

# ATONEMENT IN ACTION

## FROM THE PASTOR AND DEACON



### SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Opportunities for worship, learning, & service abound for all ages this fall.  
We invite everyone to make a commitment to participate & grow as disciples of Jesus!

### WORSHIP

#### Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in September:

September 7 – **Outdoor Worship** on the front lawn led by Pastor Katie with music led by Jordan Bickhart & Children's Chapel with Miss Lauryn, followed by **Pancake Breakfast** in Lundin Hall & making of shower kits for the new community portable shower trailer

September 14 – **Common Ground Sunday** with Pastors Katie & Tom along with musicians Stephen Longenecker & Cara Hart, Children's Message & Children's Chapel, followed by a chance to walk through the new community portable shower trailer and enjoy hot dogs & hamburgers

September 21 – Service of Word & Sacrament with Children's Message & Children's Chapel

September 28 – **Blessing of Quilts** & the return of Atonement Choir to worship, plus Children's Message and Children's Chapel

#### Wednesdays in September:

Join us each Wednesday in Lundin Hall for a fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by Common Ground worship at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

### EDUCATION

#### For children on Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m.:

September 14 – **Rally Day** (for all ages) in Lundin Hall. "Make Your Mark on Atonement," with lots of crafts including the creation of a colorful mural with everyone's handprints!

September 21 – the first week of regular **Faith Formation** classes for preschoolers through Grade 6, meeting in the choir room weekly at 8:45 am, then dividing into age-appropriate classes

#### For youth on Sundays:

September 21 – 11 a.m.-12 noon in the Privacy Room the first week of **Confirmation** classes for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders & above begins & runs most weeks throughout the fall, studying Luther's Small Catechism. Please see Pastor Katie or Deacon Tom for more info.

September 28 – **Youth Group** in Lundin Hall, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Lundin Hall, with youth from St. John Sinking Spring and St. John Mohnton. Activities, fun, pizza dinner, & a brief Bible study. All students Grades 7-12 are invited and encouraged to bring their friends!

#### For adults on Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m. in Room F. 122:

We are continuing to read the whole Bible in this calendar year. Even if you have fallen behind in your reading, or haven't even started reading at all, this class is for you! Each Sunday we begin with sharing our highs & lows of the week, then move on to discuss the Bible readings. We're about to switch from the Old Testament to the New Testament at the beginning of October, so it's a great time to join us!

And don't forget about the many service opportunities available in September and throughout the fall – see other pages in this newsletter for details, or speak with Stewardship Team members Cara Pepper, Bob Eisenbrown, Jill Scheidt & Virginia Rush.

Blessings!

Pastor Katie & Deacon Tom

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# Worship for Sundays in September

**Time after Pentecost ♦ September 7 ♦ 10:00 AM**

**God's Work Our Hands ♦ Outdoor Worship ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon**

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

**Time after Pentecost ♦ September 14 ♦ 10:00 AM**

**Common Ground Sunday ♦ the Rev. Tom Scornavacchi ♦ the Rev. Katie Lyon**

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

**Time after Pentecost ♦ September 21 ♦ 10:00 AM**

**the Rev. Katie Lyon**

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

**Time after Pentecost ♦ August 24 ♦ 10:00 AM**

**the Rev. Katie Lyon**

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

## Lectionary Readings

**September 7**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

**September 14**

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:11-32

**September 21**

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

**September 28**

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



## Music at Atonement this Fall

### Atonement Choir

All teens and adults are invited to join us!

Rehearsals on Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., in the choir room.

First rehearsal: September 25

First time in worship: September 28

Look for more information about the Festival Christmas Choir in December

### Children's Choir

For all children from Kindergarten through Grade 6

Rehearsals on Sundays, 11:00-11:45 a.m., in the choir room

First rehearsal: October 19

Singing in worship: November 16 at 10:00 a.m. and December 24 at 11:00 a.m.

### Atonement Ringers

If you are interested in playing in bell choir this fall and/or for Christmas, please contact Deacon Tom at 610-301-2190 or [tyenser@atonementwyo.org](mailto:tyenser@atonementwyo.org)



## Sunday Attendance in July

	In Person	Online Views**
1st Sunday in July	120	47
2nd Sunday in July	161	54
3rd Sunday in July	194	60
4th Sunday in July	151	46
Total	626	207

## Sunday Attendance in August

	In Person	Online Views**
1st Sunday in August	155	58
2nd Sunday in August	152	59
3rd Sunday in August	199	74
4th Sunday in August	232	99
5th Sunday in August	165	55
Total	903	345

\*\* Online attendance as of September 2, 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](http://atonementwyo.org).

## Financial Report

*as of July 31, 2025*

July Unrestricted Income	\$ 94,835
July Expenses	\$ 84,621
YTD Unrestricted Income	\$690,099
YTD Unrestricted Expenses	\$655,754
Mission Investment Fund Loan	\$425,318.81
Principal Payments to Date	\$335,323.92
Remaining Loan Balance	\$ 89,994.89

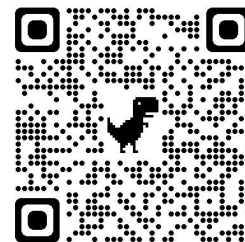
***Thank you, Atonement, for your generosity!***

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**.



## Memorials

### Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund

In memory of Barbara (Bobbie) Fischer  
 Brian Wang  
 Joanne M. Wagner  
 Marian E. Pounder  
 Sally and Glenn Miller

### The Marian Connelly Academic Book Award

In memory of Marian Connelly  
 Marian E. Pounder  
 Norma Siegal  
 Tom and Elaine McDevitt

### Atonement Christian Preschool

In memory of Barbara (Bobbie) Fischer  
 Patricia Gernert

### Landscape Ministry

In memory of Marian Connelly  
 Patricia Gernert

## 2025 Congregational Council

*Class of 2023:*

Tyler Good ♦ Jennifer Nied ♦ Shannon Nowotarski ♦ Cara Pepper

*Class of 2024:*

Robin Border ♦ Scott Boyer ♦ John Lehr

*Class of 2025:*

Robert Bailey ♦ Emily Garl ♦ Jeff Good ♦ Kate Harenza  
 Henry Turner ♦ Emmett Borelli Hoh, youth representative

Cara Pepper, *president* ♦ Tyler Good, *vice president*  
 Kate Harenza, *treasurer* ♦ Henry Turner, *secretary*

*The next council meeting will be Monday, September 15*

## September Usher Schedule

September 7	Team 1—Long
September 14	Team 2—Kofke
September 21	Team 3—Lubitz
September 28	Team 4—Mehos

New ushers are always welcomed! The commitment is about once every two months, and is a great way to meet new people!

We are also seeking a new usher coordinator. Contact Crystal at [cshirk@atonementwyo.org](mailto:cshirk@atonementwyo.org) if you would like to be added to an usher team are interested in finding out more about scheduling the ushers.



# Stewardship Corner

## Reach Up, Reach In, Reach Out!

From your Stewardship Team

Cara Pepper, Jill Scheidt, Virginia Rush, and Bob Eisenbrown

REACH OUT with us this fall!

### West Reading Elementary Center

Our stewardship team is taking monetary donations for much needed items for the students and teachers of the West Reading Elementary Center. Make checks payable to Atonement with WEST READING in the memo.

### God's Work Our Hands Sunday—September 7

Join us for a pancake breakfast, where we will have the opportunity for food and fellowship, as well as packaging at least 1,000 shower kits for the mobile shower trailer we contributed to last year.

### West Reading Annual Fall Fest—Saturday, September 20

Atonement will once again partner with Reading City Church to provide free children's activities. Sign-up coming soon!

### Safe Trick-or-Treat for Halloween—Saturday, October 25

Details coming soon.



*Some of our pancake volunteers from the last breakfast.*



*Shower kit example.  
Join us in packaging 999 more on  
September 7!*



*Just in time for the first day of school Caitlin Turner delivered 100 class ready backpacks to Lauers Park Elementary School in the Reading School District.*



## Preschool News

### From Jen Dauber, Preschool Director

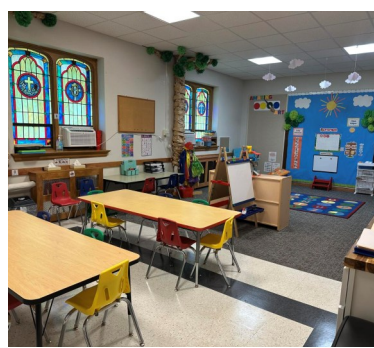
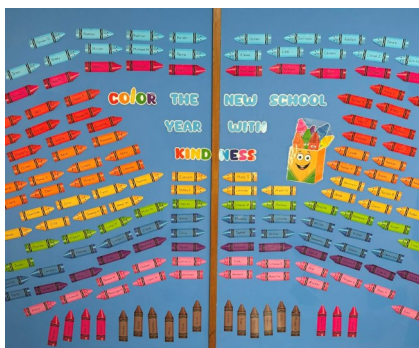


Summer at Atonement Christian Preschool was quieter than usual this year. With the preschool becoming licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS), we had to cancel our camps and focus on the licensing process. I am happy to say that on August 20 we were granted provisional licensure. It was a HUGE undertaking, but we can open as planned.

The preschool staff returned the last week of August to prepare for the 2025-26 school year. They participated in several different trainings in accordance with DHS regulations and prepared their rooms for Meet the Teacher and first days of class. Three classrooms had new carpeting installed over the summer. Tables from the community center replaced older tables in our PreK classrooms. As of August 26, we have 157 students registered with many students enrolled in multiple classes for a total of 216 filled spaces. We have limited availability, including 2-day Toddlers and Threes and our afternoon Naturalist enrichment class for 4- & 5-year-olds.

The staff and I are looking forward to greeting the preschoolers and their families at our Meet the Teacher sessions on September 2 & 3. The 2025-26 staff includes Danielle Arce, Kelly Bender, Nancy Brossman, Janine Busack, Regina Doyle, Donna Egan, Michelle Endy, Moira Fallon, Betsey Flite, Jeanette Fotis, Lisa Mazzerle, Beth McIntyre, Amy Miller, Katie Ney, Libby Pflomm, Kim Rayho, Christina Seyfert, Carrie Spayd, Julia Tavenner, Melody Walley and Theresa Williams. We are excited to have current or former preschool moms, Courtney Fleischood, Stephanie Marrella, Caitlin Mullins, and Michele Sottosanti joining the staff as assistant teachers. They will bring their love of young children to the classrooms.

The Preschool Board, Shannon Schwartz, Stephanie Jurgielewicz, Jamie Angstadt and Carrie Spayd, are hosting a "Tears & Cheers Breakfast" for the preschool parents on the front lawn after drop-off on the first days of preschool. It will help build community and comfort new parents. We are all very excited for Atonement Christian Preschool's 49<sup>th</sup> school year to begin!



## Reading Berks 44<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Hunger Walk

### Sunday, October 12, 1:00pm at Gring's Mill

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's 55 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S. The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

Join Team Atonement by using the link from the home page of [atonementwyo.org](https://events.crop hungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/team-atonement), or online users can click here: <https://events.crop hungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/team-atonement>.

You can also donate to our team now through October 31, 2025. Government funding cuts have affected our local food bank, Helping Harvest; let us be good neighbors by reaching out!

You can also help by participating in the **CROP Walk fundraiser at P.J. Whelihan's Restaurant** on Thursday, September 11, 11am -10pm. P.J. Whelihan's will donate 15% of your food cost to CROP Walk, just tell your server that you would like to participate in the fundraiser.

Contact Michelle Endy at 610-375-3512 or [calendar@atonementwyo.org](mailto:calendar@atonementwyo.org) with questions.





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