

# News & Notes

**Lutheran Church of the Atonement**

**Nov. 30, 2025**



At last Sunday's (November 23) Regular Congregation Meeting, President Cathy Hohl announced a Special Congregation Meeting for **December 14** immediately after worship. The agenda for that Special Meeting is:

1. *Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes*
2. *Endowment Committee Recommendation*
3. *Election of Nominating Committee Members*

These items could not be handled during the November 23 meeting because we lacked a quorum.

## TODAY: BOOST BLESSING

....Knitted and crocheted fleece items, and handmade quilts made by the Ladies of B.O.O.S.T.—Blessing Others One Stitch At A Time! Thank you!!



We've been gifted with two beautiful works of art - a quilted Christmas wall-hanging made by Sara Ruprecht and a stained glass lamp made by Emily Buis. "Visit" them in the Family Room. Each is being raffled off with the proceeds designated for the operating budgets of Atonement School and Church. The drawings will be held before Christmas. Tickets are one for \$1, six for \$5, or 40 for \$20. You can obtain tickets on Sunday mornings or by contacting Greg Viehman or Cathy Hohl. If it is during the week, you can see Cathy in the church office or Angie in the school office. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends. (For example, if you'd invite a friend to a Trivia Night, invite them to participate in this raffle.) The more, the merrier.



Bill Meyerkord. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

## USHER HELP!!

If you would like to serve as an usher during the holiday season or even on select Sunday's, please contact



## TODAY IS THE LAST DAY...

to order your poinsettias! Please use the envelopes in the basket in the narthex. You can leave your order in the basket or put in Cathy's mailbox.



Help is needed on Sundays during Advent to light the candle and/or read the advent prayer. This requires 2 or more so a family would be ideal, if not then you can be lined up with another member. Please sign up on the attendance form or notify the church office.



As part of the Anniversary Celebration, Atonement is assembling boxes for TEAM by using the Reverse Advent Calendar. See the back page for how you can help!! Below is the generous donation made by the Tai Chi Group! Thank you!!





Seniors (age 50 and over) are invited to monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 24 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Courtney Buxner. Courtney will discuss Consumer Fraud, Identity Theft and other crimes of which we should be aware

### TOURS

Watch for new tours to be added!

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

## ATONEMENT LINKS

Welcome to the Hustle & Bustle!

Yes, this time of year is an absolute joy — and also very tiring! Please remember to take care of yourself along the way.

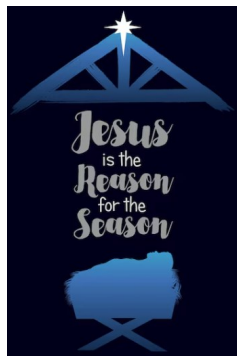
Do you have people on your list to shop for, and the best way to give them what they want or need is with gift cards? Sign up with our RaiseRight program! You give two ways, to the ones you love AND to Atonement Lutheran School—without paying more! Check under the RaiseRight area for the QR Code (also see right column) and Atonement Link number. We thank everyone who has already joined us!

### Reminders:

On December 15-16 the Holiday Shoppe will be open for students to do their Christmas shopping. Would you like to help, or do you have questions? Contact our APTO at [apto.president@alcs-web.com](mailto:apto.president@alcs-web.com).

Mark your calendars for the evening of Thursday, December 18. Plan on joining us for the school's Christmas Concert at 7 pm.

As we move toward the hustle and bustle of Christmas, let us remember: Jesus truly is the reason for the season...God's love and peace to each of you!



### Attendance— Week of 11/23/25

9:30 a.m. = 100

### Giving

Sunday 11/23/25 in-person = \$2525

(last week stated the incorrect date, but the amount was correct)

\$ 9416.29 all other form of giving from 11/10-11/14. This includes church income received by all methods (ex./ online, mail) and all funds (missions, memorials, etc.)

### Shop RaiseRight for Christmas!!

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.



PayPal.com  
[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=AY5JSU5UWCVS6](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=AY5JSU5UWCVS6)



Go Fund Me:  
[fund.me/580b1615f](https://www.gofundme.com/fund/me/580b1615f)

Scan to donate




### *Thanksgiving Eve Worship (7:00 p.m.) & Pie Social -*

Join us at the Pie Social!

The Pie Social is back on Thanksgiving Eve, November 26, following the service. Bring a pie (purchased or homemade) to Fellowship Hall to share and enjoy hot coffee or tea with it. Which is your favorite - pumpkin, apple, gooseberry or lemon meringue? See you there!



Advent by Candlelight, Sunday, December 7, at 6 p.m. Sign up on

the attendance form.



Midweek Wednesday  
Advent services - 7 p.m. (Dec. 3, 10, 17)

Christmas Eve Services will be held at 4:30 and 10:00 p.m. service. Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m.



New Year's  
Eve: Family fun  
night and devo-  
tions: 5:00 p.m. -  
8:00 p.m.



Over the next weeks, you'll hear a lot about finances. But, it's not really about the money. It's about faith and ministry. Acting in faith, several members and friends of Atonement are pooling together to match \$35,000 in year-end gifts. What a blessing this is! Take advantage of this opportunity by making a special gift to support our ministry through the 2025-2026 school year. Together, these financial gifts will add \$70,000 to enable our work for God's kingdom.

Similarly, our annual financial stewardship emphasis, beginning in the next few days, celebrates our growth in generosity in 2025. It encourages continued faith-filled financial support of Atonement's ministry in 2026. Financial intent cards will be distributed - to be returned by you on November 30 and December 7. These statements of intention support your growth in faith and Atonement's ability to fulfill God's mission for us.

It feels like it's about money. But, it's not. it's about faith and ministry. As God grants us "rich supply," as God "helps in time of need," as God "rules his church in love," let our lives and decisions proclaim the "joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!" (See ELW 619) Let's joyfully embrace - and support - God's call to us.



### *"It's time to mother Earth"*

Teleconference instead of traveling. If you fly five times per year, those trips are likely to account for 75% of your personal carbon footprint. Not only does this tip help you save energy, but also \$Money\$ and helps you save time so that you can do more of what you like to do

[https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/?gclid=CjwKCAiAt9z-BRBCeIwA\\_bWv-E4z76\\_-4ollmbwO8yrDYfhLDFIHIhOXPuYnE\\_4Q6g-SOxXbkFBduBoCVkAQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/?gclid=CjwKCAiAt9z-BRBCeIwA_bWv-E4z76_-4ollmbwO8yrDYfhLDFIHIhOXPuYnE_4Q6g-SOxXbkFBduBoCVkAQAvD_BwE)





# Reverse Advent Calendar

*The traditional Advent Calendars give us something to remove from a calendar each day during Advent leading up to Christmas—most have a trinket or candy. This year, as part of our anniversary celebration, we will assemble REVERSE Advent Calendars. Put a non-perishable food item INTO a box each day during Advent and we'll donate them to TEAM Food Pantry. You can bring them to Atonement at Christmastime for bulk delivery to TEAM or you may take the completed box to a food pantry of your choice. If you would like, we have boxes with the list of items available in the church narthex.*

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10- jar of applesauce
- December 11- canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 – cranberry sauce
- December 13 – canned beans
- December 14 – box of crackers
- December 15 – package of rice
- December 16 – package of oatmeal
- December 17 – package of pasta
- December 18 – spaghetti sauce
- December 19 – chicken noodle soup
- December 20 – tomato soup
- December 21 – canned corn
- December 22 – canned mixed vegetables
- December 23 – canned carrots
- December 24 – canned green beans