



## NEWS for NOW

### From the Homefront



Talk about big happenings at Atonement! Congratulations to Woody Rosenberg for being the Barrington High School Student selected to the Daily Herald Academic Team! Congratulations to Pastor Don for being the newest member of the Barrington Area Soccer Association Board of Directors (we still want to see you coach in a robe or collar!). Congratulations to Hannah Griese for being selected as Missionary in South Africa for the Young Adult Missionaries through the ELCA! Congratulations to Patrick Hurst for being selected to the US Physics Team! As your Atonement Family, we are proud of you, and of your accomplishments!

If you have exciting news you would like to share please e-mail me at [ploden@churchofatonement.org](mailto:ploden@churchofatonement.org) with your message. From the Homefront is a wonderful place to get the word out!



With summer comes little ones who love to run and play outdoors. Please watch your speed when in the parking lots. We want to make sure that all children and adults are safe at Atonement! Also remember that the Sanctuary is air conditioned, but the rest of the building is not! Dress accordingly for the space you will be in during your summer time in the building.



### "Dollars & Cents" *From the Financial Director*

Thanks to our wonderful counters in the month of April, May and June: Jerry Goettsche, Dave McCarthy, Jane Anderson, Barb Teegen, Jeannie Cliff and Ralph Ganzer. You guys are awesome! We truly appreciate the time you give!

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.  
- George Washington Carver

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

### “Building Church”

January marked ten years for me as senior pastor of Atonement. No comments please on how any of us are handling the aging process...

But I remember that when I was called here, one of the top priorities given to me was the expansion and renovation of our building. And while I'm sure none of us expected that it would take so long to get it done, I believe that God has used the time between then and now to build a church before building the building.

“The church” is the body of Christ, the gathering of Jesus-followers in every time and place. The local church, then, is that gathering of us who self-identify first as followers of Jesus, and second as committed to life together here at Atonement. We are the church whether in this physical space or new and renovated space, whether on our “owned” property or whether leasing another, whether running programs here or whether partnering in ministries around the globe.

The quality of what we do in following Jesus and the integrity of how we do it (how we are with each other) are of far greater significance than where it is we do it. And while I believe we will always have growth ahead of us...I am grateful for the ground we have gained.

We have known for a long time that our physical space has constrained the vitality of Atonement as a church. And we identified this as “A Time to Build Up,” which has, characteristically, taken longer to get moving than I (and probably many of you) thought it would.

BUT we voted at a congregational meeting 3 weeks ago to approve the financed portion of the project. This week, a general contractor will be recommended to Atonement's council (we have received 4 bids). We look to be within budget and will know for sure within days. We have applied to the village for a construction permit. And we are still shooting for an August groundbreaking.

Once we have groundbreaking scheduled, we will be able to communicate with you the details of what will be happening when, and what constraints that will impose on us as we continue to be the church in our existing building.

Thanks to so many of you for your efforts to this point, for financial commitments made and kept, and for being the kind of church where building takes place.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

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# A T O N E M E N T   N E W S

## YOUTH HANDBELL CAMP

Save the date! Not for Wedding Bells....for HANDBELLS! From July 20 – 24 Atonement will offer a half-day morning handbell camp for students entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades this fall. Come see what handbells are all about! You'll learn about the bells and how to play them, play rhythm games, learn some note reading, and present your accomplishments at the end of the week. Previous musical experience is not necessary - you just need to want to try something new and to have fun doing it! Watch for more details and registration information.

## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FUN!

Atonement will enter the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade again this year with a float decorated to celebrate our upcoming building expansion. Come for fun and fellowship (and a couple hours of work!) as we decorate the float at Mary Taylor's home on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Then on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, the Praise Band will perform on the float and walkers will pass out water bottles to the parade-goers. All who have participated have really enjoyed it, so join us! If you have questions or want to be a part of the fun on either day, contact Ann Pride at 381-0243 X195 or email at [ambpride@aol.com](mailto:ambpride@aol.com).

## LUTHERDALE CONFIRMATION CAMP

We are excited to be sending off twenty Atonement confirmands and friends to Lutherdale Bible Camp from June 21 through June 26. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they grow in faith through this fun camping ministry.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Allison Gregorio  
 Jeff Gregorio  
 Danny Stermer  
 Robert Tracy  
 Josh Wink

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Taylor Almeraz	Molly Fruecht
Sarah Berggren	Samantha Gavars
Taylor Bujnowski	Cassie Mullany
Ariana Davis	Rebecca Streiff
Grace Kramer	Alexandra Todd-Middleditch
Sara Frank	Kevin Gehm

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dana Hilgers  
 Veronica Lulik  
 Sarah Schmitz

## SMALL GROUPS –

## COMMUNITY WITH PURPOSE

Were you aware that we have approximately 15 active small groups meeting here at Atonement? This ministry has been active for several years now and the groups have developed distinct personalities.

Groups meet 1 or 2 times per month in a member's home and have studied a variety of topics - including the Gospel of John, the Parables, and Romans - this year. Other groups have studied contemporary Christian books and video series.

Additionally, several of the groups have planned service projects – Adopt-A-Family Christmas giving, Feed My Starving Children and Holy Family School volunteer projects. A few groups have also planned social events – picnics, bowling and a Christian play among others. A few of our groups meet year round, but several take the summer off.

We are planning a sign up campaign in the early fall – if you have not yet experienced one of these groups – we encourage you to sign up when the time comes!

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Curtis (847) 726-2641 or Dave McCarthy (847) 705-8409.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## JUNE IS HOME SAFETY MONTH . . .

*but these are good tips for any time of the year!*

We may feel the safest in our own home, but the truth is that all too often it is where we often experience an accident. The Home Safety Council has identified the five greatest dangers that can happen in our homes and some steps that can be taken to reduce these dangers.

### FALLS:

- Install grab bars in the tub and shower.
- Have handrails on stairways.
- Use a step stool or ladder, not furniture.
- Use baby gates at the top and bottom of the stairs.

### POISONINGS:

- Lock poisons, medications in places where children can't reach them.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas.
- Call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 if someone takes poison.

### FIRES AND BURNS:

- Have working smoke alarms and plan what to do if a fire were discovered.
- Stay by the stove when cooking.
- Only light candles when an adult is in the room. Blow the candles out if you leave the room or go to sleep.

### CHOKING AND SUFFICATION:

- Place children to bed on their backs.
- Keep coins, latex balloons and hard round foods such as peanuts out of reach of children.
- Clip the loops in window cords and place them up high where children can't get them.

### DROWNING:

- Stay within an arm's length of small children in and around water.
- Fence in your pool or spa.
- Make sure your children always swim with a grownup.

## CALORIES, CALORIES, CALORIES!

When it comes to weight loss, that's all that really matters, according to a study in the February 26 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers assigned 811 overweight adults to one of four diets, with varying amounts of carbohydrates, fat, and protein. After two years it didn't matter which diet they were on as long as they cut calories. And no one diet was better at encouraging that than any other. **The bottom line: The best diet is the one you can stick with.**

At ATONEMENT LUTHERAN we offer not merely a diet but a program for change! In order to lose weight effectively and to keep it off, the individual must change their habits, attitudes and lifestyle. The program that we offer is called **PRISM**. PRISM provides the structure, discipline and opportunity for group support to help each group member reach their own goals and potential.

PRISM is based on the Christian principles of honesty and discipline. Any kind of change, whether physical, emotional or spiritual begins in the mind.

**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”  
- Romans 12:2**

At the present time there are two PRISM groups that meet weekly using the materials provided by this national organization.

If you are interested in knowing more about the details of the PRISM program and how it can change your lifestyle for the better, contact either Edi Normann or Pastor Will Wagner at (847) 381-0243.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



**ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR A  
WAY TO SERVE  
GOD'S CHILDREN?**

*Sign Up With A Friend! Partner With A Teen!  
Mother-Daughter Team Teach!*

Discover the joy of serving here at church during Vacation Bible Camp, June 22 – 25. The 4, 5, and 6 year olds will learn all about the wonders of God’s creation in **Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible Camp**. Please volunteer to help make the week a success!

- Artsy?** Help with arts & crafts
- Like food?** Assist with snack-time
- Creative?** Decorate with us!
- Good with kids?** Lead a class (no prep required)
- Outdoorsy?** Guide outside fun
- Other gifts? Let us know how you want to help!**

Please contact Cindy Malin (847-438-6301 or [cindarae@comcast.net](mailto:cindarae@comcast.net)) OR Jennifer Haidu (847-277-1772 or [fore4golf@comcast.net](mailto:fore4golf@comcast.net)) to volunteer. We want you!



## SECOND ANNUAL ACDS SPLASH BASH JULY 31

Plans are already underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Splash Bash to be held on July 31 at the Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center. Join us as we take over the water park and make it a perfect family activity!

Contact Miss Cindy in the Day School office at (847) 382-6360 for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ATONEMENT CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL...

This year A.C.D.S. offers new themes for summer camp and your child's enrichment. Camp runs from 9:00 am to 12:30 every day for two weeks. Sessions include outdoor activities, stories, games, songs and a catered lunch!



### Ooooeey - Goooeey Science

**July 6 - July 10** - One week camp

Monday-Friday. Exploding bags, erupting volcanoes, squishy eggs. These are just some of the experiments your children will participate in as they spend a fun filled week being Bill Nye the Science Guy. This week long camp will give each child an opportunity to delve into the ooooeey, gooeeey and exciting world of science.



### Beach, Sand and Lots of FUN

**July 13– July 24** - Two week camp

Monday-Friday. What if you could go to the beach everyday??? What would you see?? Imagine two weeks of sprinklers, seashells, water, water and yes even more water as we beat the dog days of summer with tons of fun in the sun. We promise you are going to get wet.

*Don't Forget Your Swimsuit and Towel!!*



### Cooking Up a Story

**July 27 - Aug. 7** - Two week camp

Monday-Friday. Children will have fun as they learn how to create recipes, try different seasonings, measure and most importantly learn kitchen safety. They will have the opportunity to cook and prepare their own snacks. We will culminate the week with a large all-school feast as they pick the menu and prepare lunch for the whole school. Who knows? There may be a young Martha or Emeril in your house!

Children are welcome to sign up for any of the sessions. Contact the school office at (847) 382-6360 for more information.