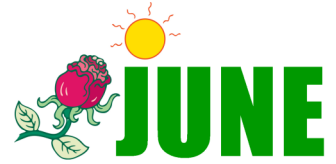


# THE COMMENTATOR

*"We bring the hope we share in Christ to all!"*



## Catch the Vision—Share the Hope

***Building Campaign Goal Within Reach!***

**W**e are within reach! It is with great excitement and anticipation to report that Atonement received **92 percent** of our Catch the Vision—Share the Hope campaign goal. The basic financial goal is \$650,000, with a hope that God will provide a faith-filled response beyond the basic goal over three years.

Thank you to all who have already made your commitment and have ultimately gotten us this far. Your pledges, prayers and time given towards our new home has been invaluable. If you have not yet had an opportunity to pledge, please consider doing so by June 20 as our gifts together will make Catch the Vision—Share the Hope a success. Check out Pastor Mark's letter for more details!

***There is surely a future hope for you,  
and your hope will not be cut off***

—Proverbs 23:18

**Atonement Lutheran Church**

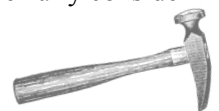
*You are...*

**gen·er·ous**

*adj 1: free in giving or sharing 2: noble syn open-handed*

*Thank you!*

**S**weat equity opportunities coming soon! This team, in conjunction with the Planning team, provides the unique opportunity to use your labor and design skills in our construction process. Please prayerfully consider blessing Atonement with your gifts and talents!





Dear Friends at Atonement,

This month my letter is a bit of a potpourri of thoughts.

First of all . . . I am still euphoric over the response to **Catch the Vision – Share the Hope** Commitment Sunday. On that Sunday alone we received 92% of our Capital Campaign Goal. Over the next several weeks there will be more commitments coming in and I am optimistic that we will reach or exceed our \$650,000 goal. I truly feel that the Holy Spirit is moving among us and that you, the members of Atonement, have generously responded to the Holy Spirit's urgings! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

With this successful response, ground breaking on our new building is not far away. We will be making another application to the Mission Loan Fund within the next week (I'm writing on May 25<sup>th</sup>) and we should have a response two to three weeks after that. If all goes well, we hope to be breaking ground by the first week of July. These are exciting times. We will keep you informed. We will post information regarding ongoing Capital Campaign results on the website and each week at worship. We ask that those who have not made commitments yet to please do so by June 20<sup>th</sup> as that will be our wrap up date for the Capital Campaign. As soon as we know what day we will do our ground breaking we will share that information with you as well.

Don't forget that we are having a big weekend on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Country Fair on Saturday and Worship on Sunday. **Please note that the 9:45 Service on the 24<sup>th</sup> will actually take place at 10:00 in the tent up by the Little White Church.** See the article elsewhere in this newsletter regarding all the specifics of the weekend. We will be celebrating the end of our successful Capital Campaign that Sunday.

We are only two and one half months away from welcoming our Intern for the coming year, Jenna Pulkowski. She will be beginning her internship on August 13<sup>th</sup>. I am in the beginning stages of getting the Internship Committee set up. Last month I asked for volunteers, but I haven't had any forthcoming yet. Since there are some things that need to be done fairly soon, I will be contacting some of you to see if you would be willing to serve. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact me immediately. Serving on the Internship Committee is an interesting and rewarding experience. You will also have a valuable part in training a future pastor of the church.

School is coming to an end for this academic year. That means we will all start going about our summer activities. Don't forget, if you cannot make Sunday worship due to your summer activities, we are holding Wednesday Evening worship services up at the Little White Church. The services begin at 7:00 p.m. and run about 45 minutes. The lesson and sermon will be from the previous Sunday.

Blessings to each of you as we move into summer and into our future as Atonement Lutheran Church with God's blessing, love and guidance.

*P. Mark*

# ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012



## VBS DETAILS

Location .....Atonement Lutheran Church  
407 Wicks Lane • 245-7004

Date .....June 25—29, 2012

Time .....9:00am—NOON

Ages .....4 yrs. old (as of June 1)  
through **completed** grade 5

Cost .....\$11.00 per child  
includes a drawstring backpack

## Fun for the Family

Monday, June 25

6:00pm ..... Kick Off Celebration

Support the Billings

Food Bank..... Donations of cold cereal  
welcomed & appreciated!  
Help us help our neighbors!

Sunday, July 1

9:45am ..... VBS Showcase Service

**Pre-registration is required.  
Limited space available!**



*Cut off and return to Atonement Lutheran Church*

## OPERATION OVERBOARD VBS REGISTRATION

Please fill out this form completely for each child.

MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_NON-MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_HOME CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE **COMPLETED** \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS, INCLUDING ALLERGIES? \_\_\_\_\_

I REQUEST MY CHILD BE PLACED IN A GROUP WITH \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit One)

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH VBS – PLEASE CALL ME \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_ check (Please Make Checks Payable to Atonement)

(OVER FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION AND RELEASE)



Don't Miss the Celebration and Re-dedication Events for the

# Little White Church

(formerly Faith Lutheran Church)

## June 23-24th • Billings, MT

### Saturday, June 23, 2012

9 am – 3 pm.....Country Fair  
*bazaar, food, entertainment and other country fun!*

### Sunday, June 24, 2012

10 am.....Community Worship Service  
*Hosted by Atonement Lutheran Church*

11:30 am.....Blessing & Dedication  
of Little White Church

12:30 am – 1:30 pm.....Lunch and Reunion Event  
*stories of LWC will be shared*

*If you are planning to attend please RSVP to:  
Jan Pederson at (406) 656-8776  
or Fredricka Gilje at (406) 690-2939*



## OPERATION OVERBOARD VBS REGISTRATION CONT.

### CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT OF A MINOR CHILD

*This form must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian.*

Atonement Lutheran Church will make every possible attempt to notify parent(s) or legal guardian(s) prior to releasing the child for emergency medical treatment.

As parent(s) or legal guardian(s), I (we) consent to any necessary examination, anesthetic, medical diagnosis, surgery or treatment, and/or hospital care to be rendered to the above named minor under the general or special supervision and/or the advice of any physician or surgeon licensed to practice medicine.

PHYSICIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BILLINGS CLINIC / ST VINCENT

PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (if different from child's) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #(S) (if different from child's) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE #(S) \_\_\_\_\_

X AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE(S) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



# Giving Our Time & Talents to God - Page 1

## Communion Preparers

June 3: Shirley Jennings  
 June 10: Tammy Johnston  
 June 17: Elinore Quander  
 June 24: Kathy Slehofer



## Communion Bread

June: Stacey Arneson  
 July: Gwynn Pederson



## Lectors

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>
<b>June 3:</b>	Janet Rubich	Randy Shelton
<b>June 10:</b>	Lora Pederson	Todd Koepp
<b>June 17:</b>	Bertha Olsen	Dale Cunnington
<b>June 24:</b>	Pat Zellar	<b>10:00 at LWC-</b> Janette Tulimaiau



## Hospital Visitation

June ~ Maggie Beler  
 July ~ Dale Cunnington

## Acolytes



### June 3:

8:00 a.m. Kenna Hofer  
 9:45 a.m. Briana Guse

### June 10:

8:00 a.m. David Hull  
 9:45 a.m. Ben Higgins

### June 17:

8:00 a.m. Dawson Mangels  
 9:45 a.m. Angela King

### June 24:

8:00 a.m. Nicole Hammond  
**10:00 a.m. @ Little White Church:**  
 Hailey Johnston

## Sharing Flowers for Worship

**June 3:** Ruth Wolff  
**June 10:** open  
**June 17:** Dan & Kathy Cypher  
**June 24:** Mike & Janet Rubich



*The 2012 Flower Chart is on the table outside the office at the back of the sanctuary. The cost is \$25.00 per Sunday for two bouquets given in honor or memory of a loved one.*



## Talk the Talk and Walk the Walk!

We are preparing to begin weekly walks from 407 Wicks to our new home on the hill! It is 2.8 miles from Atonement to the door of the Little White Church. Join us on Monday mornings @ **9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.



## Community Rounds

## Chapel Choir



June ~  
**COLD CEREAL**

# Giving Our Time & Talents to God ~ Page 2

## CANTORS

**June 3:**

8:00 a.m. Gary Dunmeyer  
 9:45 a.m. *Sono Me* Praise Band

**June 10:**

8:00 a.m. Elinore Quander  
 9:45 a.m. Sara Hull & Terri Porisch

**June 17:**

8:00 a.m. Becky Lujan & Debbie Heyd  
 9:45 a.m. Emma Quinn/Charlie Plaggemeyer

**June 24:**

8:00 a.m. Kay Rossow  
**10:00 a.m. @ Little White Church:**  
 Lisa Hammond/Marilyn Franklin

## 2012 Atonement Lutheran Church Council

Tyler Westrope, President	670-3878
Lance King, Vice President	656-1183
Gary Dunmeyer, Treasurer	724-986-2973
Vivian Beals, Secretary	248-7930
Mike Rubich	248-3484
Linda Lange	245-4766
Linda Fiene-Quinn	259-2689
Dave Mangels	256-2029
Barry Hammond	861-5285
Sara Hull	245-6414
Debbie Rensvold	259-2485
Doug Harper, Alternate	373-6384
Marissa Delsler, Youth Rep.	



### Van Drivers

<b><u>June 3:</u></b>	Kyle Johnston	256-1980
<b><u>June 10:</u></b>	Todd Koepf	256-1569
<b><u>June 17:</u></b>	Mark Jennings	248-8044
<b><u>June 24 (10:00 @ Little White Church):</u></b>		
	Marlon Leno	248-5359

### Piano Schedule ~ 9:45 a.m. Worship

**June 3:** Nicole Evans  
**June 10:** Kay Rossow  
**June 17:** Vicki Evans  
**June 24 @ Little White Church:**  
 Sara Hull



**YOUTH GROUP**  
 for Junior and Senior  
 High School students  
 will meet Sundays at

6:00 PM:  
 June 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

### 8:00 AM Ushers



**June 3:** George & Shirley DeMars,  
 Del & Rose Steiner  
**June 10:** Clarence Robinson, Ed & Rita  
 Reeve, Jo Bott  
**June 17:** Vicki Leatherberry, Dwile &  
 Bekki Weagel, Marjorie Stewart  
**June 24:** Bill & Judy Belden, Bette  
 Wolff, Karen Underwood

### 9:45 AM Ushers

**June 3:** Tyler Westrope, Gene & Stacey Arneson,  
 Maggie Beler, Janelle Berry, Kay Bollinger  
**June 10:** Jack & Vivian Beals, Craig & June Canfield,  
 Joe Conard, Cindy Dunmeyer  
**June 17:** Dale Cunnington, Kathy Cypher, Betty Jo  
 Furstenberg, Bob Holloway, Bob & Shellie  
 Ehrmantraut  
**June 24 @ Little White Church:** Jesse & Sandi  
 Gonzalez, Mark & Shirley Jennings, Kyle  
 Johnston, Marlon Leno

## Prayers 4 Our Members

*Pray for blessings, health, safety and general well-being of these members of Atonement. Give thanks for all who are workers with us in the mission we share.*

**June 3:** Ruth Robillard; Bunny Robins; Clarence Robinson; and Tom, Christine, Nathan, Logan & Lauren Rodacker

**June 10:** Blaine, Katie, Haley & Tristan Roedocker; Rick & Corlis Roedocker; Shane Roedocker & Benjamin Higgins; D.J. Rosekelly & John Lund

**June 17:** Aaron, Chrissy, Hank & Julia Rossow; Jeremy & Danielle Rossow; Larry, Kay & Eric Rossow; Mike, Janet, Marko & Colin Rubich

**June 24:** Robert, Diana, Andria & Taylor Russiff; Tom, Aimee, Bridger, Jackson & Madison Rust; Blaine, Nikki, Jenna & Taryn Salveson; Mylo & Kay Sather



Prayers  
of the  
WEEK

## June Love Offering...

### Lutheran Social Services of Montana

**P**rovides decision-making pregnancy counseling, adoption services (inc. international adoption), counseling consultation for Lutheran pastors and associates in ministry, a statewide counseling referral network, and disaster training/relief in cooperation with Lutheran Disaster Response. *LSS-MT is managed by St. John's Lutheran Ministries.*

*Love Offering envelopes can now be found on the two tables at the back of the sanctuary.*



## Your Generosity is Overwhelming!

**T**his year the backpacks, clothing and toiletry items collected during Lent benefit Angela's Piazza and the Billings Public Schools Teen Pantry Program. A total of **1,040** items were donated including:

- 125 backpacks
- 38 quilts
- 136 hats & gloves
- winter coats, baby clothing, diapers
- clothing for older children
- dental supplies (607 items)

Atonement **especially thanks** Don Ryan for donations of backpacks; Leo O'Brien, CPA for financial contributions; and Brian Francis, DMD for donations of dental supplies.

Also, the **love offering** was **\$560.00**

**Thank you so VERY much!**

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL** st. john's **Summer concert series**

**Thursdays at 7 p.m.**  
Opening Performers Begin at 6 p.m.

Campus of **St. John's Lutheran Ministries**  
Fred & Marie Miller Pavilion  
Corner of Rimrock & Shiloh

Food Court Available

**2012 Schedule**

July 5	— Dave Oltrogge & Friends <i>WHERE WERE YOU IN '62? REVUE</i>
July 12	— Wylie & The Wild West
July 19	— The Cold Hard Cash Show
July 26	— Midlife Chryslers
August 2	— Johnny Rodgers
August 9	— Rick Estrin and the Nightcats <i>In partnership with Magic City Blues</i>

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**FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA.**

# One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six—1246—Quilts Made!!!

May 15, 2011-May 15, 2012

709 quilts to Lutheran World Relief

167 quilts to Family Services for the homeless

174 quilts to MRM Women and Family Shelter (21 with matching pillows)

38 quilts to Atonement's Backpack Program for children

22 quilts to last May's flood victims

15 quilts to the Billings Fire Department (Heights) for emergency calls

103 quilts sold at Atonement's Farmer's Market and Bazaar

13 quilts to various places one-at-a-time

1 quilt to the Christikon Benefit Auction

2 quilts to the Billings Food Bank Fundraiser

... AND THAT TOTALS 1,246 QUILTS!!! YES, THAT'S A LOT!!!

... THANKS a million to everyone who gave us fabrics, sheets and supplies to make this happen. We certainly could not do this without your wonderful support. THANK YOU, LORD for making all this happen. THANKS to our fantastic quilting team who meet each Tuesday to work and have a good time with each other. Our work made an impact on more than 1,000 people this year. Awesome!!!  
God's love and peace.

*Eleanor Andersen*

\* \* \* \* \*  
 \* Thank you. Thank you. \*  
 \* The Scheafer family does not \*  
 \* have words enough to thank \*  
 \* my Atonement church family \*  
 \* for all the prayers, support, and \*  
 \* memorials in the loss of our \*  
 \* beloved son, brother and uncle \*  
 \* Curtis. \*  
 \* God's Blessings, \*  
 \* Lillian \*  
 \* \* \* \* \*

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and support I received from my Atonement family. It meant so much to me.  
 Clara Baker



## Financial Report

April 2012 Income	\$ 37,470.86
April 2012 Expenses	\$ 27,369.63
Net Income (loss) for month	\$ 10,101.23
Net Income (loss) for year	\$ 7,043.65

### May 2012 Offerings & Income

May 06, 2012	\$ 5,034.41
May 13, 2012	\$ 5,561.05
May 20, 2012	\$ 5,016.96
May 27, 2012	\$
Simply Giving through 05/29/2012	\$ 6,025.00
<b>Total as of 05/29/2012</b>	<b>\$ 21,637.42</b>

## JOY Bible Study



The JOY Bible Study is a women's study group that meets every Wednesday at 6:30am at Atonement.

## Hope Circle

*Hope Circle does **not** meet in June, July or August. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 20 at 9:30am.*



Thursday Bible Study

## Thursday Bible Study

~ 9:30am ~  
Novak Room

*Reading through the Old Testament—currently reading Ezra & Nehemiah.*

# Pastoral Acts

## Funerals

05/03/2012 Curtis Conrad Scheafer

05/29/2012 Vernon Emil Brasel



## Friendship Club

June 13, 2012

11:30am @The Little White Church



**Speaker: David Trost—Host: Mark White**  
Friendship Club will provide chicken and Wyndstone will serve dessert. Please bring

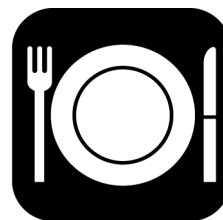
## GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm @ Atonement.



Grace Bible Study

For more information, contact  
Tina Williams @ 256-7761



*Marvelous Monday!  
Wonderful Wednesday!*

**Wonderful Wednesday!**  
June 13th @ 6:00 PM  
The Vig Patio

**Marvelous Monday!**  
June 25th @ 6:00 PM  
Fuddruckers

**All are welcome!**



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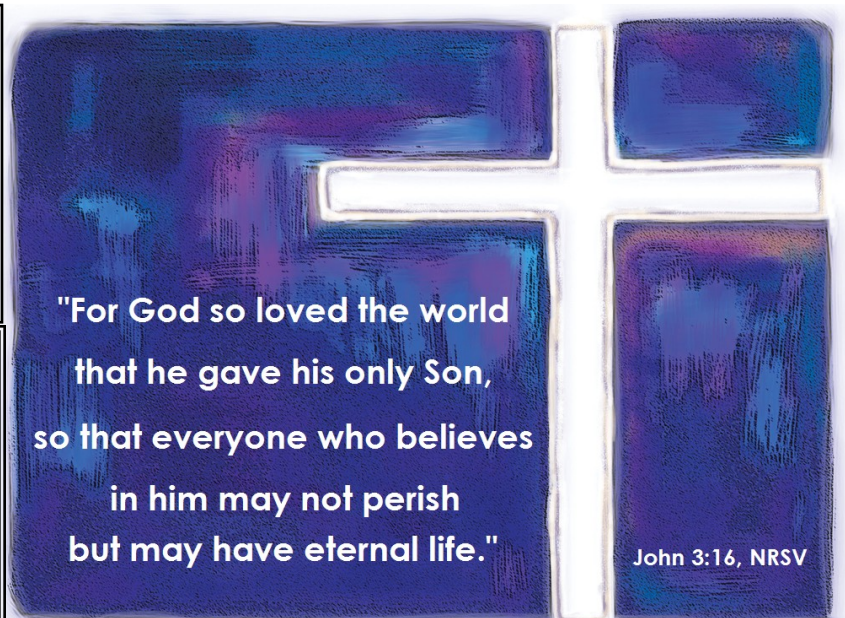
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Office Manager . . . . . Joann Estal  
Organist . . . . . Gwynn Pederson  
Chapel Choir Director . . . . . Kay Rossow



"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes  
in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life."

John 3:16, NRSV