



Principal Kim Kern has announced her resignation as principal of Atonement Lutheran School. She will conclude her work with Atonement this summer.

We are so grateful for her dedication, administration skills, and her love for the students and staff. Principal Kern will be missed.

If you would like to share your gratitude, please send a card to the school office.



GARDEN AND MAINTENANCE NEWS!

Workday, Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.

Front Landscaping and Outside Maintenance Projects...

We will pull weeds, trim bushes and trees, mulch islands and front areas as needed. Maintenance projects include hanging new handicapped signs by Fellowship Hall, re-painting handicapped spots and some additional spots, cleaning up brush piles, chipping into a dumpster, and more. Please sign up on the attendance form so we can plan projects/supplies needed. For more information or to sign up, contact Jane Meyerkord, jmeyerkord@aol.com.

Needed: Island Caretakers

Our front landscaping and islands have been maintained by members who “adopted” an island for a growing season—keeping weeds under control and maintaining the plantings. Several islands and areas need new caretakers. If you or you and your family are willing and able to maintain an island, please sign up on the Sunday attendance form and plan to participate in the April 27 workday. It takes a village...

Properties Committee Revived...

After several years' hiatus with Wesley Johnson and Ron Behrens doing much of the property maintenance with help of Men's Club members, the Properties Committee has been re-activated. Members are Ron Behrens, Tom Blight, Dan Dietz, Tom Lanzer, Don Meier, Jeff Moravec and Stefan Thurnau with assistance from Wesley, Jane Meyerkord, Cathy Mifflin, and Pastor Delaney.

As you notice items needing maintenance, please report it to Cathy, Wesley, or any member of the team. The goal of the team will be to assist in getting maintenance projects done, not necessarily by the committee members, but by those with appropriate skills with guidance and supervision from the committee.



Seniors (age 50 and over) are invited to monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 22, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Hear about “The 120th

Anniversary of the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair.” Kari Kindt presents a tour of the fair including views inside the exhibits.

Newly Added Tours!

- April 25, Kimmswick - After touring the Anheuser Estate, savor lunch at the Blue Owl (known for their Mile-High Pies). Browse in the town’s famous shops. On the way home visit Mastodon State Park. The bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. and returns by 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person.
- May 29, Holocaust Museum/ Butterfly House – Guided tour of the newly remodeled Holocaust Museum followed by lunch at Spiro’s Greek Restaurant. Then visit the Butterfly House. The bus leaves at 9:15 a.m. and returns by 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person.
- June 27, The Muny – Dinner at Joey B’s on the Hill and then enjoy the Motown sound of Dream Girls at the Muny. The bus leaves at 4:30 p.m. and returns at 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$130 per person.
- July 25, Summer in St. Louis. View the film The Arctic at the OmniMax Theatre in the Science Center. Then lunch at Tucker’s Place in Soulard. Visit the Scott Joplin House. The bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$115 per person.

For questions on the tours or to sign up, contact Pat Furlong at (636) 447-5040.

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



OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!

We have positions available. Which one appeals to you? Elections are in May.

Positions available:
Congregation Vice President
Council Treasurer
Council Member at Large
School Board

Please email me with your name and contact information, as well as your position preference, to add you to the ballot. All members are eligible!

-- Jeanine Dalton, Nomination Committee, Je2dalton@aol.com

Congregation Worship & Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m.

370 Lakeside Park

Where Atonement school and church families link together in Christ.

This is spring break week for school! Woo Hoo! Yes, the kids are excited. Yes, the staff is excited too. It's been a great spring, but everyone can use a break. In fact, even Jesus went off alone to take a break, prepare for what was next, and recharge.

When we return from spring break, we will be gearing up for May (a busy month in school): School Spirit Day, Awards Day, Field Day with a 1:30 pm Dismissal, Chromebooks will be collected, including chargers and cases, Pre-K Graduation at 9 am, Kindergarten Graduation at 9 am, 8th Grade Graduation at 7 pm, and last day of school with 10:30 am Dismissal - No Extended Care. This list doesn't include the planning and preparations for the events.

As everyone prepares for the end of the school year there are fun days, planning days, stressful days, work days, etc. Jesus had different types of days also. We can take heart in the fact that Jesus also needed time away to be alone. He set the example for us so we do not need to feel guilty for taking time for ourselves. It is healthy and perfectly normal to take care of ourselves.

Here are six times that Jesus sought solace for Himself:

To prepare for a major task (Luke 4:1-2, 14-15). After Jesus was baptized He spent 40 days praying in the wilderness. After this He was tempted by Satan and then began His public ministry.

To recharge after hard work (Mark 6:30-32). Jesus sent the 12 disciples out to do ministry. When they returned He encouraged them to separate from the people who were following them to rest.

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To work through grief (Matthew 14:1-13). After Jesus learned that his cousin John the Baptist had been beheaded, He went away by Himself. Yes, even the Son of God grieves.

Before making an important decision (Luke 6:12-13). Early in His ministry Jesus spent the whole night alone in prayer. The next day He chose his 12 disciples.

In a time of distress (Luke 22:39-44). Hours before Jesus was arrested He went to the Mt. of Olives and went a short distance away from His disciples to pray. He was in great emotional agony knowing what he was about to face.

To focus on prayer (Luke 5:16). Many times in Jesus' ministry He spent time alone in prayer.

So remember to take time for yourself and encourage those around you to do the same. Share Jesus as the example.

“Be the light...”



The Parish Nurses will host a Blood Drive on Thur., May 9, from 3:30—6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It is being conducted by ImpactLife. Please sign up on the attendance form if you are interested.

They are also hosting a CPR Day (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) on Sat., May 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A Florissant Valley fireman will be heading the class. Everyone that took the course two years ago should sign up now, as well as others who are interested. Please sign up on the attendance form.



Adult Forum will resume today. We will be discussing the series “24 Hours That Changed the World.” The series is by Adam Hamilton.

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Please meet in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m.



Texas Hold'em Tournament – To Benefit Jamestown New Horizons

Hosted by Men's Club

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 27. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tournament begins at 6:30 p.m.

Reserve your spot by contacting David Jones, (314) 323-5736, imdocjones@charter.net

<https://www.alcs-web.com/post/texas-hold-em-to-benefit-jamestown-new-horizon>

To plant a garden is to
believe in tomorrow.
~Audrey Hepburn



Atonement Book Cart

Do you want to read a book on gardening or creation care? The blue book cart is in the narthex with books to check out. Earth Day is coming up soon and gardening is getting underway, so what better time to read up on something of interest and try something new?



**The Gateway Ringers are performing at
Chapel of the Cross – Lutheran
Located at 11645 Benham Road
Highway 367 North of I-270
North of Christian Hospital Northeast**

Sunday April 28, 2024 4 pm.



Come for an enjoyable handbell concert by
the area's premier choir.

A free-will offering will be taken.
For information call 314-741-3737

