

# The Commentator

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## HOW you can HELP

- ❖ Billings Food Pantry Needs – \*\*See list posted in the Commons at the Food Bank shelf.



## OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

Outdoor Ministries: We are camping at Cast Away Campground, in Roberts, MT July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Reservations need to be made individually. For details, please contact Sandi Gonzalez. Come and join us for some story telling around the campfire & outdoor fun. See you there!

### MENU



Wonderful Wednesday  
and  
Marvelous Monday

No Host Meals will be suspended the months of July and August. We will start up again in September.  
Have a great summer!

**Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 6:00-7:30pm**

**Meet your neighbors!  
Show some love for our  
Local Emergency Services!  
An evening of Affordable family fun!  
\$5 meals and free inflatables!**

The **National Night Out** campaign is designed to enhance police-community partnerships and provide an opportunity to get to know your neighbors. There will be:

- Hot Dogs with Chips and Walking Tacos for \$5
- Wilcoxon Ice Cream
- Inflatables and face painting for the kids
- Speakers: (starting at 6:30 pm)

- 👏 Billings Police Chief Rich St. John
- 👏 Billings Mayor Bill Cole

Time to meet your neighbors and build relationships

Bring: your own lawn chairs or blankets for seating  
Event is **FREE!** (except for the food!)



## COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Memorial Garden Committee (Columbarium) would like to thank everyone who contributed to the flagpole and lighting fund. This will enhance an already meaningful part of our campus. The flagpole has been ordered although we are not sure of the delivery date. We are meeting to discuss lighting needs for the flag and security. Work is progressing on the garden areas. This will include curbing around the two areas, barrier cloth installed and then crushed rock on top, with the flowers, shrubs, and trees being planted last.



If you would like to get more information regarding the Atonement Columbarium and Memorial Garden, please reach out to the church office or one of the committee members. Revised brochures and documents are coming soon.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Summer Greetings from Atonement Lutheran Preschool!

We are almost at the halfway point in our summer break. Our preschool enrollment is still open for the 2022-2023 preschool year. If you know of anyone wanting to enroll their child, let them know there is a place for them at Atonement Lutheran Preschool! Please remember word of mouth is our best advertisement.

We are going to be start a new fundraiser that will run all year long called RaiseRight (formally known as Shop with Scrip)! Look for more information to come as we begin the school year both for physical gift cards and eCards.

I will be putting up a Wish List again for the new school year please look for that starting the end of July. We could use your help with some of the supplies we will be working with in the coming month. If you can find and donate these items, it would help us are great deal!

- ♥ White Cardstock
- ♥ Colored Cardstock (Pastel, Bright, & Neon)
- ♥ 8 – Crayola Classic Colored Washable Markers (10 pack)
- ♥ 14 – Poly Two-Pocket Folders – Red
- ♥ 18 – Poly Two-Pocket Folders – Blue
- ♥ Walmart/Target/Albertsons Gift Card

Our preschool is so blessed to have the wonderful support of our congregation for this special ministry we offer at Atonement Lutheran Preschool! Thank you for those that were able to help and thank you for your support and please keep us all in your prayers as we learn together! Blessings,

*Sara Westrope*-Atonement Lutheran Preschool Director

	<p><b>Ages 3 - 5</b>  <b>Small student-to-teacher ratio</b>  <b>Experienced Teachers and Staff</b>          Online registration and information available at:  <a href="http://www.atonementbillings.org/preschool/index.html">http://www.atonementbillings.org/preschool/index.html</a>          1290 Sierra Granda, Billings • 245-7004  <a href="mailto:preschool@atonementbillings.org">preschool@atonementbillings.org</a></p>		<p><b>Mon / Wed / Fri</b>  <b>9:00am - 11:30am</b>          Tuition: \$160/month          Registration Fee          until April 1: \$50          after April 1: \$75</p>
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## ATONEMENT FINANCE REPORT

General Fund		Building Fund		Building Fund Reserve	
May 2022		May 2022			
Total Expenses:	\$ 26,961.74	Monthly Mortgage:	\$ 6,500.00	01/31/22:	\$ 19,162.82
Total Income:	\$ 27,377.91	Income:	\$ 17,834.00	05/31/22:	\$ 22,828.53
Net Income:	\$ 416.17	Net Income:	\$ 11,334.00		
Net Income YTD	\$ 531.39	Net Income YTD	\$ 14,845.30		

In April, a \$10,000 gift was received to be applied to the Building Fund Loan Principle. Greatly appreciated!!!

*Tom Danielsen* – Atonement Church Council Treasurer

## FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Atonement Lutheran Church will again host the families of Family Promise at the Day Center, July 17-23. These are families who do not currently have housing and are work in partnership with the staff at FP to become financially independent. Families who have worked with FP have had extraordinary success over the years at getting secure housing and active employment after their intense efforts to change their lives. FP families continue to live in the four Transitional Housing apartments and at the FP Day Center until it is safe to return to the congregations in the community. By being the weekly host, we are responsible for nightly suppers for one family: a mom and three children: 7 yrs., 4 yrs. and 5 yrs. Exact information will be given to those who volunteer to deliver an evening meal to the FP Day Center (10 South 26th Street, Billings) involving going through the locked door to the kitchen on the first floor and putting the food in the fridge or on the counter. Please contact Lorraine Theurer (245-4400) if you can prepare part of a meal, or a whole meal. In addition, the following is a list of donations needed for the families: diapers, wipes, hand soap, twin beds, twin bedding, household cleaning products, gift cards (gas card, grocery), winter boots and coats in all sizes, totes with lids, Welcome Home Baskets, silverware, infant car seats (not expired) and infant pack and plays. If you can help with any of these items, bring to Atonement and we will get them to FP or for pickup, call Janie and Tom

## HETZEL GRANT 2022 UPDATE

Earlier this spring Atonement Lutheran Church applied for another grant from the William and Blanche Hetzel Foundation, Inc. to be used for enhancements of our campus. Previously we have received Hetzel grants in 2017 and 2019 that resulted in the creation of connectivity sidewalks between Atonement and WyndStone on our shared campus and a soft-surface walking trail. This 2022 grant requested funds for further improvements including irrigation, plants, more polywood benches for use of the surrounding neighborhood around our sidewalks and further projects to finish the area around the Memorial Garden. We were thrilled to received \$5000, although this is only a portion of what we requested, and we will have to adjust our project accordingly for now. If these projects can be completed by March of 2023, we can complete our report and apply for another grant in 2023. If you are interested in assisting with these projects and helping write the next grant leave your name with the church office.

### JULY 2022

- ☞ July 1 Victoria Pardis Memorial
- ☞ July 4 Independence Day
- ☞ July 11 Property Committee
- ☞ July 12 Finance Committee
- Evangelism Committee
- ☞ July 19 Church Council Meeting
- ☞ July 25 Deadline for August Newsletter



The Church Office will be closed  
Monday, July 4th!

## THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

Thank you for all the prayers during and after my surgery. I am ready to get back to normal!

*Debbie Goodheart*

## ST JOHN'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2022

If you are interested in volunteering for the St. John's United Summer Concert Series 2022, we are looking for individuals who can assist in transporting residents to and from the concerts. Please contact the church office or Nicole Kotar 406-325-8600 for more information on all the volunteer opportunities that are available!

- ★ June 30<sup>th</sup> The Crossings, Laurel – Brigid & Johnny Reedy
- ★ July 7<sup>th</sup> SJU Campus – Kyle Shobe & Walk 'Em Boys
- ★ July 14<sup>th</sup> SJU Campus – Young Dubliners
- ★ July 21<sup>st</sup> SJU Campus – Everly Brothers Experience
- ★ July 28<sup>th</sup> SJU Campus – Wood Belly
- ★ August 4<sup>th</sup> SJU Campus – The Jimmy Carpenter Band
- ★ August 11<sup>th</sup> WyndStone, Heights – Rob and Halladay Quist







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## YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS . . .

Atonement youth participating in our 2022 summer trip will be leaving for Coeur d'Alene Idaho on July 24th to attend Lutherhaven's Idaho Service Adventure Camp the 24th-29th. Following the camp our youth will enjoy a day at Silverwood Theme Park on the 29th. We will then be staying as overnight guest at the Lutheran Church of the Master in Coeur d'Alene before making the drive back to Billings on the 30th. If you would like to help support the youth on this trip, we are accepting donations to help pay for gas and other travel expenses. Thank you so much for all the donations and support you have given our youth over the years. We are sad that the gathering was cancelled but are looking forward to this summer's trip and a chance to grow together as a group!

Please contact Nikki for details and stay tuned for updates and summer youth events coming this summer [doyfam@atonementbillings.org](mailto:doyfam@atonementbillings.org)

*Nikki Groshans* – Director of Youth and Family Ministries

**A GIGANTIC THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE FOR, PARTICIPATED IN AND RESET AFTER Atonement's "Monumental" VBS!** We had a momentous week with 82 children registered and 25+ volunteers who served our community kids as station leaders, crew leaders, kitchen helpers, registration assistants, hall monitors, sound booth technicians, setup helpers and our amazing decoration team! Thank you all.

## VBS 2022

