

The Commentator

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HOW^{you} can HELP

- ❖ Teen Pantry
- ❖ Worship: ushers, assisting ministers, lectors, transportation.

MENU



Wonderful Wednesday
October 9th @ 6 pm
Guadalajara's

Marvelous Monday
October 28th @ 6 pm
Applebee's

(Any questions call Debbie
406-248-5313 or 406-696-7029.)

ADOPT-A-PLOT

It is time to start to think about preparing your' adopt a plot for winter. Trim the volunteer grass, pull those pesky weeds, and clean out any garbage. Many Adopt-a-Plot areas were cleaned up during the Spring. The Adopt-a-Plot posters are updated, and the Property Committee would like to thank all those who signed up for the open areas and to those who continue to clean-up their assigned areas. Weeding and trimming bushes/plants are typically all that needs to be accomplished this fall. Grasses are left long, but daylilies need to be cut down to ground level. Please start preparing your plot for fall after October 15th. If you are unable to manage your assigned area or have questions, please contact *Todd Koepp* at 256-1569. Thank you all for your commitment to this Atonement Ministry.

SPRINKLER BLOWOUT

The Annual Sprinkler Blowout and Winterization will take place on October 4th, 5th & 6th, and October 12th & 13th this year. This year we will expand the event to 2 weekends so your friends and neighbors can also take advantage of the service. Some slots will be available during the week if work crews are available.



Forms are available at the church. We would ask that you provide forms to your friends and neighbors, so they know the preparation requirements and dates. We need their contact information, including phone number, so we can contact them with an estimated time of our arrival. Please share that all systems are to be back drained before our arrival and that we do not take responsibility for damage that occurs because of failure to drain by the homeowners. The event is a fund raiser for the Handyman's ministry but is not restricted for inability to donate. As Todd will be out of the country from September 15th to October 3rd, please direct any questions to the church office at 245-7004. Thank you for supporting this event and our ministry.

HOPE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY



This circle/bible study meets the 3rd Thursday in the month, 9:30 AM, at the church. We meet for fellowship and study God's word. Our meeting this month will be October 17th and you and your bible are welcome to join us. For more info call Bette, 406-245-5054



YOUTH NEWS



The annual Confirmation Retreat is happening October 4th to 6th. Student's and chaperone's will be leaving on Friday the 4th at 2:30 from the church. The cost to participate is \$60 and a registration form is required. Please reach out to Nikki with any questions.

Milestone Ministry for Pre-K students will be happening on Sunday October 13th. During the children's chat, children will hear about the importance of prayer and all second-year preschool children participating in this milestone will receive a keepsake bedtime prayers book.

Third grade student's participating in the Bible milestone will be officially presented with their 3rd grade Bible on Sunday October 27th during service.



On Sunday October 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, the youth who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be hosting a free Thank You Dinner. They will be serving up a New Orleans inspired menu of gumbo and king cake. All are invited and encouraged to attend. This is our way of saying a great big 'thank you' for all your prayers and support in our fundraising efforts the past few years.

Trunk or Treat Stay tuned for weekly announcements!



J.O.Y. BIBLE STUDY

Coffee, tea, laughter, and scripture with fun thoughtful life discussions. Meeting at 6:30 am every Wednesday morning at Montana Jack's on Hansen Lane. Contact Michel Poodry at 406-855-8446 for more information.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Thanks to a grant from Thrivent and all who have donated school kit items, we are able to fill 193 bags for Lutheran World Relief!! Atonement you are amazing!!

Julie Leno

Thank You



Fall Greetings from Atonement Lutheran Preschool!

We had a fun first month of preschool! The students are learning the routines and rules along with making new friends and reuniting with old friends! We jumped right in and started our way through the alphabet with A & B!

We are excited to welcome a new member to our preschool staff, Erin Rosburg. She accepted the teacher's aide position for the 2024-2025 preschool year! We look forward to getting to know and working beside Erin!

During the month of October, we will be having fun learning letters and doing Halloween crafts! There will be no school on October 17&18. The preschool will be hosting a pumpkin patch for the preschool students on October 23 & 24. The students will be having a Halloween party on October 30th for the MWF class and on October 31st the MTTHF and TTH classes will be going to Wyndstone to Trick or Treat!

Our theme for the 2024-2025 preschool year is "God's Treasures!" We are all a special treasure to God!

We could use your help gathering some of the supplies we will be working with in the coming month. If you can find and donate these items below that would be greatly appreciated...

- ♥ Jellybeans
- ♥ Ketchup
- ♥ Licorice
- ♥ Canned Frosting
- ♥ Small lunch sized paper bags
- ♥ Noodles
- ♥ Easter Grass
- ♥ Baking Soda
- ♥ Walmart/Target/Albertsons Gift Card

Thank you for your support and prayers as we start a new preschool year!

Blessings,
Sara Westrope

Atonement Lutheran Preschool Director

FROM THE PASTOR

As a writer (or preacher, teacher, speaker etc), I love collecting quotes. Humans have the capacity to distill amazing wisdom in short and brief comments. I thought I'd share some of my favorite quotes that inspire me during this season of life.

Some bell hooks (philosopher and public thinker/writer):

"When we can see ourselves as we truly are and accept ourselves, we build the necessary foundation for self-love...whether we learn how to love ourselves and others will depend on the presence of a loving environment. Self love cannot flourish in isolation."

"Redeemed and restored, love returns us to the promise of everlasting life. When we love we can let our hearts speak."

"The heart of justice is truth telling, seeing ourselves and the world the way it is rather than the way we want it to be. More than ever before we, as a society, need to renew a commitment to truth telling."

Some Jim Henson (creative force behind the Muppets and so much more):

"The most sophisticated people I know - inside they are all children."

"I've always tried to present a positive view of the world in my work. It's so much easier to be negative and cynical and predict doom for the world than it is to try and figure out how to make things better. We have an obligation to do the latter."

Some Bono quotes (my favorite lead singer):

"The job of art is to chase ugliness away."

"Where you live in the world should not determine whether you live in the world."

I hope these quotes from these people who have changed my life offer some comfort, beauty, and loving challenges.

Love you all!

Pastor Ryan

QR Code for easy giving!



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CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2024

General Fund			
Income	\$33,255.11	Expenses	\$33,687.94
Net Income	(\$432.83)	Net Income YTD	(\$20,915.65)
Building Fund			
Income	\$3,381.98	Mortgage	\$5,163.00
Net Income	(\$1,781.02)	Net Income YTD	\$4,147.50

August was a good month, no large expenditures. Thanks everyone!

Julie Andersen – Treasurer, Atonement Lutheran Church Council

ATONEMENT CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

The following dates are open for you and your family to get their picture taken for the Atonement Church Picture Directory. Pictures will be taken in the snack room. Just show up during one of the following times for your picture to be taken by Butch Morse (thank you, Butch). We hope to have EVERYONE participate!

Picture times:

Sunday, Sept 29, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Sunday, Oct 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, Oct 9, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, Oct 20 10:30 – 11:30 am



LEFSE, LEFSE, LEFSE!!!



October 13 -15 Once again, we will take on 200 pounds of potatoes! (Uff da!).

Sunday, October 13th – in hallway outside of kitchen right after service - we will need people to peel, chop, cook, rice & mix potatoes. Monday, October 14th and Tuesday, October 15th - 5:00 P.M. - we will need people to roll, fry and clean up.

Pans, pins, boards, turners, scrapers, and anything “Lefse” will be needed!

We welcome interested 1st timers, as well as the experienced lefse makers! Come be part of the fellowship! Call Rane Paulson or Judy Belden for more info.

ATONEMENT’S FALL BAZAAR

Will be Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, 9:00am-3:00pm. Please help with the Bazaar when you can! Set up will be Thursday, October 31st starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing Friday, November 1st. Take down will be Saturday, November 2nd at 3pm and Sunday, November 3rd at noon. We will need the following items to sell: Craft Items, Canned Goods (we have jars if you need some), Garden Produce, Baked Goods (especially pies), Garage Sale Items (PLEASE NO CLOTHES OR ELECTRONICS). Items can be brought to the church starting Monday, October 28th. Please designate if your items are for the bazaar or the garage sale. If you have any questions please contact: the church office, Eleanor Andersen @ 406-855-1401, or Julie Leno @ 406-248-5359.



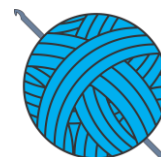
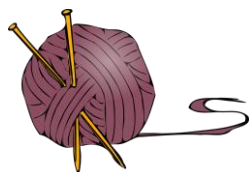
SOCTOBER – EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

SOCTOBER 2024-Atonement Evangelism Committee is collecting “Winter Socks” now through the 31st of October. All socks must be new and unused and can be any size. A collection bin will be in the Commons for your donations. The committee will distribute the donated socks to a barite of the Billings Homeless Shelters early November. *Erin Koepp*-Atonement Lutheran Evangelism Committee



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministries are meeting on Sunday's at 10:45am in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome! Young or old, learn how to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, or work on the stitching project of your choice. We would love to have you! We were blessed with a large donation yarn this month. We have kits available, and we have odds and ends of yarn that would work well for hats, we also have knitting needles and crochet hooks for more information please contact Jane Hansen at 406-861-2953 or jhansen0359@gmail.com.



Christikon Clips

October 2024

Information for our Congregations



2025 Calendar! The calendar and sessions listing are on our website (www.christikon.org). It's not too soon to start planning for next summer's trip to camp, and we're already accepting group reservations! We anticipate a full season and encourage registering sooner than later.

Fall Retreats: We have retreats scheduled through mid-October. Start planning now to bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains in 2025!

We're thankful for all your prayers this past summer, for the summer staff, for this ministry and for all who have joined in the Christikon life. 2024 held many opportunities for ministry, connections, and time in intentional Christian community. We are grateful.

We extend a huge thank you to Mark Donald for his leadership these past 12 years and we will miss him and Julie greatly! Join us in wishing them both the best in their new adventure!

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.



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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Wednesday mornings starting at 10 am in the Jerusalem room
as we engage in a Bible study.



Please note that our office will be closed on
October 14 in observance of Indigenous
People's Day. We will reopen with regular
hours on **October 15**.

Thank you for your understanding!

BRINGING THE HOPE WE SHARE IN CHRIST TO ALL!