

ATONEMENT IN ACTION

Christmas Worship Schedule

the Third Sunday of Advent ♦ December 17

Christmas Pageant ♦ 10:00 am

*Children and youth share the timeless story of the first Christmas.
Family friendly worship with no sermon and informal communion.*

the Longest Night ♦ December 20

7:00 pm in Lundin Hall ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon & the Rev. Tom Scornavacchi

Atonement and Common Ground gather together for a service of prayer and communion to remember and celebrate loved ones lost.

the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve ♦ December 24

Service of Holy Communion

11:00 am ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

Children and youth participate in this family-friendly service of Holy Communion for all ages.

Christmas Eve ♦ December 24

Candlelight Service

6:00 pm ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

Family-friendly worship with children's message, carols, and candlelight (no communion).

Christmas Eve ♦ December 24

Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

7:30 pm ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

Traditional Christmas worship with Atonement Choir, Holy Communion, and candlelighting.

the Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Day ♦ December 25

10:00 am ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

A simple service of Word and Sacrament.

New Year's Eve Worship ♦ December 31

10:00 am ♦ the Rev. John Richter

We continue our celebration of Christmas with carols, sermon by Pastor Richter, and communion.

Carolers Wanted

Sunday, December 10
3:45-6:00 P.M.

Carolers of all ages are invited to join together on Sunday, December 10 to carol to our members at The Highlands and Phoebe Berks.

Carolers will meet in the CHOIR ROOM on the lower level at 3:45 for warm up and instructions. This gathering location is a change from previous years: please note that there is a choral concert by Wheatland Chorale in the nave at the same time. Please park in the lower lot or, if you park in the main lot, please enter quietly and proceed downstairs to the choir room.

We will carol from 4:00 p.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. Let's add a little Christmas cheer to the lives of some of our older members.



Sing in the Choir on Christmas Eve!

Who doesn't love to sing carols old and new at Christmastime? Check out the schedule below for children, teens, and adults, and add your voice to our celebrations!

Children Grades K-6 – singing at 11:00 a.m. worship on Christmas Eve

Two rehearsals – must attend at least one to participate:

Sunday, December 17, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in the choir room (immediately following worship)

Wednesday, December 20, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the nave (main worship space)

Warm up: Sunday, December 24, at 10:15 a.m. in the nave

Teens Grades 7-12 and Adults – singing at 7:30 p.m. worship on Christmas Eve

Three rehearsals – must attend at least one to participate:

Thursday, December 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the choir room

Thursday, December 21, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the choir room

Saturday, December 23, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the nave (9:30 coffee and donuts in the narthex!)

Warm up: Sunday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room

For questions and more information, contact Deacon Tom at 610-301-2190 or tyenser@atonementwyo.org



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From Pastor Katie

Happy New Year! In the church, we celebrate the new year with the start of Advent. This year we marked it with an Advent workshop and a visit from St. Nicholas. Throughout Advent we will sing, O Come O Come Emmanuel, and wait for our Savior to be born. Our children will tell the Christmas story on December 17 during worship with a pop-up pageant. Our preschoolers will then tell the Christmas story to their parents the week before Christmas. Then we gather on Christmas Eve at 11am, 6pm and 7:30pm and Christmas morning at 10am to hear how Jesus is born for us. That is the gift we get that never gets old and never goes out of style, no matter how many times we hear it! Then we get to celebrate New Year's again on January 1st outside of the church! Often this is done with promises for new year's resolutions to be more fit and to take on new and exciting things. While those promises are good for us and those around us, I wonder if we might also remember that there is nothing we have to do in order to make Jesus come for us. Jesus comes for us regardless of how good, or not good, we are in life. Coming to church, learning about God, and serving one another and our neighbors, help us see that come to life but are by no means a prerequisite for God's love. May we remember that on the good days and on the bad days and on every day in between, especially with all the busyness that this time of year brings. Jesus comes for us! That is the message we get to share with one another and the world! Happy New Year!

Peace and love, Pastor Katie

As God's disciples we are called to reach up to God, reach in to ourselves and one another, and reach out to the community. On Stewardship Sunday, November 12th, we did an exercise in the sermon asking us where we think God is calling us to go in the new year in regards to reaching up, reaching in and reaching out. Each person was given three coins: a dime, a nickel and a penny and then told to put one in each pot based on where they thought we needed to invest more time and resources. The dime went in the pot where we need to invest the most, the nickel into the second most and the penny into the third. Here are the results:

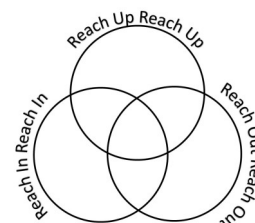
Reach up - \$6.98

Reach in - \$6.47

Reach out - \$11.71

The majority think we need to reach out more to our community so this will become our top priority in the new year. Help us find concrete ways to reach out. (Please remember that we will still be reaching up and reaching in, as they too are vitally important for our growth and well-being.)

"God will guide our hands, God will guide our hearts, God will give us power to serve and do our part. Reach up, reach in, reach out." (Song: Reach Up, Reach In, Reach Out)



From Deacon Tom

It was a joy and a privilege to teach 18 confirmation students about the Ten Commandments this fall. At the end of our unit, I asked the teens to come up with some "new" commandments that God might want to add to the original ten. Their answers were creative, thoughtful, and sometimes funny, so I want to share them with you:

Honor our natural resources and use them wisely – plants, animals, minerals, water, air, and even people!

Practice what you preach – don't be a hypocrite.

Do what is asked of you (if reasonable).

Don't treat others as "less than," especially those of different race, religion, gender, culture, or class.

Thou shalt NOT honor thy phone (or other things that distract us from God and people).

Don't take what you have for granted – have an "attitude of gratitude".

Give back.

Don't give up – be hopeful.

Treat the property of others with respect.

Help others in times of need.

What new tenth commandment would you add to this list? Send me an email with your suggestions (tyenser@atonementwyo.org), and I'll publish the results in next month's newsletter. Meanwhile, remember the lesson about the 10 Commandments that we talked about in confirmation class this fall: we can use the 10 Commandments as a guide to a life of following in Jesus' way, but we can never keep them perfectly. As a matter of fact, we break them all the time! But that's OK, because these holy commandments drive us back into the arms of a loving God who forgives us, redeems us, and fills our lives with mercy and grace.

Thanks be to God! Deacon Tom



Worship for Sundays in December

the First Sunday of Advent ♦ December 3

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

the Second Sunday of Advent ♦ December 10

8:45 AM ♦ Pageant Rehearsal, Adult Faith Formation

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

the Third Sunday of Advent ♦ December 17

8:45 AM ♦ Pageant Rehearsal, Adult Faith Formation

10:00 AM ♦ Christmas Pageant

Children and youth lead us into the story of the first Christmas with the stable animals, the angels, the shepherds, and the Holy Family—Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. We sing the familiar carols of the season and gather around the altar to taste and see the Incarnate Christ.

the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve ♦ December 24

11:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve morning, and so we acknowledge the season with lighting the Advent wreath, but then turn to the

lectionary readings for the Sundays of December

December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

December 17

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



Two opportunities for your child to experience the magic of Christmas at Atonement!

All children are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – for children age 3 through Grade 6

Children will act out the Nativity story as shepherds, angels, and manger animals, along with readings from the Bible and familiar carols.

Rehearsals (please attend one or both):

Sunday, December 10, 8:45-9:45 a.m. beginning in the nave

Sunday, December 17, 8:45-9:45 a.m. beginning in the nave

Worship: Sunday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR – for children in Kindergarten through Grade 6

Children will learn to sing fun Christmas music for our 11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve service.

Rehearsals (please attend one or both):

Sunday, December 17, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon in the choir room

Wednesday, December 20, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the nave

Worship: Sunday, December 24, 11:00 a.m.

For more information, please contact Deacon Tom, 610-301-2190,

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From Caitlyn Marrella, Directory of Christian Formation

Children of all ages are welcome at Atonement! We have many programs to accommodate all ages. All teachers have clearances and are excited for the opportunity to teach about God. We can't wait for you to join us!

Faith Formation:

Our Faith Formation Fall Semester has ended. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2023, using the Spark Lectionary Curriculum. We will continue to meet at 8:45 a.m. for our large group gathering, followed by classroom time from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Chapel Time:

During the 10 a.m. service children ages 3 to 2nd grade have an opportunity to experience worship geared just for them. After the children's message, the children are supervised in the privacy room for a story, craft, and activity based on the gospel story of the day.

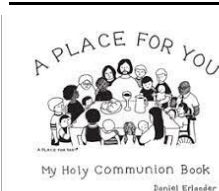
Nursery:

During the 10 a.m. service children preschool age and younger are supervised in F126.

Advent Workshop:

On December 3rd we held our Advent Workshop. There was wreath making, service projects, and even a special visit from St. Nicholas.

A Place at the Table:



This January, all children 2nd grade and above who would like to receive communion instruction are encouraged to participate in A Place at the Table classes. Children will learn about Jesus and his special meal, Holy Communion. We will gather Sunday, January 7, 14, and 21 at 8:45 a.m. On Sunday, January 28, we will have a Communion Celebration - rehearsal and light refreshments during the Faith Formation hour, followed by receiving communion in worship at 10 a.m. Register your child by emailing me at cmarrella@atonementwyo.org.

Bible Study:

On February 4 in 10:00 a.m. worship, all children 3rd grade and above who have not already received a Bible from Atonement will receive this gift. Then children will gather with their new Bibles for Get to Know Your Bible classes on Sundays, February 11, 18 and 25 at 8:45 a.m. Register your child by emailing me at cmarrella@atonementwyo.org.



From Council Representative, Tyler Good



As I approach the end of the year, I often take time to make note of any significant moments from the year ending, as well as goals for the year to come. It appears we have been doing something similar over the past month at Atonement! With the reach in, reach up, reach out exercise we took part in during the worship service several weeks ago the congregation made it abundantly clear what our goals should be. Reaching out is to be our top priority. Reaching up, and reaching in, not to be forgotten, proved to be about equals in importance to us as a church.

Having these three concepts in plain terms gives council a springboard to launch into the new year with precision and focus. Our faith formation season is in full swing and aims to help people of all ages reach up. The facilities committee continues to ensure a safe, functional, and inviting space for us to gather and reach in. The stewardship committee is hard at work planning events that are rooted in reaching out. Judging by the great success the safe trick or treat event was, I believe we have a lot to look forward to!

2024 is shaping up to be an enlivening year at Atonement. Thinking it over, I am reminded of the verse that I often hear Pastor Katie mentioning during council meetings. "...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to journey humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8. I encourage us all to keep this verse in our minds as we direct our reaches in the coming year. We have a lot to look forward to as we journey together with God.

2023 Congregational Council and Officers

Class of 2021:

George Fulton ♦ Gary Mishler
Katie Sensenig ♦ Bryan Wang

Class of 2022:

C. Louise Fair ♦ Debbie Gentry
Kate Harenza ♦ Tim McGuirk

Class of 2023:

Tyler Good ♦ Jennifer Nied
Shannon Nowotarski ♦ Cara Pepper

Kate Harenza, *president*
Bryan Wang, *vice president*
Katie Sensenig, *treasurer*
Gary Mishler, *secretary*

Council meets the third Monday of the month

ELCA Youth Gathering Matching Funds Campaign

We are very excited to have 11 Atonement members and friends traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer (8 teenagers and 3 chaperones). In order to help families with the costs of this life-changing event, we are holding a matching funds campaign this winter. Thanks to an anonymous donor and some "leftover" youth funds, we will be able to match up to \$6000 in donations toward the gathering costs – our goal is to reach \$12,000 in donations. Please help us with this fundraiser – every gift, no matter how large or small, will help us toward our goal. Checks can be made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church with "Youth Gathering Matching Funds" written in the memo line. Thanks in advance for your help!

from the Prayer Team—*Pray for Peace*

Financial Report

as of November 30, 2023

October Unrestricted Income	\$ 85,671
October Expenses	\$110,224
November Unrestricted Income	\$ 97,968
November Expenses	\$112,545
YTD Unrestricted Income	\$790,114
YTD Unrestricted Expenses	\$797,409
Mission Investment Fund Loan	\$425,318.81
Principal Payments to Date (08/31/2023)	\$181,122.80
Remaining Loan Balance	\$244,196.20

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

Please contact Amy Rogers with any questions.

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.



Preschool News

From Jen Dauber, Preschool Director



November was filled with lessons about nutrition, healthy bodies, and Thanksgiving. In fine arts instruction, the fours and PreK classes painted Audubon’s Wild Turkeys. During gym class, Mrs. Tavenner had the students’ heart pumping doing the turkey trot. The chapel theme was “With my voice, I can tell about Jesus” and the story of John the Baptist. We celebrated Thanksgiving with feasts before heading to Thanksgiving break. We returned to preschool on November 28 to prepare for the most wonderful time of the year.

December is a magical time of year as our classes celebrate Jesus’ Birthday. We will hear the Nativity Story, learn carols, and make gifts for our parents. The Naturalist class will examine poinsettias, evergreens, and reindeer. The 5-day 4’s and PreK classes will explore Christmas around the World in Explorer Enrichment. We will decorate our preschool Christmas tree with embellished snowflake ornaments. We will collect donations of hats and mittens to give to the Salvation Army as our December service project. We will hold our Christmas Chapel services for our 3’s, 4’s and PreK classes in the church on December 19 & 20. The children will reenact the story of Jesus’ birth. The toddler classes will sing carols in their classrooms. Preschool will be closed Dec. 21-Jan. 1 for Christmas Break. Classes resume on January 2, 2024.

Upon returning from the busyness of the holiday season, we look forward to quieter, calmer times where our children seem to grow and blossom in the new year. Snow, winter, and winter animals along with counting and numbers fill the month of January. Teachers will spend the month assessing our preschoolers in key areas of development including social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development in preparation for Parent-Teacher conferences in early February. We look forward to sharing the students’ growth with their parents.

Registration for the 2024-25 preschool year will open February 5, 2024, for church members and current preschool families and February 20, 2024, for the community. Preschool tours will take place throughout January. Contact Mrs. Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org to schedule a tour and receive more information about our wonderful preschool.

The staff and students of Atonement Christian Preschool wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Atonement Angel Tree

Thank you to all who provided gifts for children in the Berks Teen Parent program. We are still collecting for the two additional organizations that help children in need during the holiday season—and all through the school year!

Monetary donations for the Lauer’s Park Elementary School in the Reading School District

Donations in **ANY amount** will be accepted for the library at Lauer’s Park Elementary School. Checks may be made payable to Atonement, please mark **RSD library on the memo line**. There will be a box for library donations next to the angel tree. We will collect library donations through the end of December.

New or gently used toys for BCIU Early Intervention

This year we are accepting toys, either new or gently used, for BCIU Early Intervention, a program that serves approximately 2,500 preschool-age students annually across the 18 school districts in Berks County. The primary objective of this program is to support young learners between the ages of 3 and 5 years, who have been identified with special education needs, ensuring that they receive specially designed instruction necessary to foster their developmental areas and school-readiness skills. To find out more about BCIU, visit berksiu.org. Below is the list of toys desired by the program. They can be brought to the church, **UNWRAPPED**, and placed in the bin labeled BCIU. We will collect these gifts through December 17.

- Activity Cube
- Cash Register
- Fisher Price Little People Toys
- Bead Maze
- Car Ramps and Garages
- Lego Duplo Sets
- Busy Boards
- Construction Toys– Tool Sets
- Riding Toys, Scooter
- Cause and Effect Toys—Ball Popper Toys, Pop Up Toys
- Vehicles—all kinds
- Small Basketball Net
- Pop Linking Beads or Animals
- Wooden Trains / Tracks
- Educational Insights Turn Taking Games, ages 3-5
- Shape Sorters
- Easel
- Learning Resources, Learning Toys and Games, ages 2-5
- Stacking Rings, Cups, or Blocks
- Musical Instruments
- Character Toys: Paw patrol, Disney, Bluey, Firebuds, Mickey Mouse, etc.
- Baby Dolls
- Play-Doh Tool Set
- Dramatic Play Costumes
- Kitchen Toys, Shopping Cart

Free Things!

This month’s “thing” is an adorable and lovable six month old female kitten looking for a fur-ever home. She is neutered, has her shots, and is litter trained. Contact Susan Mehos 610-670-1313 or ssmehos@aol.com.

Do you have something that you no longer want, hoping it will be someone else’s treasure? If you have something to add to our Free Things! section, please send a picture, description, and your contact information to cshirk@atonementwyo.org. 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. Please note that items will NOT be stored at the church.



Sunday Attendance in November

	10:00 am	Online Views*
1st Sunday in November	216	46
2nd Sunday in November	174	38
3rd Sunday in November	200	50
4th Sunday in November	163	88
Total	753	222

*Online attendance as of November 30. 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/UCg1TXf607Z5yGtNI2d0e_qQ

The only Christmas Eve service that will be livestreamed is the 11:00 am service.

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.

Worship for Sundays in January

Three Kings Day (observed) ♦ January 7

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

Baptism of our Lord (observed) ♦ January 14

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark’s gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit’s movement that distinguishes Jesus’ baptism from John’s. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God’s beloved children and setting us on Jesus’ mission to re-create the world in the image of God’s vision of justice and peace.

Common Ground Sunday ♦ January 21

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Tom Scornavacchi

Today we celebrate our close relationship with Common Ground Recovery Community through music led by Atonement Praise Band, through sharing our stories in a safe space, and through gathering at the table to share the Body of Christ. We remember through our readings and prayers that, as Pastor Tom likes to remind us, “we’re all recovering from something!”

A Place at the Table (Communion Celebration) ♦ January 28

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God’s works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus’ actions and words. We encounter that authority in God’s word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

lectionary readings for the Sundays of January

January 7

*Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Mathew 2:1-12*

January 14

*Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11*

January 21

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20*

January 28

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28*



Usher Notes

As always, thank you to our usher teams for faithfully providing assistance during our Sunday morning service, and for Mick Bryan who assists with organizing the schedules. If you know anyone who would like to join an usher team, please email Crystal at cshirk@atonementwyo.org. Since we have been having only one Sunday morning service, the commitment is less than once a month. Below are the schedules for the remaining Sundays in December, the holiday services, and Sundays in January.

December Usher Schedule

- December 10, 10:00 am Team 9—Bryan (Terry Reed, head usher)
- December 17, 10:00 am Youth Team 1 (Debbie Gentry, head usher)
- December 24, 11:00 am Team 9—Bryan
- December 24, 6:00pm Youth Teams 1 & 2
- December 24, 7:30 pm Team 8 Woerle & Team 5 Eisenbrown
- December 25, 10:00 am Team 1—Long
- December 31, 10:00 am Team 2—Kofke

January Usher Schedule

- January 7, 10:00 am Team 3—Lubitz
- January 14, 10:00 am Team 4—Mehos
- January 21, 10:00 am Team 5—Eisenbrown
- January 28, 10:00 am Team 8—Woerle

Attention Volunteers

Are you a volunteer who uses the “Volunteer Code” to enter the building? We will be changing that code in the new year—please contact the office after January 2 to obtain the new volunteer code.

Groundskeeping Update and Yearly Report

The volunteer groundskeeping team completed the third year of maintaining the grounds of Atonement and Common Ground areas. It is a large property with many challenges. The team was formed when COVID hit and money for outside vendors was scarce. I would suggest the team has become a ministry among the members – celebrating weddings, medical recoveries and life’s challenges. Our members step up when another member can not meet the scheduled date. The team’s passion is evident in the beauty of the grounds.

Maintaining the property includes cutting grass, mulching, weeding, planting, pruning, leaf blowing, fertilizing, playground maintenance, hedge trimming, watering, plant removal and landscaping. We occasionally paint and we maintain the equipment we have acquired. We added a hover mower to our equipment inventory.

Individuals who donated to this valuable task are: Bill Laubach, George Fulton, Marian Ponder, Ken Lord, Dorothy DeLong, Gary Mishler, Lou Mehos, Josh Oswald, Henry Turner, Matt Lord, Fred Kofke, Tom Endy, Mitch Shestok, Sue Kaufmann, Scott Boyer, Bob Eisenbrown, Jeff Good, Tyler Good, Chuck Corbitt, Tom Gresh, and Patty Lehr.

I hope you all return next year. We are looking for more volunteers to assist in this endeavor, our volunteers average one day per week on a three week rotation. I am happy to say we had no injuries this year, only a few bee stings! All are welcome to join the team, contact the church office or one of the above team members. We start up in April.

Peace.

Respectfully submitted, John Lehr

Coming in February 2024



SAVE THE DATE

MARDI GRAS PARTY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024
6-8PM IN LUNDIN HALL
MORE DETAILS TO COME

Pastoral Acts November

- November 4
Wedding of Krystle M. Heckman & John G. Ferro
- November 11
Memorial for Kathryn Hiehle
- November 19
Baptism of Sophie Rae Myers

Yoga at Atonement

Join yoga teacher Amy Ebersole-Sharkey in Lundin Hall, Tuesdays. 9:15-10:15am. 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 \$40 for the 4 week December or January session (cash, check, or Venmo amy-sharkey-3).

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

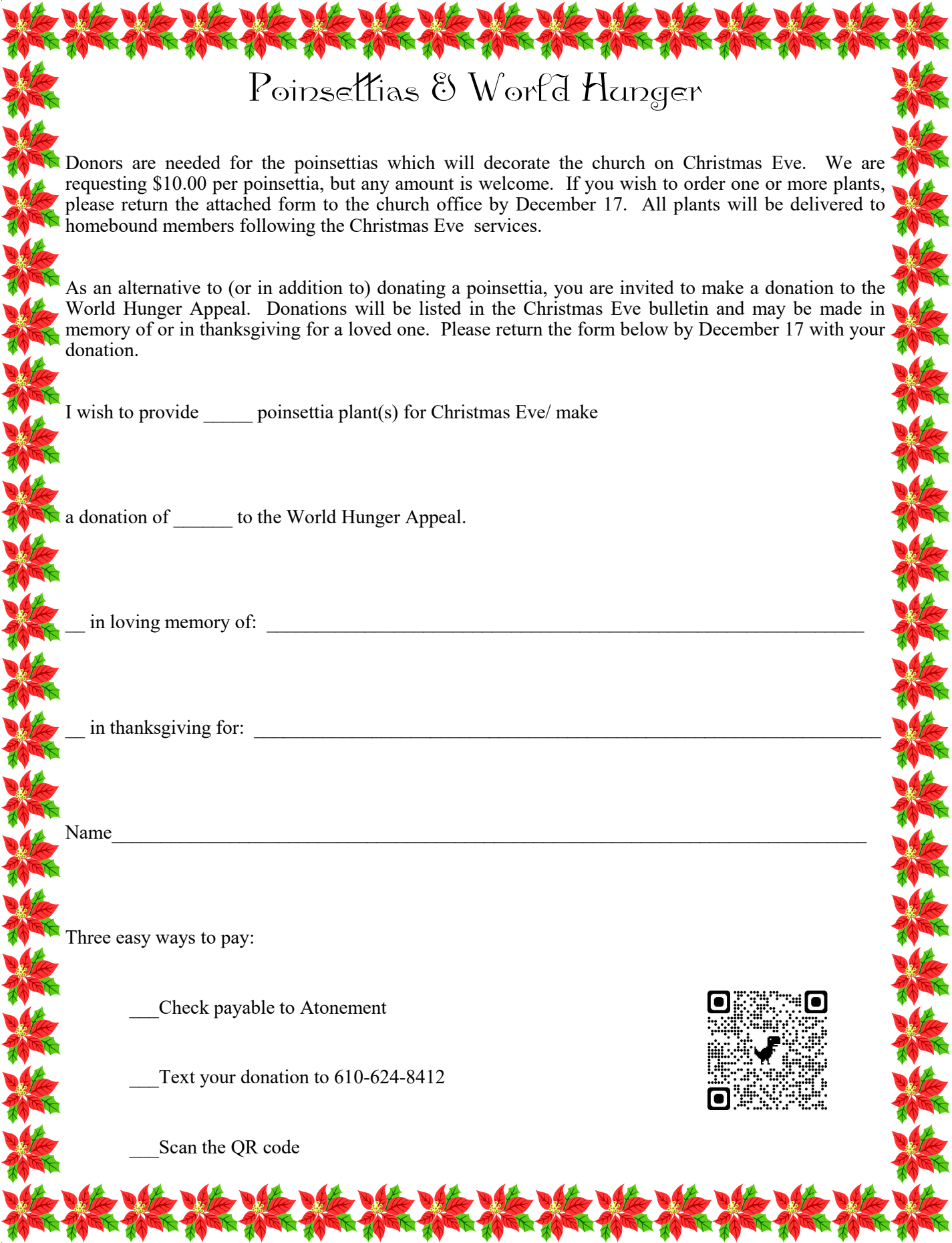
All are welcome!

Save the Date for the annual Atonement Chili Cook-Off! February 4, 2024

All proceeds go to our teens attending the ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans this summer.

Details coming in January.





Poinsettias & World Hunger

Donors are needed for the poinsettias which will decorate the church on Christmas Eve. We are requesting \$10.00 per poinsettia, but any amount is welcome. If you wish to order one or more plants, please return the attached form to the church office by December 17. All plants will be delivered to homebound members following the Christmas Eve services.

As an alternative to (or in addition to) donating a poinsettia, you are invited to make a donation to the World Hunger Appeal. Donations will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin and may be made in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one. Please return the form below by December 17 with your donation.

I wish to provide _____ poinsettia plant(s) for Christmas Eve/ make

a donation of _____ to the World Hunger Appeal.

___ in loving memory of: _____

___ in thanksgiving for: _____

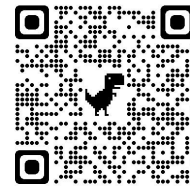
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