



Holy Week & Easter: Tell Me Something Good

Holy Week is a sacred journey —We invite you, your family and friends to join us as we gather in worship and celebration. All are welcome to celebrate the victory of life over death and the promise of new life for all. We look forward to celebrating this holy season with you!

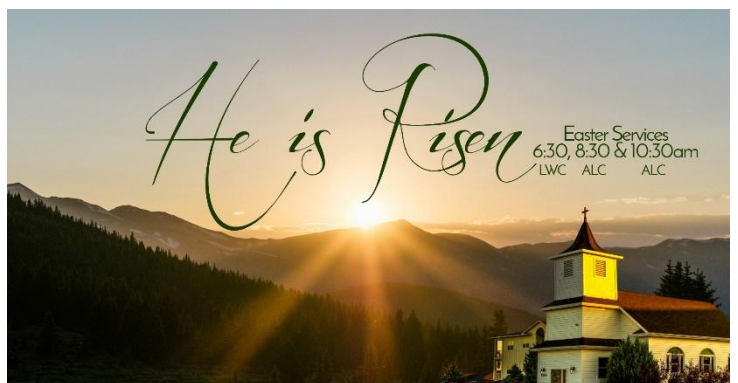
Palm Sunday (March 29 @ 9:15am) - We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Join us as we wave palm branches, lift our voices in praise, and prepare our hearts for the week ahead.

Maunder Thursday (April 2 @ 6:30pm) - On this holy night, we remember the Last Supper and Jesus' command to love one another. We gather for worship, reflection, and Holy Communion as we enter the solemn events leading to the cross.

Good Friday (April 3 @ 7:30pm) - A quiet and reverent service as we reflect on Christ's sacrifice and the depth of God's love poured out for the world.

Easter Sunday (April 5) - Easter morning begins in the beauty of sunrise worship and continues with joyful celebration throughout the day. Come experience the proclamation of hope: *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

- 6:30am Sunrise Service at the Little White Church
- 8:30am Traditional Worship
- 10:30am Contemporary, Family-Style Worship
- 7:30–10am Easter Breakfast (served by our youth)
- After 10:30 service Easter Egg Hunt for kids!



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Greetings from Atonement Lutheran Preschool!

By: Sara Westrope, ALC Preschool Director

As we enter the month of March, we start our march toward the end of our preschool year! Dr. Seuss week starts our month as we have planned a fun theme for each day dressing up in hats, crazy socks, pajamas, and our future self! K-Prep is reviewing the letters we have learned and focusing on vowels, numbers, and Easter! Students will be working on the letters T, U, V and W along with Easter!

Enrollment for 2026-2027 is open with spaces available in the following three class options!

- ♥ Preschool.....ages 3-4..... T/TH 9am–11:30am
- ♥ Preschool.....ages 3.5-5..... M/W/F 9am–11:30am
- ♥ K-Prepages 4-5..... M/T/TH/F.... 9am–12pm

Don't miss the **April 1 Early Bird Registration** for a **special reduced** application fee! We want our ministry to thrive and continue to serve all these special young children as they learn and explore at. If you know of anyone wanting to register, please let them know soon!

We could use your help with a few items we will be working with soon. If you can find and donate these items, it would help us are great deal!

Construction Paper	Pastel Cupcake Liners
Pastel Tissue Paper	Nilla Wafers
Cheese Sticks	
Large & Small White Paper Doilies	Walmart/Target/Albertsons Gift cards

Thank you for all your prayers and support as we continue our journey through the school year! Our preschool is so blessed to have the wonderful support and generous hearts of our congregation! Blessings!



Christikon Clips

Our annual Benefit Auction is on April 26th at the Billings Depot. We are looking for items for the auction such as fishing trips, weekend getaways, dinners out, themed baskets, artisan items. Have an idea? Let us know!

Are you registered for camp, yet? Registration is open and filling! We are excited about our new registration process! We believe you will be, too!

Adults and families: Work Weekend is a great time to get to camp and help us prepare for the 2026 season. Registration is open!

Bus Attendants needed for 2026 – Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Please contact the office! It pays a daily rate.



Milestone Ministry

First Communion 4th Grade

First Communion is considered a milestone in the faith life of our young people as we work together towards their 6-8 grade Confirmation milestone (Affirmation of Baptism), as they fully claim this Christian faith for themselves. Dates/times for upcoming First Communion milestone participation are as follows:

Sunday, March 15 @ 10:45 am - students will paint their own chalice in ALC's Jerusalem Rm. Please bring \$20 to cover the cost of the chalice/supplies. If you can't make this time, please reach out for other arrangements.

Sunday, March 29 @ 10:45am - students and parents please meet with Pastor Ryan in the Jerusalem Rm to learn more about communion and bake your own communion bread.

Thursday, April 2 @ 6:30pm -Maundy Thursday worship service. Family, grandparents and godparents strongly encouraged to attend. Students are also encouraged to dress up.

2027 NYG Meeting

Sunday, March 22nd, at 10:45am

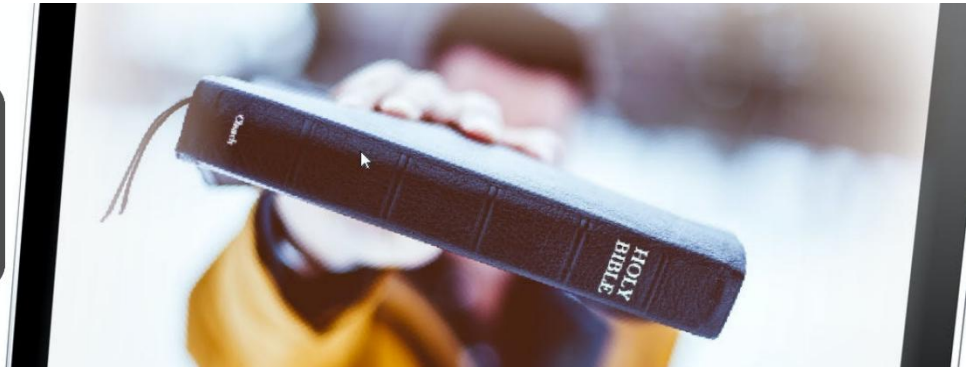
Please join Nikki in the Jerusalem Rm for an informational meeting about the ELCA Youth Gathering, which will take place June 28 – July 2, 2027, in Minneapolis, MN. This meeting is for both students and parents who are interested in learning more about this incredible opportunity. During our time together, we will:

- Share what the Youth Gathering is all about
- Hear from students who attended the 2024 YG
- Discuss projected costs and what is included
- Go over fundraising opportunities
- Review deposit amounts and timelines

By: Nikki Groshens, Director of Youth & Family Ministry



From the Pastor



Meet the Ministry Committee

Church Council

By: Ryan Chaddick, ALC Pastor

Who we are

Church Council is a group of elected members who serve alongside the pastor(s) as spiritual and strategic leaders for our congregation.

No, it's not all Robert's Rules* and spreadsheets (though those sneak in). More often, it's prayer, conversation, listening, and trying to discern where God is leading us together.

What we focus on

- Supporting the mission and long-term health of Atonement
- Stewarding finances and resources so ministry can flourish
- Encouraging and supporting committees and ministry teams
- Asking faithful questions about where we're headed and how we care for people well

How we serve

Council doesn't run the church for the congregation — it helps guide and support the ministry we share with one another. Members listen deeply, hold both present needs and future possibilities, and help create space for God's work to grow.

Why it matters

Healthy, thoughtful leadership helps the whole congregation thrive — not just today, but for the future God is shaping among us.

Want to learn more?

Talk with a council member anytime — we're here to listen, connect, and serve.

Who or what are Robert's Rules?

Not a person in our congregation. :) They're a common framework churches and organizations use so meetings stay orderly, decisions are clear, and everyone has a voice.



By: Michel Poodry

Can you hear us now?

WELCA is pleased to share that we have made a special investment in our congregation's worship experience!

Through a donation of over \$4,600, WELCA funded a much-needed upgrade to our sanctuary sound system—just in time for our Christmas programs and services. We are excited to support improvements that help everyone fully participate in worship, music, and special seasonal celebrations.

The upgrade includes:

- New sanctuary speakers
- New wireless headsets
- Updated cables
- A new sound board to support the enhanced system

These improvements provide clearer, more consistent sound throughout the Sanctuary, making it easier for all to hear the readings, sermons, prayers, and music.

If you need assistance hearing the service, headsets are available and positioned on the ledge around the sound booth. We encourage anyone who may benefit from additional audio support to use them.

WELCA is grateful for the opportunity to serve our church in this meaningful way. Thank you for your continued support of WELCA's mission and ministries. Together, we are strengthening our congregation—one project at a time.

HOW you can HELP

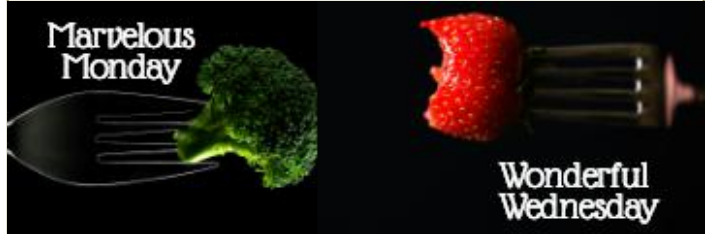
TEEN PANTRY

WORSHIP

usher/asst. minister/read/driver

SUNDAY SCHOOL

helpers & teachers



WW – 6pm No WW this month due to Lent

MM – 6pm March 23 @ Burritos Don Chuy

Planning to Attend? To ensure we have enough seating, please call (406-248-5313) or text Debbie (406-696-7029) at least two days in advance if you plan to attend. Thank you for helping us plan!



Easy Ways to Give!

In-person, Online, Mobile or Scan QR



ALC Financial Report January 2026

Ministry Budget			
Income	\$55,232.97	Expenses	\$47,851.37
Profit/Loss	\$7,381.60	Net Income YTD	\$7,381.60

Mortgage Fund			
Income	\$5,860.83	Mortgage	\$5,163.00
Profit/Loss	\$697.83	Net Income YTD	\$697.83

Clint Westrope, ALC Treasurer



Grow and share your Faith through one of the many opportunities for study and fellowship that fits your schedule!

- Hope Circle - Third Thurs/month @ 9:30am – ALC
- Men's Square - First Fri/month @ 6:30am – ALC
- J.O.Y. Bible Study - Wed @ 6:30am - Montana Jack's
- Wednesday Bible Study – Wed @ 10:00am – ALC



Atonement Lutheran Church Outdoor Ministry Camping Trips

Join us for fun, fellowship, and great food on our upcoming camping trips! These weekends are a relaxed way to enjoy the outdoors and spend time together as a church family.

Camping Schedule & Meals

Friday: Arrive at camp and gather Friday evening for a shared meal—usually chili dogs.

Saturday Breakfast: Breakfast together; everyone brings something to share.

Saturday Lunch: On your own.

Saturday Dinner: Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share.

Sunday: Breakfast together, then break down camp and head home.

Reservations

For **most trips**, everyone is responsible for making their own campsite reservations. When booking, please request a site close to others from **Atonement Lutheran Church**.

For the **August Church Campout (Roberts)**, **Sandi Gonzalez will make reservations for the group**.

Upcoming Trips

May 8–10: KOA – Livingston

June 12–14: KOA – Big Timber

July 17–20: KOA – Three Forks

August 10–12: Castaway – Roberts

August 21–23: Atonement Campground-Reservations call office 406-245-7004.

September 4–7: KOA – Sheridan WY

September 25–27: Gardner Sun Outdoors Campground

If you have any questions, please contact **Sandi Gonzalez** or the church office at **406-245-7004**.



Dear Atonement Family

Thank you so very much for all the Prayers, cards, visits and Love, I received as I recovered from my fall. I am so grateful for this loving church. God's Blessing to you all.

Sharlene Molyneaux

Home soon? Dinner's at 5:45pm



Join us this Lenten season for our annual **Lenten Soup Suppers**, held each Wednesday from **March 4 through March 25 at 5:45pm** in the commons. This special time of fellowship and reflection is a meaningful way to journey together through Lent as a church family.

Each evening begins with a simple meal of soup and dessert, followed by worship. After we gather around the table, we will move into a time of worship designed to center our hearts on prayer, reflection, and preparation during this holy season.

Lent is a time of renewal and drawing closer to God, and these Wednesday evenings offer a wonderful opportunity to pause in the middle of the week, share a meal, and grow in faith together.

Help Needed

There are still spots available to bring **soup and desserts**, and we also welcome volunteers to assist with **clean-up** after the meal. If you would like to help in any of these ways, please check the sign-up sheets located in the commons. Your participation helps make these evenings welcoming and meaningful for everyone.

We hope you will join us for food, fellowship, and worship as we walk together through Lent.



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Arya Westrope (Youth Rep.)
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LENT 2026
Feb. 18 - Apr. 3
Sun. 9:15am
Wed. 6:30pm

Tell me something good

Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

Save the Dates

- Palm Sunday March 29
- Maundy Thursday April 2
- Good Friday April 3
- Easter April 5

Bringing the Hope We Share in Christ to All!