

Atonement Visitor

March 2018 Newsletter



Looking Ahead....

April 7th—Youth Garage Sale

April 11th—Spirit Trek resumes

April 29th—Game Feed

May 6th—Blessing of Summer—Toys and Fishing Gear

May 20th—Senior (12th grade) Sending- all 12th grader member are invited to this milestone, including those who were not confirmed, but you must contact the office or Pr. John to confirm that they plan to attend

May 20th—Dad's Waffles—donations go to support Youth Gathering in Houston—ticket prices and donations/help needed to be announced.

June 11th– 14th—VBS

July 31st—Aug. 3rd—Day Camp

(Details to be announced)

March Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

Worship: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9am and 11 am

No Worship Wednesday or Classes

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29th, 2018

Worship—6:30 pm

Good Friday

Friday, March 30th, 2018

Worship—6:30 pm

No Worship Saturday

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1st, 2018

Worship 7am, 9am, 11am



MARCH MINISTRY OF THE MONTH—FOODSHARE

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together various Minnesota organizations, businesses and places of worship to help keep **300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year**. The March Campaign is the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, having raised **\$8.2 million and 5.2 million pounds of food in 2016**, the most successful campaign in our 34 year history. We envision a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food and no one suffers from hunger. The March Campaign addresses those issues directly, and we'd love to have you join the fight against hunger. By increasing awareness and advocating for long-term solutions to hunger in our communities, together we can meet the needs of those who need it most.

2018 Lenten Services

- ♦ Midday Lenten Worship—12pm
- ♦ Midday Lenten Lunch—12:30pm
- ♦ Evening Lenten Dinner—5:30 pm
- ♦ Evening Lenten Worship 6:30pm

Adult Ministry

Adult Education - 10:10 a.m.

LSS Study on "My Neighbor is on Medicaid" Schedule

Every Sunday morning (10:10am) and Wednesday evening (7pm) of Lent

Lutheran Social Service of MN's study: "My Neighbor is on Medicaid" is the theme of this year's Sunday Morning Worship and Lenten Midweek Worship. This 5-session study, led by Pr John and members of Adult Ministry Team, is open to youth and adults each Sunday and Wednesday of Lent.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Gustavus is excited to offer a leadership development resource for high school students. STEP UP Leadership Development is a day-long experience that will introduce you to college level concepts of leadership and will help you develop a stronger personal plan for continuing to grow as a leader. The day will include three sessions focused on actively engaging students as you learn valuable skills and expand your vision for potential leadership possibilities.



When: Thursday, March 8, 2018 (**Registration deadline Friday, March 2**) Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minn. Cost: \$40 per student (includes lunch and STEP UP t-shirt). **This program is open to student groups as well as individual students who may wish to attend on their own.** For more information on facilitators, schedule for the day, or to register, please visit: [STEP UP Website](#). Students who complete the STEP UP program and attend Gustavus Adolphus College will be eligible to receive a \$500 annually renewable Gustavus Scholarship (up to \$2000).

Recent Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Mikala Campbell—Feb. 11th

Weekly Event

Monday

Praise Team Rehearsal - 7 pm

Tuesday

Bible Study - 8 am

TOPS Group - 11:30 am

Singing Saints - 7 pm

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study @ Caribou - 7 am

Quilting - 9 am

Lent Service - 12pm

Lent Luncheon - 12:30 pm

Spanish - 5pm

Lent Supper - 5:30 pm

Wednesday Sunday School - 5:55 pm

Lent Worship - 6:30 pm

Handbell/Adult Choir Practice - 7pm

Bible Adventures/Spirit Trek - 7:10pm

Adult Education - 7:10 pm

Thursday

Men's Bible Study, Library - 10 am

Bible Study, Library - 12 pm

Pieces of Love - 1 pm

Saturday

Worship - 5:30 pm

Sunday

Worship - 9am

Hive Time/GiFT - 10:10 am

Adult Education - 10:10 am

Worship - 11am

Laotian Bible Study - 2:20 pm

March Special Events

1st

Hospitality Meeting - 1pm

3rd

Celebration Choir Practice - 9am

Saturday Eve Fellowship—6:30pm

6th

Bloodmobile - 1pm

8th

Committee Meetings - 7pm

13th

Naomi Circle - 9:30am

South African Partnership - 11am

Prayer Beads - 1pm

Ruth/Martha Circle - 7pm

15th

SAVE - 7pm

17th

First Communion Class—9:00am

Intinerant Pitcher—7:30pm

18th

Back Door Bakery - 9am

21st

Last Lent Services

22nd

Executive Meeting - 6pm

Council Meeting 7pm

24th

First Communion Class—9:00am

25th

Palm Sunday

28th

Elizabeth Circle—9:30am

29th

Maundy Thursday

Worship—6:30pm

30th

Good Friday

Worship—6:30pm

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be opened January 2nd 2018. Class sizes are limited so register early. This preschool program is open to the public. If you have questions or would like to tour the classrooms, contact Kathy Young, Preschool Director @ 320 - 224 -6366 or by email - atonementpreschool@gmail.com



Looking for Blood Donors

This is a BIG request for Atonement members to donate blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile on **March 6th from 1:00 - 8:00 pm** at Atonement. Just one generous gift of blood can help save several lives. Call LouAnn Garner at 320-252-1555 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Rural Stearns Faith In Action

Now serving older adults in Saint Cloud and the surrounding area. Faith in Action connects seniors with volunteers to provide transportation, homemaking, chores and respite. Our Support Planners and Caregivers/Consultants are able to help clients and caregivers navigate resources and promote independence. If you are interested in our services please call Laura at [320-247-7044](tel:320-247-7044). Volunteering is very flexible and can be once a month or once a week. If you are interested in volunteering to make an impact in your community please call Cherise at [320 290 3428](tel:320-290-3428). Funded under contract with Central MN Council on Aging as part of the Older Americans Ace Program.



Extra Extra..

Do you like playing softball? Do you like be outdoors getting exercise? Well we have the best of both world. Atonement is planning on reform a softball league team for this summer. If you want to have fun hanging out with a great group of people then this is for you. If you are interested please contact Evan Grzybowski by email at evan-grzybowski@yahoo.com

ITINERANT PITCHER— SATURDAY MARCH 17TH AT 7:30PM

Come join the Intinerant Pitcher regulars at Jimmy's Pour House in Sauk Rapids for fellowship after worship. It goes from 7:30pm until you feel like going home.



First Communion Class

will be happening on Saturdays, March 17 and March 24th with first communion received on Maundy Thursday, March 29th. If your child is ready to take communion please contact Sheila Molde at sheilam@atonementlutheran.org

ADULT EDUCATION

Starting March 25, 2018 we will be starting the Adam Hamilton series of "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White, Thoughts on Religion, Morality and Politics". This is a 5 Session video—Based Study that explores the role of faith in the public life.

Let's Get Kids to Luther Crest Bible Camp! Discount deadline- April 25th



Luther Crest Bible Camp is located just an hour away near Alexandria. It offers campers new ways to dive into the Bible, make crafts, play crazy games, hang out at the beach and praise God through meaningful worship and campfires. Youth from grade 2 through high school can choose from a variety of camp opportunities, some of which have a specific focus. Surely there is something which will interest your child (ren). Forms are now at the Welcome Center and on-line at www.luthercrest.org. **\$75 discount for registration before April 25.** **Scholarship Assistance** is available through Luther Crest and Atonement.