

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

May 8-9, 2021

SOME NUMBERS DO MATTER

It is a truism in church circles that “numbers don’t matter.” What matters is faithfulness in worship, in teaching, in service, and in witness. True enough.

But, when it comes to our May 16 gathering, some numbers do matter. The first is the number 75. This is the required quorum for a congregation meeting in order to transact necessary business, such as electing leaders and approving a spending plan. This will be the first such meeting in 18 months, and an outdoor setting was selected so all members could feel comfortable taking part.

The second number is a matter of courtesy for those who are kindly providing the complimentary lunch. They want to have enough sandwiches, chips, and dessert for everyone, but they don’t want food to go to waste.

Since these numbers do matter, please register your participation using any of the available links, or call the church office. Thanks!



AND NOW FOR SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT...

...Worship, Meeting, Lunch, and Fellowship in the Park!

Join your Atonement family at beautiful Lakeside 370 Park next Sunday, May 16, as we gather for morning worship at the main pavilion at 10:00 a.m. Music will be provided by Joyful Noiz, led by *Jim Baumgartner*. Holy Communion will be a focus of our worship.

Immediately following worship, we will remain in the beautiful outdoors – the hopefully warm and sunny outdoors – for our annual May meeting, where we will conduct elections (*see following story*), consider a work-program/budget for the coming fiscal year, and conduct whatever other business is necessary and useful for our shared ministries.

Then, without further delay, comes lunch – pre-packaged sandwich, chips, and brownie from

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Jimmy John’s – and beverages provided by our Men’s Club. Then, stay, and enjoy the fellowship and the park for as long as you like. The park is located just off the Truman Blvd. exit on Highway 370 in St. Peters. Please make a reservation in advance – to help those planning for the lunch.

There will be the customary Saturday worship service at 5:30 p.m. on May 15, but no services on Sunday morning, May 16, at Atonement.

CONGREGATION MEETING ELECTION NOMINEES

Church Council: President - *Cathy Hohl* (incumbent); Secretary - *Ruth Blundell* (incumbent); Member-at-Large - *Greg Viehman* (position vacated by term-limited *Rick Brown*)

School Board: incumbents *Wendy Gehner*, *Wesley Johnson*, and *Lynn Zond*; plus *Derrick Hall* (position vacated by *Allison Hall*).



All seniors (50+) are invited to our next meeting on Monday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. One of our favorite presenters, former teacher and pilot Steve Galati, will take us on a tour of the Grand Canyon via his pictures and commentary. The church facility requires wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing.

2021 Tour Schedule (Tours are all-inclusive):

July 28 *The Muni* for “Smokey Joe’s Cafe.” - includes a tour and dinner. Bus leaves at 5:15 p.m. and returns at 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$85 per person.

Aug. 18-20 *Dubuque, Iowa* – Cruise on a paddle-wheel boat to the Quad Cities. Includes two nights’ hotel, meals, and entertainment. Bus leaves Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and returns Friday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$525 per person single and \$475 per person double.

Contact Don Kuethe at (314) 831-8478 or at dthekey@sbcglobal.net for details.



**2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR
TO BE ALL IN-SCHOOL**

Education for the coming school year will be all in-building. The School Board took cognizance of the opinion of many medical and education professionals that students learn better in a classroom setting and that there is no further compelling medical reason to keep children out of the classroom. The school will maintain whatever Covid-19 protocols are recommended.

Principal Rob Biesendorfer paid tribute to the school’s faculty, who this year have been teaching both in the classroom and by means of technology. He added that many students learning “virtually” have done excellent academic work.

He noted that classroom teachers are often the first to observe problems such as learning difficulties, vision and hearing impairment, and even abuse. “The growing consensus,” he said, “is that children need to be in school, not only for educational reasons, but also for socialization.”



GRADUATION SEASON

May is graduation month, and Atonement wants to remember in prayer all of our member high school and college graduates. Please notify the church office via e-mail, in writing, or by calling (314) 837-1224. Please indicate both the graduate’s name and his or her educational institution. Thanks.



**BLOOD DRIVE
AT ATONEMENT**

Please donate blood this Thursday, May 13, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Masks and appointments are required. Call The Blood Center at (866) 448-3253, or sign up on-line at bloodcenterimpact.org; use sponsor code 9645. For more information, call Joyce Pingel at (314) 740-2137.

ROOM AT THE INN....

...an Atonement “mission of the month” is currently housing guests at its shelter, instead of in churches, due to the Covid situation. They are in need of volunteer overnight hosts as well as of part-time paid housekeeping staff.

If you can help out this Christian ministry to homeless families, please call Cindy Warren at (314) 209-9181.



CHECK IT OUT...

...computer, keyboard, mouse, and monitor—all in working order—are available to the first responder. Call *Jaimy Suydam* at (314) 497-9110.