

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: (Romans 12:21) “Do not let evil defeat you; instead conquer evil by doing good.”

ACCREDITATION TEAM RECOMMENDS ATONEMENT: The Evaluation Team for national Lutheran school accreditation spent Wednesday and Thursday reviewing Atonement’s program, procedures, the following of education mandates, and records. They made observations and visited with school community members. They had positive commendations that they shared with us in the exit report.

The first commendation was the fact that Atonement successfully completed this new and very arduous, evidence-based accreditation process that requires a tremendous amount of time and work . Just ask our staff and committee members who did the work! A special note of thanks to all of the parents, staff, and congregation members who spent months working on these committees!

They were also very impressed with our facilities and campus, the climate with how engaging and good of children we have (which I frequently tell people - but it’s nice to hear others say it), the blessing of Pastor Mueller being so engaged and supportive, the dedication of our Christian teachers and support staff, and our admission process for new students.

A number of the team members also had high words of praise, noting how exceptional of a school nurse we have at Atonement. I told them that they could not have her. Most Lutheran schools do not have a nurse or many of the other student support services that our children benefit from here at Atonement. We definitely have much for which to thank and praise our God!

EARLY DISMISSAL: We will have an early school dismissal at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Our Child Care will be open and follow its regular hours of operation.

BAND CONCERT: On Monday, May 1, grade 5-8 band students will participate in an elementary band concert, at Lutheran High School North, at 7:00 p.m. The high school band will be performing that evening as well. The Lutheran North music department sponsors this annual event for students of North County Lutheran schools.

THANK YOU: Our sincere appreciation and thanks to students, parents, staff, and congregation members for volunteering last weekend at our Clean, Paint, Repair Day! A good number of projects were completed and made a noticeable difference in helping to keep things nice for our children. Thank you for all of your time and hard work!

FIELD TRIPS: We have a number of field trips in May. Parents are reminded that we must have signed permission forms in advance for students to be eligible to participate.

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION: The D.A.R.E. program will conclude for our fifth grade students with a special program and graduation event on Tuesday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. Parents are invited to join us as we help our fifth graders celebrate and share what they have learned through this important prevention education program.

WALK-A-THON: The annual Atonement Walk-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, May 12. This is the only fund raising event to help support our Special Education program. As a non-public school, we receive no public funding for children with special learning needs. Atonement is one of very few Christian schools in the area that provide parents of children with special needs the choice of a Christ-centered education for their child. Students help by getting sponsors for the Walk-a-thon. Parents help by getting their employers, business, or corporate sponsors to make donations. We also need parent volunteers to help set-up for the event on the playground field and pass out cups of water to keep our walkers hydrated. Thank you in advance for helping support our Atonement children with special needs!

Please send any walk-a-thon sponsor forms/money from students to the office Friday morning, May 12. Thanks for your help with encouraging students to support this important opportunity to help their classmates with special learning needs. Have fun walking!

Walk-a-thon Schedule

K, 1, 2, Child Care	10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
PreK (w/6th), 3, 4	10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
5, 6, Child Care	1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Grades 7, 8	2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

OUR MISSION PROJECT: Every day, at least 6,200 children die from hunger or hunger-related causes. Atonement's fourth quarter mission will feed children who are starving. Our gifts will support the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Christian organization. The cost for each meal is only \$0.22. Atonement will host a multi-congregation event on Saturday, July 15, to assemble 100,000 hand-packed meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. The meals are shipped to food distribution centers around the world to feed God's hungry children in body and spirit. For more information or to register and volunteer for this event, you may contact the coordinator at randyhenning@att.net

PRE-REGISTRATION: 2017-2018: Enrollment applications are being accepted for new students. Please complete and return your pre-registration form to the school office to help reserve and ensure classroom placement. With our new on-line EZ Care payment system, we have additional payment methods from which to choose in order to pay the \$100 pre-registration fee. You may call the school office and pay over the phone by using Insta-Charge accessing your banking account (no fee); you may send a check or cash along with the pre-registration form to the office; or you may use a credit card (2% courtesy fee).

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE: The Lutheran Elementary School Association's Building Blocks scholarship committee is meeting this weekend for awarding financial aid to families for the 2017-2018 school year. You may still apply on-line through TADS for any remaining funds. This is the agency utilized by L.E.S.A. for processing financial aid applications. You may also contact Stacy in the school office, should you have questions or need assistance with the application process.

THE LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION: Is seeking vibrant, collaborative, and versatile part-time certified special education teachers for the 2017-18 school year. Candidates should be individuals who love God, love children, and have a passion for Lutheran education. Please send a cover letter and resume to info@lutheranspecial.org.

VALLEY OF FLOWERS PARADE: Atonement will participate in the Valley of Flowers parade which starts at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Please meet in the Atonement parking lot no later than 12:30 p.m., before streets are closed to traffic. Atonement students, parents, staff, and fans have the opportunity to walk in the parade. We will carry school banners, hand out candy, school pencils, and other novelty items to spectators. We will join the parade when it reaches Atonement, walk approximately 1.5 miles, and end at the Knights of Columbus grounds near the intersection of Washington and Lindbergh where parents may pick up their children. Students are asked to wear school spirit wear. Atonement students who were in sports may also see Mr. Sitton to borrow back your jersey to wear. Donations of candy are needed and may be sent to the school office. We look forward to seeing you at the parade, May 7.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Atonement's Sunday School has classes for Pre-K and up every Sunday until Memorial Day. We also have an Adult Sunday School and Adult Forum (currently being led by Vicar Dan Johnson on the topic of understanding other Christian traditions). If you don't have your own church home, please join your friends at Sunday School! Contact Rob Webb at (314)-814-2012 for more information. (Of course, you are always welcome at our worship services, too!)

CONFIRCAMP REGISTRATIONS DUE SOON: Sixth and seventh graders who are interested in ConfirCamp at Camp Wartburg this June, please grab a form from the Youth Ministry bulletin board. All forms and your fees are due by May 1 to Debbie Grupe, event registrar. You may contact her or Vicar Dan Johnson if you have questions about this exciting week with middle school youth from other churches.

ReNew—CHANGE THE WORLD!: VBS is coming. Our VBS with the "green" theme of "ReNew" will be a joint effort this year with the Lutheran Church of the Living Christ in Florissant. It will be held here at Atonement, July 24- 28, beginning each evening with a 5:00 supper for all and ending at 8:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. The team is ready to sign up volunteers, grade 7 through adult. Whether your interests lie in decorating, leading games, hosting one of our activity rotations, leading music or preparing nutritious snacks, VBS can use you! VBS is for ages 3 and up. If you are in 7th grade or older, you may volunteer for a leadership role. Please indicate your interest on the attendance form when you are in worship, or contact Debbie Grupe or Kimberly Rea for more information. Our next planning session will be Sunday, April 30, from Noon until 1:30 p.m. Come catch the excitement!

SUMMER CHILD CARE: We are in need of these items for our summer program. You may drop these items off at the child care center: baby food jars, music CDs, coffee canisters, egg cartons, empty tissue boxes, toilet paper rolls, empty water/soda bottles, and glass jars (assorted sizes).

NEED A VACATION?: Are you looking for a great getaway for the summer? How about a 3-day, 2-night vacation at a 5-star Westgate resort in one of the following destinations? The sites available are Orlando, Branson, Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach, Gatlinburg, and Park City. Friends of Lutheran North will offer this unbelievable package to one lucky winner along with a complimentary bottle of wine with all the trimmings. They are selling raffle tickets for \$5.00 per ticket available between services or through one of your friendly Lutheran North students, May 21 – 27. They will call the lucky winner and announce it in the newsletter. Good luck!!!!

FEES/TUITION RECORDS RELEASE POLICY: Please remember that all accounts and fees must be current (not past due) in order for students to receive report cards or school records.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE: Yearbooks are available and may be purchased through the school office on a first come basis while supplies last. Purchase price is \$15.00. Thanks go to our yearbook committee for an outstanding job!

