

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.
- ❖ Sunday School, helpers, and teachers

MENU



Wonderful Wednesday
September 14th
Pizza Ranch (Heights) 6PM

Marvelous Monday
September 26th
Perkins (on 27th) FREE Pie Day!
6PM
Come and join the conversation.

(Any questions call Debbie
406-248-5313 or 406-696-7039.)

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN YES!

I have been observing lately! And what do I see? A remarkably busy and engaged Atonement Community! Recently, the spearheading of the National Night Out community event. Successful. Preparation for this event required much planning and coordination. Atonement stepped up! The church grounds and campus manicured to perfection. During this time, an open house for our Atonement Preschool, at maximum enrollment this year! Excited little people coming to see their new school and coming out of the building to see a big red fire engine and the helicopter! Doesn't get any better than that! Volunteers stepped forward to help with the St. Johns United concert. Immensely helpful! A warm day and good music. Now forgive me for I am about to ramble. But good rambling for sure. Yes, we have a call out for a new Pastor. We'll get there. God does respond as we wait upon the Lord. In the meantime, our pulpit supply, our worship committee, and our members through temple talks and presentations are serving us well. Our Atonement staff working each day are so important in this process! Special thanks! Our youth had a wonderful servant project trip this summer including an experience like no other...digging the hole for the outhouse! Have you noticed the new storage shed on campus is nearing

completion? The Columbarium is impressive including the benches and flagpole. The Labyrinth is available for prayer, relaxation, and calm. Small trees throughout the campus growing each day. Quickly replaced if necessary. Technology, including new booth, cameras, microphones. Sunday services online! Quilts, quilts, and more quilts! Not hundreds, but thousands! Wonderful! Plant sales and crafts! Money earned helping people and our church community. Servants ushering, assisting at the service, music, wonderful choir, and donut/coffee fellowship! Generosity. Weekly giving. An Atonement community that votes to extend a successful three-year capital campaign into the fourth year to retire mortgage debt and support youth ministries. Thank you. Food donations for schools, Family Promise, and others. Clothing. God's work, our hands(GWOH). Blessing of the backpacks. Rally Sunday. Kitchen volunteers, meals.

I have rambled enough! What did I forget? Let me know to refresh this aging memory. And thank you too all. Atonement Lutheran....Yes! God's blessings,

*Dennis Roseleip, Council President
Atonement Lutheran*

WE ARE THE CHURCH

SOCKTOBER – EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

SOCKTOBER 2022—Atonement Evangelism Committee is collecting "Winter Socks" now through the 31st of October. All socks must be new and unused and can be any size. A collection bin will be in the Commons for your donations. The committee will distribute the donated socks to a variety of the Billings Homeless Shelters early November.

Erin Koepp- Atonement Lutheran Evangelism Committee



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Coming up later this Fall is our annual Commitment Sunday on November 13th. A letter will be coming to your household with the Time and Talent sheet. We ask you to consider getting involved with a ministry of your choice. We Are The Church!

Your Stewardship Committee

Dear Atonement Family:

Thank you for continuing to support Atonement and its many ministries through the second quarter of 2022! We continue to be in the black, even if just by a little. Financially, summers always tend to be a bit of a struggle as attendance slips, but we are getting by due to not having the expenses associated with employing a pastor. It's hard to believe, but fall is right around the corner. If you have been struggling to re-engage in ministries after COVID, now is the perfect time to do so. We miss you! For many of us, COVID has brought into focus just how important fellowship and a sense of Christian community are for our faith.

Never forget - we are the church! It is up to us to keep God's work moving forward, and to bring the hope we share in Christ to all! Blessings,

Finance and Stewardship Committees

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

September is such a fun time of year at preschool! Everyone is so excited (and a bit nervous) to start a new school year. At Atonement Lutheran Preschool we are going to be exploring Psalm 36:5, "Your love, Lord, reaches to the heaven, your faithfulness to the skies" with our theme for the year **"Soaring to New Heights with God."** We will be soaring to new height with God's love, faithfulness, righteousness, justice, hope, charity, wisdom, restraint, and courage/bravery.

Our year is not ready to start though; we are looking for another teacher's aide to help in our classrooms. If you are interested or know of someone you think would be a perfect fit for our preschool, please contact myself or the church office! We recently had some spots open in our 4/5-year-old class so... **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!

We still have items we need for our preschool and would love for help fulfilling our Wish List; please check them out in the commons area at the church. There is also a Target Registry if you would like to shop online <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/alcpreschool> or there is a list when you get to the store! If you can find and donate these items, it would help us are great deal!

- ♥ Apple Stickers ♥ Wine Corks ♥ White Cardstock
- ♥ 4pkgs – Crayola Classic Colored Washable Markers (10 pack)
- ♥ Orange Feathers ♥ Balloons ♥ Pennies
- ♥ Walmart/Target/Albertsons Gift Card

A big thank you to Atonement for your generous donations for our scholarship fund! 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!

Thank you for your prayers and support! Blessings,

Sara Westrope - Atonement Lutheran Preschool Director



Check out our New Vanco Mobile App and Vanco Online for convenient e-Giving options. Get connected and stay informed. An easy three step process; **1. Download the new *Vanco Mobile app* in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. 2. Search for Atonement Lutheran Church by name. 3. Engage, communicate, and give.** Contact the church office for more details.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2022

General Fund July 2022		Building Fund July 2022		Building Reserve	
July Expenses:	\$16,287.96	July Monthly Mortgage:	\$6,500.00	7/31/22	\$25,405.97
July Income:	\$21,528.16	July Income:	\$6,550.00	6/30/22	\$25,352.92
July Net Income:	\$5,240.20	July Net Income:	\$50.00	5/31/22	\$22,828.53
Net Income YTD:	\$2,954.28	Net Income YTD:	\$16,085.30	1/31/22	\$19,162.82

Get connected this fall at Atonement!

HOPE CIRCLE LADIES'

Starting up on September 15th! Hope Circle Women's Bible Study. This group uses the "Lutheran Women Today" Bible study format. Meeting at 9:30am on the third Thursday of each month at Atonement. Contact Bette Wolff for more information.

STITCHES & SCRIPTURES

Welcome to Fall! Stitches and Scriptures will begin again this fall on Sunday, September 11th, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Young or old, learn how to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, or work on the stitching project of your choice. We would love to have you! For any information, please contact Jane Hansen

J.O.Y BIBLE STUDY

Coffee, tea, laughter, and scripture with fun thoughtful life discussions. Meeting at 6:30am every Wednesday morning in the Jerusalem room at Atonement Lutheran Church. Contact Michel Poodry for more information.

CHAPEL CHOIR NOTES

Hello, everyone!!

Jacoby and I are excited to get church choir up and running again. Here is our plan as of right now (in list form because I love to make lists!!).

1. We plan to have church choir rehearsal Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. If this is an issue, please email or call me. I am happy to hear your concerns.
2. Our first rehearsal will be **September 11th**.
3. If you have names of people who might be interested in joining choir, please let me know!
4. I will have hard copies of our rehearsal schedule at our first rehearsal as well. If you have any questions or concerns with our new rehearsal time, please email me or find me after church.

Sydney and Jacoby Holte

LWR SCHOOL KITS

We have collected enough supplies to complete 112 LWR school kits and some supplies to partially complete one hundred more kits. To complete these kits, we need:

- 100 - rulers w/cm**
- Forty-six -70 ct. notebooks**
- 350 - #2 pencils**
- Six -2 1/2" erasers**
- 25 - 24 ct. crayons**
- 39 - blunt end scissors**
- 20 - black or blue pens (no gel please)**

Thanks, Atonement, for everything you do!

Julie Leno



AOM – CAMPING

Atonement Outdoor Ministry Official 2022 Campout Weekends are coming to an end. If you plan to attend this final campout, you are required to make your own reservations with the campground individually.

Sept 16th-17th

**Spring Creek Trout Ranch,
Big Timber, MT**

For details about this camp weekend please contact Jesse Gonzalez.



October 7th 11:30am
Potluck at
Atonement!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our weekly Wednesday study of the Revised Common Lectionary Meeting In-Person at 10:15am in the Little White Church on the WyndStone Campus. Led by Pastor Martin Mock

Sept. 7th – No Study

Sept. 21st –

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a,4-7; Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Sept. 14th –

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 28th –

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11
2022

GWOH SERVICE PROJECTS

Join us for God's Work Our Hands Sunday (GWOH) September 11th. We will meet at the usual worship time, 9:15am, for a special litany, joining in prayer and blessing and then breaking into groups.

The service projects you can participate in include Family Promise cleanup (2 different opportunities), neighborhood trash collection, singing at WyndStone, prayer walk through the subdivision, and setting up for a potluck to participate in following the service projects.

This is a chance to work alongside your Atonement brothers and sisters, to get to know one another and to do some tangible work for the kingdom. I invite all of us to be a part of this important day of ministry! Wear your gold GWOH shirt if you have one. With much excitement and hope!

Kristin La Ve', Worship Director

FIRST RESPONDERS' BASKETS

This year GWOH Sunday is on 9/11 and the Evangelism Committee has decided to distribute baskets of baked goods and individually wrapped goodies to the seven fire stations around Billings in remembrance of the sacrifices made by the fire fighters on 9/11. There will be a basket labeled "GWOH" in the lobby if anyone is willing to donate baked goods or wrapped goodies. We welcome any volunteers to help us distribute the baskets on that Sunday. If you would like someone to pick up your donation, please call Judy Lawrence. Thanking you in advance,

Evangelism Committee

**MAKE A SPRINKLER BLOWOUT
APPOINTMENT TO WINTERIZE YOUR LAWN**

ADOPT-A-PLOT

Adopt-a-Plot again need attention if you have not kept your assigned area weed free. Thanks to all those who have weeded throughout the summer, especially before our special events. Adopt-a-Plot volunteers may begin trimming down bushes and plants in their areas during October. Tall grasses can be left, but bushes can be cut down to 12-18 inches high. Weeding would be helpful to minimize growth in the spring. Grass infringing on rock areas should be pulled out up to the edging. Day lilies can be cut down to 3-4 inches removing all dead leaves. Again, if you have questions, please direct to any member of the Property Committee. Thank you for your continued maintenance of your Adopt-a-Plot areas this year. The grounds continue to look well groomed.

ANNUAL SPRINKLER BLOWOUT

The Annual Sprinkler Blowout will take place September 30th and October 1st & 2nd with Atonement members, friends, and neighbors welcome to sign up for irrigation winterization. It is essential that systems have water turned off and drained back into the house prior to our arrival on sight. Accurate contact and address information on the sign-up forms will assure that you will be contacted just prior to our arrival. Because the event spans two and ½ days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), we cannot guarantee which day your property will be completed on, but the majority of homes will be done on Saturday. As this is our fundraiser, any donation will be accepted, and we thank you for the opportunity to provide you this service. Questions can be directed to Todd Koepp

WE BRING THE HOPE WE SHARE IN CHRIST TO ALL!

Atonement Lutheran Church - September 2022

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
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9:15 am Worship Service Coffee Fellowship		4 Labor Day Office Closed		6 1:00 pm Quilters	7 6:30 am J.O.Y. Bible Study 9:00 am 1st Day Preschool	8 9:30 am Hope Circle Ladies Bible Study	9 8:45 am Preschool—Pastries with Parents	10					
God's Work, Our Hands 9:15 am Worship Service 11:30 am All Church Potluck 6:00 pm Stitches & Scriptures 6:30 pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal		12 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Youth, Family & Ed 7:00 pm Property Committee 7:00 pm AI-Anon/Alateen		13 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Finance 6:30 pm Evangelism	14 6:30 am J.O.Y. Bible Study 10:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm WW Meal-Heights Pizza Ranch 7:00 pm Confirmation Orientation	15 9:30 am Hope Circle Ladies Bible Study	16 8:45 am Preschool—Pastries with Parents	17					
Rally Sunday 9:15 am Worship Service Coffee Fellowship 6:00 pm Stitches & Scriptures 6:30 pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal		19 Commentator Deadline RSVP Due for CPR Class 7:00 pm AI-Anon/Alateen		20 1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Church Council	21 Kick Off Wed. Youth Night 6:30 am J.O.Y. Bible Study 10:00 am Wed. Bible Study 5:00 pm J.A.M. 3 rd – 6 th gr 6:00 pm Youth Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Youth Group 9 th – 12 th gr	22 6:00pm CPR Training	23	24					
3rd Grade Bibles 9:15 am Worship Service Coffee Fellowship 6:00 pm Stitches & Scriptures 6:30 pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal		26 6:00 pm MM Meal Perkin - on 27 th Free Pie Day! 7:00 pm AI-Anon/Alateen		27 1:00 pm Quilters	28 6:30 am J.O.Y. Bible Study 10:00 am Wed. Bible Study 4:00 pm WELCA Blood Drive 5:00 pm J.A.M. 3 rd – 6 th gr 6:00 pm Youth Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation Class Youth Group 9 th – 12 th gr	29	30						
Confirmation Retreat—Christikon Sept. 30 th —Oct. 2 nd													
Handyman Sprinkler Blowout Sept. 30 th —Oct. 2 nd													



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WELCA BLOOD DRIVE September 28th 4-7pm

SEPTEMBER 2022

- ☞ Sept 5 Labor Day-Office Closed
- ☞ Sept 7 1st Day of Preschool
- ☞ Sept 11 God's Work, Our Hands
Day of Service
Stitches & Scriptures
Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- ☞ Sept 14 Confirmation Orientation
- ☞ Sept 15 Hope Circle Ladies Bible
Study
- ☞ Sept 18 Rally Sunday
- ☞ Sept 19 Newsletter Deadline
- ☞ Sept 20 Church Council Meeting
- ☞ Sept 21 Youth Night Kick Off
J. A. M. (third – 6th Gr)
Youth Meal
Confirmation Classes
High School Youth Group
- ☞ Sept 22 CPR Training
- ☞ Sept 25 Sunday School Begins
(Pre-K – 6th Gr)
- ☞ Sept 28 WELCA Blood Drive
- ☞ Sept 30 Confirmation Retreat –
Christikon
Handy Man Sprinkler
Blowouts

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Orientation is September 14th at 7:00 pm. Returning eighth grade students, incoming seventh grade students and parents are required to attend. Confirmation class will begin September 21st at 6:00 pm.

High School Youth Group has moved to Wednesday evenings and will start on September 21st at 6:00 pm. We will be using the Alpha Youth Series lessons this fall. All Atonement high school students and friends are invited to attend and join.

Rally Sunday is on September 18th. This event will kick off our fall programs. Registration for the 2022-2023 Sunday school and youth group year will be available as well as games and prizes for Sunday school aged kids during coffee fellowship following the service.

The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday the 25th. This year Sunday school will be held during service. Children will follow the Sunday school teacher out of the sanctuary after the children's chat and go to their Sunday school class. They will return to the sanctuary and join their family for communion and the remaining service.

Nikki Groshans – Director of Youth and Family Ministries
doyfam@atonementbillings.org

ATONEMENT FAN CLUB!

Connecting with Atonement Youth where they shine! Watch for more information coming this fall from the Youth and Family Ministries!

