

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Feb. 22, 2026



For the times they are a-changin'” - or so our friend Sharon Carter Eichenberger told us as we revisited the 1960s at last week’s Heritage Sunday. Well, times are a-changin’ in the 2020s, too, as we revitalize our school, initiate our early learning center, and work toward the call process.

At today’s Conversation with Council after worship, we’ll tackle two tasks related to the call process. They may seem mundane, but they are vital to our future. First, we’ll introduce the proposed text of the Constitution you’ll be asked to vote on in April. (We’ve already reported on the substance of the updates.) Second, we’ll present the results of the SWOT analysis you participated in, and introduce a draft Vision, Mission Statement, Values, and Goals gleaned from that analysis.

Yes, the times are a-changin’, but we can always rest in the confidence that God is with us during these times.

- -Cathy Hohl, Congregation President

Important Notes!

Please don’t forget the following dates and opportunities to serve:

- March 1: The congregation and school are holding a Community Open House from 1 pm - 4 pm to celebrate our combined anniversaries. We’ll offer building tours, welcome prospective students, and get to know our neighbors. Please attend, and bring a guest.
- Ask how you can participate in student recruitment efforts for the 2026-2027 school year. Let’s continue to share God’s love with a new generation as we also guide them in their early education. Many of you may be interested in serving on the Call Committee. If so, let Council know and you’ll be invited to a future session on what that commitment entails.

- Cathy Hohl, Congregation President



Texas Hold'em
Fundraiser for
Atonement Men's Club

Saturday

February 28, 2026



Reserve your spot by contacting Greg Viehman, (314) 422-2657 or gtviehman@gmail.com

Join us for a night of fellowship, fun and Texas Hold'em

Where: Atonement Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall

Date: Saturday February 28, 2026

Time: Doors Open at 5:30 pm, game starts at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$40 buy-in

Hosted by: Atonement Men’s Club

We will have some drinks as well as food. Please BYOB.





Seniors (age 50 and over) are invited to monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 23 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

The guest will be Dan Fuller from Bellefontaine Cemetery. Dan brings stories of commerce on the river with historical viewpoints of "Steamboat Captains, Pilots and Owners of Bellefontaine"

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

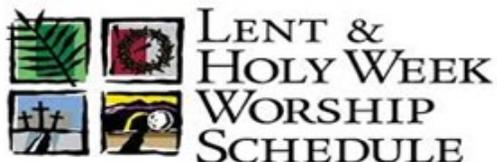
Wednesdays February 25 - March 25, 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.



**Atonement's
Lenten Prayer Vigil
Sunday mornings
Starting February 22
In the Prayer Chapel
8:30 am to 9:20 am
All are welcome**

Drop in for solemn prayer... leave at will

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find
grace to help in time of need."

-Hebrews 4:16

***FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 22
LENTEN PRAYER VIGILS***

Throughout the history of the church, Lent has been a time of recommitment to prayer. To highlight this important Lenten practice, a prayer vigil will be held in the Chapel each Sunday in Lent from 8:30-9:20 AM, starting on February 22. Come when you can—leave when you must. All are welcome!

Prayer request cards are available in the narthex. You are invited to fill them out and leave them in the basket. These requests will be included during the vigils.

Attendance— Week of 2/15/26

9:30 a.m. = 92

Giving

Sunday 2/15/26 in-person = \$3996

\$20,155.29 giving from 2/9-2/13. This includes church income received by all methods (ex./ online, mail) and all funds (missions, memorials, etc.)



The Black Historical Series figurines, displayed for Black History Month, were created by Martha Holcombe Root in Gadsden, Alabama. They are part of her All God's Children collection. I started collecting her figurines of black children after receiving one as a gift and loved it. When her Historical Series came out, I felt they would be a good way to educate my children on part of their heritage since my knowledge of black history was very limited. I am very happy to share these with you and hope you find them interesting and informative. There are copies available that describe each figurine. Feel free to take one. — *Faith Brooks*

Shop 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. **Also, see the article on the right!**



ATONEMENT LINKS

Have you ever had a hard time picking out a good gift for a family member or friend? RaiseRight may have the answer you need...

Introducing a new eGift card offering from RaiseRight! With AnyCard, you can swap one card for 350+ popular brands.

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1. **Buy an AnyCard eGift card on RaiseRight:** After purchase, the AnyCard eGift will appear in your RaiseRight Wallet.
2. **Create or sign in to your AnyCard account:** If you don't already have an account, you'll be prompted to set one up for free.
3. **Redeem your AnyCard:** Redeem the eGift card to add its full value to your AnyCard balance.

Choose your gift cards: Browse over 350+ brands at anycard.com/choicecards/brands. Select one or more gift cards using your available AnyCard balance.

4. **Receive your selected gift cards:** AnyCard delivers your chosen gift cards to you—or directly to your recipient—by email or text. They'll also be stored in your AnyCard account for easy access.

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Adult Forum

Adult Forum returns on most Sundays after church at about 10:45 in the Chapel (if the chapel is too small for the crowd, we will move down the hall to the Multipurpose Room). Give Pastor Lemke or Jane Meyerkord questions you would like Pastor to address about the Bible, or questions that you would like to ask Jesus. Send them by email to church.office@alcs-web.com or text Jane at Jmeyerkord@aol.com or 314-330-2404 in order to give Pastor a chance to prepare an answer. A couple of samples—what did Jesus’ life look like for the first 30 years before he was baptized and began his ministry? We say that the soul leaves the body at death, what does that mean? How does that happen?

Please note, that because of Conversation with Council today, there is no Adult Forum.

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They have a bit of everything! Click this link to see what brands are available: <https://anycard.com/choicecards/brands>

When you do your shopping for an AnyCard, you are also donating back 7% of your purchase to the school - at no extra cost to you!

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https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=AY5JSU5UWCVS6

Scan to donate



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The anniversary committee is looking for photos from when Atonement had a Cherub Choir. Please submit to either Rick Brown or Jane Meyerkord.



It is time to place your order for Easter Lilies!!

Lilies are \$15 each and must be ordered by Sunday, March 8. Payment is needed at time of order. Make checks payable to Atonement. Be sure to include the name(s) of

whom you would like to honor. Place your order in the box in the narthex.

A Celebration of Growth... A Widow's Mite Collection

This “little” contribution is growing! Thank you to everyone who is contributing to our Widow’s Mite basket. We currently have \$27.49. You can find the basket on the table in the Narthex as you enter the center double doors into the Sanctuary.

As we continue our Celebration of Growth, please watch for information in the bulletins, newsletters, and weekly emails. Thank you.

“It’s time to mother Earth”

“15 percent... That's how much your highway gas mileage could improve if you used your vehicle's eco-cruise control setting. Better yet...Go electric. The Union of Concerned Scientists estimates that over the course of one year, a gas-powered car costs \$1,500 to fuel and releases 4.7 metric tons of greenhouse gases; and electric car costs \$421 to fuel and releases only 2.3 metric tons.” *

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