every day in which the students can participate. That being said, we could use your help! One of the days we would like to set up a tour "around the world" in the gym allowing guests to come to our school and set up a booth and talk about and show something special in their culture/heritage. This could be a craft activity, cooking something for the students to try, a dance, clothing, etc. Basically anything that stands out about your culture/heritage that you would like to show the students! If you, or someone you know, whether a business, friend, or family member, would be interested in setting something up, please email the school office at schooloffice@alcs-web.com, and we will get it all set up. Thank you for any assistance you can give us.

Be the Light; be a part of



ATONEMENT BOOK CLUB—TODAY!

... will meet in the Family Room on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 1:30 p.m. The group will be discussing *One Plus One*. One single mom. One chaotic family. One quirky stranger. One irresistible love story from the *New York Times* bestselling author and Atonement Book Club favorite, JoJo Moyes. This is the last book club of 2023. The next meeting will be on January 14 with a new schedule of titles, starting with *The Clinic* by Jonathan Kellerman.



SOCCER AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM

Living Christ's 50+ group is going to the Missouri History Museum! A group tour of the "Soccer City" exhibit starts at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at noon at the Missouri History Museum Restaurant, Key Bistro. Anyone interested can confirm their attendance by calling Cathie Lehr at (314) 809-4477, Judy Holmes at (314) 355-1125, or Joyce Wolf at (314) 518-3016. The north entrance is closed, so you must enter by the south entrance. Please car-pool if possible because of the closure of the north entrance.

St. Louis History Museum
5700 Lindell Blvd., 63112

Exhibit - <https://mohistory.org/exhibits/soccer-city>

Key Bistro <https://mohistory.org/visit/dine>

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Weekends in November

(Note: Each Sunday except 11/12, Sunday School children age 3-12 are dismissed for a Sunday School lesson after the Second Reading at the 8:15 am service.)

Saturday-Sunday, November 11-12

Only one service on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School will be dismissed after the Second Reading.

Biannual Congregational meeting at 10:45 a.m. (Note: a quorum of 75 voting members is needed to conduct official business). Fellowship Lunch following the meeting.

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!

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, Noon

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.