



Atonement Ministries on the Move!

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Highlights for May

May 7 11:00

Mother/Daughter Luncheon

May 8 8:30-11:00

Mother's Day Brunch

May 15 9:30

Senior Sending

May 18 7:00

New Member Class

May 22 All Services

New Member Reception

May 29

Summer Worship Hours Begin

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Praise & Worship

Church of the Week Summary

A special thank you to all who joined hands together in service through Church of the Week ministry! The work of many allowed Atonement to serve the homeless of our community with a generous and joyful spirit. Through the participation of more than 160 volunteers, we were blessed to be able to provide 150 overnight stays in our building and 11 evening meals (serving 385) at the downtown outreach center. A sincere thank you to all who contributed in some way...

- Transporting and loading of linens from church to hospital laundry to church
- Grocery shoppers
- Evening meal providers and servers
- Evening snack servers
- Overnight hosts
- Clean-up crew
- Church staff for countless extra tasks

We thank God for this opportunity we have had to share our bountiful resources with the hungry and homeless of our community. See you next year!!

Kris/Kris/Mary Beth

Women's Activities

Wednesdays at 9:00 am—Quilting

May 3 1:30-6:30 Bloodmobile

May 7 11:00 Mother/Daughter Luncheon

May 24 9:30 Naomi Circle

May 25 9:30 Elizabeth Circle

1:15 Esther Circle

7:30 Ruth/Martha Circle

Mother/Daughter Banquet....All women and girls are invited to a special luncheon sponsored by the Women of Atonement on Saturday, May 7! A short meeting and entertainment will be at 11:00 followed by the luncheon at noon. The cost is \$5.00 per person; girls under 5 are free. Tickets will be available between services, or you may make reservations by calling Ann in the church office at 252-6203. The menu includes turkey salad (or cheese sandwiches for those who prefer an alternative), relishes, rolls, dessert, and beverages.

Bloodmobile...Thank you to all of the donors who found their way to the Armory to donate blood for the Bloodmobile in April! This was a last minute development and everyone cooperated so well. We met our goal that day which is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Carol McCall, Bill Bard, and Bill Garner for helping with the volunteer jobs. Thanks again and remember to donate blood here on May 3. By donating blood regularly, you help ensure that there is always enough blood for emergencies. *LouAnn Garner.*

Ministry Opportunities

Out of Africa...If you would like to hear Kris Lehman's presentation on South Africa but missed it at Atonement, there are two upcoming opportunities to hear about her experiences...

May 1— Bethlehem Lutheran, 9:15 & 10:45 am

May 15— Salem Lutheran, 9:45 am

Salvation Army "Foodraiser"....

During the month of May we have the opportunity to help restock the food shelves at Salvation Army. Each week we will focus on a special food need:

May 1 canned vegetables and fruit

May 8 peanut butter and jelly

May 15 boxed dinners and canned meats

May 22 soups and stews

May 29 pasta and pasta sauces

Meals on Wheels....Thank you everyone who delivered meals in February and March! We delivered over 900 hot meals and over 100 cold sack lunches. This service could not be provided without great people like you!

Inside Atonement

Parish Nurse Wanted...This volunteer staff person at Atonement under the supervision of a pastor and in cooperation with other staff, will assume a major responsibility in the caring ministry and health and wellness support for members of the congregation. **Qualifications:** A registered nurse with a current license to practice in Minnesota; 2-3 years nursing experience; completion of (or willing to complete) parish nurse course when offered. **Roles and Functions:** Facilitator—helping members in the caring ministry extended to one another; Health Counselor—advises and answers questions about entering the health care system; Health Educator. **Desired Hours of Work:** 5-20 hours per week (some hours could be done at home). Copies of the job description and applications are available in the church office. **Application deadline is May 31, 2005.**

Special Congregational Meeting Results....The meeting was held on Sunday, April 3, and the congregation approved borrowing additional funds for needed building repair and maintenance.

Youth Updates

Christina Buckner Scholarship

Fundraising...Because we believe Bible camp is an important faith journey for children, we make scholarships available for youth to attend Luther Crest Bible Camp each summer. There have been an unusual number of requests for those scholarships this year—more than double what the fund can accommodate. In order to cover this year's requests and grow the fund for future years, we are sponsoring a fundraising **breakfast on Mother's Day, May 8, from 8:30-11:00 a.m.** If you cannot join us but would like to support this ministry, you may do so by making your check payable to the *Christina Buckner Campership Fund* and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. Thank you!

Sunday School...There is no Sunday School on Mother's Day, May 8. We encourage families to worship together that morning and perhaps treat Mom to breakfast at church! The last day of Sunday School will be May 15. We will celebrate Pentecost with a birthday party for the church! Parents might want to thank the adults who have "shepherded" their children through the Sunday School Year.

Spirit Trek...The Spirit Trek year ends on Wednesday, May 11. The students will celebrate by thanking their adult guides—parents might also want to take a moment to thank the adult who has guided your teen for the last year.

VBS Kickoff

Registration is currently underway for our summer VBS program. Forms are available at the church. Free registration is guaranteed through May 31. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee after May 31. Our children will have a Circus Spectacular Gospel Adventure!!! In the stories, Jesus calls us to follow, love, trust, invite, and share.

Children age 3 through grade 6 are encouraged

to experience Bible stories through combination of music, art, snacks, games, and drama. Students in grades 5 & 6 will participate in SIT—Servant in Training—which prepares students to help with VBS and Sunday School when they reach Junior High. VBS will be June 20-23, and you may choose either morning or evening times.

Day Camp...Dont delay! Only 40 campers may participate in Day Camp. Registration forms were sent home with Sunday School children and are also available in the church office. Camp will be July 25-29 from 9:00-3:00 each day. Staff from Luther Crest Bible Camp bring great camp experiences right here to St. Cloud for children who have completed kindergarten through 3rd grade. We meet at church and venture out to community parks for the day's experience. This year's theme is **Pray!** and focuses on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". Registration forms are in the church office. Fee is \$35.00.

Hummer Schramm Scholarship

...Applications are currently being accepted for the Hummer Schramm Scholarship given each year to a high school senior or a student currently enrolled in college and who is going into the field of education.

Hummer Schramm was a long-time member of Atonement and a great friend and mentor to the youth in the congregation. We are most grateful to the Schramm family for making this scholarship available to Atonement students.

Applications may be picked up in the Welcome Center (aka Ann's office!). **Applications must be turned into the office by Sunday, May 8, 2005.**