

ATONEMENT IN ACTION

From Pastor Katie

Much of our programming happens during the school year so we have been winding down with many things over the past few weeks. Faith Formation for children this year ended with a baptism on Sunday, May 18, and *Fotis and Fotis* came back to close out the year. (They kicked off our year back in September.) We also thanked all of our Faith Formation teachers for their faithful service to our children that morning. Preschoolers graduated on May 23 and will head off to Kindergarten in the fall. We had new member classes and welcomed a great group of people on Sunday, May 25. Seniors also received afghans and two received book awards: Sofia Arana Lyon and Maria Bowman.



And even though much of our programming has paused for the summer, we still have many opportunities to reach up to God, reach in to ourselves and each other, as well as reach out to the community. A **pancake breakfast** will be held Sunday, June 1 at 11am to celebrate the summer and have an opportunity to gather together for fellowship. **Worship** will continue every Sunday at 10am and will include a children's message each Sunday. **Common Ground** worships every Wednesday at 7pm in Lundin Hall. Serving at **Opportunity House** continues on the third Saturday of every month. **Vacation Bible School** (VBS) will begin on Monday, June 16, 9-11:30am and continue throughout the week. **VBS Sunday** will be June 22 at our 10am worship.

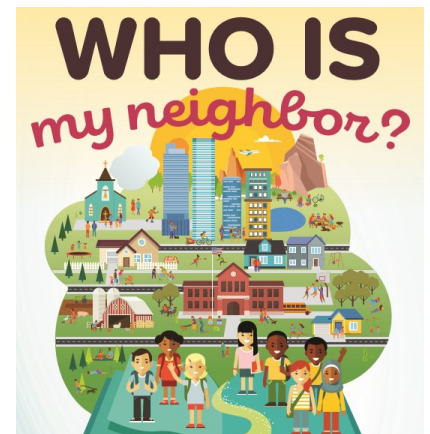
Let's keep looking for ways to serve God, each other, and our neighbors this summer for together we are the church!

Peace & love,
Pastor Katie



Vacation Bible School

June 16-20, 9:00-11:30am
Register with the QR code or at
www.atonementwyo.org.
Registration closes June 6



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Worship for Sundays in June

Seventh Sunday of Easter ♦ June 1 ♦ 10:00 AM

the Rev. Katie Lyon

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

Day of Pentecost ♦ June 8 ♦ 10:00 AM

the Rev. Tom Scornavacchi

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

The Holy Trinity ♦ June 15 ♦ 10:00 AM

the Rev. Katie Lyon

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

Second Sunday after Pentecost ♦ June 22 ♦ 10:00 AM

the Rev. Katie Lyon

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

Third Sunday after Pentecost ♦ June 29 ♦ 10:00 AM

the Rev. John Richter

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

Lectionary Readings

June 1

Act 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

June 8

Act 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 15

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 22

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 29

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



June Usher Schedule

June 1	Team 3—Lubitz
June 8	Team 4—Mehos
June 15	Team 5—Eisenbrown
June 22	Team 8—Woerle
June 29	Team 9—Bryan

Pancake Breakfast

Atonement will host a pancake breakfast following worship on Sunday, June 1. Everyone is invited to join us for pancakes, yogurt, bacon, and more! Free will donations will be accepted.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Summer Choir

- Three Sundays this summer – June 29, July 27, August 24
- No preparation needed – rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the nave, sing in worship at 10:00 am
- No experience needed – open to all teens and adults
- Fun, easy-to-learn music in a relaxed, non-judgmental setting
- No sign up needed – just show up on Sunday at 9:00 !

We would love to have YOU join us!

Contact Deacon Tom (tyenser@atonementwyo.org or 610-301-2190) with any questions.

Pastoral Acts—May

May 18—Baptism for Owen Louis Ruch

May 25—New Member Welcome

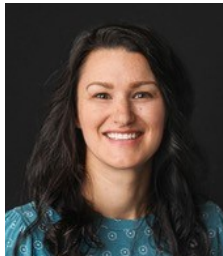
May 25—Blessing of Afghans for High School Seniors



Sunday Attendance in May

	In Person	Online Views**
1st Sunday in May	139	55
2nd Sunday in May	213	51
3rd Sunday in May	173	52
4th Sunday in May	185	44
Total	710	202

** Online attendance as of May 27, 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.



From Caitlyn Marrella, Director of Children's Ministries

Faith Formation: We wrapped up another wonderful year of Faith Formation with Fotis & Fotis. Flat Jesus made another appearance reminding us that we are all connected in faith. Thank you to all the teachers and teacher assistants that helped make this year amazing!



Vacation Bible School: Registration is open! Join us June 16-20, 9:00-11:30am. This year in vacation Bible school we will explore the theme of "Who is My Neighbor?" Participants will learn about some of the people around the world who are our neighbors in the kingdom of God. Use the QR code to register.





From the Deacon

We've been reading the Book of Psalms in our adult faith formation class, and I posed the question to everyone: "What's your favorite psalm and why?" I got some wonderful answers. Here are a few:

"I know the 23rd Psalm is very popular but it has always been my favorite since I was a little boy. It was the first psalm I learned in Sunday School and has always seemed special to me because my birthday is December 23rd."

"Psalm 84 - because it inspired the beautiful choral anthem "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place."

"I have to say I love many of the Psalms, but Psalm 8 is very special ever since I sang a choral setting of it when I was in high school."

"So far, my favorite is Psalm 125. It's easy to read and understand and I find the idea of God's love and protection enduring forever to be very comforting."

"I have to say that Psalm 133 hit me hard... My dad was in a men's chorus... every concert opened with a brief selection that included these exact words "behold how good and a pleasant thing it is to dwell together in unity." Now I know where that song came from, and knowing they opened every concert with a religious faithful tone has me looking back on those memories in a completely different light."

"My favorite Psalm is Psalm 46. I love that it says God is in the midst of the city, especially since so many people talk about how evil cities are and how they are scared to go into them. God is in the midst of the city! God is in the midst of Reading just as God is in the midst of Wyomissing! I also love that it says: Be still and know that I am God. In a world that tells us to keep going, we need to remember to be still and know that God is God and God is with us!"

I invite you to spend a little time this week reading your own favorite psalms and reflecting on why they hold special meaning for you. In addition, I invite you to read the six psalms mentioned above. How many of them did you already know? How many are new to you? Did any or all of these psalms help you to draw closer to God or teach you something new about God? Why or why not?

For me, the Book of Psalms is a never-ending source of comfort, encouragement, and motivation. I hope that you will continue to read them and discover the rich treasures within them for yourself.

Peace,
Deacon Tom



The Intersection of Church, Preschool and Community

Written by: Pastor Katie Lyon of Atonement, Wyomissing; published in the May NEPA Synod Newsletter

For almost 50 years Atonement has had a preschool at the corner of Wyomissing Boulevard and Penn Ave. in Wyomissing, PA. Over the last few years we have worked at building an even stronger bridge between the church, preschool, and community. Preschool Sunday occurs once a year where families are invited to a kid friendly worship service on a Sunday morning. The children sing songs that they have learned in their monthly chapel time with Deacon Tom Yenser, Pastor Katie Lyon, and Children's Ministry Director, Caitlyn Marrella. We have also co-sponsored a Kid's Night Out Event, a Valentine's party, kid friendly Bingo, as well as Advent and Lenten intergenerational events. We know the importance of finding ways to engage our young families both on Sunday mornings and beyond.

In 2023 Preschool Director, Jen Dauber, planned a Trick or Treat event sponsored by both the church and preschool and opened it up to the community. We had about 150 families attend. In 2024 more word got out and we had almost 300 families participate! People were so grateful to have a safe space to bring their children and receive God's love as well as treats. Local stores and organizations along with church members and teachers donated drinks and goodies to hand out. It was a simple way to reach out to the community and let them know we care about them and their children. All the smiling faces show just how much fun it was for all ages! We cannot wait to do it again this year.

An Easter breakfast with the Easter Bunny is already planned for 2026. There has been talk about offering more than one Preschool Sunday each year to further engage our families. We look forward to finding other ways to reach out into the community as a church and preschool.

Visit <https://nepasynod.org/church-preschool-community/> to view the story with photos.

Preschool News

Highlights from our last month of preschool

- Chicks from Swartz Farm
- Mother's Day Celebrations
- Last Day of School Ice Cream Parties
- Preschool Graduation
- Preschool Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Preschool Summer Camps

- June 23-27 – Bug's Life Naturalist Camp
- July 14-18 – Explorer Camp
- July 21-25 – S'mores & More Camp
- July 28-Aug. 1 – Summer Fun Camp
- August 4-8 - Preschool Storytime Camp and Kindergarten Kickstart

Registration for 2024-25

- 145 students enrolled in 200 spots
- Availability in Together Time (Wed 10:30-11:45), Threes (Tues/Thurs), Naturalist (Tues/Thurs PM) and Stay n Play (Mon & Wed PM)

Reflection from Jen Dauber, Preschool Director

As my 10th year as the director of Atonement Christian Preschool comes to an end, I have found myself reflecting on the years since spring of 2015 when I stepped into this role.

"Some days it feels longer than 10 years and other days it feels like just yesterday that I took over as the Preschool Director. I have learned and grown so much over the 10 years not only through classes at RACC but from the day-to-day experiences. There have been definite challenges (COVID for sure!) but the support from the families, staff and church outweighs all of them. I am very fortunate to have an amazing work family! Here's to the next 10 years!"

Thank you, Atonement Lutheran Church, for calling me to serve in this role and appreciating the value the preschool brings to the church and our community.

Peace, Love, Prayers,
Jen Dauber



Stewardship Corner

From the Stewardship Team

Welcoming, Caring, and Serving our Community: It just keeps getting better and better!

You, the congregation, and your stewardship team are continuing to sow the seeds of what stewardship is all about.



*Humane Walk for the Animals,
May 2025*



*Blue Marsh Cleanup
May 2025*



Ongoing Bagel Bonanza

Humane's Walk for the Animals, May 3, was a huge success, and members of our church were there to help. Thank you to Dave, Emily, and Eli Hershey, Sharon Calder, Emily Garl, Scott Boyer, Karen Sandloop, Robin Border, and my dear niece Ellie Kenney for taking time out of their busy schedules to make life better for our furry friends. The event included about 45 vendors, close to 500 walkers, about 200 dogs, and 2 cats!

Our Blue Marsh cleanup on May 10 helped beautify God's creation. Thank you to Diane Melcher and her granddaughter Courtney, Dave and Junia Hershey, Tim McGuirk, and Sharon Calder, for their commitment to this community outreach effort. We may hold more clean up days at Blue Marsh in the future. Stay tuned for opportunities to serve!

Finally, you never know when God will call. Here's an outreach that wasn't on our "schedule." Another of Diane Melcher's granddaughters works at a local bagel shop and noticed that at the end of each day the bagels were simply discarded because there was no one to take the leftovers. Diane's granddaughter reached out to Diane to see if there was some way the bagels would not end up in the dumpster. Diane and I spoke, we worked on a plan with the bagel shop, contacted various organizations, and—lo and behold!—we made some positive connections and are now able to take hundreds of bagels that would otherwise be discarded each week, and get them to local groups to help feed those less fortunate than ourselves. A small miracle and wonderful outcome!

And there's more to come. We've got the pancake breakfast June 1 and again in September, Safe Trick or Treat in October, a Stewardship skit in November, and a Christmas Cookie event in December. Again, stay tuned for opportunities to serve.

The following was noted in the March newsletter but is so important that it's worth mentioning again. As we continue to build on reaching up, reaching in, and reaching out, we've also taken some time to reflect on what Stewardship at Atonement is all about. Yes, it's everything we do after we say, "We believe", but what then? With that in mind it feels like Stewardship here at our church is really about **welcoming and caring** as Jesus would have us do (reach up), **serving and committing** to doing the best we can (reach in), and working to become a **community centered in Christ** to make this world a better place (reach out). So going forward, you'll see the tagline (**welcoming, serving, caring as a Christ centered community**), added to everything we communicate to you and everything we do. We hope you find this helpful.

So watch this newsletter, the Sunday morning slide announcements, and the bulletin for ongoing details as we navigate this exciting time together, because as we've said before, without God's help and your dedication none of this would be possible. We are so grateful for all of you.

Please reach out to any member of your Stewardship team: Cara Pepper, Bob Eisenbrown, Jill Scheidt, or Virginia Rush with questions or suggestions!

God bless us all!
Bob Eisenbrown

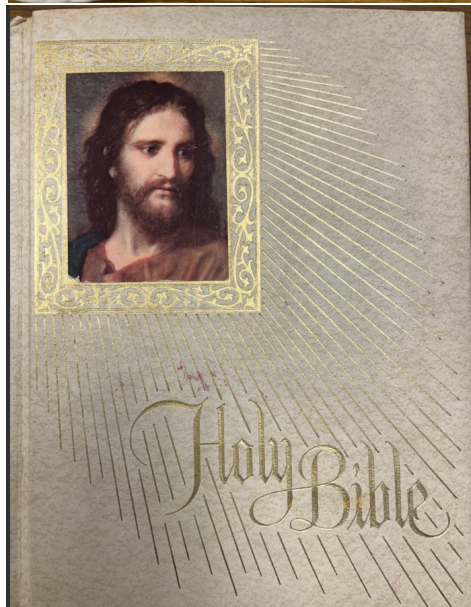
Free Things!

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! 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.

Items this month:

- From Common Ground—a MacBook Air 2015-2017 and a DEL 2019. Both are in good working condition. Email Pastor Tom at pastortom@crgcommunity.org if interested.
- Ceramic angel, crucifixes, and large Bible—email atonement@atonementwyo.org if interested.
- Sheepadoodle looking for a furever home. Details below with pictures.



Meet Baxter, a 4-year-old, 70 lb neutered male sheepadoodle, who likes daily walks, playing fetch, running in a fenced yard, and splashing in his pool during warm months. He is an excellent leash walker. He is house trained and is good when left alone. He eats a regular diet of kibble and treats, has no health issues, and is up-to-date with vaccines and monthly preventatives. His family cares deeply about him and his future. They are seeking an excellent match where he can keep living his best dog life. He has not lived with dogs, other animals, or children, but he interacts with them on his outings. He is not a good match for young children.

Additional details can be found on the flyer on the church bulletin board, or call Baxter’s family at 281-797-8408 for more information.

Thank you, Atonement!

Dear Family Promise Helpers,

“This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:12

Thank you for your time and talents serving the Family Promise guests at Raymond Ave, S 17th St. and Meade St. houses the weeks of April 14 and 21. We served 3 families with 4 adults and 10 children. We delivered hot meals on Mondays, many grocery gift cards and Easter Baskets for everyone with some new clothing, candy, and fun. The whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Thank you each, and also those unknown Easter Basket donors, for adding your part in making this week so special!

Yours in Christ,
Coordinator Dorothy DeLong



Financial Report

as of April 30, 2025

April Unrestricted Income	\$108,749
April Expenses	\$ 97,286
YTD Unrestricted Income	\$450,085
YTD Unrestricted Expenses	\$378,657
Mission Investment Fund Loan	\$425,318.81
Principal Payments to Date	\$329,256.63
Remaining Loan Balance	\$ 96,062.18

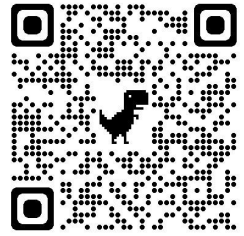
Thank you, Atonement, for your generosity!

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 or by scanning the QR code.



Bear Creek Camp

Bear Creek Camp's overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social, and developmental needs.

This summer is about the connections that unite us - at camp and beyond. Like intertwined roots, together we grow stronger through love and service, grace-filled faith, and belonging and community.

Registration is open!

Use the code ATW200 when registering to receive \$200 off the registration fee.

Visit bearcreekcamp.org for details.



Zentangle Workshops

June 18 5:30pm-7:30pm All About Color \$25

In this workshop, we'll dive into the vibrant world of color and explore ways to enhance your Zentangles. Using gel pens, colored pencils, and markers, you'll learn how to bring your tangles to life with color. We'll introduce new tangles and show you techniques to add color to them. Materials will be available for everyone to use or you can purchase a supply kit for \$15 which includes: a black pen, shading pencil, tortillon, 3 colored pens for you to use during class and take home with you.

July 2, 2025 5:30-7:30 Patriotic Firework Tangles Workshop \$25

Join us for a fun and creative workshop where you'll learn how to create stunning firework-inspired tangles! We'll explore a variety of techniques and add a splash of color to make your fireworks truly vibrant. Materials will be provided for everyone, or you can purchase a supply kit for \$15, which includes: a black pen, red, blue, purple pens, a shading pencil, and tortillon. If you choose to purchase the kit, you'll be able to use the materials during the class and take them home with you to continue your artistic journey.

Registration is required for all workshops to ensure adequate materials are provided for all participants. Ages 9 and up are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Scan the QR code or email mindful.masterpieces.czt@gmail.com to register.

All classes held in Atonement Privacy Room.



Memorials

Atonement Grounds Ministry

In memory of Michael Pounder by

Ken & Linda Lord

Marian Pounder

Common Ground

In memory of FaithAnn Jones by

American Legion Post-Phoenix

Patricia Gernert

Paul & Alice Murphy

Jaycee Foundation

Marian Pounder

Gail Dawson-White

George Skripko

Bill & Cindy Laubach

Lucille Schappell

Pickleball

Weekly pickleball in the Atonement gym continues Sunday afternoons, 3-5 pm. We continue to welcome new players of all ages and abilities.

Join us at 3:00 pm for instructional and beginner play, more experienced players are invited to play competitively at 4:00 pm.



Email atonement@atonementwyo.org to be added to our email list, we may add some outdoor weeknight play over the summer.

Atonement Business Directory

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Penn State Community Medical Group, All About Children
655 Walnut Street, West Reading, PA 19611
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