



June/July 2026

WEEKLY WORSHIP:

Wednesdays: 6:00pm

Sundays: 9am

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 8am-4:30pm

**Welcome, Worship, and Serve
in the name of Christ**

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP TIME IN SUMMER

The evening worship time is 6pm and will remain at 6 until Labor Day.

NEW DIRECTORY!!

The council has approved a new directory with "casual" pictures: NO sales pitch to purchase portraits. We need everyone to stop to at least check their information and to have a picture taken if a new one is needed.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Volunteers and food donations needed!

VBS will be four days, June 8th-11th, 8:30am—12:30pm. Please sign up to provide snacks and other needed items which are so appreciated by the kids and volunteers. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. We need volunteers to help in the kitchen, read stories, or do activities. Your giving is greatly appreciated.

LUTHER CREST SUMMER FEST AND AUCTION

Quilts, Quilts and more Quilts! The 2026 Luther Crest Summer Fest and Auction will be Saturday, July 11th. The online auction opens July 6.

The Pieces of Love Quilters have created 5 amazing quilts that will be in the auction. The quilts will be on display in the Narthex prior to the auction. All funds raised will directly support camper scholarships and program ministries.

This summer (2026) we have 7 campers attending Luther Crest. Atonement paid their way with funds remaining from 2025. An additional donation in the form of a memorial from a member this year, we have a jump start on camperships for 2027!!

Thank you for your support!

CANOE TRIPS

There will be 3 canoe trips to the Boundary Water's Canoe Area this summer: July 23rd – July 26th, July 30th - August 2nd, August 6th – August 9th. Check with Pastor Tim or Pastor John for details.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Elsa Janni, Hanne Gabrielson, Kallie Single, Ella Anderson, Abe Hafstad, Presley Grzybowski and Owen Janni for their work with the Wednesday School Students.

Thank you to Patti Gabrielson, Jessica and Charles Lombard, Linda and Tim Schreiber for serving food for the Wednesday evening meals.

Thank you to all who helped with the Community packing projects. Also, to those who helped with delivering to the different organizations.

Thank you for the coin donations for the ELCA Global Barnyard project for the Wednesday School Students. Donations totaled \$384. Students chose to purchase 1 goat, 1 pig, 1 honeybees' colony, 1 fish farm, 1 rooster, 20 chicks.

SERVING GROUP COORDINATORS/ORGANIZERS NEEDED

Seven (7) Serving Groups have been providing our coffee hour treats. Usually, two from each group act as coordinators.

Without new organizers for group 5, the reality will be no coffee or treats in October. If you are willing to be a coordinator, please let Laura in the office know. The schedule is every 7 months. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Quilts were given to high school seniors: Grace Carlson, Aiden Abrahamson, Jacob Larson, Connor Frederiksen, and Alex Hartman. Congratulations. We are looking forward to what you become in the future.

On May 24th we welcomed Kora Jean Atkinson and Dominik Leo Larson through Baptism. Jesus will always be with you.

ROX GAME

Save the date: June 23rd, 6:30pm game time. \$22 per person includes game ticket, hat, hot dog meal plus fun with other Atonement folks. Batter up! Please indicate your interest on the sheet in the narthex or contact Jon Molden directly at 320-250-0694 or email bigbuckadventuresmn@gmail.com.

GOT BLOOD? PLEASE SHARE



Blood Drive
At Atonement
Tuesday, June 2nd
Noon to 6pm

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

This group meets at Atonement once a month on the 3rd Tuesday, from 10-11:30am. When needed, they also provide respite care for loved ones. To learn more about Vivie go to: Vivie.org



COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Come to any of the committee meetings to see what is going on and check if it is something you are interested in. More hands, lighter work.

Committees generally meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Many of the committees will not meet in June and July.

We still have a Vice President opening and chair of evangelism committee/council member. Contact President Debbie Niemeyer or one of the pastors.

COMMITTEE/GROUP HIGHLIGHT

The Evangelism Committee is pleased to highlight our church council. Atonement's council serves the congregation by guiding the mission and ministries of the church. Council members work closely with all committees to plan outreach programs, nurture fellowship, and oversee the church's finances. They are also responsible for setting the congregation's vision and spiritual goals. The council meets monthly to evaluate progress and make decisions on behalf of the congregation, ensuring that Atonement continues to grow and serve with purpose and care.



Pictured left to right: Seated: Jean Klosowski (Adult Ed), Jon Molden (Fellowship), Jill Abrahamson (Treasurer/Finance). Standing: Bob Defries (Property), Deb Niemeyer (President), Tim Schreiber (Worship), Kay Defries (Mission), Nancy Sokoloski (Evangelism) Larry Asplin (Stewardship), Pat Pfipsen (Children & Youth). On screen Pastor John. Not pictured: Pastor Tim, Fred Sandal (Secretary)

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education will take a summer break; see you in September! Let anyone on the committee know if you have any topic suggestions.

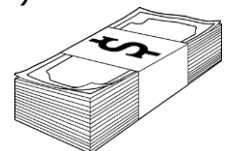
FINANCIAL GIVING

Reminder: Please make checks payable to Atonement and write on the memo line what it's for (Mission of the Month, packing projects, VBS, memorials, flowers, etc).

Mortgage is paid in full.

Amount received to apply to assessments: \$55,309.66 as of April 30th.

Estimated street assessments: \$371,000



THANK YOU!

April Mission of the Month was LSS Crisis Nursery. Atonement members donated \$2,293.

LETTER FROM YOUR PASTORS

If you've come to Atonement lately, you've seen heavy machinery, torn up pavement, missing trees, and a road that looks a lot more sandbox than street. And detour signs. So many detours and signs about detours. It's enough to make someone quote Isaiah:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain" (Is. 40:3-4).

Obstacles and unpredictability are the new normal this summer. They're also the old normal. Life puts a lot of barriers between us, our worship of God, and ministry with God's people. Your pastors wonder how these new obstacles can help us recognize, navigate, and remove obstacles that we don't see anymore. Getting to church when the roads are torn up force us to take a different path than the one we know by heart. It's an obvious barrier, but what about the challenge of showing up for worship (or choir, or circle, or bible study) for the first time? Where do I park? Where do I sit? When do I stand? What do I say?

This summer's road work invites us to ask: "How do I find a new route?" As a community of faith, the state of our streets and the increased barrier they create gives us a reason to ask another question: "Who's missing from our gathering, and how can I help bring them here?"



Hospitality isn't only about having an open door; it's about helping people navigate the obstacles that stand in the way of getting there. For someone visiting Atonement for the first time, walking into a new church can already feel daunting. Add a maze of orange "Road Closed" signs, and it takes extra courage and persistence just to make it into the sanctuary.

Our construction invites us to practice what we might call high-definition hospitality. It is also an occasion to build some evangelical muscle - fewer people are going to pass by at random, so we have great reason to invite people to come with us!

But what might that look like? Below are some ideas (and we hope and expect you have some ideas too)

- Remember the Alleyway: While the main streets are a gamble, the alley remains a reliable, somewhat narrow route to enter the parking lot. But it requires patience and care. When in doubt, head for the alley (just don't burst into the parking lot too quickly - stop and look!)
- Look Around in Worship (and Make the Call): Take note of who might be missing on Sunday morning. If a familiar face isn't in their usual spot, don't just wonder where they are—reach out. Call them up and offer to drive them to church next week. A lift through the detours might be exactly what they need to get here.
- Patience as a Spiritual Practice: Give yourself an extra ten minutes to navigate the construction so that by the time you park, you aren't carrying the frustration of the detours with you into worship. And know that worship might have a 'rolling start' feel, as people navigating the road work may not be able to arrive right on time. Better late than never is more than a saying.

These are useful habits all the time. There are always going to be uncommon ways into a relationship with this congregation, and the God who gives us life and purpose. We look for them, use them, and share them - and do so with others in mind. There are always people missing from our worship and ministry - sometimes these are people who have lost some of their former connection; others are people we know and love who have not

yet been grafted onto the vine that is Jesus. People are most likely to accept when we invite them to come with us to the parts of our faith that we love best.

We know that disruption and change can cause anxiety. When the usual pathways are blocked, a natural instinct is to pull away or shrink inward. But at Atonement, we see the opposite happening. Disruption is bringing out our best.

A massive shoutout goes to our incredible serving groups. On a recent Sunday morning, a beautiful picture of our community unfolded in the kitchen: no less than two people, both relatively new to Atonement, were invited right into the thick of things, helping out and serving others. They were welcomed and invited to share in the joy of serving side-by-side with folks who have anchored Atonement's hospitality for years.



That is exactly who we hope to be. The city is tearing up the old pavement on 12th, 28th, and 29th to put down something stronger and built to last. While that heavy work is being done out there, our work in here is focused on building a community where no one is deterred by the dust, and everyone has a place to serve and be served.

Thank you for your resilience and your sense of humor as we navigate the detours! Your commitment to making sure everyone who finds their way to us knows they have found a home where they'll be welcomed is encouraging and deeply rooted in the gospel.

Pastor Tim & Pastor John

ATONEMENT'S OF THE MONTH

Please remember our summer Mission of the Months if you are away from church.

June: Area Youth Agencies

Supportive Housing for Youth Program (SHY)

This specialized program of Catholic Charities helps homeless youth build stability in their lives, as well as find and maintain affordable housing. SHY offers housing counseling and financial assistance for young people, ages 16 to 24, who are experiencing homelessness, near-homelessness, or aging-out of foster care. There is no cost to youth in the program.

180 Degrees



This organization operates the St. Cloud Youth Shelter, the only 24-hour emergency youth shelter in Central Minnesota serving youth. Services include emergency shelter, on-site education, mental health services, parent support, and case management. The recently renovated shelter can accommodate up to twelve youth in residence at a time. Services disrupt, prevent, and end youth homelessness.

Pathways 4 Youth

This program of Lutheran Social Services is a resource center for youth, ages 16 through 24, who are experiencing homelessness. Services include food pantry, clothing closet, education planning, housing referrals, case management, connections to area resources and more.

July: Madison and North

Donations in July will be given to our neighbors, North Junior High and Madison Elementary. The students' families are often unable to provide all the necessary items needed for their school bags. Teachers, many times, used their own money for these kiddos. It will differ from child to child, so money from Atonement can be used at the teacher's discretion. Over the years we have found that giving money worked better than guessing what supplies to buy.

JUNE 1, MONDAY

1pm Bible Study with Pastors

JUNE 2, TUESDAY

9:30am Men's Group

11:30am TOPS

12-6pm Blood Drive

6:30pm NA Anonymous

JUNE 3, WED

8am Bible Online-Men

9am Quilters

Noon Al Anon

6pm Worship**JUNE 4, THURSDAY**

9:45am Bible Online-Men

12pm Bible Study-Women

1pm Pieces of Love Quilters

JUNE 5, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

JUNE 6, SATURDAY

10am NA Anonymous

6:30pm NA Anonymous

JUNE 7, SUNDAY**9am Worship**

10am Coffee & Conversation

10am Unity Spiritual Center

2pm Por Su Gracia Worship

5pm NA Anonymous

5pm Gamblers Anonymous

JUNE 8, MONDAY

8:30am-12:30pm VBS

1pm Bible Study with Pastors

JUNE 9, TUESDAY

8:30am-12:30pm VBS

9:30am Men's Group

11:30am TOPS

6:30pm NA Anonymous

7pm Stamp Club

JUNE 10, WED

8am Bible Online-Men

8:30am-12:30pm VBS

Noon Al Anon

2pm Prayer Shawls Group

6pm Worship**JUNE 11, THURSDAY**

8:30am-12:30pm VBS

9:45am Bible Online-Men

12pm Bible Study-Women

1pm Pieces of Love Quilters

7pm Council Committees

JUNE 12, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

JUNE 13, SATURDAY

10am NA Anonymous

6:30pm NA Anonymous

JUNE 14, SUNDAY**9am Worship**

10am Coffee & Conversation

10am Unity Spiritual Center

2pm Por Su Gracia Worship

5pm NA Anonymous

5pm Gamblers Anonymous

JUNE 15, MONDAY

1pm Bible Study with Pastors

JUNE 16, TUESDAY

9am Faith in Housing

9:30am Men's Group

10am Dementia Support Group

11:30am TOPS

6pm Garden Club

6:30pm NA Anonymous

JUNE 17, WED

8am Bible Online-Men

9:30am Elizabeth Circle

9am Quilters

Noon Al Anon

6pm Worship**JUNE 18, THURSDAY**

9:45am Bible Online-Men

12pm Bible Study-Women

1pm Pieces of Love Quilters

1pm Birthday Card Ministry

3-5pm Fare For All

JUNE 19, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

JUNE 20, SATURDAY

10am NA Anonymous

6:30pm NA Anonymous

JUNE 21, SUNDAY**9am Worship**

10am Coffee & Conversation

10am Unity Spiritual Center

2pm Por Su Gracia Worship

5pm NA Anonymous

5pm Gamblers Anonymous

JUNE 22, MONDAY

1pm Bible Study with Pastors

JUNE 23, TUESDAY

9:30am Naomi Circle

9:30am Men's Group

11:30am TOPS

6:30pm NA Anonymous

6:30pm ROX Game

JUNE 24, WED

8am Bible Online-Men

9am Quilters

Noon Al Anon

2pm Prayer Shawls Group

6pm Worship**JUNE 25, THURSDAY**

9:45am Bible Online-Men

12pm Bible Study-Women

1pm Pieces of Love Quilters

6:30pm Executive Committee

7pm Church Council Meeting

JUNE 26, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

JUNE 27, SATURDAY

10am NA Anonymous

6:30pm NA Anonymous

JUNE 28, SUNDAY**9am Worship**

10am Coffee & Conversation

10am Unity Spiritual Center

2pm Por Su Gracia Worship

5pm NA Anonymous

5pm Gamblers Anonymous

JUNE 29, MONDAY

1pm Bible Study with Pastors

JUNE 30, TUESDAY

9:30am Men's Group

11:30am TOPS

6:30pm NA Anonymous

**PRAYER LIST
AT ATONEMENT**

Family of Jerome J.
Anthony S. and Family
Bonnie S.
Mimi and DJ.
Bob E.
Kitty R.
Aubrey F.
Tristan P.
Mark A.
Pat and Brian R.
Jane A.
Becca S.
Angie F.
Rita T.
Gayle K.
Lisa F.
Lainey M.
Tom K.
Christopher E.
Wanda J.
Angie L.
Tony V.
Karen C.

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 Noon Al Anon
6pm Worship

JULY 2, THURSDAY

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JULY 3, FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED
 6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

JULY 4, SATURDAY

10am NA Anonymous
 6:30pm NA Anonymous

JULY 5, SUNDAY

9am Worship
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JULY 9, THURSDAY

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 12pm Bible Study-Women
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 2pm Property/Worship Committees
 7pm Council Committees

JULY 10, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

JULY 11, SATURDAY

10am NA Anonymous
 6:30pm NA Anonymous

JULY 12, SUNDAY

9am Worship
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6pm Worship

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 12pm Bible Study-Women
 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters
 3-5pm Fare For All

JULY 17, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

JULY 18, SATURDAY

10am NA Anonymous
 6:30pm NA Anonymous

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JULY 25, SATURDAY

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 6:30pm NA Anonymous

JULY 26, SUNDAY

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 5pm Gamblers Anonymous

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JULY 28, TUESDAY

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 9:30am Men's Group
 11:30am TOPS
 6:30pm NA Anonymous

JULY 29, WED

8am Bible Online-Men
 9am Quilters
 Noon Al Anon
 2pm Prayer Shawls Group
6pm Worship

JULY 30, THURSDAY

9:45am Bible Online-Men
 12pm Bible Study-Women
 1pm Pieces of Love Quilters

JULY 31, FRIDAY

6pm Bible Study (Por Su Gracia)

**ROAD WORK**

Please continue to take 10th or 11th Street and enter the parking lot through either the alley or from the 28th Ave entrance.

Be safe and drive carefully!



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