

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

May 14-15, 2022



CONGREGATION MEETING

This Sunday is the date for worship, the congregation meeting, and the church picnic to be held at 370 Lakeside Park (Highway 370 and Lakeside Park, St. Peters, Mo.). Worship begins 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!

The meeting agenda includes 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.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...



...meets next Saturday, May 21, 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.



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.

Time Change
Notice

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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.



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* - Gooey 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.



**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS SET
SATURDAY, MAY 21**

Pastor Mueller will offer a First Communion class for students in Grades 1-5, to be held on Saturday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m. The class will meet in Pastor Mueller's office, unless a larger room becomes necessary. The class is open to Baptized young persons interested in receiving the Lord's Supper.

Parents are asked to contact the church office at (314) 837-1224 during business hours.

**A THANK-YOU FROM THE BRIDGE:
FAIR TRADE SALES EXCEED \$750**

"Thank you for again hosting The Bridge Fair Trade Market, April 30-May 1. Your purchases of \$760 provide living wages for artisans around the world," writes Johanna Erdman, volunteer fair trade co-ordinator at The Bridge. (Johanna also served as our guest organist that weekend.)

Her note invites Atonement members to visit the Bridge, a Lutheran mission outreach in New Town, St. Charles, located at 3257 Domain Street. The coffee shop/community center is open Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The note concludes with a quotation from Micah 6:8 and is posted on the church office bulletin board.



**A SPECIAL SCHOOL
CHAPEL SERVICE**

On Wednesday, May 4, Atonement School students in Ms. Patty Landwehr's 4th/5th Grade class presented a special Star Wars themed worship during Chapel.

The service included readings, skits, and choreographed songs along with Star Wars graphics on the big screen. Parents and grandparents were among those who came to appreciate the students' efforts, which included several weeks of rehearsals.



WELCOME, ANGIE KEMPER NEW SCHOOL SECRETARY

Angie Kemper picked the right week to begin her service as office manager at Atonement Lutheran School. The week of May 2-6 was Teacher Appreciation Week and the table in the school office was laden with assorted refreshments all week, ranging from fruit to cookies, from S'mores to soda, courtesy of APTO.

A 22-year member of Atonement, *Angie* comes to us from service as secretary at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hazelwood. Her duties at the school also include a host of administrative tasks, assisting the principal.



A.P.T.O. GOES ‘OVERBOARD’ IN APPRECIATING TEACHERS AND STAFF

What’s a camp experience unless someone goes overboard?

Using an “adventure camp” theme, the Atonement Parent-Teacher Organization (APTO) almost went “overboard” during Teacher Appreciation Week.

With lobby and hallway decorations, highlighting the “adventure camp” theme, the APTO also provided daily gifts for faculty and staff including candles, flowers, markers, and candies. The APTO also provided a McAllister’s box lunch on Tuesday and grilled hamburgers on Friday. APTO also provided a table full of “goodies” all week.

A Wednesday Chick-Fil-A lunch was provided by school board member *Lynn Zond*.

Church staff were also included in the lunches which was greatly appreciated.

“Overboard” – adverb – “extravagantly generous or extremely appreciative.”



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 Bredenkotter*

(from Westminster Christian Academy) – *Daniel Holt*

(from Incarnate Word Academy) – *Elizabeth Binder and Elisabeth Laffold*

(from Hazelwood West) – *Joshua Gehner, Lucas Gehner, and Robert Pollard*



‘CHANGE FOR THE BETTER’ FOR FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

The final offerings for the “Change for the Better” effort were taken to the bank. The 5-gallon pail was over half-filled with pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, together weighing 67 pounds

The amount totaled \$660..12 in coins, plus an additional \$50 in cash. The grand total being 4710.12, plus two car wash tokens! Thanks to

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Breanna and Christy Gaither for sorting and rolling the coins.

The two-fold collection was intended both of return much-needed coins to circulation and to provide additional funding for the Feed My Starving Children “food pack” to be hosted by Atonement on Saturday, July 9. (*see related article below*)



F.M.S.C. ‘FOOD PACK’ TO BE HELD AT ATONEMENT SATURDAY, JULY 9

6,200 children die each year due to starvation or food-related disease. Be part of the solution.

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, 1544 Sycamore Glen Court, Florissant, MO 63031

Volunteers are also needed to assemble the meal kits. There are three 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. Groups are also welcome.

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

Registration opens on June 1 at 8:00 a.m. Sign up at 2022CISpack.eventbrite.com, or call (314) 382-4241.

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.



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.



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!

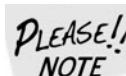


MASK REQUIREMENTS

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 Sunday's 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 next 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