


News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Dec. 15, 2024



God's Story

**Atonement Lutheran School
2024 Christmas Program**

The Kindergarten through 8th grade
Christmas Program draws near,

Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.



A holiday service with space for grief

Blue Christmas
12.15
6:00 p.m.

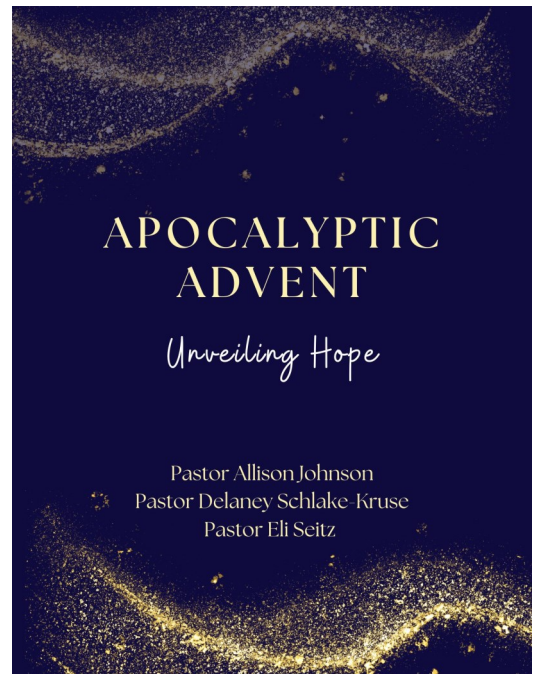
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**DECORATE**
the Church

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate yesterday.



MIDWEEK ADVENT
worship
WEDNESDAYS 7:00 PM
12/4
12/11
12/18



**APOCALYPTIC
ADVENT**

Unveiling Hope

Pastor Allison Johnson
Pastor Delaney Schlake Kruse
Pastor Eli Seitz

Advent devotionals written by Pastors Delaney, Johnson and Seitz. Available online or hardcopies by request only.



Seniors (age 50 and over) are invited to monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 16, at 12:00 pm in Fellow-

ship Hall. Enjoy a Christmas party including a program of music of the season. Please bring a side or a dessert to share. A meat dish will be provided.

Tours

For more information on tours contact Pat Furlong at (636) 447-5040.

<https://www.alcs-web.com/seniors-alive>

MEN'S CLUB

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT



Get yours now before they sell out!

Operating hours:

Monday - Friday 3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday 12 - 8:30 p.m.

HELP WITH ALTAR GUILD



If you would like to help fill altar candles, please contact Verina Ruiz at (314) 750-6202.

Help is also needed to help fill and replace candles. Please call the church office.

Holiday Office Hours

Church

Open: Mondays, Dec. 23 & Dec. 30

Closed: Dec. 24—Dec. 27 & Dec 31—Jan. 5

School

Closed: Dec. 20—Jan. 5

Save the Dates !!

Wednesday Night Advent Service, Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m., Holden's Evening Prayer

Sunday, Dec. 15—Blue Christmas,

Thursday, Dec. 19—Atonement School Christmas Program. All Welcome!

Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25, 10:00 am

New Year's Eve, Devotions and Family Fun Night, 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Watch for details on all these events in future N&N and weekly emails.



Do you want to help someone in need this Christmas? Our food collections from school and church are both for TEAM this month. They are much needed and appreciated. However, it turns out that what TEAM now needs more critically this season are personal care items, especially toilet paper. Not very glamorous, but something we all need!

Verina Ruiz, our member, who volunteers at TEAM says TEAM is buying toilet paper and giving two rolls with each family's food distribution. They receive food once a month! So, let's fill the narthex with a mountain of toilet paper!

Other important personal care items include diapers, feminine products, and toiletries. Please consider adding toilet paper and some of these personal care items to your food donations in the narthex for the next two Sundays!

TEAM Food Pantry was formed in 1986 by a group of churches in the north county area. Years ago, their offices were housed at Atonement in the annex to the A-frame. They are now located on St. Catherine and serve needy families in Florissant and Hazelwood

***RaiseRight – Formerly known
as Together We're Better...***

RaiseRight is the new name of Together We're Better. There are some changes, but that means there are more choices, and chances for earning!

New flyers are available at the Welcome Desk. Bill Meyerkord has graciously agreed to take orders and give them to Angie in the school office. When orders arrive, Angie will contact you. You can either pick them up at the school office Monday – Friday, OR Bill will have them at the Welcome Desk on Sunday morning.

If you do not want to have to pick up your gift cards, you can now create an account and order your gift cards ship directly to you! To enroll and create your account go to: <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll/D92C48684129>, or use the QR Code.



***Atonement School's Enrollment Code is:
D92C48684129.***

Once you have an account, RaiseRight will let you know of special offers, and you can download their Earnings Extension. The Earnings Extension will help remind you that gift cards are available for that product/company. It's a great extension to help you earn as much as you can.

Questions? Contact Angie in the school office at (314) 837-1252 or schooloffice@alcs-web.com



Ornament Making! Dec. 22

Kids! Come make a Christmas ornament next Sunday between services. Tables will be set up for you to make a Christmas ornament for you to keep or give as a gift. Stop on by!
Sunday School will be held as usual.



Wi-Fi Worship

Every Sunday morning, Jan Sullivan and Joan Torbeck worship with other members of Atonement, but not in the traditional way. Jan starts her computer, connects to Wi-Fi, and joins Atonement's YouTube live stream. Jan wishes she could worship in person but says, "This gives me a chance to hear the message and see friends." Joan remarked that with the live stream, "I can 'go to church' and see my friends even though I can't shake their hands." Jan, Joan, and about 60 others view the weekly live stream or recording. Some are Atonement members who cannot attend church regularly, if at all. Some must work Sunday morning while others stay home when they fall ill. The live stream and associated recording offer each of them the opportunity to participate in weekly worship.

Help is needed. The "Stream Team" was formed to operate the live stream every Sunday morning and for special worship services and events in the Sanctuary. The current team members can cover most services, but we need more volunteers.

If you want to learn what it takes to do a live stream and possibly join the Stream Team, please contact David Cole (314-921-4264).

**Stewardship/Pledge Card update -
As of 12/9/24:
37 households have pledged
Of those, 23 represent an increase in giving
Annual total of \$224,814
Thank you!
Keep those pledge cards coming!**

Attendance - Week of 12/8/24

8:15 = 58

10:45 = 60

Online = 48

Giving

Sunday 12/8 in-person: \$4906

\$3125 all other forms of giving from
12/2-12/6

This includes church income received
by all methods (ex./online, mail) and all
funds (missions, memorials, etc., not
only the general operating fund).



Giving back . . . to the Lord.

Your continued regular offering is essential to Atonement's mission of serving God's people in the future. You may mail it to the church office or use the donate button below or on our website to use your credit card. You can also scan the QR code and you will be connected to Tithe.ly, our online giving program.



Thank you!
www.alcs-web.com/donate

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We are currently projecting a **significant budget deficit** for the fiscal year ending in June 2025. Making a special gift to Atonement before December 31, 2024 can help prevent that shortfall.
Give back to keep Atonement's ministry alive! THANK YOU!