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PASTOR'S LETTER



Those of us on Atonement's staff who attend our weekly staff meetings (Wednesdays at 1pm, if you're wondering) have started reading a book together called *Growing Young* by Powell, Mulder, and Griffin. The book grew out of a three-year research study in which the Fuller Youth Institute (at Fuller Theological Seminary in California) studied congregations across the country who were effectively loving and serving young people. They describe these churches as "growing young" because they 1. engage young people between the ages of 15 to 29; and 2. they are growing spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and sometimes numerically.

Pastor Kevin suggested this book to me as something we as staff could use to gain some shared language around youth ministry as we prepare to begin a search for a new youth director. It is worth reading for that reason alone. But I am excited about reading this book with staff – and sharing this with you – because this book takes a large enough view of ministry that I expect it to have an effect on many aspects of our ministry together.

For instance, the first of six core commitments they discuss is "Unlock Keychain Leadership." They present this kind of leadership as it relates to working with youth and young adults. How are we sharing leadership responsibilities – and authority – with youth? In what ways do leaders in our congregation hold onto the "keys" of leadership instead of sharing them with young people? Important questions for our youth ministry – but remove the language about "youth/young" and they are still important questions for all of us. How do we invite new people into leadership roles? How do we prepare them to lead well? What barriers do we put in the way of new people who are willing to lead?

Why am I sharing this with you? A few things... First, I want you simply to know that this is the kind of thing we do on staff (which I understand isn't new). It is also probably good for you to know that you may begin to hear shifts in how we on staff talk about ministry, particularly as it relates to youth and young adults. And, of course, if you find this interesting you are welcome to get yourself a copy of the book to read as well – if you do, I would love to know that and hear your thoughts about the book. Find it on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/4gZoxeK>

If you are involved in our youth ministry in some way, we may ask you to join us in reading this book. Those of us on staff who have begun reading it together are already excited about the discussions we're having. In particular, as we begin to invite people to serve on a new search committee for the purpose of seeking a new youth director, we will be using this book as part of the foundation for our discussions.

Troy brought many gifts to his work as our youth director, and did a wonderful job for us for over eight years. We are not reconsidering the direction of our youth program due to any deficiency in what has been done. What we are doing is using this interim period as an opportunity, after eight years, to consider how society has changed, how our congregation has changed, and therefore what changes would be beneficial in our youth ministries so we can make them now – and so that we can be clear about our expectations while hiring a new youth director. Don't worry, this won't be as involved a process as what you went through during the interim time that led to my call as your new senior pastor.

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MONTHLY UPDATES



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS MAY 28 – SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

- Indoors and online

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

- Outdoors and online

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3: OUTDOOR COMBINED SERVICE, 9:30 A.M.

Join us in worship as a whole church, including a dedication of new additions to the Atonement memory garden.

FALL WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10

8 a.m. Traditional Worship

- Indoors and online

9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

- Indoors and online

9:30 a.m. Kids BLAST, ACTS and Cross+Training classes

*See all worship options at
atonementmuskego.org/worship*

MARIAN WASIERSKI RETIRING FROM LUTHER MANOR

In addition to being our Caregiving Communications Coordinator, Deacon Marian Wasierski has also been a chaplain at Luther Manor – a position from which she will be retiring on August 24. She began at Luther Manor 14 years ago as a hospice chaplain, and has served as chaplain for the last 5 years. Congratulations, Marian! We trust that you will enjoy the well-deserved increase in free time this creates in your schedule, and pray that God will fill that time with family, friends, and experiences that fill your soul with joy.

ATTN SIMPLY GIVING USERS: SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

If you utilize Simply Giving, let Kara know if you would like envelopes for special occasions (like Good Friday or Easter), 13 total! These would be mailed directly to you on a quarterly basis.

Email: kara@atonementmuskego.org

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On the other hand, we don't have the benefit of having done some of this work already, like those on the contemporary musician search committee could rely on the worship surveys done the previous year.

Lastly, I would like to ask you to keep us in prayer – to hold those of us who serve on your staff in prayer as we lead our congregation and see to the day to day realities of ministry; to hold in prayer everyone who does ministry with and for youth and young adults here at Atonement, especially during this interim time; to hold in prayer the process of putting together a youth director search committee, and the people who will be invited to serve on that committee; and, last but not least, all of the youth and young adults of our congregation, that they may experience this congregation as a community that loves them, supports them, cares for them, and values the gifts for ministry that they have to share.

God's Peace,
Pastor Talley

MONTHLY UPDATES



AIR QUALITY + OUTDOOR WORSHIP

A reminder that we have started to monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI), primarily through Wisconsin's air quality map. This map uses the same basic data as the EPA's national map (gispub.epa.gov/airnow). **Anytime air quality is rated "unhealthy" or worse, we will move our 10:00 a.m. worship indoors.** Due to how quickly wind and weather patterns can affect air quality, we will wait until Sunday morning to make decisions related to air quality, and will do so by 7:00 a.m. If outdoor worship is moved indoors for a particular Sunday we will share that information through all of our normal channels.

Please be aware that even before air quality reaches the "unhealthy" level it can be "unhealthy for sensitive groups." Individuals who are considered more sensitive to poor air quality include children, older adults, and those who spend lots of time outdoors, as well as those with heart or lung issues. **Please make the best decision for you related to attending outdoor worship.** Our 8:30 a.m. worship service is always indoors, and both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service are live streamed each week. More information on air quality and safe activity levels is available here: airnow.gov/publications/activity-guides/air-quality-activity-guide-for-particle-pollution

If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Gene or Pr. Kevin (see page 15 for info). We look forward to seeing you in worship!

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrate a special occasion or the memory of someone with a bouquet of flowers for \$25, you may bring home after 8:30 a.m. service. Contact Kara kara@atonementmuskego.org by Wednesday of the week you would like the flowers purchased and featured!

CALL FOR ARTWORK: SEPTEMBER 5-7

MURAL OPENING & POP-UP ART GALLERY: SEPTEMBER 9, 6 P.M.

We will be commemorating the completion of our Mural Project (more on page 5) and pop-up gallery on Sept. 9, 6 p.m. **Regardless of age or medium of art, we welcome anyone at Atonement to submit a piece to our pop-up gallery.** If interested, plan to drop off your art at Atonement from 12 -1 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. on Sept. 5-7. More details to come in announcements and Sunday emails! Questions? Contact Isabelle isabelle@atonementmuskego.org

LUTHERDALE SUMMER EVENTS

Lutherdale in Elkhorn has many exciting events to offer this summer! Here are just a few!

Learn about all of these and more on their website: lutherdale.org

- Quilt Preview and Fish Fry: Friday August 11, 4-7 p.m. \$18/adults, \$10/ages 10 and under. Includes silent bids, gallery, crafts, fabric sale
- Quilt Auction: Saturday August 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Day Trips all summer long!

PRAYER CHAIN

Atonement's email Prayer Chain is a community of Atonement members who share prayer requests and pray for one another. To send your prayer request out on our Prayer Chain, please send your request to prayer@atonementmuskego.org. Deacon Marian Wasierski, Lorraine Behling (kbehling4@wi.rr.com, 414-422-1580), and Jan DeGaetano (jdegaetano135@gmail.com) can also send a prayer request out on your behalf. If you'd like to receive requests sent out on the prayer chain, please contact Kara Mendez (kara@atonementmuskego.org).

MONTHLY UPDATES



WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

After being on a hiatus much of the past year, the Worship Committee began meeting at the end of June. One of our first items of business was in response to a generous memorial donation given in memory of Larry Kipfer. The funds were designated for several purposes related to our traditional worship, primary among them being the purchase of hymnals.

The purchase of Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals had already been a topic of discussion in several ways before this, so it was not a long discussion at the Worship Committee meeting before the choice was made to start with the purchase of 100 ELW hymnals, which we began using in worship on Sunday, July 30. We hope those of you who read music appreciate having the music in front of you again during worship, and we look forward to hearing the harmony parts you sing!

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) UPDATE

Our Reconciling in Christ committee has been meeting on a monthly basis throughout the summer! After our Q&A Session in June, we compiled the questions asked, and will be publishing written responses to these questions soon. We are excited to continue important conversations about inclusivity and welcome at Atonement. Some feel that this process could be quicker and we should vote to become RIC sooner than later, while some still feel unsure about all aspects of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

However you feel about RIC, our committee is dedicated to having non-judgemental, transparent conversations about this commitment to welcome and all it might entail for us at Atonement (along with any other questions you might have related to this topic). Learn more about the Reconciling in Christ process on our website: atonementmuskego.org/reconcilinginchrist

MURAL PROJECT UPDATE

If you've attended worship over the past few Sundays in July, you might have heard about our Children's and Youth Ministry Mural Project! This project is being led by Isabelle Seifert and Anne Farebrother, with incredible support from volunteers, young and old! The project started with some brainstorming sessions with a few creative kids and adults in our congregation, and has blossomed into walls of bright, fun colors! Our Mural Project will continue through August as we work to finish the expansive mural in our Children's Education Wing. We will be celebrating our hard work on the evening of Saturday, September 9 with a mural opening event and all-ages pop-up art gallery (see our call of art on page 4). All are welcome to celebrate with us! Enjoy snacks and refreshments together, and hear all about the mural from our creative kiddos.

This mural was initially made possible the generosity of Jeanne Coughlin and Judy and Tom Larsen, who provided the funds to get our project started. We are doubly blessed to belong to a congregation that believes in the creativity and enrichment of our young people. Our Back to School fundraiser was a great success, and as a result we will have enough funds to design and paint murals in both of our Youth Ministry rooms!

Read more about the blessings from our Back to School fundraiser and see pictures of our work-in-progress mural on page 14.

JULY REVIEW



Pictures described from top to bottom, left to right.

MISSION TRIP STORY TIME, JULY 9

During worship on July 9, we invited our youth ministry students and leaders to share about their experiences on their mission trip to South Dakota! We are blessed to have hard-working and faith-filled students and leaders!

NEW BENCHES AND CABINETS

Check out our new benches in memory of Jim Weber and Darlene Duklas, and cabinets in room 201 fundraised by WELCA!



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Big thanks to Larry, Bruce, Neil, Michael and Paul for pulling weeds on the property yesterday! Atonement stays beautiful with help from amazing volunteers such as these.



SUPPORT FOR APC

Our self-care kit drive was a great success! Church in Society packed 50 kits to share with All Peoples Church. All Peoples' Food pantry and garden is in full swing! Thanks for your continued support of the pantry as they see record numbers of families in need!



JULY REVIEW



FUN TIMES DURING OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On Sunday July 16, we held a pet blessing during our 10 a.m. worship! It was so fun seeing everyone's furry friends.

On Sunday July 30, our Kids BLAST students and a few teen helpers and leaders hosted a cupcake fellowship after worship. We asked worship attendees to chat with our kiddos as they passed out cupcakes. In worship and beyond we are working to build authentic community bonds between all ages, and your participation helps build our mission!



WELCA



All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle. – Francis of Assisi

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and spending time outdoors whenever possible – it goes by too quickly!! Our WELCA Board Meeting is August 10 at 6:30 pm. We will be choosing a deserving woman of Atonement for the WELCA Trust Award, which will be presented on Women's Ministry Sunday on October 1. Watch for more details on how you can help out that day.

If you are interested in helping with the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please reach out to your circle chair or any of the WELCA Officers.

The WELCA Triennial Convention will be held September 19-21 in Phoenix AZ. Registration is \$425. See website for more details: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th at 6:30 PM. Lydia Circle is hosting and providing salads and appetizers and we will be making a craft.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR WELCA LEADERSHIP:

Elizabeth Circle: Shirley Littleton: shirklitt@gmail.com

Leah Circle: Terry Hagen hagentl@hotmail.com

Denise Kral: denise.kral@gmail.com

Lydia Circle: Nancy Hanks: nhanks49@yahoo.com

Jan DeGaetano: degaetano135@gmail.com

Mary/Martha Circle: Wendy Hunjadi: wahunjadi@arandell.com

Lori Schantz: planethyak@aol.com

Rebekah Circle: Sharon Holden: sholden41.sh@gmail.com

Ruth Circle: Pat Gallun: patgallun@yahoo.com

Mary Hoffman: maryandsadie@wi.rr.com

Sandy Zielinski: sgreenz556@gmail.com

MEN'S MINISTRY



ATONEMENT LEGENDS No gatherings until September 16. Enjoy God's creation, outside. – Larry

RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT (ROMEO)

Meet to chat and connect on the 3rd Thursday each month, 9 a.m. at The Forum, 4711 S 108th St., Milwaukee. Interested? Contact Bob Puranen: 414-791-4197

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Anne Farebrother anne@atonementmuskego.org & Kara Mendez kara@atonementmuskego.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Weekly Announcements can now be found in Atonement's Sunday Bulletin email and on the Children's Ministry page: atonementmuskego.org/children/#weekly-announcements

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Children, Youth, and Family Committee met on July 10 to both reflect on our past program year and to express some of our hopes for this upcoming year. This group of parents, teachers, and students have an incredible energy and rapport!

A few highlights to be aware of from this committee: Many of our high schoolers have found a special community in ACTS—and they are excited to share this! We are looking to offer more social events (check out the calendar for an upcoming Brewers Game and lock in!) and also look to spread this community—both amongst high schoolers and also to connect more broadly with the church. We know it has been a hard last few years (largely due to pandemic life) for middle schoolers to connect with one another and with Cross+Training. We look forward to placing special emphasis on building community amongst our middle school students. We are also looking for ways for our students to get to know people older and younger than them. We are excited for our middle schoolers and high schoolers support our younger kids and also be better known by the adults in our church.

CALL FOR ART & MURAL OPENING

We will be commemorating the completion of our Mural Project (more on page 5) and pop-up art gallery on 6 p.m. on September 9. Regardless of age or medium of art, we welcome anyone at Atonement to submit a piece to our gallery wall. If interested, plan to drop off your art at Atonement from 12 -1 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. on Sept. 5-7. More details to come in announcements and Sunday emails! Questions? Contact Isabelle isabelle@atonementmuskego.org

IMPORTANT STEPPING STONE DATES

These are the dates for the Stepping Stones up through February. No dates set for graduate quilts yet. Please also note that there are classes preceding each of these presentation dates and people should look out for info and sign ups for each of them.

- October 29: Confirmation Sunday
- November 12: First Communion (5th grade)
- January 21: Prayer Bear Presentation (2-5 years)
- February 4: Second Grade Bible

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| Hudson Sielaff | Benjamin Munzel | Paxton Huber |
| Connor Risic | Merrie Hittle | Brynlee Ehret |



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bit.ly/3wOG32I

YOUTH MINISTRY



Kevin Kretzmann Farrar kevin@atonementmuskego.org & Kara Mendez kara@atonementmuskego.org

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Did you know our CYFM committee is back up and running? This committee makes things happen in our ministries! Check out our committee update on page 9 to learn more!

FALL CLASSES, YOUTH SUNDAY, AND EVENT CALENDAR

Cross+Training and ACTS will resume on Sunday, September 10. We will also have a kickoff party and parent meeting on that day.

Cross+Training (grades 6-8) and ACTS (grades 9-12) meet weekly during the school year during the 9:30 AM service. In addition to class, we are adding a monthly 'Youth Sunday' this Fall in which Cross+Training and ACTS will participate in Sunday worship. These services will be specially-focused on integrating young people in worship and giving them a leadership role.

Our full Fall Youth calendar is coming to you soon! Keep an eye out for it on our website. In the mean time, check out the events we have coming up for August and September!

AUGUST

Cross+Training & ACTS classes do not meet in August

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| SUNDAY 8/20 | Youth Sunday |
| SUNDAY 8/27 + WED. 8/30 | Info sessions for ELCA Youth Gathering <i>Interested families pick one:</i> In-person: August 27, 11:15 a.m. Online: August 30, 7:00 p.m. Zoom link: bit.ly/ELCAYG-august • Youth Gathering Signup form: bit.ly/ELCAYG-signup |

SEPTEMBER

Cross+Training & ACTS classes: September 10 + 24, 9:30 a.m.

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| SUNDAY 9/10 | Cross+Training & ACTS Kick-Off + Parent's Meeting, 12 p.m. |
| SATURDAY 9/16 - SUNDAY 9/17 | Adventure Rock (Rock Climbing) Lock-in Meet at Atonement at 7:30 p.m. on September 16, return to Atonement about 8:30 a.m. on September 17. \$40/student • Sign up: bit.ly/youthlock-in2023 |
| SUNDAY 9/17 | School Kit Packing, 9:30 a.m. Monthly pre-meeting for ELCA Youth Gathering, 6-7:30 p.m. |

YOUTH MINISTRY



CONFIRMATION

Students Being Confirmed in Fall 2023

If you have completed two years of confirmation class, you will be confirmed on the morning of Sunday, October 29.

In preparation for this special date in your life of faith, there are two preparatory meetings for students and parent(s): Sunday, October 1 and 15, both from noon to 1:30 PM

Students in Confirmation Classes for 2023-24 School Year

8th and 9th grade students (and older students who have not yet been confirmed) are welcome to participate in Atonement's confirmation program.

All classes are on Sunday afternoons from noon to 1:30 PM. The first class is on Sunday, October 1. The list of Fall confirmation dates are included on the Fall youth calendar.

Invitations to participate in confirmation will be sent to all 8th and 9th graders on Atonement's roster. If you are interested in confirmation but don't think you'll receive this invitation, please contact Pr. Kevin at

kevin@atonementmuskego.org

STEPPING STONES: IMPORTANT DATES

These are the dates for the Stepping Stones up through February. No dates set for graduate quilts yet. Please also note that there are classes preceding each of these presentation dates and people should look out for info and signups for each of them.

- October 29: Confirmation Sunday
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YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

atonementmuskego.org/youth/#weekly-announcements

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING: INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AND MORE!

Atonement Youth Ministry's Summer high school trip is going to the our denomination's nationwide youth gathering in New Orleans. This is an amazing, life-changing week of worship, service, and community!

Informational meetings for the summer trip will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 11:15 AM (in-person) and Wednesday, August 30 at 7 PM (over Zoom). Please choose one of these meetings. Zoom link listed in Fall youth calendar.

To ensure that we have an excellent trip and to build community beforehand, we are meeting monthly starting on Sunday, September 17 from 6:30-8 PM. All youth gathering prep meetings are on Sundays from 6:30-8 PM. The Fall dates are listed on the Fall youth calendar.

Questions? Interest? Contact Pr. Kevin or fill out our registration form here: bit.ly/ELCAYG-signup

YOUTH LEADER NEXT STEPS

We are forming a task force to evaluate our needs for our youth ministry and how to best staff to achieve these needs before beginning our search for our next youth leader.

A lot has changed since Troy Mendez became our youth leader in 2015 and we want to ensure that we best staff our church to reflect the current ministry landscape and needs for our church.

SERVICE & OUTREACH



DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK DAY

We will not be meeting in July and August for a work day. Please mark September 28, 9:30 a.m., on your calendar for the next work day. Also, please continue to collect hotel size soaps over the summer for use in the kits. We can also use medium weight wash cloths and underwear in girls sizes 12-16 and womens sizes 5 to 9 (many people use their Kohl's cash to purchase these items). Enjoy the summer!

For more information contact Nancy Hanks 262-751-7451, nhanks49@yahoo.com

KATY'S CLOSET

If anyone has any medical equipment (walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc) that they are no longer using, they can be donated to Katy's Closet.

Please contact Mary Hoffmann for more details 414-916-1509

KNIT-WITS NEWS

The Knit-Wits will resume in September. We always need yarn donations! We typically use 4 ply (worsted weight) acrylic (washable) yarn of any color. We also accept monetary donations.

Contact Mary Mooney for more information: 414-425-3299

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE

I am resigning as the chairperson of this ministry. I have yarn and instructions available for anyone who is interested.

Besides the regular prayer shawls we have "Pocket Prayer Shawls". They were made for us by Pat Korth and Sophie Saustak and are about the size of a playing card. You can put it in your purse or pocket as a constant reminder. These are located on the Care Desk just outside the office along with the regular shawls or in the gathering space.

Recommended sizes for shawls are between 24-36 inches wide and 58-60 inches long. The recommended yarn should be a soft acrylic and you will probably need 3 skeins.

Jean Albers, 262-707-6231

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION: NOW THRU SEPT.

Collecting school supplies for local (All Peoples Church) and global (Lutheran World Relief) missions, such as: backpacks, pencils, pens, paper, crayons, rulers, colored pencils, markers, scissors, glue/gluesticks. Thanks for your support!

ALL PEOPLES CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Continued increase in pantry needs

- Need items such as: canned pasta, black eyed peas, canned fruit, baked beans, spam, deodorant, soap, lip balm

Garden Help at All Peoples Church*

- We need extra help harvesting food off the plants and tending to the raised garden beds!

Pantry Help at All Peoples Church*

- As the pantry continues to grow, we need help restocking shelves and providing hospitality.

Sunday Worship at All Peoples Church

- All are welcome! Join us Sundays at 10 a.m. Outdoors as weather permits.

*If you are able to help, please contact Renee' Stadler: r.stadtler@hotmail.com

SERVICE & OUTREACH



CHURCH IN SOCIETY

CIS will meet again on August 16 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201.

BACK TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our Back to School Fundraiser was a great success! Together we raised just over \$1,800. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. Read more on page 14!

SCHOOL KIT TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 19, 7-10 PM

Join in the fun at the Suburban Bourbon to fundraise for Lutheran World Relief school kits – more info to come soon!

OFH FAMILY RIDE RUN WALK

Saturday, Sept. 30 in Milwaukee, Kenosha, Dousman, and Grafton.

A morning of road and trail bike ride, walking and running routes, followed by a picnic lunch and fellowship. Together, we hope to raise \$160K for grants to our Ministry Partners serving neighborhoods experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA!

For more information, go to: outreachforhope.org/ride-run-walk

ALL PEOPLES CHURCH (APC) FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Jiffy Mix
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned Vegetables
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Hamburger, Chicken, or Tuna Helper
- Low Salt Spam or Ham
- Tuna
- Potatoes (Boxed)
- Dry Beans
- Rice (small bags)
- Rice a Roni
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce (canned)
- Tomato Paste/Sauce

Items always needed:

- Personal Hygiene Items
- Shampoo & Soap

MUSKEGO FOOD PANTRY

Due to a number of fresh foods and meats being left in barrels at the food pantry and spoiling before the workers can empty the barrels, **you can ONLY drop off perishables during the hours when they are open.** Or you can use the barrel at church and I will deliver it to the pantry. You can reach me at 262-707-6231. Thanks for your support of our neighbors. – Jean Albers S81 W19150 Apollo Drive in the Industrial Park | 262-679-6448 muskegofoodpantry.org

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. At the present time, they would appreciate:

- Pancake Mix
- Kid's Snacks
- Refried Beans
- Kleenex
- Jello
- Chicken Flavor Ramen Noodles
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Beef/Chicken Broth
- White Rice
- Baby Diapers
- Cash Donations.
- Canned Fruit
- Any paper products

BACK TO SCHOOL



Thank you to everyone who supported Atonement's Back to School fundraiser in the month of July! With your help, we have raised just over \$1,800 to split three ways between the Tepeagua Education Fund, All Peoples Church's School Kit collection, and our own Children's and Youth Ministry Mural Project!

The funds going to Tepeagua, El Salvador will help students attend school without being hindered by the cost of transportation and other monetary road blocks. Speaking of education in Tepeagua, we are currently in need of families to sponsor 4 students in their academic journey. Learn more at atonementmuskego.org/tepeagua

The funds going to All Peoples will help purchase more supplies for school kits going to families in and around the APC community! These backpacks and school supplies help their students feel ready for a school year full of learning.

The funds going to Atonement's Mural Project have already been put to use purchasing supplies and paint for our Children's Education wing! Next stop: the Youth Ministry rooms! We will be celebrating the completion of our mural with an opening and all-ages pop-up art gallery (read more on page 5).

Thanks again for supporting students in our community, in our area, and beyond!



STATS & CONTACT



MAY DONATIONS

General: \$42,074
Benevolence: \$561
Memorials: \$2,150

MEMBERSHIP INFO (as of June 2023)

Baptized Members: 250
 Confirmed Members: 500
 Associate Members: 2


PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Deacon Marian (see info below) or submit a prayer request at atonementmuskego.org/prayer if you have a prayer request for our caregiving team or for the Sunday prayers.

NURSERY CARE REQUESTS

Running an event at Atonement and need Child/Nursery care? Fill out this request form: [atonementmuskego.breezechms.com/form/d3025f](https://breezechms.com/form/d3025f)

Giving Beyond Atonement Thru May 2023



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

Hands-on Mission

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| Primary Benevolence ELCA | \$ 11,665 |
| APC | \$ 1,300 |
| ELCA Disaster Relief | \$ 50 |
| ELCA World Hunger | \$ 150 |
| ELCA Global Mission support | \$ 100 |
| El Salvador Roofs | \$ 6,600 |
| El Salvador Sponsorships | \$ 17,596 |
| El Salvador Water Project | \$ 1,000 |
| Habitat for Humanity MKE/Waukesh: | \$ 380 |
| Asylum ministry | \$ 1,915 |
| Kids Blast to World Relief | \$ 450 |
| Other Benevolences | \$ 380 |
| Care Giving Ministry | \$ 220 |
| Knit-Wits | \$ 414 |
| Giving Beyond Atonement 2023 | \$ 42,220 |

*These lists do not include all of the gifts and services given by many individuals and groups to a variety of other organizations and ministries.

CONTACT INFO & SPRING OFFICE HOURS

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Ministry Plan



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 LUTHERAN CHURCH

Year-to-date through May 31

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| Tithes & Offerings Received | \$ 264,486 |
| Tithes & Offerings in our plan | \$ 275,501 |
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| Expenses Incurred | \$ 312,920 |
| Expenses in our plan | \$ 303,797 |

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| Church Loan@4.25%ends 10/2027 | \$ 376,494 |
| OWC Loan @3.95% ends 5/2045 | \$ 247,406 |

In our prior 5-year history, giving through May should be 38.6% of our annual plan. On 05/31/23, we are at 37.1%. Detailed financial reports are posted monthly in the office.



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