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# Outdoor Concert Saturday, August 12, 2017

beginning at 6PM.

Bring a friend and your lawn chairs.

Performing: Gary Dunmeyer, Sal & Kathy Garibay.

Featuring: Pierre & Kristin La Ve`, Ed McIntosh,

and Sal & Kathy Garibay.

Support our youth as they sell food and drinks to raise money for the Houston Youth Gathering next summer. The music will go until the sun goes down!

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION Pray for blessings, health, safety and general wellbeing of these members of Atonement. Give thanks for all who are working with us in the mission we share. August 6 Roy Noland; Steve, Lynda, Race and Dash Nugent; Dale, Samantha, Jordyn and Aubree Oe; Scott, Brooke, Natasha and Nathan Oftedal;

John & Bertha Ólsen. Kathleen Opperud; Nathan & Jeannette Owen; Robert, Aliana August 13 and Tegan Padilla; Victoria Pardis; Dorothy Parnell;

August 20 Brad & Sheila Partyka; Don Partyka; Cal & Rane Paulson; Darren, Trudi, Maddy and Noah Paulson; Gwynn Peterson.

Ben & Pat Peterson; Lora Pederson; Andrew, Stephanie, Ryder August 27 and Spencer Pentland; Rick & Joni Pentland; Ron, Rebecca, Archie, Ellie and Dani Picchioni.



# JOY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. at Montana Jacks 520 Hansen Lane. For information, contact Tina Williams at 690-1200.



# ATONEMENT PRESCHOOL

Enrollment for children ages 3-5 years



FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet August 9th at 12pm Atonement. Bring your favorite dish, and a friend. We will have a guest speaker. All are welcome, any questions contact Sandi Gonzalez 348-3707 for details.

OUTDOOR MINISTRY will meet August 10th and 24th at 6PM to shoot archery. Contact Gene Arneson 406-671-1552 for more information.



## **CLEANING HOUSE**:

The church attic has become quite cluttered. Many items from our previous location were moved and placed upstairs. Over the past several years, we have continued to accumulate "stuff". On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 20<sup>th</sup></u>, after church and into the afternoon, we will be picking through the storage area. Items that should be stored in the maintenance building will be moved and items no longer needed or wanted will be thrown out.

Most important, if you or your committee/workgroups have anything stored upstairs, it is important that you have someone attend this clean-up event. If you are not represented, you may lose items you feel are important to keep. Preschool, VBS, Sunday School, WELCA, Property, Worship, IHN and others should consider representation. For more information or questions, please contact Todd Koepp at 256-1569.

# ATONEMENT LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

It is Back-to-School time at Atonement Lutheran Preschool!

I can hardly believe that we have our orientation for the 2017-2018 preschool year on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. In order to be ready for school to start on September 6<sup>th</sup>, we are having a cleaning day on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, if you would like to help, join us at 10:30 AM.

If you know of any preschool age students, send them our way, we still some openings in our classroom! We are enrolling students for the 2017-2018 school year. Our best advertisement is word of mouth!

We have an Atonement Lutheran Preschool wish list up for those that would like to donate school supplies. We even have a wish list at Target if you would like to go online or if you are at the store and would like to purchase something.

Thank you for your numerous donations of supplies and talents, as well as monetary. Atonement Lutheran Preschool is blessed to be a part of Atonement's ministry! Blessings.

Sara Westrope - Atonement Lutheran Preschool Director

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Last month bore occasions to celebrate the lives of two remarkable people: Conrad Burns and Clara Baker. In life and in death, we were able to rejoice at the grace of God as revealed in their faith, courage, service, love and witness.

On Monday, July 17 the family, friends and colleagues of Conrad – a Marine, a former U.S. Senator and, more importantly, a baptized Child of God – gathered in Arlington National Cemetery to inter his remains among those who have struggled and sacrificed for the sake of our nation's freedom, honor and valor. At the graveside, I read a portion of the Gettysburg Address, where Abraham Lincoln dedicated the cemetery in Gettysburg to the honor of those who were laid to rest in that place.

"...in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men (and women), living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

On Thursday, July 20, the family friends and colleagues of Clara gathered for no less an honorable occasion as we commended her life into God's unfailing arms. For those who knew Clara, she was forthright about her mortality as she faced the reality of death on numerous occasions. This galvanized her faith and resolve to engage in the "unfinished work" to which Lincoln referred. Clara – as a baptized Child of God – loved sincerely, gave generously, prayed unceasingly, served joyfully, labored tirelessly and encouraged endlessly. At her funeral, I shared:

"...the finite existence of life here on earth was not a problem for Clara. For more than 20 years, Clara has had funeral arrangements that she kept working on. She planned what would be done with her body, the scripture passages, and photocopies of the hymns including all the copyright and publishing details. She even had updates written in the margins as new ideas came to her. ... In Clara's funeral planning, she gave us all a gift – <u>a witness to her faith</u>. Certainly there's the practical side of this gift... when death comes, families are so often at a loss of how to make those arrangements. In their grief, they sometimes don't know where even to begin. May we learn a lesson from Clara, that planning a funeral isn't just about accepting a loss through death, it is giving a gift that provides peace and comfort and a proclamation of faith. Take the time and do it!"

On both occasions – with Conrad and Clara – we were reminded that a funeral is an occasion to not only honor our dead, but "it is for us the living, rather," an opportunity to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work God has in store for us. By the witness of those who have gone before us, we strive together for the perfect purpose of God's love, grace and unity.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Darren

# Simply Giving A special message for summer travelers.

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Atonement Lutheran offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return an electronic giving authorization form to get started today. Forms are always available in the Commons near the TV. For more information please contact the church office at 254-7004.



Sunday 09.10.2017 Sign-up TODAY!

# YOUTH

### Youth Kick-Off: Saturday, August 26th, 7:00-11:00pm

All incoming 7th-12th grade students, come and enjoy time together as we get ready for another program year at Atonement Lutheran Church!

## Youth and Family Ministry Parent Meeting:

Attend one of the two waves of meetings to take advantage of learning more about what the 2017-18 academic year looks like for the youth ministries at Atonement. Especially if someone in your household between 8th-12th grade is interested in the Youth Gathering to Houston. Sunday, August 20th or Sunday, August 27th, (after 9:15am worship) 11:00am-11:45am

## Mooyah! Fundraiser: Wednesday, August 9th, 11:00a-10:00pm

When you get something to eat at Mooyah Burger 20% of your order total will go towards the youth ministries at Atonement Lutheran Church! All you need to do is mention the fundraiser to the cashier.

## **EDUCATION**

### Triple-A Training: Saturday, August 19th, 10:30-4pm

Are you wanting to learn more about how to become a more authentic, available, and affirming adult? Come to the training as we get ready for a new program year at Atonement Lutheran Church. Lunch will be provided and RSVP with Jon at <u>doyfam@atonementbillings.org</u>

**Confirmation Mentors:** Are you interested in being a mentor with a confirmation student? Or do you know of a person that would be a great mentor? Talk to Jon to learn more about this ministry beginning in October.

## Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 20th, 9:15am

Friends that are young and old that will be returning back to school, bring your backpack to worship to be blessed.

Rally Sunday: Sunday, September 17th, 9:15-10:15am

Stay posted for Rally Sunday as the first day of Sunday School for all ages!

Jon Bates - Director of Youth, Family and Education Ministries

## Denver Learning and Serving Pilgrimage

Thank you to all that helped support the group that traveled their way to Denver, CO for their Learning and Serving Pilgrimage! In Denver, the group was able to participate in a day camp with St. Mark's Lutheran Church and engaged in learning opportunities with refugee, black, Chicano, and America Indian communities to learn how to love even more effectively.



The whole group including people from St. Mark's Lutheran Church; Denver, CO and Lutheran Church of the Cross; Nisswa, MN.



Quick snapshot of a part of the Day Camp group enjoying a group photo together

Open to youth grades 7-12

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

To contact Jon Bates

Director of Youth, Family, and Education Ministries

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Atonement Family, Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and well wishes during my recent back surgery. I am doing wonderful, pain free, for the first time in two years. God bless you all!

Lorraine Theurer

#### Hello Everyone!

I'm Dawson Mangels, a youth from Atonement Lutheran. I have recently returned from the Augsburg College Youth Theology Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At Augsburg, I was introduced to how other people, namely in various minority groups, view God and how these groups of people use their faith to bring hope and challenge the oppression they face as a minority. Thank you to those who have helped me along in my journey in Christianity and another thank you to Jon Bates for nominating me to participate in ACYTI this year and to the Kate Burn Memorial Fund for helping fund for the opportunity. God Bless!

Dawson Mangels

The Augsburg College Youth Theology Institute is an intense week of friendship, classroom learning, worship, solitude, contemplation, discernment, and action on Augsburg's urban campus. There youth have the opportunity to learn, pray, play, and explore Minneapolis as they discern God's work in the world, together. Adapted from <u>www.augsburg.edu/ccv/</u><u>acyti/overview</u>.

Dear Atonement Family, I wish to thank you for the visits, kindness and prayers you sent on my behalf during my recent back surgery. Your thoughtfulness really does make me feel like we are a family of God. Blessing on you always.

Rose Nibbe

Dear members of Atonement Lutheran, Thank you so much for your hospitality! We greatly appreciate having such a wonderful place to stay as we journey to Christikon! You helped make a big impact in our community.

English Lutheran & Friends of Wisconsin and Minnesota

Thank you so much for all the kindness you showed our residents and Pita the dog Sunday morning. The congregation truly demonstrated a real servants heart. Thank you for your hospitality in a time of stress, everyone needs shelter from the storm at times.

The Residents, Staff and "Pita" at Novak Cottage - WyndStone

# Christikon Clips August 2017

As you are reading this clip, we are readying for our last sessions of the season. We have hosted over 450 campers this season including developmentally disabled adults, youth, families, and adults. We would welcome scholarship gifts as you are able for a wonderful group of new campers!

Our summer staff will be completing their stay with us and will soon be heading back to their lives outside of Christikon.

We look forward to our congregational retreats scheduled this fall and there are still retreat times available to visit Christikon! Call Kerry in the office and reserve a time.

We continue to ask for your prayers for those traveling to camp, our staff, and campers.

Blessings to all of you who support Christikon with prayer, time, skills, and financially. We are grateful.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ — exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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### ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

# Wednesday Adult Bible Study 10:00AM at the Little White Church

**EPHESIANS:** This epistle (letter) was written to a church that needed divine guidance in their mission and ministry. It challenged – and still challenges – the church which experiences transition and difficulties to discover new ways of re-building its ministry. Ephesians is filled with imagery used in construction: plan, foundation, walls, cornerstone, joinery, dwelling, ownership – and more. With people as the building material (akin to Luther's "priesthood of all believers"), we'll hear the message of Ephesians which is dedicated to helping the church grow God's way – yesterday, today and tomorrow!

Aug 2	Are We Building Beyond Measure? Ephesians 3:14-21
Aug 9	Are We Building As One? Ephesians 4:1-16
Aug 16	No Study
Aug 23	Are We Building Up? Ephesians 4:25-5:2 & 5:15-20
Aug 30	Are We Built to Withstand? Ephesians 6:10-20
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Study's led by Pastor Darren



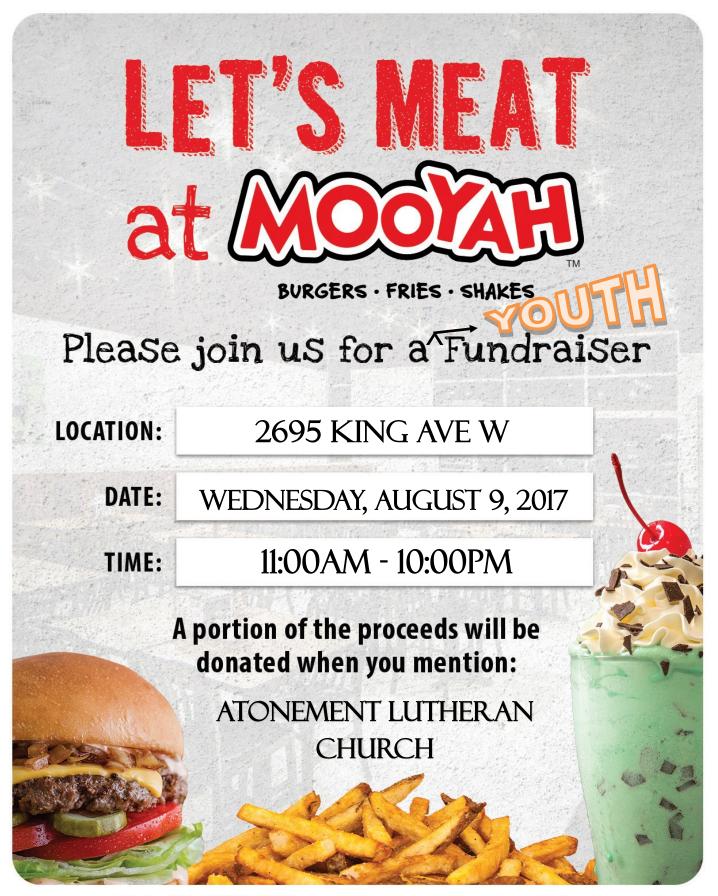
## THRIVENTBUILDS

## Connecting faith & finances for good.®

Greetings from Habitat for Humanity Mid-Yellowstone Valley. We are excited to share with you that we have been approved for a 2017 ThriventBuilds Grant. All volunteers are appreciated. We are asking, especially, for any Thrivent Member to help on those project in some small.....or large.....way. There will be volunteer opportunities ranging from small administrative tasks to helping with lunches to pounding nails on the actual build. We anticipate starting construction sometime in early June. PLEASE CONTACT us if you are a Thrivent Member, or any volunteer, who would be willing to help. Jim Woolyhand, Executive Director 406-652-0960

Financial Report				
General Fund June 2017	Building Fund June2017	Building Fund Mortgage Savings		
Income: \$33,931.08	Income: \$9,715.11	06/30/17: \$75,144.54		
Expense: \$35,193.74	Expense: \$8,150.00	05/30/17: \$73,556.52		
Net Income: (\$1,262.66)	Net Income: \$1,565.11	04/30/17: \$75,620.43		
Net Income YTD: (\$5,312.25)	Net Income YTD: (\$522.89)*			
Budget Expense: \$31,024.54	Budget Expense: \$8,150.00			

\* Reminder: The negative amounts indicate the amount we are drawing down on the surplus in our Building Fund. Donations to the building fund exceeded our needs in the prior year.



Visit MOOYAH.COM to request your own fundraiser

Special Screening | WyndStone | 08.31.2017

# Alzheimer's Every minute counts

Special screening at WyndStone on Thursday, August 31 from 2pm - 3:30pm

alzheimer's **N** association<sup>\*</sup>

800.272.3900 | alz.org\*

Many know the unique tragedy of this disease, but few know that Alzheimer's is one of the most critical public health crises facing America. This powerful documentary illuminates the social and economic consequences for America pending a medical breakthrough for this incurable disease.

Followed by a facilitated Q & A and opportunities for local involvement.

TWIN CI<u>TIES</u>



The time has come once again for Back to School Sales. **Each kit contains the following items**. Please keep Lutheran World Relief School Kits in mind and pick up one or more of the following items:

4 - 70 sheet Spiral Notebooks of ruled paper (approx. 8 " X 10 1/2" no loose leaf paper).

1 Blunt Scissor

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- 1 (30 cm.) Ruler (inches may be on one side)
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 5 New # 2 Pencils with erasers
- 5 New ball point pens (blue or black ink no gel pens please)
- 1 Eraser approx. 2 1/2" long
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons

A box will be located in the commons area for the collection of these items. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war and may make the difference on weather the child actually gets an education. They are also used in adult literacy classes. If you do not like to shop but would like to help, just place your donation in the small school houses located in the commons area and we will shop for you. Thank you for all your help. Any questions please call Julie Leno at 248-5359.





## USHER/GREETERS 9:15 AM

August 6	Mark & Shirley Jennings Del & Rose Steiner
August 13	Karen Underwood
	Sara Westrope, Ben and Kyle Johnston
August 20	Ryan Kapperud
5	Lance & Nancy King, Joyce Nitschke
August 27	Todd & Erin Koepp
5	Bette Wolff, Jean Richard
	Bold Names indicate Head Usher(s)

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# SANCTUARY FLOWERS

August 6 August 13 August 20 August 27 Mike & Janet Rubich Open Jake & Shirley Ketterling



# MONTHLY MEETINGS

August 8	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
August 9	Friendship Club 12:00 p.m.
August 10	Outdoor Ministry 6:00p.m.
August 14	Youth & Family Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
August 15 August 24	Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Ministry 6:00p.m.



# TRANSPORTATION

August 6 Craig Canfield August 13 Paul Mueller August 20 Leno's August 27 Kyle Johnston

Drivers

Leno's 248-5359 Kyle Johnston 325-1235 Todd Koepp 256-1569 Craig Canfield 245-6557 Paul Mueller 259-3565

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

August 6 Jay & Janelle Berry August 13 Karen Underwood Linda Kern August 20 Trudi Paulson August 27 Kathy Cypher

COMMUNION BREAD

Joan Siemers

COFFEE HOUR Worship Committee



# 2017 Atonement Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 3 4 5 9 10 11 1 16 17 18 1	V T F S 1 5 6 7 8 2 13 14 15 9 20 21 22	1 10:30 a.m. Preschool Cleaning Day 1:00 p.m. Quilters	2 6:30 a.m. Joy Circle 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @LWC 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	3	4	5
23 24 25 2 30 31 8:45 a.m. Cantor 9:15 a.m. Vorship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	6 27 28 29 4:15 p.m. Staff	<b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. Finance 6:30 p.m. Evangelism 7:00 p.m. Education	MOOYAH Fundraiser 9 6:30 a.m. Joy Circle 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ LWC 12:00 p.m. Friendship Club 6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wed. Meal 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>10</b> 6:00 p.m. Outdoor Ministry - Archery	Atonement Fam 11	ily Camp 8/4 - 6 12 6.00 p.m. Summer Outdoor Concert
<b>13</b> 8:45 a.m. Cantor 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	14 4:15 p.m. Staff 6:30 p.m. Youth & Family 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. Property Committee	Commentator Due 15 1:00 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Council	16 6:30 a.m. Joy Circle 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ LWC 6:30 p.m. Youth Group @ Peace Lutheran	17 6:00 p.m. Triple-T	18	19 10:30 a.m. Triple-A Training
20 8:45 a.m. Cantor 9:15 a.m. Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 11:15 p.m. Attic Clean up	<b>21</b> 4:15 p.m. Staff	22 1:00 p.m. Quilters	23 6:30 a.m. Joy Circle 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ LWC 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	6:00 p.m. Outdoor Ministry - Archery	25	26 7:00 p.m. Youth - Fall Kick Off Event
27 8:45 a.m. Cantor 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation	28 4:15 p.m. Staff 6:00 p.m. Marvelous Monday Meal	29 1:00 p.m. Quilters	30 6:30 a.m. Joy Circle 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ LWC Preschool Orientation 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	31	3 4 5 0	N  T  F  S    1  2    6  7  8  9    3  14  15  16    20  21  22  23

# WE BRING THE HOPE WE SHARE IN CHRIST TO ALL!



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I was visiting one of our members at West Park Village last week. She asked that I read the 23rd Psalm. I read it and she commented that she has always felt Psalm 23 covers what our Christian faith is all about. I agreed with her. On my drive home, I was reminded of a version of this psalm that I had seen. It certainly does cover all the things God provides in our faith journey.

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd--that's relationship I shall not want--that's supply He makes me lie down in green pastures--that's rest He leads me beside still waters--that's refreshment He restores my soul--that's healing He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake--that's purpose Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's testing I will fear no evil--that's protection for you are with--that's faithfulness Your rod and your staff they comfort me--that's discipline You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies--that's hope You anoint my head with oil--that's consecration My cup overflows--that's abundance Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life--that's blessing And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord--that's security Forever--that's eternity.

If you are interested in knowing more about lay visitation or would like to join our team, please call me at 245-0592. God's Blessings to you! Julie Amundson - Lay Visitation Minister