

ATONEMENT IN ACTION

Vacation Bible School



“Operation Restoration”, VBS for 2024, began June 17 with over 60 children and 28 adults and older teens participating. Join us for VBS Sunday during the 10:00 am worship on June 23.



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Worship for Remaining Sundays in June

VBS SUNDAY ♦ June 23

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon

In story and song, Vacation Bible School participants share what they have learned: how to mend God's world by feeding hungry people, helping those who are sick or hurting, learning to forgive, praying for those in need, and resting in God's love.

Time After Pentecost ♦ June 30

10:00 AM ♦ the Tom Scornavacchi

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two.

We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

(To sing in the choir this Sunday, come for rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. in the choir loft.)

Worship for Sundays in July

Time After Pentecost ♦ July 7

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon ♦ Puhlman Baptism

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Time After Pentecost ♦ July 14

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon ♦ Peshler Baptism

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Created to be Baptized and Set Free ♦ July 21

10:00 AM ♦ Weisman Baptism

A service of readings and songs celebrating the waters of baptism and including the baptism of Charlie Weisman, grandson of Pastor John and Pat Richter. No sermon or Holy Communion this Sunday. Come enjoy lively music, hear profound readings, and receive a new perspective on water in our lives.

(To sing in the choir this Sunday, come for rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. in the choir loft.)

Time After Pentecost ♦ July 28

10:00 AM ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon ♦ New Orleans Sunday

Youth and adults returning from the youth gathering in New Orleans will share their experiences of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, "Created to Be".

Summer Choir!

Everyone is invited to participate in Summer Choir at Atonement – regular choir members, occasionally choir members, and even those who have never sung in this or any choir!

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the choir pews in the nave on four Sundays this summer to practice some fun, simple music and then sing together in worship at 10:00 a.m. Dress is summer Sunday casual. That's all there is to it!

Here are the dates for summer choir – come to just one or come to them all!

June 30 | July 21 | August 18 | September 8

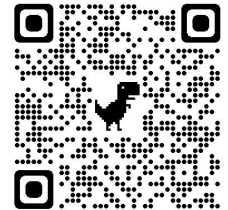
Sunday Attendance in May

	In Person	Online Views**
1st Sunday in May	193	N/A
2nd Sunday in May	219	24
3rd Sunday in May	235	44
4th Sunday in May	156	37
Total	803	105

** Online attendance as of June 17. Online services are always available to watch the day after they are live streamed, and remain available for re-watching! Online readers use the link below to go directly to Atonement’s YouTube page, which is also available at atonementwyo.org.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg1TXf607Z5yGtNI2d0e_qQ

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** to the right with your smart phone.



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. 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!

Financial Report

as of May 31, 2024

April Unrestricted Income	\$113,697
April Expenses	\$ 88,935
May Unrestricted Income	\$ 62,803
May Expenses	\$146,853
YTD Unrestricted Income	\$620,439
YTD Unrestricted Expenses	\$502,907
Mission Investment Fund Loan	\$425,318.81
Principal Payments to Date	\$259,952.14
Remaining Loan Balance	\$165,366.67

Thank you, Atonement, for your generosity!

Please contact Amy Rogers with any questions.

Congratulations to 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Thanks to generous donors, Atonement was again able this year to provide two scholarship awards of \$1000 each to graduating high school seniors furthering their education.

Jack Hafer is the recipient of the Martin Luther Service Award for living his faith on a daily basis. Jack will continue his education at Villanova University majoring in Finance.

Grace Allmendinger received the Jeanne M. Chaney Memorial Book Award. Grace will study nursing at James Madison University in Virginia with the ultimate goal of becoming a physician’s assistant specializing in pediatric oncology.



Pastoral Acts—May

May 5—New Member Welcome
29 new members

May 10—Funeral for Janice Ferrara

May 22—Funeral for Barbara Miller

May 26—Blessing of Afghans for HS Seniors



Preschool News

From Jen Dauber, Preschool Director

Highlights from our last month of preschool

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

Preschool Summer Camps

- July 8-12 Explorer Camp
- July 22-26 Weird Sea Creatures Naturalist Camp
- August 5-9 Preschool Storytime Camp and Kindergarten Kickstart

Registration for 2024-25

- 149 students enrolled in 198 spots
- Limited availability in Toddlers (MWF and TTh), Threes (TTh) and afternoon Fours (MWF)

A huge thank you to the preschool staff for all they do for the preschool and their students! They have a combined 210 years of working at Atonement Christian Preschool! WOW!!! We wish them a relaxing and restful summer! They have earned it!

Preschool Staff Recognition of Years of Service

- Nancy Brossman, 31 years
- Debra Hoffman, 26 years
- Michelle Endy, 22 years
- Amy Miller, 19 years
- Janine Busack and Regina Doyle, 17 years
- Theresa Williams, 16 years
- Jen Dauber, 14 years on staff, 9 years as director
- Jeanette Fotis, 8 years
- Libby Pflomm and Moira Fallon, 7 years
- Melody Walley, 6 years
- Betsey Flite, Christina Seyfert, and Kim Rayho, 3 years
- Beth McIntyre, Julia Tavenner and Allie Dedman, 2 years
- Kelly Bender, Katie Ney, Danielle Arce, Christina Biemuller and Emma Acker, 1 year



Top left:
Mrs. Fallon's 5-day Fours

Top right:
Mrs. Williams's PreK

Bottom left:
Mrs. Fotis's Fours

Bottom right:
Mrs. Pflomm's Fours

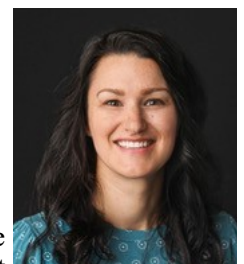


From the Deacon

Thank you all so much for the warm wishes, cards, and gifts that you gave me in recognition of my 25th anniversary at Atonement! Thanks especially to the choir for the lovely hymn sung in worship. When I came to Atonement 25 years ago, Kathy and I were a relatively young couple about to travel to China to adopt a baby. Atonement in Wyomissing was a wonderful place to raise our daughter and to find a spiritual home. I thank you for all the love and support you have given me and my family over the years. And, with the grace of God, I think I have a few more years of ministry here. Peace and blessings to you all!



From Caitlyn Marrella, Director of Christian Formation



Fully Rely on God (F.R.O.G.)

On May 19th we celebrated the end of Faith Formation. We celebrated all the connections we made, fun we had, and all that we learned. We read a book about a little girl that was reminded by a FROG that God is always there for us. This is a great reminder for us as we go into the summer months. We also sang “Jeremiah was a bullfrog” and made a frog craft. Lastly, we celebrated and thanked our wonderful Faith Formation teachers who make it all happen. Thank you!

Worship: (Sundays 10am)

During the 10 a.m. worship service the privacy room will contain items to help keep birth to preschool aged children engaged. This room features a window and sound speaker system so you can still participate in the service while keeping your little ones happy.

Stewardship Corner

Stewardship

Atonement, you are the BEST!

Our pancake breakfast on May 19 broke all kinds of records. We had about 150 people join us for fellowship following the 10 a.m. service! That was about 30 more people than our average of 120. In addition, your donations to the breakfast raised almost \$900 that will be used to help offset the costs for our youth traveling to the upcoming youth gathering in New Orleans. And so many of you helped set up, prepare, serve, and clean up as well, including many new volunteers. We'd also like to send a special shout out to the youth and their families who were right there helping with all aspects too! It takes a village, and Atonement that is you!



Let's keep the momentum going.

July 20: Opportunity House

Atonement serves lunch the third Saturday of each month and the response to this has been wonderful. We have several new volunteers helping with this outreach and are nearing a point where we might be able to form two teams which would allow us to alternate service every other month for God's people!

June 22: Blue Marsh Cleanup Day

Blue Marsh cleanup day starts at 8 a.m. at the Old Church Road parking lot just north of Mt. Pleasant off Route 183. 19 members are coming, and we couldn't be prouder of the response to this opportunity to help keep God's creation clean and beautiful.

July 4: Wyomissing Parade

Be proud America! Yes, Atonement will be marching in the parade. We're asking anyone who plans to march to pick up one of our beautiful blue stewardship t-shirts to wear at the parade. Details are still being finalized regarding the time and where to meet and will be provided as they become available.

For more info, please watch the big screens and/or read the bulletin Sunday morning or contact Cara Pepper, Ellen Bryan, or Bob Eisenbrown.

Thanks be to God for such a wonderful church family!

Family Promise

For 2024, Atonement and Trinity Lutheran of Reading will partner together to host Family Promise the weeks of July 8 and July 15.

There are currently 3 shelter houses, for which we will provide the following:

- Groceries for two weeks worth of food, diapers, cleaning supplies, etc. There is money in the Family Promise dedicated fund to cover this if the volunteer shopper doesn't want to donate groceries (many shoppers have donated the groceries).
- Grocery gift cards for whatever we forget and special needs, for the case manager to distribute as needed.
- A prepared meal on Monday nights.

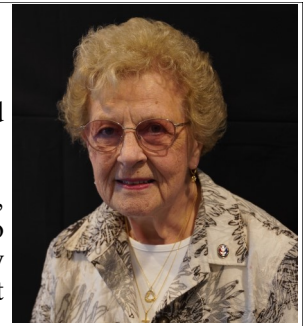
Additional information and sign-up links are available at atonementwoyo.org.

Online readers click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E49A9A822A4F94-47414676-family/99835985#/>



From Atonement Member, C. Louise Fair



I am C. Louise Fair a member of Atonement Church for 25 plus years. I just felt that I would list a number of reasons why Atonement is so special to me:

I am thankful for our Spirit filled, dedicated Pastor Katie; our super efficient office manager, Crystal; our multi-talented music director, Deacon Tom, and all our other staff persons. I also appreciate our volunteer grounds keepers; our grounds are beautiful and convey a friendly welcome to our community. It would be endless to list all the persons that serve our Lord at Atonement behind the scenes.

I am confident the motivator of all is our Lord and Savior, so beautifully depicted by our lighted figure of Christ with His arms outstretched welcoming ALL to come to Him.

Why not take a moment to ponder all for which you are thankful?

Usher Schedule

June 23, 10:00 am	Team 1—Long	July 7, 10:00 am	Team 3—Lubitz
June 30, 10:00 am	Team 2—Kofke	July 14, 10:00 am	Team 4—Mehos
		July 21, 10:00 am	Team 5—Eisenbrown
		July 28, 10:00 am	Team 8—Woerle

NEPA Synod Assembly

What a joy to host the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly 2024 at Atonement. This place was bustling with almost 300 Lutherans from throughout the Synod. Our very own praise band helped lead opening worship. A Local Hospitality Committee made sure everyone felt welcome. One group stayed here and enjoyed a gourmet lunch while another group headed to the Wyomissing Family Restaurant. “This was by far the best assembly I’ve been to, and I’ve been to about five” commented one woman! Thank you to all those from Atonement who volunteered and helped make the day such a success!



We had a few minor issues throughout the assembly that were quickly fixed thanks to great help and the work of the Holy Spirit. Hosting the assembly was yet another way that our congregation was able to reach out beyond our walls and welcome others in. God continues to help us grow into our roles as God’s disciples. May we be willing to say yes to even more opportunities that come our way!



Wanted: White Handkerchiefs

Do you have any lace, linen, or soft white cotton handkerchiefs hidden in a back drawer? Please consider donating these heirlooms to the cause of memorial cloth sachet made from the flowers present at your family member's funeral at Atonement. Please drop them off in the church office at your convenience.

Thank you,
Gail Dawson-White

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