

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

June 11-12, 2022



CONGREGATION MEETING ADOPTS BUDGET: ELECTS FIVE INCUMBENTS AND NEW NEWCOMERS

A special June 5 Congregation Meeting has adopted a work program/budget for fiscal year 2022-23 totaling just over \$823,000. The meeting also re-elected three unopposed incumbents to the Congregation Council: Vice-President *Jane Meyerkord*, Treasurer *Dave Cole*, and Member-at-Large *David Steinbruegge*.

Elected to the Board for Atonement Lutheran School were incumbents *Mike Thompson* and *Lisa Moravec*, along with new members *Paul R. Schroeder* and *Carolyn Nimmons*. Following announcements of the vote, Congregation President *Cathy Hohl* expressed thanks to *Gerri Stevenson* for her willingness to serve on the board.

Prior to the adoption of the work program/budget Treasurer *Dave Cole* explained a number of the differences between the current year's actual expenses and the projected expenses for the coming year, among them several property expenses covered by special gifts already received.

He further noted a Council decision to set aside \$1,000 every month for the capital projects account in anticipation of property issues which arise with older buildings.

The meeting was held in the sanctuary between services on June 5 with 57 voting members in attendance. A summary budget was included in the service folder that day. Copies of the budget with more details are available at the Welcome Desk and on Atonement's website.



ATONEMENT BOOK CLUB...

...meets this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room to discuss *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. Please enter through the school doors. For more information or with questions, please contact *Jan Koch* at (314) 921-5434 or at njkoch@aol.com.



YARD WORK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us next Saturday, June 18, at 9:00 a.m. to work on the front islands and landscaping. We will clip the boxwoods, spread mulch where needed, and weed and trim by the DeSmet fence. Mark the attendance form if you can help.



SUMMER CAMP IS OPEN!

As of Monday, some 72 youngsters were registered for Atonement's Summer Camp. Young campers enjoyed story time, as well as crafts and games. To learn more about the camp, call the school office at (314) 837-1252.



OFFICE HOURS

Please note that during the summer, the church office may be closed or have shortened hours on Fridays. Please call first.

Also, summer hours for the school office are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



All fully-vaccinated seniors (50+/proof of vaccination required) are invited to our next meeting on Monday, June 27, at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall for our annual climate-controlled picnic. Larry Levin brings amazing magic and comedy for our enjoyment.

2022 Tour Schedule (Tours are all-inclusive):

- 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* - Goody 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.



CREATION CARE AT ATONEMENT

"The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it – you have founded them."
Psalm 89:11 (NRSV)

As we experience the miracles and bounty of spring and summer, how can we not be in awe of the creation with which God has blessed us and has entrusted to our care?

Did you know that Atonement has a Creation Care team? We are a small group that has engaged in efforts at Atonement to lift up caring for creation in and around the church and school. With support from the church and school, several things have been happening. Maybe you have noticed the blue recycling bins or have gotten some helpful ideas from the monthly Creation Care Tips in *The Spirit* newsletter. Have you seen creation blooming all around in the Community Garden, the parking lot islands, and the former rose beds re-planted with native plants?

Are you interested in taking care of God's creation in your home and community? The team wants to re-introduce ourselves. As we look forward to returning to "normal" activities after the last two years when Covid changed everything, we invite you to join us. Possibilities abound and your input is the valuable piece we are looking for to plan and to act.

Please let us know your interest by marking the attendance form, or by contacting *Jaimy Suydam* at (314) 497-9110 or at jaimy19@hotmail.com.

DEVOTIONALS

The next installment for July through September of *Portals of Prayers* and *Christ In Our Home* are now available in the narthex. *Hope-Full Living* is still to come.

NOTICE BUILDING SECURITY BEGINS
WITH LOCKED DOORS

PLEASE CLOSE
AND LOCK DOOR
WHEN EXITING

The all-too-recent church and school shootings should remind us of the importance of building security, especially as our Summer Camp begins and as we are overnight hosts to staff and mission-trippers from YouthWorks.

Unfortunately, your church staff is again discovering doors that have been left unlocked overnight.

Please note that (other than Sunday morning trustees), if you unlock a door, it is your responsibility to relock and secure that door, when your event is over and before you leave.

- If you unlock a door with a key, that door must be relocked with a key;
- If you unlock a door electronically, that door must be relocked electronically;
- If you unlock a door by “dogging down” the crash bar, that door must be relocked by “undogging” the crash bar.

A door that has been unlocked with a key cannot be relocked electronically; a door that has been “dogged down” cannot be relocked with a key, etc.

When you go through a door, make sure it is fully secured and shut and locked behind you. Just because you walk through a door, do not assume that it will be secure if you continue on your way without checking behind you. Also, please refrain from propping doors open.

Thankfully, Atonement has never had a serious issue due to an unlocked door. If we all do our part, we can keep our building secure. *-rem*



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...

...next meets on Saturday, June 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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.



**YOUTHWORKS ARRIVES,
HERE UNTIL AUGUST 4**

Atonement is serving as home-base throughout the summer for youth from other churches traveling to St. Louis for mission trips, sponsored by YouthWorks, an ecumenical agency with which Atonement’s youth ministry has previously worked.

The group will use our facilities for overnight lodging, showering, and breakfast and supper preparations. Youth arrive on Sunday afternoons and will leave on Friday mornings. YouthWorks staff will be with us over the weekends.

Atonement welcomes YouthWorks *Damonique Miller, Stephana Walker, Christine Holden, and Samuel Petro*. Together, they will direct and assist mission trip teams from congregations through the Midwest and beyond.

This past week, they were assisting 38 youth from Central United Methodist Church in Milbank, South Dakota.



**F.M.S.C. ‘FOOD PACK’
SATURDAY, JULY 9
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

The preferred way for folks to register is to go to eventbrite.com/e/321046487687, then click on “register” and fill in the information requested. (An alternate way is to call (314) 382-4241, but that is the phone number of the secretary at one of the sponsoring congregations, and we don’t want to overwhelm her.) Volunteers are needed for three

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shifts: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For groups of registrants (any number greater than one), the following are instructions that must be followed to avoid confusion when people start arriving for their scheduled sessions:

- 1) One member of each group should register. That person must give a group name and best guess as to the group size. We do not want or need to know the names of the individual group members.
- 2) The person registering the group must make sure that all group members know the name of their group when they arrive for their shift.
- 3) A few days before the pack, each group leader must remind the group members of the registered name.

Donations are needed. Make checks payable to “Feed My Starving Children” or “FMSC” and write “Pack #2207021SC” in the memo section. Send checks to: Randy Henning, 1541 Sycamore Glen Ct., Florissant, MO 63031.

Questions should be directed to *Pastor BJ Arnold* at (314) 518-1505 or by e-mail at *CISpackFMSC@gmail.com*.



ADVANCE NOTICE...

- ...the church office will be closed on Friday, June 24, due to staff vacations;
- ...there will be no Saturday evening service on July 2 in observance of the Independence Day holiday;
- ...the church office will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 1, and will be closed on Monday, July 4, again in observance of the holiday.
- ...the church office will be closed on Friday, July 29, again due to staff vacations.



MASK REQUIREMENTS

The Council reminds worshippers that masks are still expected at the 10:15 a.m. services. While masks are no longer required at other services, masks are expected at the “late” service to respect the needs of those who may be especially vulnerable to Covid or related viruses. Thank you for your understanding.



TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER

Make gift giving easy and 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*.



ST. LOUIS CARDINALS BLOOD DRIVE

Get in the game and give blood with the St. Louis Cardinals!

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Tuesday, June 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the James J. Eagan Center in Florissant.

Visit redcrossblood.org and enter “Cards” to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors will receive a free commemorative St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drive t-shirt.



BIBLE AND BREAKFAST...

...meets on Thursday mornings when we continue our series “It’s Not All About You,” written several years ago by Pastor Mueller.

Please join the class at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.