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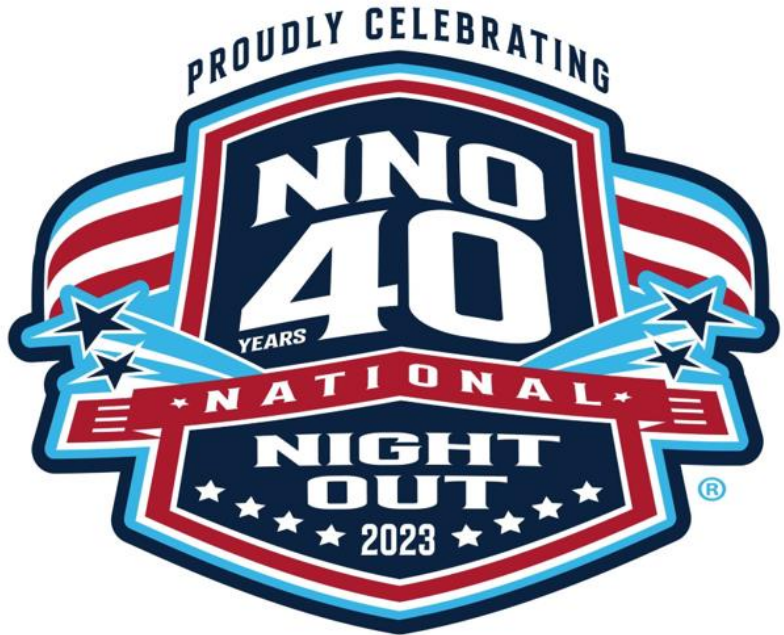
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Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm

HOW you can HELP

❖ **Billings Food Pantry Needs** – **See list posted in the Commons at the Food Bank shelf.

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

Outdoor Ministries: We are camping at Itch-Kep-Pe Park, in Columbus, MT August 18th – 20th. First come first serve, no reservation at this campground. For details, please contact Sandi Gonzalez. Come and join us for some story telling around the campfire & outdoor fun.

MENU



Wonderful Wednesday
August 9th
Montana Jack's 6PM

Marvelous Monday
August 28th

Bull Mountain Grille 6PM
Come and join the conversation.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS COLLECTION 2023

WELCA is once again collecting items to fill school kits for LWR. Each kit contains the following:

- 4-70 sheet spiral bound notebooks
- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 1 ruler with centimeters
- 5 #2 pencils
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 blunt tip scissors
- 1 -2 1/2" eraser
- 1 small pencil sharpener.



We currently have 150 bags we would like to fill. If you would like to contribute, but do not like to shop, just drop your donation marked for this project in the offering collection or the office and we will shop for you. Thanks, Atonement, for everything you do!

Julie Leno

Eleanor Andersen has canning jars and lots of fabric if anyone needs these items to make things for the bazaar. Contact Eleanor! Thank you!



MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE JULY 2023

A big thank you to the following Atonement members who have spent many hours to improve the landscaping around the Columbarium and in the Atonement/WyndStone Mall area: Ryan Kapperud, Todd Koepp, Craig Canfield, Frank Rodemer, Tom Danielsen, Gabe, and Tommie Kapperud. They trenched and installed over 1200 feet of irrigation pipe, eight new irrigation control boxes and twenty-two additional sprinklers. This will allow the area to be watered around the Columbarium and Memorial Garden as well as around parts of the walking path. After the pipe was all covered, four loads of topsoil, twenty tons, were brought in with Butch Morse's trailer and leveled. Additional grass seed will be planted in the coming weeks to finish the ground cover in these areas. Trees will be added next spring. Funding for this big project comes from the 2022 Hetzel Grant and the Wayne Underwood Memorial Fund.

SPONSOR A CHILD

Family Promise knows how important education is for the children in our program. This year even though many things may be different, the importance of education has not changed. Whether it is distance learning or in a classroom, when a child feels prepared and ready to learn it makes all the difference. Would you, your business, or congregation like to sponsor a child for back-to-school clothing and or supplies? If so, please contact Michelle at casemanager@familypromiseyv.org.

Thank you for helping every child feel confident and ready to learn this year!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Summer Greetings from Atonement Lutheran Preschool!

Our preschool is gearing up for a fun-filled school year! Open House will be on August 1st from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Our incoming students will have their picture taken for the upcoming preschool year and we will send the parent packet home with parents to be completed and brought back to our Orientation on August 23rd at 11:00.

Our theme for the 2023-2024 preschool year is "Seasons of the Year!" emphasizing Ecclesiastes 3:1 NRSV "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." We plan to have lots of fun exploring the different seasons in a variety of ways.

The start of the preschool year is just around the corner... September 6th! We would love to have some help getting items off of our Wish List

Bulletin Board in the commons area or these items below are some other items we are looking for to help during the school year...

- ♥ Animal Crackers
- ♥ Dried Beans
- ♥ Corn Kernels
- ♥ Goldfish Crackers
- ♥ Sandpaper
- ♥ Small Number Stickers
- ♥ Walmart/Target/Albertsons Gift Card

Thank you to those that were able to help and thank you for your support and please keep us all in your prayers as we are on break for the summer!

Blessings,

Sara Westrope-Atonement Lutheran
Preschool Director

ATONEMENT FINANCE REPORT

General Fund June 2023			
June Budget Expense	\$25,314	June Actual Expenses	\$36,651
June Budget Income	\$29,365	June Actual Income	\$32,827
June Net Income	(\$3,824)	Net Income YTD	\$2,792
Building Fund June 2023			
June Mortgage	\$5,800.00	June Actual Income	\$5,692
June Net Income	(\$108)	Net. Income YTD	\$4,869

QR Code for easy giving!



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Tom Danielsen – Treasurer, Atonement Lutheran Church Council

FROM THE PASTOR

I am not too sure what pastors use this monthly space for. If I were to guess, I imagine some months I will write an update about some ministry or offer some highlight of an emerging ministry opportunity.

But this month, I just want to offer you all a pastoral reflection from my heart to yours.

Theologian and pastor Patricia Adams Farmer writes, “We can cultivate hope through what I call ‘Beauty Breaks,’ that is, an intentional excursion into some form of Beauty at least once a week.”

I know there are chores right now that need to be done. I know there are errands to be run. I know there are kids to bathe or dishes to wash or floors to be vacuumed or assignments to be completed or laundry or...

Or...

Or....

I also know the anxious times we find ourselves in — the economy, divisive politics, battles between Disney and governors, and culture wars about beers and so on and on.

But what about right here, right now, pause.

Pause.

Stretch your legs or look at your window and bathe your senses in the sublime.

Maybe look to the Rims. Maybe soak in your yard. Maybe even catch a glimpse of wildlife.

What do you notice? Where is beauty near you?

“God’s grandeur is all-pervasive, in stars and grains of sand, in children’s faces and running dogs, in the voices of companions, and in oases of beauty in city streets,” writes Bruce Epperly, another favorite pastor.

If work or home life ever feels like a drag or if society or politics has your worn out and hopeless, I encourage you to take a beauty break several times a day or maybe even every hour. To just stop and rest and notice the simple beauty all around you.

May your soul be well nurtured through beauty breaks.

Pastor Ryan Chaddick

THANK YOU!

Lorraine and luncheon committee, thank you so much for taking care of all the food for grandpa’s celebration of life. We truly appreciate you and all who helped. Love

Karen, Tara, and Family

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Butch and I both thank you all for all your hospital visits, kind words, cards, phone calls and prayers. After the scare of him having a brain bleed caused by a bump on his head, he is doing much, much better. He still is getting tired, but after having two brain surgeries, that might be expected. Again, thank you to our most wonderful church family.

Butch and Penny Morse

Thank you everyone for your best wishes as I celebrated my 90th birthday. Thank you for the cards and well wishes I received in the mail and at the cake reception. You are amazing and very special Atonement Church Family!

Jake Ketterling

Dear Atonement Family, we are so touched by the outpouring of love and support you have provided to us. Prayer shawls, food, prayers, and cards have helped us as we grieve. Words cannot express our gratitude. Blessings to you all.

Kim, Angie, and Charles Plaggemeyer

We wanted to thank you for donating the rest of the flowers you had left over from the plant sale. We really appreciate it, and they were all put to good use. We had forty kids come, ten went to Sky Ridge and they assisted us in getting them all planted. It was a huge success, and our building looks beautiful.

Nicole Kotar - WyndStone



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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



SAVE THE DATE: *The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's* 09.17.2023
alz.org/walk

August 2023 AT-A-GLANCE

- ☞ **Aug 1** Preschool Open House
 National Night Out Event 2023
- ☞ **Aug 6-12** Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley
- ☞ **Aug 7** Property Committee
- ☞ **Aug 9** Wonderful Wednesday No-Host Meal – MT Jack's
- ☞ **Aug 15** Church Council Meeting
- ☞ **Aug 16** Youth Summer Meetup – Atonement
- ☞ **Aug 18-20** Outdoor Ministry Campout – Itch-Kep-Pe Park ,
 Columbus, MT
- ☞ **Aug 18** Deadline for August Newsletter
- ☞ **Aug 20** Blessing of the Back Packs
- ☞ **Aug 23** Preschool Orientation
- ☞ **Aug 28** Marvelous Monday No-Host Meal – Bull Mountain
 Grille

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS . . .

On Wednesday August 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, all youth 7th to 12th grade are invited to come to the church to have a nacho dinner, play frisbee games and then join in a closing devotional and prayer. Come have fun and fellowship with us! If you have any questions, please reach out to Nikki Groshans.

The Blessing of the Backpacks will be taking place during service on August 20th. We invite all teachers and students (no matter their age) to bring their backpacks, book bags or laptop bags and come receive a blessing for the new school year ahead.
doyfam@atonementbillings.org

Nikki Groshans – Director of Youth and Family Ministries

SPRINKLER BLOWOUT 2023

The Annual Sprinkler Blowout and Winterization will be taking place coming up in October this year. This year we will expand the event to multiple days including midweek. Your friends and neighbors are invited again this year. Be looking for further announcements in September providing dates of service. Forms will be available during September at the church. We would ask that you provide forms to your friends and neighbors when they are ready, so they know the preparation requirements and dates. Please contact Todd Koepp with any questions. Thank you for supporting this event and our ministry.

