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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021



Rocky Railway VBS will be taking place June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm daily. Registration is available on the church website or registration forms can be picked up during office hours. This fun filled week will help us learn more about how "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!" This event is free, but donations are always welcome. Rocky Railway is open to kids going into their second year of Pre-K in the fall all the way up to kids entering 6th grade in the fall. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible.

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## HOW you can HELP

- ❖ **Billings Food Pantry Needs** -  
\*\*See list posted in foyer above food bank shelf.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee will be hosting an Irrigation Installation project the weekend of June 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.

We will be installing irrigation on the west side of the church. If you are available to help at any time that weekend with this project, please contact Ryan Kapperud. Initial start time will be 9 AM on Saturday. We are short some key members that weekend, so we could really use some additional help to make this go smoothly.

*Ryan Kapperud* – Property Committee

## OUTDOOR MINISTRY

June 11-13 Outdoor Ministries Camping Trip to Castaways. It is between Joliet & Roberts. The campground fee is \$35 per night. Please contact Sandi Gonzalez if you plan on attending.

## FAMILY PROMISE - NEW ROTATION

Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley will be starting up the FP Rotation for families in June, but with a new look. For now, they will have a static site that the families stay at all the time instead of moving to a new church each week.

First Methodist downtown, next to the Alberta Bair Theatre has offered their facility for the families to stay. This will allow FP to help more families. Atonement volunteers first week going to First Methodist to host

families will be **August 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be a meeting at Atonement on **Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** to make plans for our part in continuing in the mission of helping homeless families in Yellowstone County.

Please come and help us plan how to make this new way of hosting a success. Hopefully in the future the families will be able to return to our individual churches.

*Janie Fitch-Danielsen* - Atonement Rep  
Family Promise

happy father's day



## MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE

The Memorial Fund Committee would like to take a few minutes to update the congregation on some of the new policies we have put in place for the wish lists we have asked the church committees to give to us. The “wish lists” will be considered four times a year. To be considered, requests must be given to the Memorial Fund Committee by the following dates each year. 12/31; 03/31; 06/30 and 09/30.

After the Memorial Fund Committee considers the requests, they will be sent to the Church Council for final consideration and approval. There can be no guarantee that all requests will be approved. If a committee would like to submit a request, there is a form available in the office or on the church website.

Also, if anyone is interested in joining our Memorial Fund Committee, we meet at the church the first Thursday of January, April, July and September. We welcome anyone and would love to have you.

*Penny Morse – Memorial Committee*

## ATONEMENT PRESCHOOL

Summer Greetings from Atonement Lutheran Preschool!

In May, we celebrated the Last Day of Preschool for the 2020-2021 school year! We had an excellent year even with all our challenges we faced due to the pandemic.

I would like to thank all those that have prayed for our school, we felt the love of all! Thank you to the wonderful parents of our preschoolers who were willing to help in the classroom; without you we would not have been able to be open this year. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us, they are all a joy to teach! Thank you to Pastor Darren for leading us in Chapel time every Monday morning, the students enjoyed listening as you shared Bible stories with them. Also, Nancy, thank you for all you do to help our day run smoothly! Finally, thanks goes out to our preschool board! Your

Encouragement, support, and helping hands did not go unnoticed! You all made this year a success! THANK YOU!

With the start of summer we are starting all the prep work for the 2021-2022 school year! I will keep you all updated on the preschool throughout the summer months.

We could still use your help this summer with some supplies we will be working with in the coming months. If you are able to find and donate these items, it would help us a great deal!

- ♥ Target/Albertsons Gift Card/Walmart

Thank you for your support and please keep us all in your prayers as we learn together! Blessings,

*Sara Westrope-  
ALC Preschool Director*

## WELCA SPRING PLANT SALE

Thank you to everyone who came out and purchased flowers, plants, hanging pot and fun lawn decorations! Your support and partnership is such a blessing, we had a fruitful sale. We will have updates on where the proceeds will go to benefit Atonement ministries soon. Again, THANK YOU! We look forward to seeing you November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Bazaar!

## JOY BIBLE STUDY

We will be starting up our Wednesday morning **Joy Bible Study**. Previously held at Montana Jacks every Wednesday. Our first gathering will happen on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30am. We will meet in the Jerusalem room at Atonement Lutheran Church. It will be B.Y.O.B. – **B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **B**rew (coffee or tea etc.) and Bible. We will follow social distancing and sanitization guidelines. Looking forward to joining together to study the Word with our friends! For more information please contact Michel Poodry.

## ATONEMENT FINANCE REPORT

General Fund		Building Fund		Building Fund Reserve	
April 2021		April 2021		April 2021	
Total Expenses:	\$ 25,829.54	Monthly Mortgage:	\$ 7,240.00	02/28/21:	\$ 26,092.62
Total Income:	\$ 33,106.06	Income:	\$ 5,579.00	03/31/21:	\$ 25,736.05
Net Income:	\$ 7,276.52	Net Income:	\$ (1,661.00)	04/30/21:	\$ 24,075.05
Net Income YTD	\$ 7,801.86	Net Income YTD	\$ (2,863.00)		



## PASTORS PAGE

God started a new thing when Abraham and Sarah were called. The promise to them of being a Chosen People was not for their sake only, but rather that through them, “...all the families of the earth would be blessed.” Genesis 12:3 Imagine that! Something so small (two frail, old people) would have such a huge impact (on all the earth)! Really, that’s the recurrent theme in the entire arc of the Bible – small things making a big impact. A diminished jar of flour. A remnant people. An infant in a manger. Faith like mustard seeds. Five loaves and two fish. And on it goes.

Atonement Lutheran has been doing the same for nearly 60 years. We started on the edge of the developing Heights... and are continuing in a different location on the edge of a quickly growing Heights! And it is the same mission that God began in ancient days which continues among us in these contemporary days. We are blessed to be a blessing to all the people on earth.

This last month was a reminder of how that is literally true. We sent off quilts and school kits to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed around the globe. Masks and hospital gowns have been assembled to meet urgent needs in our community and beyond. Knit hats and stitched prayer shawls have warmed the hearts of ...who knows? ...beyond that of our recent graduates who were blessed with the prayers shawls and are now going into the world to be a blessing to others. And our earlier in the month, our confirmands affirmed their baptismal task “...to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus.” We are a church earnestly engaged in God’s original calling of those chosen people... blessed to be a blessing.

This summer, our work continues. But first, I feel it necessary to make a clear connection. In almost 9 years at this location, we have dedicated energy and resources to fix up the campus with sidewalks, irrigation, landscaping, walking paths, vegetation, a prayer labyrinth, parking lot expansions and more. But it’s not just for our benefit. This summer we are hosting two events on our campus that affirm all these blessings are intended for our neighbors, community and world.

First, the St. John’s United Outdoor Concert Series is kicking off their season with a concert on our campus June 22nd. After a long year of limited public events and get-togethers, our campus will be hosting an event for which many people have been longing. Live music. Good food. Time with friends and strangers. All outdoors so we can gather as safe as possible! What a blessing!

Second, on Tuesday, August 3rd, we are hosting a National Night Out event for the High Sierra Subdivision and surrounding neighborhoods. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. I’m asking you to do three things: mark your calendar, watch for more information, and get ready to say “yes” to some of the important (and fun!) volunteer roles that are needed. Blessed to be a blessing...

Finally, at the end of summer, we’re once again planning the God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday on September 12th where we once again reach beyond our campus to serve our community in ways only limited by our imagination. So begin to “Imagine that!” with ideas of how we can continue God’s “new thing” in us... blessed to be a blessing!

✝ Pastor Darren

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## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We continue our weekly Wednesday study of the Revised Common Lectionary – doing a deeper dig into the prescribed readings for Sunday’s worship service. Meeting In-Person in the Jerusalem room. Led by Pastor Darren Paulson

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen. 3:8-15; Psalm 130;  
2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

**June 16<sup>th</sup> No Study**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezek. 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Cor. 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**June 9<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezek. 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;  
2 Cor. 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> No Study**

ANOTHER GREAT "YEAR" IN ONLY 8½ MONTHS  
AUGUST 2020 TO MAY 2021

- 850 Quilts to Lutheran World Relief
- 193 School Kits to Lutheran World Relief
- 406 Quilts, 17 pillows, given to Billings Family Services.
- 12 Quilts and 12 pillows to Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley.
- 15 Quilts to the Cancer Center
- 80 Crochet hats to the Cancer Center
- 65 Quilts, 19 walker/wheelchair bags, 4 pillows, and 12 fidget quilts to Saint Johns United.
- 265 Dog beds, 206 dog pull toys and 70 cat toys (all made from fabric scraps) were donated to the animal shelter.
- 11 Quilts given to various places
- 45 Quilts (or more) sold at our On-Line Only Annual Fall Bazaar in November.
- 200+ COVID-19 Facemasks were made and donated to various organizations.
- 66+ Hospital gowns to Saint John's United

Bringing it all to a total of 1404 quilts that were made and given away!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated fabric, sheets, blankets, schools kit supplies, etc. We could not do this without your support.

Quilters you are awesome people!!! So very thankful for the Lords provisions. The best part is that we have had a good time, lots of laughs, fellowship, coffee, and desserts while we are quilting. Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm!

THANK YOU LORD, FOR ALL YOU PROVIDE!

ELEANOR ANDERSEN & JULIE LENO

## ATONEMENT COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our new columbarium has been ordered, and should be in place early this fall. Work has begun to prepare the site for this beautiful addition to our campus. We are very excited to see this dream come to fruition. We will continue to offer niches for sale at the original \$1700 price per niche until October 1, 2021, at which time we will have to increase the price to cover increasing costs.

We are also offering sale of companion

benches to match the columbarium for \$2909, if they are ordered by June 15, 2021. This date is in order to have the benches accompany the columbarium and eliminate additional shipping charges. Since they are granite, that cost is substantial. This will be a beautiful addition to the memorial garden, and a much appreciated donation. We are hoping to be able to order 3 benches to surround the columbarium itself.

We would also like to express our great appreciation to those who volunteered their time on Columbarium Planning Committee and whose work made this Memorial Garden possible: Marva Drain, Butch Morse, Paul Mueller, and Del and Rose Steiner. Trustees: Tom and Janie Danielsen; Bob Holloway; Judy Lawrence; Roger and Carol Young.

*Marilyn Franklin*, Administrator  
Atonement Columbarium and  
Memorial Garden

# Honoring our 2021 High School Graduates!



**Jasen Eugene Denowh**

Graduate of Skyview High School  
Jasen is the son of Todd & Shauna Denowh. Jasen will be attending Montana State University and will pursue a degree in mechanical and/or computer engineering.



**Walker John Hill**

Graduate of Skyview High School  
Walker is the son of Bruce & Jackie Hill. After graduation Walker plans to go to Bozeman to attend MSU-Gallatin, majoring in Aviation as well as Business Management.



**Quinn Ogden Mayhall**

Graduate of Skyview High School  
Quinn is the son of Roger & Karen Mayhall. Quinn plans on working full time at A-1 Machining here in Billings. He will attend City College in the fall to start a certification course in Welding. Thanks for your support on my future journey.



**Aidan Michael Morgan**

Graduate of Skyview High School  
Aidan is the son of Robert Morgan and Michelle Morgan. Aidan will work a gap year then attend college for Business utilizing his mathematic skills.



**Jessica Louise Voigt**

Graduate of Skyview High School  
Jessica is the daughter of Kristin & Rob Grant and Chris & Monique Voigt. Jessica will be attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks where she will major in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She wants to work with children who are deaf/hard of hearing in either speech pathology or audiology.





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## JUNE 2021

- June 4-5** MT Synod Assembly
- June 5** Youth to Skate World
- June 7** WELCA Board Meeting  
Property Committee
- June 8** Finance Committee  
Evangelism Committee
- June 12** **Rev Bob Quam**  
**Memorial Service –King**  
**of Glory Lutheran**  
**Church**
- June 13** COVID Vaccination Clinic
- June 14** ROCKY RAILWAY VBS  
Ed/Youth & Family
- June 15** Church Council Meeting
- June 16** Archery
- June 20** **Father's Day**  
**NYG2022 Spare Change**  
**Drive**  
Confirmation Camp-  
Christikon
- June 24** **Family Promise Planning**  
**Meeting**

## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS!

On Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm all youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall are invited to a youth outing at Skate World. Youth are asked to cover admission and skate rental costs, but Atonement will purchase pizza and pop. Rides may be available if needed. Please RSVP to Nikki Groshans at [doyfam@atonementbillings.org](mailto:doyfam@atonementbillings.org) or reach out to her for more information.

June 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the youth attending the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be holding a spare change drive during both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. You can bring in your spare change and drop it in the collection bottle to help our Atonement youth reach their fundraising goals for the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Your change can make a difference!

Stay tuned for an opportunity to have your family photos taken and support the youth attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Starting June 27<sup>th</sup>, sign-ups will be available to reserve a spot for a 15 minute Mini Photography Session using a beautiful local mural as the backdrop. Each mini session will last 15 minutes, cost \$50 and families will receive 5 digital photos with print release. All funds raised will go towards helping send Atonement youth to the 2022 National Youth Gathering. Contact Nikki Groshans at [doyfam@atonementbillings.org](mailto:doyfam@atonementbillings.org) for more information.

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