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- ❖ **See list posted in the Commons at the Food Bank shelf.
- ❖ Sound & Tech Booth Volunteers

SPRINKLER BLOWOUT

Space still available. Contact office or Todd Koepp by September 30th.

MENU



Wonderful Wednesday
October 12th
Tippy Cow 6PM

Marvelous Monday
October 24th
Montana Jack's 6PM

Come and join the conversation.

(Call Debbie for details)

LAY VISITATION

We were created to be in fellowship with each other. What a blessing to worship in person and share the peace and many hugs! I was happy to see so many familiar faces and also see people I didn't know.

Jack Beals said to me after the service, "That is a good thing that there are people here that we don't know but will get to know!" Atonement Lutheran Church is vibrant and growing!

We have all experienced so much change these last couple of years. I don't like 'change' any more than the next person. It takes us out of our comfort zone! I am

grateful to be getting back to more in person visits and welcome any of you to join in this lay ministry. Please call me or the church office with ministry concerns within our church family.

Our Lord and Savior never 'changes'. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. That is something we can 'bank' on! God's blessings to each of you!

Julie Amundson - Lay Visitation

WE ARE THE CHURCH

CALLING ALL SCANDINAVIAN BAKERS!

Lefse, Lefse, Lefse!!! Once again, we will take on 200 pounds of potatoes! (Uff da!). Sunday, October 16th - 1:00pm. Potato peeling, chopping, cooking, and ricing. Monday, October 17th & Tuesday, October 18th @ 5:00pm rolling and baking. Sunday we will need people to peel, chop, cook, rice & mix potatoes. Monday/Tuesday we will need people to roll, fry and clean up. Pans, pins, boards, turners, scrapers, and anything "Lefse" will be needed! We welcome interested 1st timers, as well as the experienced lefse makers! Please call Rane Paulson or Judy Belden.



October 5th 11:30am
Potluck at
Atonement!

A wonderful fellowship to get to know other seniors. Bring a friend and enjoy. Sandi Gonzalez with any questions.

NEW TIME FOR
STITCHES &
SCRIPTURES
BEGINNING
OCTOBER 2nd!

Beginning October 2nd, Stitches and Scriptures will meet right after church in the Jerusalem Room. For more information, contact Jane Hansen



WELCA FALL BAZAAR

Atonement Fall Bazaar is back in person!! Saturday, November 5, 2022, 9:00am-3:00pm! Please help with the Bazaar when you can! Set up will be Thursday, November 3rd, starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing Friday, November 4th at noon. Take down will be Saturday, November 5th at 3pm and Sunday, November 6th at noon. We will need the following items to sell: Craft Items, Canned Goods (*we have jars if you need some*), Garden Produce, Baked Goods (*especially pies*) Silent Auction Items, Garage Sale Items (**PLEASE NO CLOTHES OR ELECTRONICS**). Items can be brought to the church starting Monday, October 31st. Please designate if your items are for the bazaar or the garage sale. If you have any questions please contact: Eleanor Andersen, Judy Belden, or Julie Leno.

Atonement WELCA Board

LWR SCHOOL KITS

Thanks to a grant from Thrivent Financial and everyone who donated we were able to complete 190 school kits for Lutheran World Relief! Atonement you are awesome!

Julie Leno

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

If you would still like to participate in year 4 of the Growing the Seeds of Faith Capital Campaign, you can mail or drop off your pledge card to the church office. Thank you for all who have returned pledge cards to date. We are blessed to have your generous support!

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund August 2022		Building Fund August 2022		Building Reserve	
August Expense	\$29,088.78	August Monthly Mortgage	\$6,500.00	01/22	\$19,162.82
August Income	\$26,921.68	August Income	\$8,656.00	08/22	\$28,280.22
Net Income August	(\$2,167.10)	August Net Income	\$2,156.00		
Net Income YTD	\$737.18	Net Income YTD	\$18,241.30		

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Autumn Greetings from Atonement Lutheran Preschool!

"I loved autumn, the season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it." - Lee Maynard

We begin our second month of the school year; "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." - L.M. Montgomery. The students are becoming adjusted to the school day, and we have started to find our routine.

This month we are continuing to work on our ABCs with the letters B, C, D, & E. We will be having fun during B week with balloons, butterflies, beans, band-aids, and bears- the students are going to bring their bear friends to class for the day. We will be baking cookies- along with learning to measure and having patience 😊; going on a field trip to the Corn Maize and Pumpkin Patch; celebrate Halloween with special crafts and a visit to WyndStone. We also will be learning how to sour to new heights with God with Restraint and Righteousness.

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!

- ♥ Empty Soda Bottles with lids
- ♥ Glitter Pipe Cleaners
- ♥ Glitter Paper
- ♥ Kool-Aide Packages- different flavors
- ♥ Silver Ribbon
- ♥ Small Bright Multi Colored Pom Poms
- ♥ 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

MILESTONE MINISTRIES PRE-K

On October 16th, families of second year preschool students are encouraged to attend service so that their preschool aged child can receive a keepsake Bedtime Prayers book during the Children's Chat. They will hear a short children's sermon on prayer and then receive their milestone prayer book. Contact Nikki Groshans for more information at doxfam@atonementbillings.org

The Columbarium Committee Trustees thank you for the many comments regarding how nice the Memorial Garden looks. The addition of the American flag is wonderful, and we thank everyone who made contributions. We still await lighting. We remind everyone of our policy in the Policy & Procedure packet of prohibiting any decorations placed on the columbarium or in the gardens. We appreciate your compliance.

TEEN PANTRY

Schools are back in session this fall of 2022 and the Heights Teen Pantries, located at Skyview, Castle Rock and Medicine Crow Schools, are in need of nutritious food for the kids. In the past The Atonement Lutheran family has been very generous in giving to these pantries. All food is put to good use and is also shared with Tumbleweed downtown, who helps homeless teens daily. The Teen Pantries have some specific needs, especially Skyview, where there are teens who are homeless, are couch surfing with friends, and even living in cars. Please continue to support these vulnerable kids. We also have a shopper who loves to buy food for these kids, so if that would work better for you, leave the money with a note that it is for the Teen Pantries. Food should be left on the shelves by the front doors. Thanks for your help with these needs.

Teen Pantry Needs:

Nutri-grain bars	Packetts of cheese/crackers or peanut butter/crackers
Granola bars	Vienna sausages/spam
Fruit cereal bars	Protein bars
Cups of fruit	Pop tarts
Tuna/crackers box	Cup of noodles
	Pop top cans of fruit, spaghetti, etc.
	Chicken/crackers box

FAMILY PROMISE OF YELLOWSTONE VALLEY

Starting in 2004, Atonement Lutheran became a charter member of Family Promise of Yellowstone County. FPYC continues to work with homeless families in our area, and since August 2022 it has a new format, with the families staying at First United Methodist Church on 4th Avenue, downtown Billings. Instead of having the families move to a new church each week, they are staying in one place and the volunteers come to them. This change has come about, in part, because of churches dropping out of the rotation to host in their home churches. It is a new way of doing things and the kinks continue to be worked out. We plan to visit and see what the procedures are at the new venue before our turn to host.

We help families who do not currently have housing and are working 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 also continue to live in the four Transitional Housing apartments.

Atonement Lutheran Church is on the calendar to host the families of Family Promise October 23-29 as well as December 4-10. We will be responsible for bringing supper by 6:30 pm and then overnight hosts staying until 6:00am. More information will be given out as the dates get closer. If you are interested in visiting the new site, please call the church office.

Janie Fitch-Danielsen – Atonement FPYV Coordinator

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH

Make plans to join us as we celebrate the spiritual milestone of the 3rd Grade Bible Presentation!

We will also have a special guest from the MT Synod office Rev. Peggy Paugh Leuzinger presiding the morning worship service.

WEDNESDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00AM at Atonement Commons

Oct. 5th

2 Kings 5:1-13, 7-15c; Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Oct 12th

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Oct. 19th

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22;
Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14

Oct. 26th

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

CHAPEL CHOIR & SPECIAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE OCT.

Oct. 2 nd	Chapel Choir
Oct. 16 th	Special Music
Oct. 23 rd	No Rehearsal
Oct 30 th	Chapel Choir

OCTOBER 2022

- ☞ Oct 1/2 Sprinkler Blowout
Confirmation Retreat
- ☞ Oct 5 Friendship Club
Lutheran Youth
Collective
- ☞ Oct 8 Fire Pit Social
- ☞ Oct 12 Wonderful
Wednesday Meal
Corn Maize @
Grandpa's Farm
- ☞ Oct 14 Chili Cook Off and
Trivia Night
- ☞ Oct 16 Milestone Ministry
Pre-K
- ☞ Oct 18 Church Council
Meeting
- ☞ Oct 20 Hope Circle Bible
- ☞ Oct 23 Atonement Hosts FP
- ☞ Oct 24 Marvelous Monday
Meal
- ☞ Oct 30 Reformation Sunday
3rd Grade Bible
Presentation
- ☞ Oct 31 Trunk or Treat 2022



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CONNECTING WITH YOUTH & FAMILY THIS MONTH

Wednesday October 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Atonement will be hosting local ELCA confirmations students and leaders for a meal, field games and fellowship. This is part of the **Lutheran Youth Collective** which aims to bring together confirmation students and leaders from our area. If you would like to help by donating food or your time, please reach out to Nikki Groshans.

Wednesday October 12th, Atonement's youth group will be going to the **Corn Maize at Grandpa's Farm**. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and depart shortly after and return to the church parking lot by 8:30 pm. Adult and/or parent volunteer drivers are needed. Please reach out to Nikki Groshans at doyfam@atonementbillings.org if you are interested in volunteering or joining us on our outing.

Friday October 14th at 6:00 pm, Atonement youth will be hosting a **Chili Cookoff and Trivia Night**. This evening of food and fellowship is free to the community, but freewill donations will be accepted. Any monetary donations received from this event will go towards sending Atonement youth to the 2024 National Youth Gathering. We will also be accepting non-perishable food donations to be given to the Billings Foodbank. This is a family friendly event with fun for all ages, including games and childcare for small children if needed. If you are interested in signing up to bring your best chili or donating desserts or sides, please reach out to Nikki Groshans or Sara Wald. Best Chili winner will receive a shiny trophy and bragging rights!

During worship on Sunday October 30th students participating in **3rd Grade Bibles** will be recognized and presented with their personalized Bible.

Trunk or Treat will be taking place Halloween evening from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer by decorating a trunk and/or donating candy. Keep an eye out for our Halloween buddy "Fred" who will be watching over our candy donations in the commons area again this year. Reach out to Nikki Groshans or the Evangelism Committee with any questions.

Nikki Groshans – Director of Youth and Family Ministries