

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

July 24-25, 2021



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPDATE

As we move forward to the 2021-2022 school year, we do so with thanks and optimism.

Thank you to *Tiffany McClenton*, *Kimberly Kern*, and *Mosha Clyma* for accepting the offers to join our excellent faculty.

Tiffany McClenton has been serving as the part-time music teacher and now will be joining us full time, continuing her work in the music program and also serving as the Media Center Coordinator, computer teacher, and assisting with after-school clubs. *Ms. McClenton* has over 20 years experience in Early Childhood Education and Administrative Assistance, among many other skills.

Mosha Clyma will be serving as our full-time school nurse. *Ms. Clyma* is currently providing patient care in the Neurosciences Department at St. Louis Children's Hospital. She comes to us also with experience as Summer Camp Counselor and Director at Belton Parks Recreation Department. Her experience and skills will definitely be a plus for our staff.

Kimberly Kern has served in the Special School District at all grade levels, meeting the needs of children in all subject areas. *Ms. Kern* is currently serving as Teacher Assistant and Varsity Basketball Coach at Gateway STEM High School. She will join our middle school team, replacing *Ms. Ellie* who took a position at Lutheran High School St. Charles.

We are currently still looking for someone to teach our combined second/third grade classroom. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact me at rbiesendorfer@alcs-web.com. If you know of anyone looking for a super Christian education, have them reach out to me to schedule a school tour.

—Principal Rob Biesendorfer

JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Although the agenda was short, Council took the following noteworthy actions.

- ratified the appointment of Beth Brown to the Properties Committee;
- approved a proposal that permits Adult Choir to have its weekly rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings (instead of Thursday evenings) with the goal of making choir available for more people; and
- received a brief update from the Council subcommittee evaluating proposals to complete a self-study. The Council anticipates voting on the subcommittee's recommended action at the August meeting.



BRIEFLY NOTED...

...the church office will be closed this Friday, July 30, to accommodate staff schedule; ...floors in several classrooms are now being cleaned and waxed; please refrain from walking on newly-waxed floors until they have fully dried.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...

...next meets in-person at Atonement on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is invited to join. Call *Shirl Henke* at (314) 831-7032 or *Joyce Pingel* at (314) 740-2137.

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All fully-vaccinated seniors (50+) are invited to our next meeting on Monday, July 26, at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be treated to “Feel Good Fifties” bingo by Bill Wesche. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

2021 Tour Schedule (Tours are all-inclusive):

Aug. 18-20 *Dubuque, Iowa* – Paddlewheel boat cruise 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.

Sept. 16 *Union Station* - Visit the Aquarium and ride the Ferris Wheel. Includes lunch. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$90 per person.

Oct. 5-7 *Branson, Mo.*

Nov. 10 *Veterans Memorial*

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



ATONEMENT BOOK CLUB...

...next meets on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room to discuss *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede. We will follow current CDC Covid guidelines of no mask required if fully vaccinated. Contact Jan Koch at (314) 921-5434 or at njkoch@aol.com to let her know you plan to attend.

**AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH:
ATONEMENT’S ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Endowment Fund is our legacy to succeeding generations. As in past years, the Men’s Club will

match donations through a graduated formula up to \$100. When your offering envelope is posted, *Steve Rosenfeld* will be informed and will contact you to thank you for your support and to discuss the matching contribution from the Men’s Club, which includes entry into our football pool (“God’s Chosen Pool”) and barbecue gift certificates. Please indicate “Endowment Fund” on the “other” line of your offering envelope. Check out the August newsletter for more information.



Creation Care

**LUTHERANS RESTORING
CREATION (LRC)**

At the Central States Synod Assembly in 2015, the Synod approved working with Lutherans Restoring Creation and formed a Mission Table to introduce congregations and individuals to Creation Care. *Jan Koch* and *Jane Meyerkord* joined this Mission Table. Although Atonement already had an active group and a school “green team,” we had not officially joined Lutherans Restoring Creation. At its June meeting, the Congregation Council signed the Congregational Care-for-Creation Covenant. You can be a part of deciding what’s next by joining with Atonement’s Creation Care Team. Let Jan or Jane know of your interest by marking the attendance form. Check out the August newsletter for more information.



MORE SCHOOL NEWS

I am excited to share that our school has been asked to pilot a program for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) called “Talk Now!”, a program developed to be a prevention for underage drinking/drugs designed for Fourth Grade and up. The logistics include a kickoff for interested families and monthly discussion starters to be used at family time. Most importantly, this program has been used in other settings and shown to be effective. This is a great honor to be asked to do this, and it’s free. It’s for three years, but we don’t need to commit to that. It can also serve the community and addresses a current need. Looks like a winner!

–Principal Rob Biesendorfer