



WEEKLY WORSHIP:

Wednesdays during Lent: Noon & 6:30pm
Sundays: 9am

WORSHIP NEWS

Easter Sunday is March 31st. As in the past, we will be enhancing the worship space with flowers for this season. There will be an opportunity to purchase spring flowers - to be used in the sanctuary - in honor of or in memory of special people in your lives. Look for the forms to help with the flowers in early March. They will be on the usher's table and in the office.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

March 24, Palm Sunday: 9am

March 27, Wednesday: No services

March 28, Maundy Thursday: 6:30pm

March 29, Good Friday: Noon and 6:30pm

March 31, Easter Sunday: 9am and 11am

Volunteers of any age are needed to help with Easter procession at both services. Contact Tim Schreiber, 320-293-3894.

DID YOU KNOW...

The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

The Lenten season culminates with Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday and the joyous celebration of Easter.

PRAISE SERVICES

Music on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm is lead by Jason Ploof. A meal is served most evenings at 5:15pm. Cost \$1 per slice of pizza. Once a month a different menu is served; donations are appreciated to cover the cost.



SERVICES ONLINE

If you are not able to attend worship in person, services are available on our Atonement website or You Tube. We need volunteers for the sound booth to make this available.

MAR 1, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Casa de Oracion)

MAR 2, SATURDAY10am NA Anonymous
6:30pm NA Anonymous**MAR 3, SUNDAY****9am Worship**10am Coffee & Conversation
10am Adult Ed:
10am Unity Spiritual Center
3:30pm Casa de Oracion Worship
5pm NA Anonymous
5pm Gamblers Anonymous**MAR 4, MONDAY****MAR 5, TUESDAY**9am Bible Study with Pastors
9:30am Men's Group
11:30am TOPS
6-8pm Unity meeting
6:30pm NA Anonymous
6:30pm Stamp Club**MAR 6, WEDNESDAY**8am Bible Online-Men
9am Quilters
Noon Worship and lunch
Noon Al Anon
5:30pm Church Supper
5:45pm Wednesday School
6:30pm Worship
7:15pm Confirmation**MAR 7, THURSDAY**9:45am Bible Study Online-Men
12pm Bible Study-Women's
1pm Pieces of Love Quilters
5:30pm Beginning Bell Choir
6:30pm Bell Choir
7pm Council Committees**MAR 8, FRIDAY**1pm Prayer Beads
6pm Bible Study (Casa de Oracion)**MAR 9, SATURDAY**10am NA Anonymous
6:30pm NA Anonymous**MAR 10, SUNDAY****9am Worship**10am Coffee & Conversation
10am Adult Ed:
10am Unity Spiritual Center
3:30pm Casa de Oracion Worship
5pm NA Anonymous
5pm Gamblers Anonymous**MAR 11, MONDAY****MAR 12, TUESDAY**9am Bible Study with Pastors
9:30am Men's Group
11:30am TOPS
6-8pm Unity meeting
6:30pm NA Anonymous**MAR 13, WEDNESDAY**8am Bible Online-Men
9am Quilters
Noon Worship and lunch
Noon Al Anon
5:30pm Pizza Supper
5:45pm Wednesday School
6:30pm Worship
7:15pm Choir**MAR 14, THURSDAY**9:45am Bible Study Online-Men
12pm Bible Study-Women
5:30pm Beginning Bell Choir
6:30pm Bell Choir
7pm Council Committees**MAR 15, FRIDAY**

6pm Bible Study (Casa de Oracion)

MAR 16, SATURDAY10am NA Anonymous
6:30pm NA Anonymous**MAR 17, SUNDAY****9am Worship**
10am Coffee & Conversation
10am Adult Ed:
10am Unity Spiritual Center
Unity Potluck
3:30pm Casa de Oracion Worship
5pm NA Anonymous
5pm Gamblers Anonymous**MAR 18, MONDAY**

Noon Book Club at Anejo's Sartell

MAR 19, TUESDAY9am Bible Study with Pastors
9:30am Men's Group
11:30am TOPS
6:30pm NA Anonymous
6:30pm Stamp Club**MAR 20, WEDNESDAY**8am Bible Online-Men
9am Quilters
9:30am Elizabeth Circle
Noon Worship and lunch
Noon Al Anon
5:30pm Pizza Supper
5:45pm Wednesday School
6:30pm Worship
7:15pm Choir**MAR 21, THURSDAY**9:45am Bible Study Online-Men
12pm Bible Study-Women
1pm Pieces of Love Quilters
1pm Birthday Cards
5:30pm Beginning Bell Choir
6:30pm Bell Choir
7pm Church Council**MAR 22, FRIDAY**

6pm Bible Study (Casa de Oracion)

MAR FEB 23, SATURDAY10am NA Anonymous
6:30pm NA Anonymous**MAR 24, PALM SUNDAY****9am Worship**10am Coffee & Conversation
10am Adult Ed:
10am Unity Spiritual Center
3:30pm Casa de Oracion Worship
5pm NA Anonymous
5pm Gamblers Anonymous**MAR 25, MONDAY****MAR 26, TUESDAY**9am Bible Study with Pastors
9:30am Men's Group
9:30am Naomi Circle
11:30am TOPS
6:30pm NA Anonymous
6:30pm Stamp Club**MAR 27, WEDNESDAY**8am Bible Online-Men
9am Quilters
Noon Al Anon
7:15pm Choir**MAR 28, MAUNDY****THURSDAY**9:45am Bible Study Online-Men
10am Youth Card Writing
12pm Bible Study-Women
1pm Pieces of Love Quilters
5:30pm Beginning Bell Choir
6:30pm Worship
6:30pm Bell Choir**MAR 29, GOOD FRIDAY****Noon Worship**6pm Bible Study (Casa de Oracion)
6:30pm Worship**MAR 30, SATURDAY**10am NA Anonymous
6:30pm NA Anonymous

MAR 31, EASTER SUNDAY

9am Worship

10am Unity Spiritual Center

11am Worship

3:30pm Casa de Oracion Worship

5pm NA Anonymous

5pm Gamblers Anonymous



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Be the one to say yes!

Please keep these people in your prayers as they guide our congregation. **All committees need more members:** many hands make lighter work! **If you are not currently volunteering at Atonement,** please think of your interests and the gifts you have and choose the committee or activity that is a good fit. If you want to explore options and learn more, please contact Linda Schreiber, 320-293-3894 or LTJSchreiber@hotmail.com or contact the committee chair(s).



Finance Chair: Jill Abrahamson

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Mission Co-chairs: Kay Defries, Kris Boyle

Adult Ministry Chair: Jean Klosowski

Children/Youth Ministry Chair: Ella Anderson

Property Co-chairs: Bob Defries, Thor Larson

Fellowship Chair: Ralph Carpenter

Stewardship Chair: Steve Gabrielson

Worship Chair: Sally Reichert

Committees generally meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

NEW DIRECTORY IS HERE!

If you had your picture included, you can pick up your complimentary copy at church. If you did not have a picture included but would like a copy, the cost is \$10. They are available in the office. If someone listed their information as private, please go to Atonement's website. If you have not set up an account, do so and then you can access the membership list including contact information. A few corrections (you can write on the directory page): Delete (320)291-7075 for Elizabeth Deeren; Gary Heltemes' cell number should be (320)223-9697.

YOUTH CARD MINISTRY

PLEASE HELP! We need help in writing 100 cards to young people of Atonement. Join us **March 28th, 10am-Noon.** Help for 1 hour or more, whatever works for you. Please contact Mata at 320-252-6203 ext 115 or program@atonementlutheran.org if you are coming later than 10am so if they finish before you are scheduled, she can call you.

PRAYER LIST AT ATONEMENT



Melissa Atwood Reichert
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FAITH FORMATION

** YOUTH HAPPENINGS **

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

During Epiphany, our confirmation class lessons centered on the Apostles' Creed with reference to scripture, multimedia study tools, and Luther's Small Catechism. As we move into Lent, most of our confirmation students grades 6-9 will match with mentors. Students and mentors typically meet before or after Wednesday evening worship, but are free to arrange other meeting times if need be. Some confirmation students choose to join the adult and/or handbell choirs during Lent in place of a one to one mentoring relationship. Interested in mentoring a student, or sitting in on a class after Easter? Come meet the kids before or after midweek Holden Evening Prayer services this Lent.

STUDENT RETREATS/CAMPS

Register NOW for Luther Crest **SUMMER CAMPS**. There is a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit upon registering. If the overall cost is a concern, please talk with Pastor John or Pastor Tim. The summer camps fill up fast so to have more date options, plan NOW! Online: <https://luthercrest.org> or call 320-846-2431.



Senior High Youth Gathering will be held March 8-9, 2024 in New Ulm. See pastors for registration. More information is posted at <https://swmnelca.org/event/sryg/>.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR QUILTS

Attention all High School seniors and parents! We would like to give you a quilt made by quilters at Atonement. Please contact Mata if you would like to receive one.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date: June 3-6. Interested in volunteering? Contact Mata.

A LITTLE LAUGHTER NEVER HURT

A mother told her young son to go to bed and be sure to say his prayers and ask God to make him a good boy. The boy's father, passing by the bedroom, overheard his son praying: "And make me a good boy if You can; and if You can't, don't worry about it, 'cause I'm having fun the way I am."

After church on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided I'm going to be a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us," the mother said, "but what made you decide to be a minister?" "Well," the boy replied, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit still and listen."

ADULT EDUCATION

In March, we will continue this season's Adult Education theme, "Vocation – carrying out ministry through our work." Though we can't all be pastors, we each have the opportunity through our work, paid or unpaid, and in our daily life, to do God's work in some way. Romans 8:28 tells us, "All things work together for good for those who have been called according to His purpose." Daily vocation is inherent throughout scripture and central in Luther's thought.

March 3rd: Questions your children have about **your** - **F**aith, **F**inances, **F**ears (about death) and **F**inal wishes."

- We will discuss the many questions that are on the minds of children who are thinking about and perhaps caring for aging parents. What's stopping you from sitting down and answering these questions now?

March 10th: "The Process of Dying"

- Centra Care Hospice director Paula Lindhorst, M.D. will join husband Pastor Tim in a discussion of the process of dying – the decisions that families face and the role faith plays in those decisions.

March 17th: "What happens after we die?"

- We will compare common cultural ideas about what comes after death with the testimony of scripture, particularly the promise of new life after death.

March 24th: Surviving Depression and Thriving

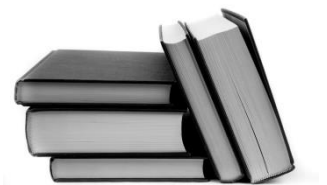
In his book, *Losing the Will to Live*, Arnie Burzynski recounts years when he experienced profound tragedies including the deaths of multiple family members; five by suicide and three due to violent car accidents. Years later, he struggled with severe depression, alcoholism, physical pain, and, on many occasions, the nearly overwhelming desire to end his own life. Yet, Arnie survived and found a path to living life successfully. He has learned to let go of the past and says that he wants to leave the world with something when he goes. Arnie wrote his book to share his story and to possibly help others overcome their struggles. Come meet Arnie and bring your questions. Book is available for purchase in the Book Nook.

March 31st: Easter Sunday

There will be no Adult Education. It will start again on April 7th.

ATONEMENT'S LIBRARY

The library at Atonement, located next to the office, has resources that members can check out and return when finished. For children and adults, there are a variety of books, DVDs, bibles. Explore at your leisure.



BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook continues to have napkins, cards, Bibles, children and adult books including meditation books. Atonement's member, Arnie Burzynski has his book, *Losing the Will to Live*, for sale as well.

LETTER FROM YOUR PASTORS

It's already Lent. We hit Ash Wednesday just 10 days shy of its earliest possible date, so we didn't lose all of Epiphany, but the journey to Holy Week feels a little headlong.



Mark's gospel, which we and other congregations that follow the Revised Common Lectionary, will be reading and hearing most of this year in worship, also can feel headlong. Mark doesn't take as much time as the other gospel writers to describe events in Jesus' ministry or to report how Jesus and those whom he taught, healed, or debated thought and felt. He doesn't spend many words transitioning between settings and events.

Mark's direct, even terse, way of telling the story can frustrate readers and hearers. (How often does a writer need to use "immediately", after all? Did Jesus never slow down?) But what Mark sacrifices in detail, he more than makes up for in focus. Mark knows that the trajectory of Jesus' ministry is acceleration towards the Cross, and he wants readers to have that clearly in mind.

This doesn't mean that Mark devalues Jesus' miracles or ethical and spiritual teachings, but Mark, like Jesus, has clarity about which of Jesus' deeds saves the world. Jesus teaching us to be better followers of God's commandments is important, but the commandments don't save us. Jesus feeding thousands of hungry people, casting out demons, healing the sick, brings people into the presence of God's kingdom here on earth, but those miracles don't remove the sin of the world, break death, or fill mortals with God's own eternal life.

Mark, like Jesus, knows that our salvation is made real in and through Jesus' death and resurrection. As our Lenten theme suggests, "*We Know How This Ends.*" So, as we journey through Lent, may God's Holy Spirit give you the kind of clarity that Mark brought to his writing:

- A clear vision of the cross of Jesus the Christ
- A clear hearing of the promise that his death was and is for you.
- A clear path into and through your heart and mind and soul for the new life that Christ gives to enter and transform you.



CONCORDIA CHOIR CONCERT IN ST CLOUD

The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota will perform at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, on Saturday, **March 16**, at 7:30 pm. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, The Concordia Choir continues to affirm its reputation as one of America's finest a cappella choirs and will amaze you with their technical mastery and incredible sound. Visit TheConcordiaChoir.org to purchase tickets.

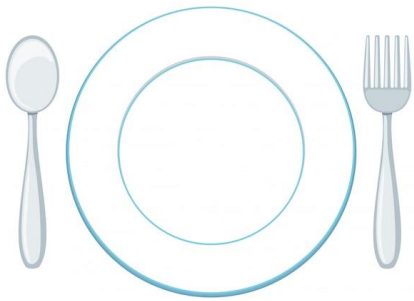
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Have you or someone you care about had a loss due to death, divorce or separation? Beginning Experience (BE) is providing a weekend for healing on **April 5-7**. Held at the retreat center at Luther Crest, Alexandria, BE is a program designed to facilitate the grief resolution process for adults enabling them to move on in hope. For more information or an application please call 320-319-8863.

FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY MEALS

Lunch will be served after the noon service the 6 weeks of Lent. Thank you to the Elizabeth Circle, the Fellowship and Worship Committees and the Choir for providing the lunches in February; March 6 will be soups by the Wednesday Quilters; March 13 will be soups by the Atonement Book Club; March 20 will be hot dishes by Pieces of Love Quilters. For the March 6th lunch, the Wednesday quilters are looking for help in providing food and serving the lunch. If another committee or individuals from the congregation would like to help, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Sally Reichert, 320-253-2932, if you are willing to help on March 6th.



During the school year, there is a **supper provided on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm**. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME! On most weeks, there is pizza, veggies, fruit, etc. We have a different menu once a month.

There have been between 30-40 diners. We still have March 6 and April 3 open. Thank you to the Pieces of Love Quilters who agreed to do the meal on May 8th.

If you, your family, friends, or a group would like to plan and prepare one meal, or to help others, please contact Sally Reichert for the Lent lunches and Linda Schreiber for the Wednesday evening meals. We welcome anyone willing to assist!!

APRIL CATERED LUNCH

Mark your calendar for our catered luncheon planned for noon on April 17th. Come and enjoy a catered lunch and a program following from Catholic Charities on scams and fraud prevention. Further information on this will be forthcoming. Enjoy Lent and wishing you all a Happy Easter in March!

ST CLOUD PUB THEOLOGY

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin) hosts on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6pm at the Martini Lounge, Red Carpet, Downtown St Cloud. You are invited. For the topic each month, see <https://www.facebook.com/stcpubtheology>.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS NEEDED

Men and women age 55 years or older who can commit 5-40 hours weekly, provide volunteer service to address needs of children and youth in community non-profit agencies, including schools, early educational programs, day cares, day treatment programs, residential facilities, and social service agencies.

Volunteers are paid an hourly stipend that is non-taxable, non-reportable, reimbursed travel, accident and liability insurance while on assignment, stipended time off and designated holidays, and when available, daily meal at site. Contact Catholic Charities, 320-229-4588 or toll-free 1-866-895-7992.

ATONEMENT'S



OF THE MONTH

March Mission of the Month: Minnesota FoodShare

Catholic Charities Pack the Porch will be the initial focus for March donations. All food and financial donations go to the overall good of MN Food Share.

Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 as a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful, and the need so evident, March Campaign became a statewide initiative just one year later and is now in its 43rd year.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves.

100% of donations designated to Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to participating food shelves.

- Feeding America reports that 390,000 Minnesotans are facing hunger. 30% of these individuals are under the age of 18.
- Minnesotans made a record-breaking 7.5 million visits to food shelves in 2023. This is up 36.4% from the previous record of 5.5 million visits in 2022, and up 102% from 3.7 million visits in 2021. Annual visits to food shelves are now more than double the rates of pre-pandemic visits.
- Food insecurity is present in all 87 Minnesota counties, but is highest in the counties of Mahnomon, Ramsey, Beltrami, and Blue Earth.
- Food stamp enrollment by Minnesotans in 2023 was the highest it has been since 2016.
- Pounds of food distributed by Minnesota food shelves rose by 10% in 2023.
- In 2023, food prices increased by 5.8% nationally. Foods most impacted by inflation included beef, fresh fruits, fats and oils, and cereal and bakery items.



Minnesota's charitable food system (food shelves and food banks, meal programs, etc.) continues to run at capacity. Increased food prices, growing inflation rates, and slowing wage growth have put a significant financial strain on Minnesotans, making it increasingly difficult to maintain food security throughout the year. Though the state has taken measures to decrease hunger in 2024—including an additional \$5 million in funding for Minnesota's seven food banks¹⁰ and implementation of the Free School Meals bill—massive leaps in food shelf attendance over the last five years suggest emergency food assistance providers will continue to be a critical resource to communities across the state. We envision a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. This initiative directly addresses these issues. We invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity in our communities.

Resource: <https://gmcc.org/hunger-facts/>

DONATION CENTER

The center, located across from the coat racks, has containers or a cart to accept the following:

- Collection of food for Salvation Army and McKinley Area Learning Center
- Place of Hope - Laundry soap and personal hygiene items ONLY
- Homeless Helping Homeless - Ramen meals, cereal, oatmeal packets, & hand soap (with a pump) ONLY
- Bus passes and gift cards for gas, groceries & leisure activities will be collected in a lockbox in the office and will be distributed to Anna Marie's Alliance, Terebinth Refuge, Sexual Assault Center & Pathways 4 Youth
- Used Cell Phones will be collected for Terebinth Refuge & Anna Marie's Alliance
- Coats for kids and adults



LINCOLN CENTER

The center is now open for housing and meals. Currently they are able to accept 10 people to stay overnight. Once more awake staff is scheduled, up to 24 guests can stay in the new modules. People can come during the day to stay out of the cold. While they do not have a kitchen to make meals, they do have space to serve meals. At this time the Mission Donation Center will collect ramen meals, cereal and hygiene items only. They are in need of dressers for the private modules; if you have one to donate, please let the Mission Committee know.

THANK YOU!

Atonement members make a difference with their donations and volunteer work.
January Mission of the Month, Luther Crest (camperships): \$4,862.05

MISSION AND YOUTH

The once-a-month Youth Packing Projects have been a huge success in educating the youth and participating adults about needs in our community. Financial support for these projects would be greatly appreciated. Starting with the Lenten Season, there will be envelopes at the Usher's stand specifically for project support. Additionally, the Free Will Offering collected at the Lenten lunches will be put toward upcoming packing projects.

- April 10th – Cookie delivery to front line workers.
- May 8th – Pockets of Hope – backpacks for children ages 12 to 18 at the Child Advocacy Group.
- Summer break – projects will resume in September.

BLOOD DRIVE

Atonement continues to host the community drive on the first Tuesday of every even month, 12-6pm. **April 2nd** is the next date to give here. Mark your calendars now as there is an urgent need for blood donors.



DATES TO NOTE:

The 11th anniversary of Pastor John's ordination is March 9th.
Marcia Handahl's birthday is March 15th.

VISIONING TEAM

Atonement's Visioning Team has been discussing and dreaming of what Atonement might look like in ten years. It's an interesting challenge.

A few weeks ago the members of the congregation were asked to participate in this visioning process by sharing what they "love" about Atonement. What wonderful things we learned! Perhaps many of you were able to view the Post-it notes which were displayed on the narthex bulletin board. The comments fell into definite categories...Atonement's *people* were the most identified "love"! The "love" of Atonement's hospitality – its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere - tied with the "love" of Atonement's many mission opportunities. Music, worship and fellowship were strong contenders among the comments. Thank you for your input.

In ten years, church may look different than it does now – that's not a bad thing. The Team's end goal is to create a vision on which we will refresh our mission statement. This will provide a guide as we move forward.

WANT TO DONATE DIRECTLY FROM INVESTMENTS?



For giving directly from your investments, contact your investment company and they will assist with the process. By having contributions sent directly to Atonement, you avoid having to pay tax on the amount. You can designate amounts, frequency, and how they should be used: General Fund, Capital Campaign, Mission of the Month, etc.

WRITE LETTERS TO LEGISLATORS

Lutheran Advocacy-MN (LA-MN) advocates for justice in the areas of hunger, poverty, and care of God's creation. They are asking people during lent to contact your Minnesota state representative and senator. The two issues currently are affordable housing and clean energy. As you try to get the attention of your legislators, you'll want to use your own words and personalize your letter as much as possible. They want to know what YOU think. Notecards or stationary can make the letter feel even more personal. A simple personalized letter, note, or email is usually worth more than hundreds of form letters. Contact Lutheran Advocacy-MN, for updates, bill numbers, or check the website <https://www.lutheranadvocacymn.org>, for additional resources. To find the names of those who represent you, go to <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>



A good letter will also include the following elements:

- 1) **Your Name & Address on Envelope & Letter:** Legislators want to know that you are their constituent and where you live.
- 2) **Who You Are:** Mention something about yourself, like what church you are from, and if you have first-hand experience with the issue.
- 3) **Ask for Specific Action:** "Please support..." If there is a bill number, this is the place to include it.
- 4) **Give a Reason or Say Something About Why You Care:** Speak from your heart, address the issue, or tell a story.

Mail the letters to these addresses:

Sen. _____, Minnesota State Senate, 95 University Ave. W., St. Paul, MN 55155
Rep. _____, Minnesota House of Representatives, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

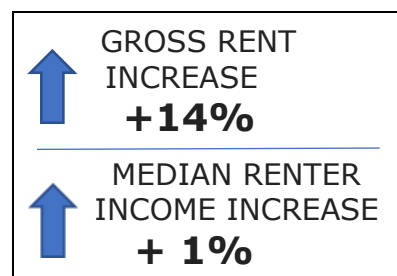
The Problem: Electronic waste is the fastest growing waste stream in the world, growing 3-5 percent per year. In fact, around 20 percent of waste globally is from e-waste, while it comprises 70 percent of toxins in landfills. Yet, most anything with a cord, battery or circuit board can be recycled. Out of 266 million pounds of e-waste generated annually in Minnesota, only about 24% is captured, recycled, and reused.

This presents a significant health risk, as well as an economic loss. E-waste in landfills leaches toxins into water supplies, while that burned in garbage incinerators puts dangerous toxins into the air we breathe. Some e-waste causes fires in waste hauling vehicles, landfills, buildings, and more. This adds expense to collection fees and taxes, not to mention damage to the health of nearby residents.

2024 Legislative Proposal: Change the definition of e-waste to include any device covered by electricity (This is a broad and flexible definition, which covers any device into the future, including those not yet conceived of).

- 1) Provide free accessible drop-off or collection of e-waste statewide for residents AND businesses.
- 2) Collect fees at the point of sale of electronic items (3-4% of item cost) to cover collection costs including disposal, shipping, up to two employees per collector, and an additional incentive per pound.

The Problem: Minnesota has had a **housing crisis** for several years. There is not enough housing, much less housing that could be considered affordable. The Homes for All Coalition believes that no full-time employee should have to choose between paying rent or filling prescriptions. No working parent should have to cut back on food for their children to make the mortgage. But that's a daily reality for more than 580,000 Minnesota households who pay more than 30% of their income on housing and don't have enough left over to make ends meet to cover basic necessities, like transportation and groceries.



In fact, almost 250,000 Minnesota households pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing, including 22 percent of all renter households and 7 percent of owner households. Since 2000, rent has increased 14 percent, while median renter income has increased by only 1 percent.

2024 Legislative Agenda:

- 1) Investments for new housing production and housing rehabilitation, whether through new direct funding or housing bonds (which can leverage \$3.00 to \$4.00 of private and other funds, for each dollar designated by the state),
- 2) More funding for safe shelters,
- 3) Emergency Rental Assistance (to keep people/households from losing current housing).

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