



WILLIAM "BILL" STEPHENS

William George Stephens, 76, went to be with the Lord, on May 27, 2017, in Fort Myers, Fla. Our Atonement family was saddened to hear of his untimely death. Bill and Karen joined our church family on March 6, 2002 as associate members while maintaining their membership at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Erie, Pennsylvania. Bill and Karen were our official snowbirds and we were always glad to see them return to San Antonio in November.

Bill had a very extensive career. Upon retiring from the Air Force, Bill and Karen decided to stay in Erie, Pennsylvania. He didn't stay retired for long. He worked several contracting jobs in Virginia and several times at the Pentagon. He also taught school for three years. Eventually he came to San Antonio and worked for USAA before retiring after 22 years.

Karen is remaining with their daughter in Ft. Meyers, Florida, until everyone is able to travel to Erie, Pennsylvania. Karen would like to thank everyone for the cards and most importantly the prayers. Memorial donations may be made in William G. Stephens's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

[Newsletter Deadline – August 20](#)

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School for adults begins each Sunday at 9:30am.

Pastor's Scripture Class has been cancelled for July. His class will resume in August and meet on the first, second and third Wednesdays (August 2nd, 9th, and 16th) at 10:00am in Luther Hall.

The **Education Action Team** will not meet during the summer.

The **Worship Action Team** will not meet during July. Their next meeting will be held following worship services on Sunday, August 13th.

The **Adult Lunch Bunch** will be on Wednesday, July 12th at noon. They will not meet in August.

The **Congregation Council** will meet following worship services on July 16th. They will also meet on August 20th.

The **Quilters** completed 4 quilts in June. They will not meet in July. Everyone is invited to join us downstairs on August 15th at 10am.

The **Men in Mission** will not meet in July. All men are invited to join them in Luther Hall on Saturday, August 26th, at 9:00am.

There will not be a **4th Sunday reception** in July. The next reception will be on August 27th.

There will be a **5th Sunday Potluck** on July 30th. All are encouraged to bring a dish to share. We will provide dessert by having all the fixings needed to make your own ice cream sundae!



AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to all our students who have advanced another year in their education. We are proud of all of you!

PRAYERS

We pray for those who mourn especially the family of Bill Stephens, those who are ill or recently hospitalized or recovering from recent illnesses, surgeries or accidents; those serving our city and country, and those who are homebound or in assisted care facilities (Joyce Humes, Betty Fiorillo, Virginia Hamel, Erlinda Leis, Norma Otten, Milton Schram, Edna Long, Mae Mercereau, Fritz Baker, Mary Arredondo, Ralph Kuster, Carol and Don Jackson).

ADDRESS UPDATE

Please correct your church directories with the following update:

Fritz Baker
8627 Lakeside Parkway, Room 104
San Antonio, Texas 78245
New Phone # 210-670-8848

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE

The Worship Action Team has decided to change how we “share the peace” on a trial basis during our non-communion worship services this summer. When prompted members are asked to remain in their pews, turn to their neighbors and greet one another. Please do not “travel” throughout the sanctuary or carry on business during this short period as it will take place during the middle of the worship service.

Our website is www.atonementlutheransa.org.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANK YOU’S

Thank you **Sharon Thornton** for setting up and taking down the patriotic memorabilia table.

Eileen Mueller deserves a hearty thank you for setting up refreshments for the Bishop’s meeting at Atonement on May 30th. Bishop Tiemann and the pastors who attended were very impressed.

Thank you **Kathy Oertel** for decorating the church for Pentecost with the red flowers and banners naming the “Fruits of the Holy Spirit”. Also we extend our thanks to **Barbara Borth** for making the delicious refreshments for the reception following worship services on Pentecost.

A hearty thank you is extended to **Jason Robert Wenger Jr and Jay Wenger** for restoring the playground equipment. They spent several hours removing the rotten wood, the rope ladder, and the play house; replacing wood, sanding, and staining the wood; checking all the bolts and chains; and building a new wooden swing.



BIBLE TRIVIA

If an Israelite captured and married a woman from a city they took in battle, what conditions did God place on them?

- They must wait 1 year before having children.
- They must be blessed by a priest.
- She must convert to Judaism.
- She must shave her head and cut her nails.

Answer: Deuteronomy 21: 12-14

Vision Statement: *Growing Disciples*

Mission Statement: *Serving as the Lord’s Disciples*