

# *Atonement Lutheran School Newsletter*



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*“Teaching children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning,  
worshiping, and sharing the love of Jesus”*

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VERSE OF THE WEEK: (Isaiah 64:8-9 “...you are our father, Lord. We are like clay, and you are like the potter. You created us, so do not be too angry with us or hold our sins against us forever. We are people; be merciful to us.”

THE ROTH FAMILY: Funeral services were held today for Vera Krupp, the mother of Mrs. Roth, our seventh grade home room teacher. A memorial plant was sent on behalf of our entire Atonement family. Please remember Mrs. Roth and her family in your prayers.

SCHOOL CHOIR SINGS THIS SUNDAY: All students in Grades 5-8 are scheduled to sing this Sunday, December 3, at the 8:15 a.m. worship service. The support of our parents is truly appreciated. You provide this opportunity for the children to share their faith with the congregation, singing praises to our Lord! Children are asked to meet Mrs. Ruckman at 8:00 a.m. in the balcony.

THANKS, A.P.T.O.: Special thanks to our A.P.T.O. Holiday Shoppe committee, donors, and all of our parent volunteers for providing this fun opportunity for our children. The children really get excited to have this exciting opportunity to shop and purchase an inexpensive Christmas gift for a friend or family member!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS: The children have been practicing some really beautiful songs for this year's Christmas programs. Please help spread the word to family and friends. Invite them to join us for worship services which create feelings of great joy, as we celebrate our Lord's birth! This year's Preschool and Kindergarten program, “Ring the Bells, Christ is Born!” is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. The Grades 1 - 8 program, “The Night Shift before Christmas,” is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.

SPORTS: Our Eagles basketball teams played Tuesday against Messiah, Weldon Springs, in games which provided some exciting moments. Our girls team played first and won their game with strong defensive action. The boys played a great game but could not control some critical rebounds lost narrowly. The next league games are scheduled for next week against Grace Chapel on Monday and Salem on Tuesday. Go, Eagles! “To God be all glory...”

REST ROOM POLICY: Please note that students are not to use the rest room nearest the sanctuary on school days. Signs to that effect are posted by both doors. This policy is designed to assure that no child is alone with an adult in a bathroom and that no adult is alone with a child in a bathroom. This policy protects both. Thank you.

FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR -

**PARENTS' DAY OUT CANCELLED:** Because no reservations were received for our youth ministry's "Parents' Day Out" Saturday, has been cancelled.

**QUAKE BALANCES DUE:** Quake families are reminded that balances are due by December 14. Contact Debbie Grupe with questions at [grupeyouth@gmail.com](mailto:grupeyouth@gmail.com).

**MISSION TRIP MEETING:** Our first meeting to discuss the summer 2018 mission trip will be held on Sunday, December 10, in the Youth Room (by the gym) at Noon. The trip will begin the weekend of July 7, 2018. The destination could be Washington, D.C. Parents are encouraged to attend this short, 30-minute meeting with their teen. Other interested adults are also invited. This mission adventure will be open to anyone who is age 14 or older by July 9.

**ANGEL TREE 2017 VERSION:** For this year's angel tree drive we will be focusing on families who have experiences homelessness, and are moving into their own homes through the Lutheran agency Humanitri. We asked for a list of items needed by families as they set up housekeeping. While not exhaustive, these items are definitely representative of immediate needs for families who may only have a trash bag with all their possessions. Our goal is to provide items for up to eight families. To participate, please visit the angel trees located in the church entry. Choose the tag/s that you would like to shop with. Follow the instructions for tags; then return your gift (not wrapped) by Sunday, December 17. Contact Debbie Grupe through the church office with questions, Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOR ALL AGES:** Looking for a fun family event this season? Join our annual congregational Christmas Caroling event. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 17 in the school cafeteria for a light meal before dividing into teams to sing to our friends who are unable to leave their homes. For any questions contact Paula Viehman ([viehmanpk@gmail.com](mailto:viehmanpk@gmail.com)) or Debbie Grupe ([grupeyouth@gmail.com](mailto:grupeyouth@gmail.com)). Skillful singing is not a requirement. Please sign up on the weekend worship attendance form, or email Debbie Grupe to become a Christmas Caroler.

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