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Hunger During the Holidays

Christmas may mean joyful, grateful family gatherings around a table full of sumptuous foods. But many families are hungry during the holidays. **Right in our neighborhoods.**

Please consider bringing **non-perishable foods** to church and put them in the wooden box behind the kiosk. The Hunger Group will deliver them to the food shelves before Christmas.

Better yet, please **give a check** to the food shelves (Southern Anoka Community Assistance is in Anoka County; Ralph Reeder is in Ramsey County). Monetary donation are especially helpful—because food shelves can acquire much more, dollar-for-dollar, that you could at a grocery store. You could mail a check, or put it in the offering plate and we will deliver it. The Hunger Group

SACA
627 38th Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf
2544 Mounds View Blvd
Mounds View, MN 55112

Fellowship of Quilters

2020 planning is in process to begin assembling quilts on a January date TBD, likely Monday and Tuesday mornings.

The LWR quilts provide one of life's essentials and remind families they are not alone.

Stretch your heart and hands to help people in need by sewing at home or church, contributing clean fabric and/or full or larger sheets that are used for quilt backs. The sheets can be gently used.

Contact Lynn (651-633-1044) or
Bev 763-781-3584) with questions.

Help Decorate for Christmas

Will you help us decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas?



On **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm**, the Worship Committee will be putting up the Christmas tree and wreaths. The Committee members are no longer able to climb ladders and we would appreciate some help from some of you who are more agile.

If you are able to help, please let our chairperson, Carol Hoiby, know. You can reach her at 763-572-9169 (H) or 763-438-1184 (C).

Thank you in advance!

Letters from our Leaders

Pastoral Delivery

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! Am I a month early? Well, let me remind you that in the church, our new lectionary year begins with Advent which by the time you receive this, will be upon us! If you felt that I was doing us all a disservice by skipping past the Christmas season all together and jumping into the New Year, I feel your pain. This is how I feel each year as folks jump straight to Christmas without journeying

through Advent.

I'm no grinch. I love Christmas. Technically, Christmas is the season that begins on Christmas Day, December 25th, and lasts 12 days, up to January 5th. If you weren't aware of this, you're not alone: consumerism has taken Christmas over and stretches the season all the way back to just after Halloween. At the other end, for many, the Christmas tree and decorations are taken down quickly, maybe on the 2nd day of Christmas! This year, I invite you to something different:

Advent is the preparation time that leads up to Christmas. It is the season during which we as Christians prepare our hearts for the gift of the Christ child on Christmas. For each of us, those preparations are different. I've found it helpful for the past several years to follow the advice of the Advent Conspiracy: "Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All." You can watch the most recent video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yfnlhvmr-k>.

As we begin this season of preparation, "*May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace.*" (Psalm 72:7)

To help you observe the Advent season, stepping away from consumerism and into God's love, we invite you to join us Wednesdays in Advent, for a worship service at Abiding Savior on December 4th at 6:30pm, a hanging of the greens worship service at Cross of Glory on December 11th at 6:30pm, and a Christmas Caroling event that will end with fellowship at Atonement on December 18th at 7:30pm.

Dwelling in the peace of Advent, <><Pastor Cassie



Hymn of the Month

Our **hymn of the month** for December is: "He Came Down" ELW 253 .

It is a Cameroon traditional song, **fun to sing**, **easy to memorize** and **especially fun for children to sing**. It will be a lovely addition to our Advent services this year. Enjoy singing it--and don't forget to have fun as you sing.

Children, Youth and Family

King's Kids Preschool

Gift Card Fundraiser!

The Gift Card fundraiser for King's Kids Preschool **deadline is December 4**. Consider purchasing gift cards for yourself or as gifts and support Kings' Kids Preschool. A percentage of all purchases goes to King's Kids. .

Go to www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of over 700 retailers. A shorter list will be available on the information kiosk. Order by December 4 and you will **get delivery by December 16**.

Thank you from Atonement's King's Kids Preschool!



December Schedule:

December 19—Sing Along, 11:10-11:30

December 20—Sing Along, 11:10-11:30

December 23—31, No School, Enjoy your winter break!

Parent Roundtable, Date TBD

Advent Calendar Available



Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of **Advent** to prepare and remember the **real meaning** of **Christmas**.

The **Advent calendar** is of German origin. From the early nineteenth century, at the latest, German Protestants began to mark the days of **Advent** either by burning a candle for the day or, more simply, marking walls or doors with a line of chalk each day. “

The point of the modern Advent calendar is not to countdown, but rather to **count up** towards the days before Christmas. If you would like to count up to Christmas, there are **Advent calendars available in the narthex**. Perhaps take a moment each day to slow down and think about the real meaning behind Christmas. Feel free to pick one up.

Connect With Us

Weekly announcements and the **Facebook feed** are posted on our website: AtonementNB.org

Please **“like”** and **“follow”** us on the **Atonement Facebook page**.

If you missed a Sunday, bulletins are available on our website or in the narthex by the bulletin board.

You can also find recordings of some sermons on our website. atonementnb.org

Highlights

Bishop Lull Visit

On Sunday, November 3, Bishop Patricia Lull preached for both Atonement and Cross of Glory. Bishop Lull was also present for the baptism Atonement had the same day. It was a very blessed day!



Highlights

Holy Baptism



We celebrated the sacrament of Holy Baptism with Samuel and Erin Ellis as their son, Owen John Ellis was baptized on November 3, 2019.

Please keep Owen in your prayers as he begins his life with Christ.



Highlights

2019 Holidale Boutique: Numbers Tell the Story



Numbers do tell the success of a fundraiser project! Numbers are also used to evaluate the project—do we need more or less of a certain item?

Nineteen ladies met on November 16 to evaluate the numbers with facts regarding the recent Holidale Boutique.



Special Food Demonstrations

We made 140 egg rolls. Lefse was rolled from 9am –3pm plus 24 lefse wererolled by Phyllis Kvitrud at her home, totaling nearly 200 lefse. Packages of 6 Krum Kaga were almost 100% sold. The spinach triangles had to wait for the oven so were late but 20 of them did sell; the rest were enjoyed at the holidale brunch. Zero left after the boutique.

Bake Sale

Lefse with 3 per package, sold for \$4. The lefse workshop was held on a Saturday. 350 caramel rolls were made the night before the Boutique and refrigerated. Homemade pies were made in several workshops with Phyllis Kvitrud and Virginia Cahow making the pie crust dough. Apple (32), Rhubarb (20) and Wild Blueberry pies (6) were made by Phyllis Kvitrud. A good variety of quick breads (30?) and other baked goods adorned the tables. All baked goods were sold by Sunday noon.

Jams and Jellies

Total jars of preserves was 104. A special rhubarb/pie filling jam workshop prepared 28 jars. 24 delicious home grown, low sugar strawberry jam was prepared by Virginia Cahow. We thank Bob and Tammy Kinney for the home grown strawberries. A few jars of jams are still available in fellowship hall.

Kitchen Foods

A good variety of 9 soups was served to over 300 hungry customers. At least 10 pounds of Sloppy Joes was eaten in sandwiches. Two batches of chili was consumed either in bowls or on chili dogs. Ten additional pies were cut and served to the public. People love our homemade foods and stand in line for purchasing from the menu items. **A Thrivent Grant supported the purchasing of some of the food.** None was left!!

Crafts

Close to 100 hand crafted dish towels were displayed. Most of them had been hand embroidered. Eighteen unique Minnesota and Wisconsin state dish towels sold quickly. If you would like either state as a gift, please contact Virginia Cahow. Cost of dish Towels are \$6. Many crafts did not get counted like pot holder dish clothes, children's blankets, mittens, hats, scarves and afghans. A highlight this year were wooden laser footstools, crosses, special designed wooden tongs and lap boards. Royce King, Wally Billington and Wayne and Todd Haselhorst are the wood crafters. Thank you, gentlemen, for your support with you wooden projects. A big box of some of the remaining craft items were given to Cross of Glory for their Fall Festival and a big bag of blankets/afghans were given to a homeless and battered women's shelter. The rest of the craft items were boxed and stored in the Boutique room for the 2020 Boutique. Some of the items will be displayed in Fellowship Hall for Christmas shopping.

Book

Another feature this year was Scott Carlson signing his new book. Scott gave \$5 to the boutique for every book sold. Thank you Scott!

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Highlights

2019 Holidale Boutique: Numbers Tell the Story

Raffle

A Thrivent grant supported the raffle in purchasing necessary items for the 18 baskets. The favorite baskets were the Wisconsin Beer and Minnesota Beer. Great display and hats off and thank you to Cheryl Lunde and Tammy Kinney for their time, effort and artistic talents with these baskets.

Total Dollar Numbers Received \$8,378.77 as of November 18!

The following items were submitted for money approval and were approved:

\$900 Charitable Giving Team

\$50 Bibles

\$500 Banner Committee—need a new green altar cloth.

\$300 Shipping of quilts for Lutheran World Relief

\$500 Men's Retreat Scholarship

\$316 Women's Retreat Scholarship

\$1,000 Women's Retreat Fund for speaker, registration, etc.

\$3,000 Replenish the Appliance Fund

\$30 Office supplies for Boutique

\$45 Custodian for mopping and extra time for Fellowship Hall, etc.

\$800 Table cloths for Fellowship Hall

\$7,914 TOTAL MONEY APPROVED and ALLOCATED

Thank you to everyone for supporting the 2019 Holidale Boutique!



Holiday Greetings to All of You



*From All of Us at Atonement
to All of You...*

*Wishing you a blessed
and beautiful Christ-filled
Christmas!*



Have a safe New Year's Eve & a Happy New Year!

Fellowship & Discipleship Opportunities

| Activity | Description |
|--|---|
| Prayer Shawl Ministry Mary Billington 763-786-7201 | We support our brothers and sisters in Christ through prayer. Knitters and crocheters pray for the recipient as they create the prayer shawls. |
| Greeting Cards TBD | Check out our selection of cards available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall for \$0.50 a piece! Since 2012, we have sold over 1,100 cards! If you are interested in taking over this ministry please contact Virginia Cahow. |
| Game Day Kerry Shoberg 763-786-5658 Thursdays at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall | A relaxing time as we enjoy fun and fellowship playing games. Bring a game to share. |
| ABC (Atonement Book Club) Third Monday of the month in member's homes. | Monday, December 16 |
| ABCD (Atonement Book Club Daytime) Nancy Jahnke, 651-633-5441. First Monday of the month at the home of Nancy Jahnke. | Monday, December 2 |
| NAddy's Men's Fellowship Scott Carlson 651-633-1512, Thursday mornings at 7am at R.J. Riches in Mounds View. | Join us for fellowship and great food. |

Bible Studies

✝ **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** meets at 7am on Monday mornings for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Study of the next Sunday's scripture readings will follow.

✝ **Elizabeth Circle** - December 10 at 1:00pm

✝ **Mary Morning Circle** - December 12 at 9:30am.



Bedrock Beliefs of Atonement Lutheran Church

We believe that...

- ✝ God is present and active in our lives and in the world.
- ✝ God is generous to all people.
- ✝ God calls us to work.

A Quick Note:

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf is located in the Silver View Plaza Strip Mall, 2544 Mounds View Blvd (formerly County Hwy 10), Mounds View.



Sending Notes and Care

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 13 Bruce Jahnke
Dec. 17 Dale Tilden
Dec. 22 Rollie King
Dec. 25 Pete Fabian



Dec 23 Tom & Sherry Sawyer (1967)
Dec. 27 Ray & Grace Lucas (1967)
Dec. 28 Royce & Rollie King (1963)

Keep Them in Your Prayers

† John Miller
† Ron Evens
† Dave Kellsvig
† Larry Weatherly
† Dorri & Larry Olson
† Shirley Peterson
† Marge Rosendahl
† Ron Hoiby
† Virginia Cahow
† Phyllis Kvitrud & family

† Jim & Laurel Nelson's daughter Kelly & family
† Janice Schmidt's sister, Nancy Ormston
† Cindy Skalicky's mother, Faith Anderson



Many Thanks!

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported the Holidale Boutique!
- ♥ Many thanks to all of our ministry assistants who help with service every week.
- ♥ Thank you to Shannon for faithfully leading our music ministry.
- ♥ Thank you to Tony Houfek for the great job he is doing as our new custodian.
- ♥ Thank you everyone, for all you do for Atonement every day!



Atonement Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers!

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and let the office know.

If you would like to help during Sunday morning worship and are not scheduled, contact the office.

Sunday Morning Service

| | December 1 | December 8 | December 15 | December 22 | Christmas Eve | December 29 | |
|---|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Lay Assisting Minister | Royce King | Lorna Schultz | Steve Klaers | Marilyn Nelson | TBD | Careen Houfek | |
| Lector | Eric Woods | Carol Uecker | Andrea Weatherly | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Ushers | Gwen & Kevin Blomseth | Bonnie & Paul Anderson | Cheryl Lunde, Nancy Jahnke | Arlene Drier, Bea Laubach | TBD | Bev Johnson, Dave Landrus | |
| Greeters | Dave Landrus | Bea Lea, Judy Hill | Carol Hoiby, Dave Landrus | Phyllis Kvitrud | | Tony Houfek, Virginia Cahow | |
| Communion | Bread Baking | Marilyn Nelson | Marilyn Nelson | Andrea Weatherly | Andrea Weatherly | Lynn Miller | Lynn Miller |
| | Set Up & Clean Up | Judy Hill | Judy Hill | Bev Johnson | Bev Johnson | Lynn Miller | Lynn Miller |
| | Sunday Servers | Nancy Jahnke, Sally Kline, Eric Woods, Fong Lee | Carol Uecker, TBD | Andrea Weatherly, TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Technology | Bruce Jahnke | Bruce Jahnke | Bruce Jahnke | Bruce Jahnke | TBD | Bruce Jahnke | |
| Dave Landrus is scheduled to fill coffee filters this month. | | | | | | | |

Prayer Ministers



Prayer ministers will be available following the worship service on **December 8** for those requesting intercessory prayers for themselves or others.

If you are interested in serving as a prayer minister once a month, please contact the church office.

Advent and Christmas



December 4 - 6:30pm at Abiding Savior

Join us for a short, informal service with the Confirmation youth.

December 11 - 6:30pm at Cross of Glory

“Hanging of the Greens”

December 18 - 6:30pm Caroling

Fellowship immediately following caroling at Atonement.

Details to come.

Sunday, December 22 during worship

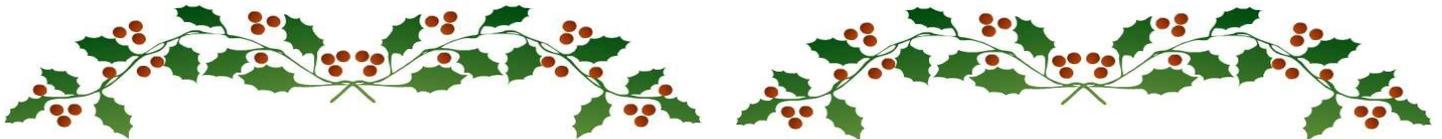
Special Program

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

4pm at Cross of Glory

8pm at Atonement

Come to either service!



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preschool@atonementlutheran-nb.org

Treasurer\Liaison - Bonnie Anderson
Teacher: Lisa Altomari & Pam Webb

Teacher's Aides: January Leung,
Amy Lonsky, Christine Yee

Council Officers

President: Andrea Weatherly

Vice President: Open

Secretary: Tony Houfek

Committee Chairs

Worship: Carol Hoiby

Children/Youth/Family: Open
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Education: Andrea Weatherly

Finance: Open
Property: Ron Evens

Stewardship: Jim Nelson

December 2019

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | 7 |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1 First Sunday of 2:30pm - Worship @ 4:30pm - Worship @ 6:30pm - Faith 9:30pm - Music | 2 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - Men's 7pm - ABCD Book 7pm - Kitchen Kut | 3 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - Girl Scouts | 4 12:30am - Worship | 5 12:30am - Worship @ 12:30am - Worship 1am - Choir 1am - PCC Bible 1pm - Naddy's Men's 7pm - Card/Game Day | 6 Father Day Off 11am - Mount of Blessings | 7 2:30pm - Mount of 11am - Mount of Blessings | |
| 8 Feast of Stc Prayer Ministries 2:30pm - Worship @ 4:30pm - Worship @ 6:30pm - Faith 8:30pm - Prayer | 9 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - Men's 7pm - Kitchen Kut | 10 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - Property 7pm - Elizabeth | 11 Organics Pick Up | 12 Feast of Our Lady of 12:30am - Worship 12:30am - Worship 1am - Choir 1am - PCC Bible 1pm - Naddy's Men's 3:30pm - Mary's 7pm - Card/Game Day | 13 Father Day Off 11am - Mount of Blessings | 14 2:30pm - Mount of 11am - Mount of Blessings | |
| 15 2:30pm - Worship @ 4:30pm - Worship @ 6:30pm - Faith | 16 NEWSLETTER 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - Men's 7pm - ABC - 7pm - Kitchen Kut | 17 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - Girl Scouts 12:30am - Council | 18 8:30pm - Worship at | 19 12:30am - Candleing 12:30am - Worship 1am - Choir 1am - PCC Bible 1pm - Naddy's Men's 7pm - Card/Game Day | 20 Father Day Off 11am - Mount of Blessings | 21 2:30pm - Mount of 11am - Mount of Blessings | |
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| 29 2:30pm - Worship @ 4:30pm - Worship @ 6:30pm - Faith | 30 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - Men's 7pm - Kitchen Kut | 31 8am - Collette Svanoe Lessons 10am - New Year's Eve 12:30am - Christmas Eve 12:30am - Girl Scouts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |

Priority Mail

January Newsletter Deadline:

Third Monday of the month:
December 16, 2019

Sunday Bulletin Insert Deadline:

End of day Wednesday

Church Schedule

Sunday Worship Service

10:30am

Fellowship

11:30am

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When moving, changing addresses and/or phone, please notify the church office.

**Time Dated Material
December 2019**

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