

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

July 31-August 1, 2021

NOTICE



THANK YOU

NEW MASK MANDATE BASED ON COUNTY GUIDELINES

Church Council has revised its guidance on masking at worship in response to St. Louis County's public health order requiring everyone to wear a mask in indoor public settings. Consequently, face coverings will again be required at all worship services beginning this weekend (July 31-August 1), for everyone five years of age and older, regardless of vaccination status. There is an exception for those with a health condition that prevents them from safely wearing a mask.

To avoid confusion, face coverings will be required beginning this weekend even if St. Louis County withdraws or revises its order later this week. Council simply won't have sufficient time to react to any changes and to effectively provide an update, although it will continue to act as soon as it reasonably can.

Thank you for your cooperation in what continues to be a rapidly changing environment.

—Cathy Hohl, President



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...

...meets in-person at Atonement next 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.



ATONEMENT BOOK CLUB...

...meets next 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.



FMSC FUNDRAISER

What's better than frozen custard on a hot summer day? Donating to a good cause at the same time! Visit Fritz's Frozen Custard, located at

1055 St. Catherine in Florissant, on Wednesday, Aug. 18, between 11:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Present a flyer (available at the Welcome Desk) and a portion of your sales will benefit the Feed My Starving Children food pack to be held at Atonement in 2022. Thanks for your support.

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.



All fully-vaccinated seniors (50+) are invited to our next meeting on Monday, Aug. 23, at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be “An Afternoon with Marge,” a humorous look at life as we know. Refreshments will be served.

2021 Tour Schedule (Tours are all-inclusive):

Aug. 18-20 *Iowa /Mississippi* – Travel to Dubuque and 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/single and \$475/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* - The Showboat, Titanic, “Jesus” and more. Bus departs Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. and returns Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$550 double/\$650 single.

Nov. 10 *Veterans Memorial, downtown and Lanterns on Locust* - Bus departs at 11:15 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$69 per person.

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

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.



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.



TIME FOR A ‘JOYFUL NOIZ’

The musicians of “Joyful Noiz,” Atonement’s praise band, led by *Jim Baumgartner*, will once again lead our worship on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the 10:15 a.m. service. Song selections will include some “old favorites,” such as “Shout to the Lord,” Christ Be Our Light,” Amazing Grace/Alleluia,” and “Come Now is the Time to Worship.”