

## Atonement Lutheran Church

**WEEKLY WORSHIP:** 

Wednesdays: 6:30pm (changes to 6:30pm Sept 4<sup>th</sup>)

Sundays: 9am

## ATONEMENT'S NEW SLOGAN, MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

The Visioning Team has been working for almost two years to develop fresh mission and vision statements for Atonement. They have sought advice from a synod minister, invited input from the congregation on many occasions, and worked and reworked the ideas and wording to reach a consensus on the final document. This document was presented to the Church Council which also provided suggestions. Finally, on August 22, at its regular meeting, the Church Council officially approved the Slogan, Mission, and Vision which appears below. All organizations and committees of Atonement will use this as a goal when planning their work going forward. Thank you team members: Larry Hanson, Michelle Larson, Loretta Anderson, Ella Anderson, Sheila Molde, Linda Schreiber, Larry Asplin, Sue Plahn, Steve Gabrielson, Kay Defries, Ralph Carpenter, Kris Boyle, Jean Klosowski, Bob Defries and Karen Vann. A fresh logo will be forth coming to replace Reach Up, Reach Out.

## Slogan:

Welcome, Worship, and Serve in the name of Christ

#### Mission:

Welcome all to share in God's gift of love and grace.

#### Vision:

- \*To be a welcoming and hospitable Christian environment
- \*To offer opportunities to grow our understanding of Jesus' teachings and the church's role in the world
- \*To provide meaningful worship services in a variety of styles
- \*To use technology to enhance worship, communication, and education
- \*To provide opportunities for people of all ages to become involved in mission projects, community service, education, and fellowship
- \*To build an engaging and purposeful children/youth program which fosters relationships
- \*To share our physical space with others in our community
- \*To partner collaboratively with other churches
- \*To be open to new ideas

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We invite new members to Atonement to attend an orientation on either Wednesday, **September 18**<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, **September 22**<sup>nd</sup> following worship. This is a great opportunity to meet others and to find out more about us at Atonement.

New members will be blessed and officially welcomed on Wednesday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>** and Sunday, **September 29<sup>th</sup>** services.

Please let the office know which session and worship service you plan to attend.

Welcome Worship Serve

## \*\* YOUTH HAPPENINGS \*\*

## **REGISTER NOW**

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL





CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Registration is open. Students, ages 4 years old - grade 5, join us at Wednesday School. 5:45-6:20pm. Confirmation class starts at 7pm following worship.

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Mark your calendars for Wednesday,\_September 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be Parent Information Night for Confirmation and Wednesday school. The first class is September 11<sup>th</sup>.



Pizza is served at 5:15 starting September 4<sup>th</sup>; cost \$1.00 per slice. All ages are invited to have this meal together.

Bibles will be given to the 3rd and 6th grade students September 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let Mata know if you would like one, <a href="mailto:Program@atonementlutheran.org">Program@atonementlutheran.org</a>, or 320 252 6203x115.

We invite adults to join all three classrooms, 3 year olds-Kindergarten,  $1^{\text{st}}-5^{\text{th}}$  graders, and  $6^{\text{th}}$  grade and older. We have teachers for all three sections but need other adults to be present for our youth, to share their stories or to assist the teacher with tasks. Adults can come whenever they can, does not need to be a commitment for the year. Adults may be asked to read a Bible passage or help with a craft or just listen. We do need to do a background check for all adults. Just call the office and Laura will assist you.

## SEPTEMBER CLASS CONTENT

In September,  $1^{st}$  –  $5^{th}$  graders will be focusing on prayer and the stories of Creation, Moses and Joseph (with the coat of many colors). Confirmation students will have an introduction to the Bible and begin Pentateuch (Genesis). Both groups will pack for Pathways for Youth on September  $18^{th}$  with adults.



**2024 BWCA** 



## **SEPT 1, SUNDAY**

#### 9am Worship

10am Coffee & Conversation 10am Unity Spiritual Center 3:30pm Casa de Oracion Wrshp 5pm NA Anonymous 5pm Gamblers Anonymous

#### **SEPT 2, MONDAY**

Labor Day: Office Closed

#### **SEPT 3, TUESDAY**

9am Bible Study with Pastors 10am Men's Group 11:30am TOPS 6:30pm NA Anonymous

#### **SEPT 4, WEDNESDAY**

8am Bread Makers 8am Bible Online-Men 9am Quilters Noon Al Anon 5:15pm Pizza 5:45pm 3 yr old-5<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Worship 7pm Confirmation Class

#### **SEPT 5, THURSDAY**

Aug 8-11 BWCA 9:45am Bible Online-Men 12pm Bible Study-Women 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters

## **SEPT 6, FRIDAY**

1pm Prayer Beads 6pm Bible Study (Casa de O.)

#### **SEPT 7, SATURDAY**

10am NA Anonymous 6:30pm NA Anonymous

#### **SEPT 8, SUNDAY** 9am Worship

10am Coffee & Conversation 10am Unity Spiritual Center 3:30pm Casa de Oracion Wrshp 5pm NA Anonymous 5pm Gamblers Anonymous

## **SEPT 9, MONDAY**

#### **SEPT 10, TUESDAY**

9am Bible Study with Pastors 10am Men's Group 11:30am TOPS 6:30pm NA Anonymous 6:30pm Stamp Club

## **SEPT 11, WEDNESDAY**

8am Bible Online-Men 9am Quilters Noon Al Anon 2pm Knitters, etc 5:15pm Pizza 5:45pm 3 yr old-5<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Worship 7pm Confirmation Class 7:15pm Choir Practice

#### **SEPT 12, THURSDAY**

9:45am Bible Online-Men 12pm Bible Study-Women 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters 3pm Worship Committee 7pm Council Committees

## **SEPT 13, FRIDAY**

6pm Bible Study (Casa de O.)

#### **SEPT 14, SATURDAY**

10am NA Anonymous 6:30pm NA Anonymous

## **SEPT 15, SUNDAY** 9am Worship

10am Coffee & Conversation 10am Adult Ed: Sabbatical 10am Unity Spiritual Center 10am Pet Blessing 3:30pm Casa de Oracion Wrshp 5pm NA Anonymous 5pm Gamblers Anonymous

## **SEPT 16, MONDAY**

9am AARP Drivers Class

#### **SEPT 17, TUESDAY**

9am Bible Study with Pastors 9am AARP Drivers Class 9:30am Men's Group 11:30am TOPS 6:30pm NA Anonymous

#### **SEPT 18, WEDNESDAY**

8am Bible Online-Men 9am Quilters 11:30am Elizabeth Circle Noon Al Anon 5:15pm Pizza 5:45pm 3 yr old-5<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Worship 7pm Confirmation Class 7pm New Member Orientation 7:15pm Choir Practice

#### **SEPT 19, THURSDAY**

9:45am Bible Online-Men 11am Youth Card Ministry 12pm Bible Study-Women 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters 1pm Birthday Card Ministry

#### SEPT 20, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Casa de O.)

#### **SEPT 21, SATURDAY**

10am NA Anonymous 6:30pm NA Anonymous 7pm Itinerant Pitcher

## **SEPT 22, SUNDAY** 9am Worship

10am Coffee & Conversation 10am Adult Ed: Prayer 10am New Member Orient. 10am Unity Spiritual Center 3:30pm Casa de Oracion Wrshp 5pm NA Anonymous 5pm Gamblers Anonymous

## **SEPT 23, MONDAY**

## **SEPT 24, TUESDAY**

9am Bible Study with Pastors 10am Naomi Circle 10am Men's Group 11:30am TOPS 1-2:30pm Frozen Meals 6:30pm NA Anonymous 6:30pm Stamp Club

#### **SEPT 25, WEDNESDAY**

8am Bible Online-Men 9am Quilters Noon Al Anon 5:15pm Pizza 5:45pm 3 yr old-5<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm New Members' Blessinas 7pm Confirmation Class 7:15pm Choir Practice

#### **SEPT 26, THURSDAY**

9:45am Bible Online-Men 12pm Bible Study-Women 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters 6:30pm Executive Committee 7pm Council Meeting

#### **SEPT 27, FRIDAY**

6pm Bible Study (Casa de O.)

#### **SEPT 28, SATURDAY**

10am NA Anonymous 6:30pm NA Anonymous

## SEPT 29, SUNDAY

9am Worship

9am New Members' Blessings 10am Coffee & Conversation 10am Adult Ed: Book Review 10am Unity Spiritual Center 3:30pm Casa de Oracion Wrshp 5pm NA Anonymous 5pm Gamblers Anonymous

#### **SEPT 30, MONDAY**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Eric Vollen – September 8<sup>th</sup>
Jason Ploof – September 30<sub>u1</sub>

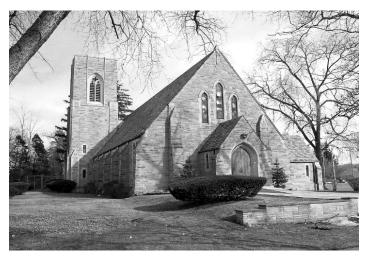
#### **HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!**

Pastor Tim - September 10th

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTORS

#### Loved into the Church as a Child...

Be careful, the Atonement program year is about to begin and you ought to be aware that loving kids at church has long-term effects. You might make an impression on a child that changes their life decades from now!



Whenever the beginning of a program year starts at church, I think about my childhood church and give thanks to the people who nurtured my faith. The picture to the right is Rosedale Park Lutheran Church. I attended the church as an elementary age child. It was a small neighborhood LCMS Lutheran church in the big city of Detroit MI. My family attended this church because we could walk there. On Sunday mornings, my godmother, Delores Gall, would stop on her way to church to pick me up along with my two sisters. Delores drove a convertible

and it was a cool ride in the summer and an even cooler ride in the winter for the mile drive to church.

Delores is seated on the left next to my paternal Grandma Vera (my daughter's namesake) in the ancient picture to the right. In addition to being my godmother, Delores was my first cousin once removed – i.e. my grandma's niece.

What was remarkable about Rosedale Park Lutheran Church was the tenacity with which they loved children. The average age in this church was somewhere close to retirement or beyond. There were only 4-5 families with children left in the congregation. Some of the families did not attend worship every week. What can a congregation do when this happens?



The approach that Rosedale Park Lutheran took was to reach out to children to whom they knew and bring them to church. They also figured out how to love those kids. The old folks organized Sunday school and managed to love those kids that came, even the

rambunctious ones like me! I was treated like a prince. Everybody knew my name. All the adults talked to me!

My godmother Delores was my Sunday school teacher for years. Her children were all grown-up, (I remember her daughter babysat me a few times and I terrorized her), but she was committed to sharing the faith with me and other children. I knew that Delores loved me, and church was a place where I was loved. I wish I could share all the lessons I learned there, but what is truly remarkable is that I remember exactly one story that Delores taught me.

The story was based on Matthew 18:6 – "If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea." Along with the story, I drew a picture that I can still see in my "mind's eye." It was a huge millstone tied to the neck of a stick figure sinking into the sea. I was very proud of this picture, despite my grade school artistic talent. This story freed and empowered me in ways that I still do not fully understand.

I am thankful for the love that I received at Rosedale Park Lutheran church and for the effort that the adults who attended there made on my behalf. My godmother loved me and welcomed me into church where everybody knew my name! Later in life, I was able to write my godmother and thank her for helping me understand God's love for me and

for being one who helped lead me into seminary.

If you'd like to make a difference in the life of a child, I invite you to consider volunteering for the Atonement Wednesday faith formation program. It's a "full meal deal" – in one evening, you can get a meal, worship, and the opportunity to influence the development of a child at an age of your choosing. The elementary age youth have faith formation before Wednesday Worship and the 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade youth have confirmation after Wednesday Worship. Adults are invited to participate in either group. Sadly, Rosedale Park Lutheran

closed in 1982, (the year I graduated from high school) after 54 years of ministry to a particular neighborhood. They never figured out how to integrate the congregation as the racial profile of the neighborhood changed and its founding members moved to the suburbs. Soon after they closed, the building was sold to a black Baptist congregation, and it quickly thrived again as a place that proclaimed the good news of the gospel!

- Pastor Tim

## PRAYER LIST AT ATONEMENT

| Family of Jeff Anderson     |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Brandon & Raelynn Robertson |  |  |  |  |
| Joseph Christensen          |  |  |  |  |
| Pat & Brian Robinson        |  |  |  |  |
| Melissa Atwood Reichert     |  |  |  |  |
| Connie Catherine Sanchez    |  |  |  |  |
| Bob Salmonson               |  |  |  |  |

| Lainey Matuska |
|----------------|
| Sunbeam Boys   |
| Jerome Sanchez |
| Leesa Stoffers |
| Liz Krause     |
| Annette        |

| Tracy N     |
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| Mark Allen  |
| Patsy Mader |
| Gina Prose  |
| Jodi        |
| Bettye      |

## \* \* OTHER NEWS \* \*

## **NEWLY BAPTIZED**

On Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Blake Allan Schwinghammer, son of Bret and Sarah was baptized. Congratulations!

## ADULT EDUCATION

Our 2024 – 2025 Adult Ed season starts Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the southeast corner of the Fellowship Hall after the service. Coffee and treats will be waiting for you. Bring your inquisitive mind and your questions!

## **September 15<sup>th</sup>: Sabbatical Reflections**

Pastor Tim will present a couple of stories and reflections on his sabbatical tour of Italy. The first story begins in Venice with a few interesting stories about the history of the St Mark's Basilica. Then he'll share some reflections on the Roman Catholic liturgy he and his wife experienced in St Peter's square. He'll share some slides of remarkable art and the stories behind the art that he witnessed in Rome. Finally, Pastor Tim will share what he learned about himself, and how that has changed and refreshed his ministry. Please join Pastor Tim and his wife Paula for this interesting slide show and story presentation.

## September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Prayer: What, Why, When, Where?

Member, Linda Schreiber, will explore these questions and foster discussion about our styles of prayer.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>: What it Takes to Find Your True Love, by Bonnie (Book Review)**Member, Arnie Burzynski, will talk about his five-year marriage to Bonnie and developing honest relationships. He will share how he supported and inspired Bonnie while she wrote her book.

## **CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN!**

Atonement's choir will begin their weekly practices on Wednesday, **September 11**<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm. Not only do they provide a valuable ministry, but choir members have fun doing it.



## **BOATS FOR LUTHER CREST BIBLE CAMP**



Jesus loved people. He also used boats in his ministry. Luther Crest Bible Camp is in need of good quality boats and lifts for their ministry.

Pass this need to anyone you know who has a heart for the Luther Crest ministry. If they would like to donate part of the value of their pontoon boat and lift, or the entire value, call Marcus Anderson at 320-266-5085 for more information.



## THANK YOU!

**Thank you** to serving groups for the treats on Sunday mornings.

**Thank you** to David and Sylvia Chase who continue to maintain our Flag display and for the new Minnesota flag. The Property Committee appreciates your support.

**Thank you** to Penny Gorman AND Linda Raiber for setting up Communion on Wednesday nights these past years. If you attend worship on Wednesday nights, please consider doing this ministry. Sign up is on the Communion Assistant easel in the narthex.

**Thank you** to Sally Reichert who has coordinated the Lenten soup lunches for the past 10 years. If you are willing to do this ministry, please contact Linda Schreiber.

## **CARD MINISTRY**

PLEASE HELP! Join us at **11am September 19**<sup>th</sup> to send cards to Youth of Atonement. At **1pm September 19**<sup>th</sup> we will be sending cards to members who will have birthdays in October.

## PET BLESSING SERVICE: Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am

The annual Pet Blessing is a favorite special service hosted by Unity Spiritual Center of Central Minnesota, and is open to all! Bring your dog, cat, hamster, tiny fainting goat, iguana, or other household pet to receive a blessing as part of the service. Have a larger animal or one that prefers its own company? Bring a photo so your pet can be included as we honor the Divine in these important participants in our world.

Dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on during service which will be on the lawn along 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Fellowship will be held outdoors following the service. Unity will provide plenty of water stations for the pets, and waste disposal bags. Please contain all pets with a leash, kennel, or carrier, for everyone's safety.

## ATONEMENT KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

There is a new group beginning at Atonement to create shawls, lap robes, chemo hats, etc or individuals' own projects while enjoying fellowship. They will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 2pm in the church library. September date is **September 11**<sup>th</sup>.



## **ARCHIVES**

Archiving Atonement's history is an ongoing project. Donated items can still be dropped off in the library.

## D-CAN'S CAREGIVER FALL CONFERENCE: October 24, 2024

Please see information on the community bulletin board (outside the fellowship hall). If you have a loved one with dementia, this would be a helpful conference for you.

## GREAT NEWS FOR OLDER DRIVERS IN MINNESOTA



AARP offers their Smart Driver courses (sometimes known as "55 and Alive" or defensive driving classes) at Atonement, with Debbie Grzybowski as instructor. The cost of the classes remains at \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for

non-members. Two classes are scheduled for you to choose one: Monday, **September 16**<sup>th</sup> at 9am, or Tuesday, **September 17**<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Register with the Atonement office.

By taking a driver refresher course every three years, drivers learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate their vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment AND keeps a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums.

## 2024 NFL PIGSKIN PICK'EM LEAGUE SIGN-UP NOW!

Football fans, the best season of the year is about to begin! It's time to sign-up for the Atonement 2024 PigSkin Pick'em League. Each week pick your winners and try to beat Pastor Tim! <u>Sign-up here</u>.





## ITINERANT PITCHER IS BACK

Join Pastors and others on **September 21<sup>st</sup>**, 7-8:30pm at Milk and Honey, 11738 Co Rd 51, St Joseph.

## **JOIN IN SERVING**

All committees will welcome new people. Consider joining one based on your interest.

This month: Children/Youth Ministry: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at church

Mission: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at church Property: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at church Evangelism: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at church Adult Education: September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Worship: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 3pm at church



## **WOMEN: MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The Women of the ELCA Southwest Synod's Fall conference is **October 5**<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with registration at 8:30am, conference 9am to 1pm.

## \*\*JOB OPENING\*\*

Atonement has a temporary part time Office Support position open. This position will be year-round and involve 10 hours per week or 20 hours per 2 weeks' pay period. Job duties include: publish newsletter, ordering supplies for special ministry projects, timely planned communication with volunteers, ability to use Realm (training provided) to update member information/to produce necessary lists, support education staff, and other tasks as needed/assigned by pastors. Wage will be \$15/hour. If interested, please contact either Pastor John or Pastor Tim with your job experience and to schedule an interview. Position will continue to be posted until filled.

## A LETTER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The 2024 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Our Stewardship Team will be active between the end of August through Consecration Sunday on November 24, 2024.

This year our theme is "Share the Gift of God". We are relying upon four major premises supported by scripture:

- It is important to graciously receive.
- It is important to graciously give.
- God is the beginning of receiving and giving.
- We receive gifts from God and then we share those gifts with others.

#### As Paul wrote to the church in Corinth:

Each of you must give according to as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. II Corinthians 9:7-8

Over the next few months, the Stewardship Team will be putting up posters, writing articles in the newsletter, and providing updates on the Church's website regarding various opportunities provided by our church based upon your gifts to the General Fund. We plan to continue using our Confirmation of Attendance cards and our Estimate of Giving cards. We also plan to have a brunch following the Consecration Sunday service. There will be a few changes, however. We will not be presenting temple talks in November, and our Attendance, and Giving cards will colored primarily in yellow and green as will our posters. This will help distinguish your gifts to the General Fund for budgeted items such as worship, education, fellowship, property, mission, and youth, from your gifts to the Capital Campaign and your gifts to specific unbudgeted items, such as Mission of the Month.

The church council has asked the Stewardship Team to specifically distinguish pledged gifts to the General Fund as part of our annual Stewardship Campaign from pledged gifts to the Capital Campaign. Both campaigns are important. However, they have different goals. As noted above, General Fund pledges are used to help us establish our annual church budget. The Capital Campaign has two goals. The first goal is to pay off the mortgage on the church property. If we can do so, it will free up between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per year that are currently coming out General Fund giving. By paying off the mortgage, it will be possible to either have more funds for programs, staff, etc., or it would make it possible to reduce the annual budget.

The second goal of the Capital Campaign is to have funds available for paying street improvement assessments that we know will be charged within the next several years. It is not certain when the street improvements will be made.

Capital Campaign giving, like paying off any debt is premised on "taking care of our own house" and reducing risk. Significant Capital Campaign gifts and pledges have already been made by our congregation, with a pending request for additional pledges planned for September, 2024. The main color for the Capital Campaign pledge cards is purple. This will distinguish the Capital Campaign pledge cards from the General Fund pledge cards, which are yellow and green.

Very truly yours, Stewardship Team

# MISSION

## **ATONEMENT'S**

OF THE MONTH

September Mission of the Month: Helps International

The HELPS community is addressing the root causes of poverty in Guatemala with a unique integrated approach focused on four key agriculture, community development, education healthcare. Medical and lay persons from Atonement and around



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MN, have traveled with a group to Guatemala. These teams have provided medical care to many remote areas of the country. https://www.helpsintl.org/

## HELP NEEDED

Help is needed at Lincoln Center (Homeless Helping Homeless) sorting donated clothing. Atonement has been asked to do this one morning a week. Please consider volunteering and contact Kay Defries.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD SHELF:** Atonement Volunteers Still Needed!



Help your St. Cloud area neighbors and volunteer at Catholic Charities Food Shelf in September to assist shoppers and stock shelves. On-site training is provided and there are a variety of time slots of approximately 3 hours on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. Call Karen Vollen at 320-252-6230 and sign up for a shift today or scan the QR code and sign up online.

## FROZEN MEALS AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities distributes frozen meals as part of their senior dining program from our parking lot from 1–2:30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. For eligibility people to reach out to Catholic requirements we encourage Charities https://www.ccstcloud.org/ or call (320) 229-4584.

## **DONATION CENTER - Food Shelf Request**

- 1. Peanut butter and jelly
- 2. Gently used or new children's clothing for heading back to school.

## **MCKINLEY AREA LEARNING CENTER**

We will again support students through the school year, so please donate food items in the shopping cart just inside the Donation Center. Ideas: Cereal, fruit bars, cereal bars, fruit cups, pop top cans with soups, pastas, etc. Can openers are needed. Shelf safe milk, individual fruit juices, crackers, chips, and cookies are also welcomed. Thanks!

## **FACT: FEED AMERICAS KIDS TOGETHER!!**

Another opportunity for us to feed our community kids! Tim Eck, a young man who grew up at Atonement has designed and built food collection boxes to be placed in churches in our community. Look for his box in our narthex area. As you are able, please bring food products that are appropriate to distribute to students to support their weekend nutrition needs when not at school.

## **GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES**



Strategic donations of medical supplies and equipment are both sustaining and capacity-building. In resource-poor settings many patients can't pay, and healthcare systems are often crippled by a lack of equipment and supplies. GHM's supply chain is a lifeline for mission hospitals and clinics that struggle to provide healthcare to some of the world's most vulnerable people. Donated overstock and unused medical supplies from the USA

literally empower medical staff to save lives. Donated equipment, like an x-ray or anesthesia machine, increases the services a health center can provide. It may also make that center eligible for ongoing support from the local government health department.

For the past several years in September, Atonement has supported ELCA World Relief with making hospice kits. These kits consist of a washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, pick-style comb, nail clipper, band-aids, vaseline and a pair of rubber dish gloves, These items are then wrapped in a bath towel and tied securely, Marilyn Lisbon coordinates and enlists volunteers to pack these kits and deliver them to the warehouse in Fridley. The trip to the warehouse is set for Thursday, **September 26**<sup>th</sup>. If interested in packing and/or going to Fridley, please contact Marilyn or Kay Defries.

# ATONEMENT MEMBERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH THEIR DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER WORK.

July Mission of the Month, split between Madison Elementary and North Jr. High: \$2,629.00

August Mission of the Month, Pathways for Youth: Totals will be forthcoming.

Thank you to those who volunteered in August for the Habitat for Humanity build that we did with Together as One Catholic churches. Atonement will be asked again to participate in the fall build on **October 24**<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kris Boyle for more information or to volunteer.



## **FUNDRAISER FOR PLACE OF HOPE**



On **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, 11am to closing, Applebee's will donate 15% of your check (excluding tax and gratuity) to Place of Hope. You need a flyer of this event OR order online, entering DOINGOOD at checkout. Valid for dine-in and To Go orders; not valid for delivery orders.

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