

ATONEMENT IN ACTION



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH Faith Formation

for all ages, 8:45—9:45 Sunday mornings

*Guiding
Principles:*

Jesus is Lord.

*Everyone is
welcome.*

*Love changes
people.*

*Everyone has
something to
offer.*

*The world needs
what we have.*

from *Reclaiming the "L"
Word*

God has freed us
for the Journey of
Discipleship with
Jesus:

Worship
that leads to
Formation
that leads to
Fellowship
that leads to
Servanthood.

Worship for Sundays in October

Time After Pentecost ♦ October 1

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

*We recognize Atonement's ground crew for their outstanding work with an **outdoor service** (weather permitting). Our readings remind us that God is Lord of all creation and that we can rest easy in his loving care.*

Time After Pentecost ♦ October 8

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. John Richter

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Time After Pentecost ♦ October 15

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

We celebrate the installation of Pastor Katie with a "new thing": a mariachi band! In Isaiah, God declares the "new things" he will do: bring light to all people, open the eyes of the blind, set prisoners free. And the "new thing" continues in Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet: the invitation to come is extended beyond the select few to everyone!

Time After Pentecost ♦ October 22

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Reformation Sunday ♦ October 29

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Eleven young people affirm their baptismal vows and join us in this work of love and service.

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From Pastor Katie



“God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday” coincided with Rally Day this year on Sunday, September 10th and it was a Spirit filled day! We began our Faith Formation Hour before worship and started up nursery and children’s chapel during worship. We blessed quilts that will be sent throughout the world to those in need via Lutheran World Relief. Miss Caitlyn and all the Faith Formation teachers were also blessed. Praise Band and Choir, under the direction of Deacon Tom, led us in a lively worship. We ate a pancake breakfast together and were joined by our siblings from the Redeemed Christian Church of God who worship in Lundin Hall on Sunday mornings. Several confirmation students joined Common Ground for worship at Trinity, Reading and helped serve a meal that afternoon. The whole time Paul’s words from the book of Romans rang true: “Owe no one anything except to love one another.” This is the message that we want to carry forth as we continue to move into the fall.

Here are some ways that we are making that happen throughout the fall season:

- Atonement and the Preschool will team up together to offer a safe trick or treat event on Saturday, October 28th
- Pilot small groups are starting where we get to know each other better and ask the question: where is God calling us as individuals and as a community?
- More opportunities to worship and serve will be available with Common Ground at Trinity on Sunday afternoons and here at Atonement on Wednesday evenings
- Intergenerational Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 3rd during the Faith Formation Hour with a visit from St. Nicholas
- A kids’ night out is already being planned for December where parents can go out to shop or have a date night and the kids will get to play and have fun at church



Peace and love,
Pastor Katie



Pastoral Acts—September

September 3—baptism for David Johnson-Agiri

September 10—Blessing of the Quilts
Blessing of Faith Formation teachers

September 24—baptism for Hayes Parker Kearney



lectionary readings for the Sundays of October

October 1

Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



Confirmation Sunday

Join us in 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 29 to celebrate the confirmation of 13 young people who have completed our two-year catechetical program, and are ready to live out their baptismal calling as mature members of our community of faith.

- Piper Fair Bialek
- Emmett Borelli-Hoh
- Amelia Louise Eastman
- Madeline (Millie) Hottenstein
- Oluwadamilare Emmanuel (Dami) Johnson-Agiri
- Molly Ross Kunkelman
- Macy Jane Lord
- Braelyn Theresa Reis
- Melissa Ann Sweigart
- Katerina Josephine Wengrowski
- Gavin Wetzel

Pickleball

Pickleball is back in the Atonement gym! Join us Sunday afternoons for fellowship and fun, and a great source of movement and exercise during the fall and winter months. Beginners and those needing instruction are invited to come at 3:00 pm, and more advanced, competitive players are invited to play at 4:00 pm. We have equipment for you to use, and everyone is welcome! Please wear non-marking athletic sneakers.





From Caitlyn Marrella, Directory of Christian Formation

It's only been about a month that I have been here as Director of Faith Formation and already I feel so welcomed! I have enjoyed meeting and working with so many of you and look forward to building more relationships in the upcoming months.

Faith Formation: We are off to a great start thanks for our amazing teachers! We meet every Sunday at 8:45 for a group gathering that has been led by Deacon Tom (Preschool goes directly to their classroom). I look forward to leading this gathering in the future!

Our amazing teachers:

- Preschool - Amanda Garipoli, Sofia Arana Lyon, Amelia Eastman
- K-2 - Lauren Brensinger, Danielle Wert, Fran Tieman, Teresa Detweiler
- 3-6 - Ashley Rowe, Coleen Mikucki, Katie Foltz

*We are always looking for more volunteers. If being a “teacher” doesn’t sound like something with which you are comfortable, we are trying to pair “teachers” and “helpers”.

Chapel Time: Children ages 3 to 2nd grade have an opportunity to experience worship geared just for them. During the sermon, readings, and prayers, the children are supervised in the privacy room for a story, craft, and activity. Thank you to the teens that have helped during this time, as we have had some large chapel groups!

Please reach out to me at cmarrella@atonementwyo.org or 610-507-8049.

Sunday Attendance in September

	10:00 am	Online Views*	
1st Sunday in September	169	59	*Online attendance as of September 24. Online services are always available to watch the day after they are live streamed, and remain available for re-watching! Online readers use this link to go directly to Atonement’s YouTube page, which is also available at atonementwyo.org . https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg1TXf607Z5yGtNl2d0e_qQ
2nd Sunday in September	185	80	
3rd Sunday in September	172	55	
4th Sunday in September	162	20	
Total	688	214	

from the Prayer Team

*In Christianity,
Love is the
bottom line.
Have you
practiced Love
today?*

Memorials

Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund

In memory of Rev. Luther Route
Elizabeth B. Rothermel

In memory of Rev. Elton Richards
Marian E. Pounder

In memory of John Yaklich
Joanne Wagner
Reading School District N.E.

Common Ground Ministry

In memory of H. Irene Cook
Marian E. Pounder
Jeffrey and Diane Behm
Elizabeth B. Gaul
Shirley and Ed McCardle

Usher Schedule for October

October 1, 10:00 am
Team 8—Woerle

October 8, 10:00 am
Team 9—Bryan

October 15, 10:00 am
Youth Team 1

October 22, 10:00 am
Youth Team 2

October 29, 10:00 am
Team 1—Long

Preschool News



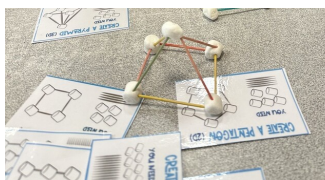
September flew by as the children made new friends and learned school routines. The staff focused on teaching the children to be kind to one another, share and take turns, and to use “please” and “thank you.” They taught the children developmentally appropriate prayers that they use daily, especially at snack time. Our new STEAM enrichment class started on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The students have enjoyed building with different types of materials and writing with pipettes filled with water. We had our first gym classes with our physical education teacher Mrs. Tavenner. Photographer Meghan White returned to capture the personalities of the children during picture week. We ended September with music sing-a-longs with Mrs. Dedman.

Mrs. Dauber hosted two Preschool Home & School Association (HSA) Meet & Greets to build membership among parents and to begin planning our first family-friendly event, Community Trick or Treating. We will cohost this event with Atonement’s Stewardship committee on Saturday, October 28 from 10:00am-noon. All are welcome to Trick or Treat on the front lawn!

As the weather becomes cooler and the leaves begin to change colors, we look forward to fall and all that the month of October brings. Classes will learn about fire safety with visits by the fire truck and to the fire station, autumn, and the harvest season of apples and pumpkins. The fours and PreK students will visit Weaver’s Orchard for apple and pumpkin picking. Classes will have our first chapel service with Deacon Tom, Pastor Katie, and Miss Caitlyn, and the fours and PreK classes will have fine art instruction with Mrs. Brossman. We will end the month with Halloween celebrations. October is a fun-filled month!

The Preschool will host a Meal Pop-Up featuring the delicious food of Vincenzo’s Ristorante on Wednesday, October 18 at 5:45pm. You can order a family meal or individual meal at www.mealpopup.com/calendar then drive-thru the church parking lot and the meal will be placed in your car. The preschool will receive a portion of the proceeds from the meals for our HSA.

Atonement Christian Preschool is a busy, vibrant ministry of the church and our community. We have 150 students registered with many students enrolled in multiple classes for a total of 192 filled spaces. We use eight classrooms throughout the week for our programs. Our staff includes 21 teachers and assistant teachers who are dedicated to our students and their early childhood education. We appreciate our preschool families for entrusting us with their children. Thank you to the church for your continued support of the preschool’s ministry. We are truly blessed!



TRICK OR TREAT ?

5 Wyomissing Blvd.
Wyomissing
October 28, 2023
10:00am-noon

Cohosted by
ATONEMENT CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
www.atonementwyo.org

Join us in family-friendly Halloween fun!
Come in costume with a treat bag to collect all sorts of treats!

**Community Event
All are Welcome!**

Atonement Christian Preschool and Atonement’s Stewardship Committee are cohosting Community Trick or Treating!

How can you help?

- Donate treats (food and nonfood items) or gift cards/monetary gift toward treats
- Host a decorated table
- Hand out treats
- Set-up before and clean-up after the event

See Jen Dauber (jdauber@atonementwyo.org) or Cara Pepper for more details/info.

Parents of College Students

Once your college bound student is settled at school, please notify the church office of their new address.

We are trying to keep in touch with all of our youth when they leave home, letting them know that their church home remembers them and is praying for them.

vincenzo's ristorante

MEAL POPUP
WED. OCT. 18
5:45PM PICKUP
order by 10/17
www.mealpopup.com/calendar

ATONEMENT CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
Established 1978

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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2024 ELCA Youth Gathering “Created to Be”

The gathering, held in New Orleans July 16-24, is still open for youth currently in grades 8 through 12.

During this week, thousands of high school youth grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives through interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship.

Contact Deacon Tom at tyenser@atonementwyo.org for more information.

Financial Report

as of August 31, 2023

August Unrestricted Income	\$ 49,173
August Expenses	\$ 95,898
YTD Unrestricted Income	\$631,638
YTD Unrestricted Expenses	\$684,057
Mission Investment Fund Loan	\$425,318.81
Principal Payments to Date (08/31/2023)	\$176,718.52
Remaining Loan Balance	\$248,600.29

***Thank you so much, Atonement,
for your incredible generosity!***

Please contact Amy Rogers with any questions.



Per Dawn Baxter’s sermon on 9/17 Atonement’s Generosity has been shown by our giving spirit. You can still be a part of the Atonement Team, CROP Walk, 2023! Join Atonement Team to fight hunger on **Sunday, October 8, 2023** (Happy Birthday to Pastor Katie & Michell Endy who share a birthday and will both be away celebrating during this weekend).

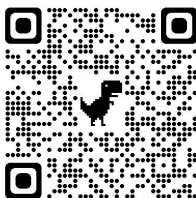
This announcement is your invitation to be part of the team! Walkers will be blessed during the **10:00 AM worship** service that day.

To **register** for the walk or make a monetary **donation**, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/readingpa> and search for Atonement Team. Or click the direct link <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/team-atonement> to the Atonement Team Page.

The CROP Walk opening ceremony is held at 2083 Tulpehocken Road, Reading, PA 19610 at the **bridge at 1:00PM; & walk at 1:30PM.**

Gifts of Stocks or Securities

Gifts of stocks or securities are always welcome donations. If you plan to give stock or securities, please notify the office of the pending donation to Atonement’s Schwab Account at Weik Investments (the office will provide account number, etc.), along with the purpose for which you are donating it, the name of the stock, its value, where it is coming from, and who the donor is. Don’t forget that your offering can be given by **credit card** on our website, by **texting** 610-624-8412, and by scanning the **QR code** to the right with your smart phone.



Thrivent Action Team Grants

Thrivent Action Team Grants are ALWAYS welcome to support the ministries at Hope’s Table and Cafe Esperanza. Thrivent members use link below to find out how easy it is to support the community with the Action Team grants for up to \$500 annually:

<https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-action-teams.html>

Can You Help?

Woman is seeking to rent a room in someone’s house in the Reading area with use of kitchen and bathroom. Her father was a local Pastor in this area. Will pay rent/ utilities. She is easy to get along with and neat!

Please contact her at 484-269-0358 or contact Pastor Katie for more info.

New Member Welcome

We will officially welcome new members during the 10am church service on October 22. If you or anyone you know would like to become a member, please join us Sunday mornings October 1 and October 8 during the faith formation hour, 8:45-9:45am. Current members are encouraged to attend as well since we all have something to learn about God, ourselves, and one another.

We will talk more about what makes us Lutheran, the history of Atonement and where God is calling us, get a tour of the building, and learn more about the various staff members and committees that make our congregation and community thrive.

Everyone is Welcome!

Free Things!

Have you ever heard the saying “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”?

People are often calling the church, wanting to know if we or someone we know would like an item that they no longer want, hoping it will be someone else’s treasure. Items include office supplies, furniture, pianos, and more!

Starting this month, we are including a Free Things! section in the newsletter, where we will post items that YOU might want to donate. Items will be listed for one month, and will include the donor’s name and contact information, so that interested people will contact the donor directly.

If you have something to include in the Free Things! section, email Crystal at cshirk@atonementwyo.org with your item(s), your name, and your contact information. Please note that items will NOT be stored at the church.

Do you know that the church has an assortment of medical equipment that you may use if the need arises? Contact Dr. Ken Lord at klord@atonementwyo.org if you have a need for a wheelchair, walker, or other medical equipment.



*Child size picnic table (used)
Contact Ashley Martin at
484.769.2032 (text/call)*

Small Groups continue in October

Common Ground will offer three small groups this fall. All groups are free, and anyone is welcome to join, but space is limited, so use the QR codes below to register today.

Anger Management for Women continues Mondays through November 6. This small group program will give you the tools to stop the anger cycle and learn techniques to assist in conflict resolution. It’s not too late to join! Use the QR code to the right for details and to register.



Animate Faith continues Mondays through October 23, and explores central topics in Christianity like God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible, and Church. Use the QR code to the left for details and to register.

Boundaries continues Thursdays into November. Each session we will view a 15-20 minute video and them meet in small groups for an open, engaging discussion. This series is meaningful for anyone hoping to improve relationships with family, friends, associates, and self. Use the QR code to the right for details and to register.



Contact April at april.cgrcommunity@gmail.com with questions.

Yoga at Atonement

Join yoga teacher Amy Ebersole-Sharkey in Lundin Hall, Tuesdays. 9:15-10:15am in October. This is an all levels vinyasa flow (movement with breath). Give yourself 1 hour a week to breath, stretch, and strengthen your mind, body, and soul. Cost is \$12 per class, come when you can, or \$50 for the 5 week session (cash, check, or Venmo amy-sharkey-3)

RSVP, questions, or concerns please contact Amy at 610-334-4528 or amyskidsyoga@yahoo.com.

Bring a friend or meet new friends at class. All are welcome!



Animate Faith Adult Faith Formation October 15 - November 26

Join us for a 7 week course beginning on Sunday, October 15th in room F122. Highs and lows will happen from 8:45 to 9am and we will get started promptly with Animate Faith at 9:00am. We will explore central topics in Christianity like God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible, and Church. Seminary Student, April Mulvey, will be leading most classes with Pastor Katie filling in along with being a participant. Each participant needs an Animate Faith Journal. Atonement will be purchasing the journals for a reduced group rate. Each journal is \$14. Donations are welcome: cash or a check made out to Atonement with “Faith Formation” in the memo.

Check out the following trailer to get an introduction of the class: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b67T2TCzZyM&list=PLUZCdbcS-u6we90UN9YKtOaIEN-Gif_YE

Atonement Business Directory

Health Services

Penn State Community Medical Group, All About Children
655 Walnut Street, West Reading, PA 19611
Phone: 610-372-9222
Fax: 610-372-0232
www.aacpp.com

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Stephenfehnelmd.com

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