

News & Notes

Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Dec. 8, 2024



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!



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

The church will be decorated on Saturday, Dec. 14. If you would like to help, please notify Dave Johnson, or mark the attendance form. We will meet at 9 a.m.



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

Advent Worship

Fill your heart with hope, peace, joy, and love during Advent by worshipping on Sundays and Wednesdays. Sunday morning worship will be at the usual times of 8:15 and 10:45. Mid-week services will be on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. on December 18 at Shepherd of the Hills and on December 11 at Unity.

Evening services will be at 7:00 p.m. at Atonement on December 11, and 18.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church -
4161 Cypress Rd, Saint Ann, MO 63074
Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church -
8454 Glen Echo Dr, Saint Louis, MO 63121
Everyone is welcome at all services.





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



Christmas trees arrived! 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.

Save the Dates !!

Wednesday Night Advent Services, Dec. 11, 18, 7:00 p.m., Holden's Evening Prayer

Sunday, Dec. 8—Advent By Candlelight

Saturday, Dec. 14— 9 am Decorate!

Sunday, Dec. 15—Blue Christmas, see below

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

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

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.

A holiday service with space for grief

Blue Christmas
12.15
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Atonement
1285 N New Florissant Rd
Florissant, MO 63031



The 6th annual Christmas Concert at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, featuring the glorious 1924 Kimball Pipe Organ will be held on **Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm**. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The Scottish Rite Cathedral is located at 3633 Lindell Blvd, 63108.

Admission and parking are free, parking is available in the Scottish Rite Parking Garage around the back of the Cathedral on 3634 Olive, and **entrance to the Cathedral is only available via the Skywalk located on the 3rd level of the parking garage**. Note: The doors at the front of the cathedral along Lindell will NOT be open. Be sure to let the parking garage attendant know that you are with the Scottish Rite to get free parking.

Performance will be given by Keith Tomazi, staff organist. He will perform for about an hour, afterwards is an "open console" meaning that the audience is invited to come up to the choir loft to see the console, take pictures, ask questions and play it if they would care to do so. Fun Facts about the Kimball organ will be displayed during the performance. A sign-up sheet for people interested in a tour of up to two of the pipe chambers will be available.

The Kimball organ celebrated its 100th birthday in October, so this is a particularly special concert.

I hope to see you there!



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).

Dave & Busters Power Cards to Support Atonement School



Flyers were handed out with your bulletin today. 50% PROFIT! Purchase through Dec. 13. Use the QR code or their website to purchase. Cards can't be purchased through school. Good at any Dave & Buster's locations. Contact the school office with questions.

**Stewardship/Pledge Card update -
As of 12/3/24:
33 households have pledged
Of those, 20 represent an increase in giving
Annual total of \$206,534
Thank you!
Keep those pledge cards coming!**

Attendance - Week of 12/1/24

8:15 = 57

10:45 = 45

Online =44

Giving

Sunday 12/1 in-person: \$3630

\$5757.36 all other forms of giving from
11/25-11/30) includes Thanksgiving
Eve

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

Lutheran Church of the Atonement
1285 North New Florissant Road
Florissant, MO 63031
314-837-1224
church.office@alcs-web.com

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!