

ATONEMENT IN ACTION

From Pastor Katie

This is the time where we normally tell you to begin preparing for Lent, yet Ash Wednesday isn't until March 5 this year! So that means we have more time to lean into the time after Epiphany and listen to where God is calling us.

Reading the Bible has been fruitful and a great place to start. It's not too late to join in! <https://www.thebiblerecap.com/start> Hard copies of the plan are still in the narthex and we are just finishing up with Genesis!

At our annual meeting on February 9, we will reflect on last year and see what things we need to continue or disband along with what new things we will explore. New Council Members are ready to begin. Enrollment for next year's preschool is about to open. Children and youth are meeting for faith formation, Communion instruction and confirmation. Making meals for Opportunity House, Hope's Table and Family Promise continue and we are looking for other ways to partner within our community. Our 12 step recovery meetings have ended in the Community Center, yet we continue to partner with Common Ground here at Atonement and Trinity and look for ways to reach out to the recovery community.

At the heart of it all is the question: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8) May we continue to hear this call and invite others to journey with us.

Peace and love,
Pastor Katie



A Place at the Table



On January 26, 2025, our Place at the Table students participated in worship. They poured water to remember their baptism, helped read the Gospel lesson, and shared in the Holy Meal. Congratulations to our four students that participated, Tyler John Foltz, Charles Felipe McCrae, Sienna Marie Fitzpatrick, and Ben Wise!

Atonement Chili Cook-Off!

February 2, 2024
5-7:30 pm in Lundin Hall

\$5 gets you a bowl, a ballot, and spoon (drinks and cornbread provided). Bring a little extra cash as Sweet Ride Ice Cream will once again be there for something cold and sweet after the hot and spicy!!

Proceeds will benefit Lutheran Disaster Relief.



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Worship for Sundays in February

The Presentation of Our Lord ♦ February 2 ♦ 10:00 AM the Rev. Katie Lyon

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon’s confession that this baby Jesus was “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God’s son, Jesus, the light of the world.

Epiphany 5 ♦ February 9 ♦ 10:00 AM the Rev. Katie Lyon

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God’s glory. “Who will go for us?” God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn’t catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

Epiphany 6 ♦ February 16 ♦ 10:00 AM Rev. Sem. April Mulvey, preaching ♦ the Rev. Art Wyse, presiding

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

Bible Celebration ♦ February 23 ♦ 10:00 AM the Rev. Katie Lyon

Today we celebrate God’s good word, available to everyone, showing us truth, correcting our mistakes, and training us to live God’s way. The parable of the sower invites us to prepare fertile soil for God’s word, opening our hearts and minds to the truth and love found in the Holy Scriptures.

Lectionary Readings

February 2
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-38

February 9
Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

February 16
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 6:17-26

February 23
2 Timothy 3:14-17
Luke 8:4-15



Sunday Attendance in December & January

	In Person	Online Views**		In Person	Online Views**
1st Sunday in December	232	57	1st Sunday in January	150	60
2nd Sunday in December	198	69	2nd Sunday in January	190	81
3rd Sunday in December	192	72	3rd Sunday in January	105	74
4th Sunday in December	285	91	4th Sunday in January	<u>263</u>	<u>17</u>
5th Sunday in December	<u>106</u>	<u>80</u>	Total	708	232
Total	1013	369			

** Online attendance as of January 26, 2025. Online services are always available to watch the day after they are live streamed, and remain available for re-watching. You can find the link on the home page of atonementwyo.org.

Christmas Attendance

	In Person	Online Views**
Christmas Eve, 11:00 am	257	53
Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm	211	N/A
Christmas Eve, 7:30 pm	265	123
Christmas Day, 10:00 am	<u>62</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total	795	176

Annual Meeting

Join us after worship **Sunday, February 9** for refreshments and a brief annual meeting. We need 50 members present for a quorum—including youth who have been confirmed—so please join us if you are available!



From the Deacon



This year the season of Lent does not begin until March 5, so we have the whole month of February to continue our Epiphany celebration! Epiphany reminds us that Jesus is truly the Son of God, our Light and our Life! In worship this month we'll hear about the baby Jesus presented in the Temple and recognized as the Messiah by the prophets Simeon and Anna. We'll listen to the story of Jesus calling his first disciples to leave their jobs as fishermen to become fishers of people. And at the end of the month we'll celebrate the Holy Bible, God's living Word, with the musical leadership of the Atonement Praise Band.

Speaking of the Bible, it's never too late to join us in reading the entire Bible across the calendar year of 2025. Beginning January 30 we will turn our attention to the book of Exodus, and the story of God delivering his chosen people from slavery in Egypt. We'll meet Moses, Aaron, and Pharaoh, and we'll read again about the miracle at the Red Sea, the wilderness journey, and the giving of the Ten Commandments. You can attend the Sunday morning adult class, 8:45-9:45 a.m. in Room F.122 and/or receive a weekly email from me called "Deacon Tom's Bible Buzz." To join us, simply send me an email, and I will help you get started.

Peace,
Deacon Tom



Let's Ring Those Bells!

This church has a wonderful music program that is missing only one thing—its Handbell Choir.

There are 5 octaves of beautiful handbells locked in a closet just waiting for someone to call them into service. We need people to ring them! All are welcome—high school through adult. If you'd like to help get these gorgeous instruments ringing again, please email Juanita Galuska (jgaluska@ptd.net) and volunteer for this exciting group. Feel free to email with any questions you may have. We need you!

Pastoral Acts—December & January

December 12

Committal for George S. Beck
Committal for Virginia M. F. Beck

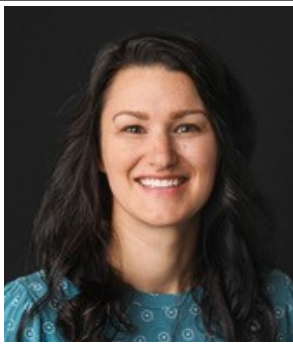
January 2

Funeral for Robert Sharets

January 26

Communion Celebration for "A Place at the Table" participants, Tyler John Foltz, Charles Felipe McCrae, Sienna Marie Fitzpatrick, Ben Wise

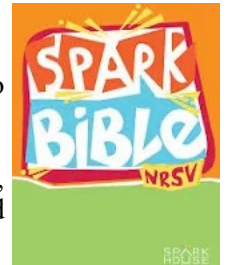




From Caitlyn Marrella, Director of Children's Ministries

Bible Study

This February, all children 3rd grade and above are encouraged to participate in A Bible Study. Children will read and learn to use the Bible. Bibles will be presented on February 2 during the 10 am worship service. We will gather Sunday, February 9, 16, and 23. On Sunday, February 23, students will share their learning during worship. Please register your child



by emailing me at cmarrella@atonementwyo.org.

Homeless Care Packages

During the Advent Season the children and youth created Homeless Care Packages. With the help of your monetary donations we were able to make 25 care packages and plan to make more. Please see Pastor Katie, Crystal or myself if you would like to take one for someone in need. These care packages included:

- Resource list of free meals
- Bottle of water
- Gloves
- Packet of tuna
- Hand sanitizer
- Homemade craft
- Socks
- Granola bar
- Tissues
- Small first aid kit

Save the Dates:

Lenten Event—Sunday, March 23, 8:45-9:45 in Lundin Hall

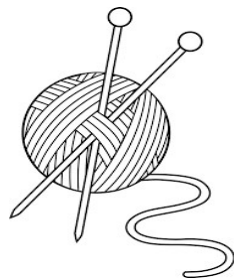
Vacation Bible School—June 16-June 20

Please reach out to Miss Caitlyn if you are interested in helping during this week. Registration for children to come at a later date.



Graduating High School Seniors

Reminder that your afghan request cards should be returned to the church no later than March 1. If you did not receive one, or have any questions, please call the office.



Usher Schedule—February

Sunday, February 2	Team 5—Eisenbrown
Sunday, February 9	Team 8—Woerle
Sunday, February 16	Team 9—Bryan
Sunday, February 23	Youth Team

New ushers are always welcomed! Contact Crystal at cshirk@atonementwyo.org if you would like to be added to an usher team. The commitment is about once every two months, and is a great way to meet new people!



Our annual Christmas Pageant, the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024.



Children participating in the Children’s Message during Christmas Eve worship.



On Three Kings Sunday, January 5, we had a visit from our very own kings—Dami Johnson-Agiri, Anthony Arana, and Bill Laubach—who came bearing gifts for our children.

California Wildfires

Thanks to the generosity of Lutheran congregations across the country, Lutheran World Relief is providing quilts, hot meals, and essential supplies to families affected by the wildfires. Here’s how you can help:

- Give online at lwr.org/fires, or
- Send a check made payable to “Atonement Lutheran Church,” and put “fires” in the memo.

Together we can help make the long road to recovery and rebuilding possible.



Preschool News

From Jen Dauber, Preschool Director



Happy New Year from the staff and students of Atonement Christian Preschool!

January Recap

- Themes: Winter, winter animals, numbers & counting
- Student assessments for Parent-Teacher Conferences January 30 & 31

February Happenings

- Themes: Valentine’s Day, presidents, community helpers, transportation, space
- 2025-26 Registration opens February 3 for current preschool and church families and February 18 for the community
- Indian Run Environmental Education Center visits PreK classes on February 6
- Valentine’s Day Dinner & Dance for preschool and church families, Friday, February 7, 6-8pm in Lundin Hall
- Mighty Kicks Soccer starts its 8-week program on February 14 in the gym



*Family Valentine's Day
Dinner & Dance*
**Friday, February 7th
6-8pm in Lundin Hall**
free event hosted by the Preschool HSA

Scan QR code
to RSVP



