

AT THE TONE

SEPTEMBER 2011



A monthly Newsletter for members and friends of Atonement Lutheran Church (LCMS)



“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-12 (NIV)

To The Body Of Christ at Atonement Lutheran, dear family,

The days we live in are rather challenging, demanding and difficult. They will not likely get better sooner than later. In such times people draw together for strength, comfort, and help. My grandmother would often wax eloquently on the “Good Old Days,” I later found out they were the dust bowl days and the great depression. Times were way hard then, but she remembered them fondly. Those were the days when everyone needed to work together for everything. They planted crops together, harvested together, built barns and homes together. In every way they helped each other as one huge family. They not only survived, they forged deep lasting friendships and relationships that endured for years.

As I look around at our days and our families I see the need we have today is the same. And like all our needs in life and faith, God has already provided all we need, we need now only look around us with the eyes of faith, seek, knock, find, and connect. He has given us hope and strength in the Body of Christ, in His Church and its family. There is much we can do to encourage and strengthen each other, there is a place each and every one of us is well equipped and able to serve. From the cradle roll to the comforting of the mourners we have many who need you and need me to aid, comfort, encourage and bless them. Please pray with me that the Holy Spirit who has equipped each of us with the gifts we need, would lead and convince us of times and places to engage and use our gifts.

({Pastor's Message Continued)

Please join us as we strive through these days with the Lord beside us and ahead leading us, so we can all one day look back on these days and fondly remember the Goodness of God, the joy of caring for one another, and closeness of our family in the faith. Thanks be to God, who is always Good!

Your fellow servant in Christ's Body

Pastor Haught

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

October 8th Sky Night! This year our annual star gazing night will start off at 6:00 p.m. with a hot dog roast, a model rocket building/decorating event hopefully followed by a mass launch, dusk recovery and finish at dark with some serious sky gazing. Please sign up well in advance since we will need to have enough food, rockets, motors and supplies to go around. There will be no cost to the event however any donations to cover expenses will be gratefully received. Anyone who would like to help in the pre-building and rocket preparations please contact Pastor or the Church office.



Confirmation News:

Orientation and Information for this year's classes will be held just before the September Voter's Meeting on September 18 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This year we will be having all our classes on Sundays:

6th-8th grades from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Older Student Confirmation (those who missed Confirmation in the past) will meet Sundays from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Schedules and calendars for the entire year will be passed out as well as materials lists. We have some real fun planned for the classes this year and invite everyone who can to join us.

Information Classes

For those who would like to know more about our Church and Synod as well as becoming members of Atonement, we offer a six session class each quarter that is held in the fellowship hall from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our next session begins September 25th. All are invited to explore with us our faith and its foundation.

Lutheranism 101 classes are being held on first, third and fifth Monday evenings (a.k.a. men's Bible Class) at 7:00 p.m. This class is open to all who would like to study this very handy new book and give you a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran today.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class is studying the Gospel of Matthew, line by line from the Bible and from a video (often interrupted by Pastor's comments and applications). If you need a cool place to gather on these hot Arizona days, you are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m.

Stewardship News

Tithing



Is it possible to tithe? Short answer – Yes.

Is it possible for you to tithe? The answer depends on how much you trust the Lord. From where I am right now, it is a very easy thing to do – come tax time you see what you made and move the decimal one place to the left and that is what you should have given to meet your tithe. But you say, “That is a big number.” Divide that by 52 and does it look easier as a weekly gift?

When I actually started thinking about tithing (this was many years ago), I looked at what we were giving and what we should have been giving in order to meet the 10% tithe. We were a long way apart. So in the Stewardship drive that year we increased our giving substantially. At the end of that year, at the next Stewardship drive, I looked back over the year and there were no missed meals, no missed payments, and there were some savings, so we increased our giving again. We had to do this for several years until we reached the ‘goal’. We’ve maintained the tithing through two layoffs and through the other times as well.

This ‘exercise’ has played out over many years. Get it started today and be amazed at the difference it will make in your lives.

Keith Hathaway

Atonement Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2011

Board Members Present: Bill Seeglitz, Chairman; David Haught, Pastor; Jerry Groth, Treasurer; Jackee Kiendl, Financial Secretary; Julie Westby, Secretary; Heather Hilliker, Parish Worship; Tim Kiendl, Physical Facilities; Dan Meyer, In-Reach/Outreach; Alan Schold, Board of Elders; Linda Seeglitz, Parish Education; Ted Theiste, School Board; **Others Present:** None

Absent: Keith Hathaway, Stewardship; Carolyn Krueger, Parish Life

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seeglitz at 8:10 a.m. Chairman Seeglitz opened with prayer and devotions.

2. **Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** A motion was made by Jerry Groth to approve the Council Minutes of June 17, 2011 as presented, seconded and **unanimously approved.**

3. **Monthly Reports:**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Haught discussed the following:

* Stephen Ministry Training: Pastor Haak, Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Peoria, is starting a new Stephen Ministry workshop on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 (on Tuesday nights with graduation/certification taking place in January 2012). Pastor Haught verbally committed to at least five people from Atonement to attend the workshop; we must submit our list of attendees by the end of August. Refresher training will also be available twice a month on Tuesdays. There will be no charge for tuition, but we will have to pay a fee for the books and materials. Elders are going to have a fund raiser to pay for some of the expenses. A coordinator or Pastor Haught will have to attend the workshop in Los Angeles that starts February 2012; subsequently, the coordinator or Pastor Haught will then be certified to teach the classes and refresher training on site at Atonement. **Action:** Prepare a list of attendees for the Council meeting in August.

The Annual Vision and Planning Meeting is scheduled today, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Church Council, elders and other committee members will plan the calendar for the year and set goals for our church and school. Our theme is "Every Member Ministry."

*Pastor Haught will leave this Monday for his daughter's wedding in Idaho. He will return July 28th to August 1st. Pastor Domsch will lead the church services during this time; Pastor Kudick will cover any emergencies.

b. Treasurer's Report (July 2010 - June 2011): Jerry Groth discussed the following items:

- * Income for entire year - \$438,878.92; expenses for entire year - \$393,534.85;
- * Income for June - \$29,493.97; expenses for June - \$35, 623.27;
- * Savings account balance - \$7,313.91.

See entire report to include Income vs. Expense; Dedicated Accounts; School Board Accounts; Board Accounts; Detailed Breakdown of Expenses; Chase Bank Statement; Account Overview; Merrill Lynch Report [Building Fund] (Attachment 1)

c. School Board Report: Ted Theiste discussed the following items:

Financial status for June: Regarding the budget, we have under-expensed for the year (we are at approximately 75% of our expenses). More ASCTO funding is expected. There should be enough money to pay next month's salaries. See *"Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report (Attachment 2)*

* Accounts receivable is \$30,000. To rectify this high number, the School Board has developed an Advisory Subcommittee to address uncollected tuition (30 days and 60 days delinquent).

* Pre-enrollment for early childhood education (ECE) is currently 72 as of compared to 84 in 2010. Pre-enrollment for kindergarten through 8th grade is currently 99 as compared to 76 in 2010.

* Copy Machine: Andrew Sielaff has decided to return the old machine. He has gotten a bid from Konica-Minolta for a more powerful/functional machine and less expensive (\$60.00 less per month to operate). Nancy Murnan has the information about the new machine, and Wells Fargo will be notified, by letter, about this decision before the deadline of August 20th. (As discussed in the Council meeting of June 2011, Andrew received a letter from Wells Fargo regarding the old copy machine with an expired lease. The letter stated that we can purchase the machine for \$15,000; extend the agreement for 12 months at \$125.00 a month; or return the machine to include all manuals, in working order, to a location somewhere in the U.S.).

* The final bid for the sport court should be received by the end of the month.

* The School Board would like to be included in any architectural meetings in regard to planning the unlandscaped area outside the Fellowship Hall. The School Board is in favor of a common sense plan. Andrew got a bid of \$9,600 for artificial grass as one option to consider.

* The air conditioner in a modular building, specifically the library, is not cooling efficiently. A member was working there recently and nearly fainted when the temperature reached over 90 degrees. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible before school starts, the first week of August.

*Ted reported that according to Concordia Plan Services <http://www.concordiaplans.org/> we may be eligible for a tax credit of 50% if we file a claim with the IRS as a nonprofit organization with 25 or fewer employees on the payroll, averaging \$50,000 or less per year. Chairman Seeglitz was given a copy of the information to review. See *entire report (Attachment 2*

d. Board of Elders: Elder Schold discussed the following items for June:

* Births: 0;

* Deaths: 0;

* Marriages: 0;

* Baptisms: 2;

* Requests for Transfers-In: 0

* Requests for Transfers-Out: 0

(Council Minutes Continued)

New Visitors: There were a total of 10 new visitors and 26 repeat visitors. If new visitors leave telephone numbers or addresses, they are contacted by visit, telephone or letter.

* Elders are performing jail visitations and need more volunteers to help. They are also performing shut-in visitations when requested by Pastor Domsch. They use Lutheranism 101 for their devotions.

* More elders are needed; please inform other members and encourage them to become an elder.

See entire report (Attachment 3)

* Approval of a New Elder: Elder Schold made a motion to approve Keith Ray as an elder.

Ted Theiste seconded the motion. **Discussion:** There was no further discussion. **Unanimously approved.**

e. Parish Education Report: *See report (Attachment 4)*

f. Inreach/Outreach Report: Dan Meyer had nothing to report at this time

g. Physical Facilities: Tim Kiendl discussed the following items:

* Estimates on replacement of air conditioners were received for everything except the modular buildings; Tim will provide a written report for the Council. The air conditioner in the modular building where the library is located needs to be replaced;

* Dan Meyer made a motion for Physical Facilities to obtain three bids for the replacement/repair of the air conditioner(s) in the school/modular buildings by August 1, 2011, seconded by Jerry Groth. **Discussion:** There will be no need to get Council approval after bids are completed. We have money in our checking account for emergency purposes. **Action:** We will proceed by taking the lowest bid/best value to ensure the faulty air conditioner(s) is/are replaced/repaired before school starts the first week of August.

* Estimate to repair the two doors in the Fellowship Hall is \$2,100. Tim will provide a written report for the Council.

* Repair of roof due to hail damage is pending.

4. Next Council Meeting: The next Council Meeting is scheduled at 8:00 a.m., on August 20, 2011.

Chairman Seeglitz reminded Council members that written reports are to be submitted to all Council members one week prior to each meeting (as discussed and approved at the Council Meeting, on June 17, 2011).

5. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Meyer, seconded by Jerry Groth, and **unanimously approved.**

In His Service,

Julie Westby

Julie Westby, Council Secretary

MEN'S NETWORK

Back to School

Nothing brings back memories like a familiar smell, and few smells are more memorable than a new box of crayons, fresh pencil shavings and creamy, white glue. Together these signal the greatest of all seasonal events: the start of the school year! Millions of North American children are busy preparing for the start of classes. Soon these same children will step down off of school busses, disembark from the family car and enter school classrooms (loaded with their own characteristic smells, by the way) where they will hang on every word their teachers have to say. Okay, that last part is a bit of an exaggeration. Nonetheless, every one of us has experienced that first day of school angst.

Guys, it's also back-to-school time for us. Now for some it is literally a time to go back to school as many look for a new degree, a new skill or a new knowledge to serve them well for an uncertain job market. For most of us, however, back to school is something we look back on and not forward to. But maybe this school year we can be more than the ATM that pays for school supplies. Perhaps this year we can figuratively go back to school and become involved in the lives of the school children around us.

For fathers of school-aged children, this is fairly easy to do. Make it a point this year to be at your child's parent-teacher conferences, recitals, field trips or sporting events. It would be a great thing for you and your child if you took a lunch break and ate with your child at school. Get involved with their homework. Share your knowledge and impress the kids with your grasp of life. Dads involved in the school make memories that will last for generations.

If you have no school-aged children, you can volunteer at your local school anyway. After a simple background check, you would be welcomed as a story reader for younger children, or you could be a homework consultant. One school district I knew of had dads come in after school and teach the children how to build birdhouses and other simple workshop projects.

Men, check out a local school and see if you can get involved. You will be glad you did.

...your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams

SEPTEMBER

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| | | | | | 2 | 3 7:30am Elders Mtg 9:00am Inreach/ Outreach Meeting |
| 4 SCRIP Sales Traditional Services 8:00am & 10:30am 1:00pm Lutheran Information Class | 5 Independence Day Church & School Offices Closed | 6 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Facilities Mtg | 7 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00pm Mid-Week Service | 8 6:15 Bell Practice 6:30 Finance Peace Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice | 9 | 10 9:00am Worship Meeting 8:00am Finance Mtg |
| 11 Communion Service 8:00am & 10:30am 9:15 Parish Life Meeting | 12 7:00pm School Board Meeting | 13 9:30am Ladies Bible Study | 14 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00pm Mid-Week Service | 15 6:15 Bell Practice 6:30 Finance Peace Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice | 16 | 17 8:00am Church Council Meeting |
| 18 SCRIP Sales Traditional Svcs 8:00am & 10:30am 12:30 Confirmation orientation 1:00pm Voters Mtg | 19 9:00am Mission Service Workday 7:00pm Men's Bible Study | 20 9:30am Ladies Bible Study | 21 Newsletter Articles Due 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00pm Mid-Week Service | 22 6:15 Bell Practice 6:30 Finance Peace Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Communion Svcs 8:00am & 10:30am 12:- 2:30 confirmation classes; 2:30-4: Information class | 26 | 27 9:30am Ladies Bible Study | 28 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00pm Mid-Week Service | 29 6:15 Bell Practice 6:30 Finance Peace Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice | 30 | |

OCTOBER

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| 2 SCRIP Sales Traditional Svcs 8:00am & 10:30am 12:00 Confirmation class 1:30 Confirmation class 2:30 Information class | 3 7:00 pm School Board | 4 9:30am Ladies Bible Study | 5 School Starts 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00pm Mid-Week service | 6 6:15 Bell Practice 6:30 Finance Peace Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice | 7 | 8 Astronomy Night 6:00 pm |
| 9 Communion Svcs 8:00am & 10:30am 12:00– 2:30 confirmation classes 2:30 Information class | 10 7:00pm Men's Bible Study | 11 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm PTL Bd Mtg | 12 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00pm Mid-Week service | 13 6:15 Bell Practice 6:30 Finance Peace Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice | 14 | 15 8:00am Church Council Meeting Mystery Theater Dinner |
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Opportunities to Study God's Word at Atonement!

Did you know we have 6 ongoing Bible classes each week at Atonement?

Each is open to new visitors and has a place for you! Join us soon.



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| Sunday Adult Bible Class | 9:15 am-10:15 am | Every Sunday | Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday Adult Bible Class | 7:30 pm– 9:00 pm | Every Sunday | Fellowship Hall |
| (starts September 25, 2011) | | | |
| Lutheran Information Class | 2:00 pm-3:30 pm | Every Sunday | Fellowship Hall |
| Men's Patriarchs Class | 7:00 pm–8:30 pm | 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Mondays | Fellowship Hall |
| Women's Bible Study Class | 9:30 am-10:30 am | Every Tuesday | Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday Evening Bible Class | 6:00 pm –6:45 pm | Every Wednesday | Fellowship Hall |
| (starts September 7, 2011) | | | |

'The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.'

"Practical Discipleship for the Maturing Christian" is a Bible study focusing on First Corinthians. This study, led by Pastor Domsch, will begin Wednesday following Labor Day, September 7, at 6:00 pm. Y'all come! We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall.

"The Sunday night Bible class begins the Exodus wanderings once again, Sunday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. We begin with Chapter 14. All are welcome." This group also meets in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2.



Pick up a mite box at the LWML table in the Fellowship Hall.

As you place a coin in the box , say a prayer for our missionaries around the world.

Jesus Crew News

1. June Pool Party hosted by Rick and Ellen Born attended by 2 Jr. High youth and 1 High School. They swam, made root beer floats and had a Bible Study.
2. No event in July because Laser Quest was booked and a lot of the Youth were out of town and unable to attend anything on the scheduled date. Pancake Breakfast was July 31st. attended by 6 youth. We served about 60 people, profit after expenses was \$115.00. (\$15.00 was given to First Fruits)
3. Laser Quest on August 14 was attended by 1 Jr. High and 3 High School members. They had a good time battling each other and High School counselors. This replaced the July event when Laser Quest was unavailable.
4. Lock-in is scheduled for August 26 for Jr. High and High School youth. Lots of fun activities and Bible studies are being planned. Youth will plan Fall events at the Lock-in.
5. Parent meeting is being planned for September. Watch for more information.
6. That **pesky flock of Pink Flamingoes** will fly in next month and be here for a couple of months. If you would like to flock someone talk to Jenni or Kari or any Jesus Crew member. Don't forget if you don't want those pesky birds to pay you a visit, you can purchase an insurance policy from Jesus Crew. Money from flocking will go for NYG 2013 in San Antonio, TX and other Youth activities.
7. The Youth leaders are still looking into purchasing a new Pop Machine. The Kuhlman family has graciously offered to donate money for a new one. They hope to finalize this in the next few weeks.
8. Confirmed 8th Graders have been asked to and are encouraged to become active Jesus Crew members and attend the High School Sunday School class. We are looking forward to a fun new year.
9. Jesus Crew would like to thank the congregation for their continued support.

Come and gaze at the stars!

Blow off some rockets! At 6:00 p.m.

Here at Atonement on Saturday October 8.

Hotdogs, potato chips, and great
fun for everyone!





Voters Assembly

September 18

1:00 pm

Church Picnic

October 16

Food, Fun and Games for *Everyone!*



School News

Welcome back. I hope that the summer has been a time for family, for renewal of energy and I hope that you gave some time to our Creator. A new school year is upon us. I and the faculty are looking forward to being a part of your family once again.

The Word of God is so rich in meaning and relevance for our children and families. We hope that you will engage your family as we explore not only the weekly Sunday readings, but as we reflect on the stories studied out of the Bible. Try to include readings from the Bible in your family reading time and share some of your favorite passages with your children. Mrs. Tinker and I both will offer different focused Bible studies for you to attend.

This year we hope to —go green as much as possible. All issues of our newsletter will be on our web-site. We will have a limited number of printed copies available in the office. Please refer to our web-site daily for relevant information.

May God's blessings continue to shower
church community.

our school and

Sincerely,

Andrew Sielaff



Financial Peace University Bible Study

What is Financial Peace University?

The goal of Financial Peace University is not just information—we're looking for transformation. More than one million families have attended FPU with amazing results. On average, they pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 90 days.

Powerful. Enlightening. Fun.

Class members meet with their class two times per month to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups. Dave's style is simple and easy to understand. He will change the way you think about money. You'll actually have fun as you learn!

Get Started Today!

Getting involved in Financial Peace University is an easy two-step process. Start by joining class currently being offered at Atonement. Classes will begin September 8 and will be offered twice a month. Cost for the first session is free. Cost for the rest of the session is \$100 per family unit. Please see Andrew Sielaff for questions or Nancy to join the class. Next, purchase your lifetime membership, which includes the course materials and allows you and your spouse the ability to attend an FPU class any time, anywhere, at no extra charge.

Parent Teacher League

The PTL (Parent Teacher League) is an organization of school parents who graciously volunteer their time and energy toward various programs for students and teachers to enjoy. Check out the PTL link on the school website to get more information about the Parent Association as well as the many opportunities to get involved with the children, faculty, and fellow parents.

The PTL also serves as a fundraising vehicle to financially support and enhance school programs. We appreciate your support since the funds raised through such fundraising efforts directly support the annual PTL budget.

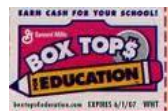
We're once again blessed with a school community that's so generous. So many parents have already volunteered their time for this upcoming school year. Without you, the Parent Association and its programs and events wouldn't be possible. We're really looking forward to this year and are committed to making the year ahead a success.

Thanks so much!

The faculty and staff would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity and privilege of teaching your children the truths about God and His grace. We pray that God would bless the opportunity we have together as we grow in our faith.

REMINDER: Tuition is due September 1. It will be late by September 10th. You will not be receiving monthly statements.

We are still collecting box tops for education.





Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Psalm 100:2

The September Mission Service Day is Monday, the 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Projects include assembling and tying quilts for charity and making witness bracelets that are used by missionaries to tell the Gospel story. Our Bible study is "Serving Creatively: Mary, Joanna, Susanna and You!" We break at 11:30 for the mini Bible study, followed by lunch. Bring a sack lunch and come for as long as your schedule allows. All women welcome!

In July, 14 quilts were delivered to Lutheran Social Services; also, quilts and children's ponchos were donated to Vista Colina Homeless Shelter.

Eleven women attended the **August LWML Quarterly Meeting**. The following women agreed to be our officers for the upcoming year: Chairman: Susan Thomas; Vice Chairman: Donna Jerome; Secretary: Merry Christensen; Treasurer: Wanda Swanigan; V.P of Human Care: Judy Leutz; V.P. of Christian Care: Ellen Born. Our next *quarterly* meeting will be on November 12. If you are a working (outside the home) woman, these Saturday meetings are a wonderful opportunity to come and get to know each other, as we read and study the scripture together.

The **Camp Aloma** registration deadline is approaching fast (September 12). Please see the LWML bulletin board for forms. This year's guest speaker is the chairwoman of the Heart to Heart Sisters. The cost is \$100, which includes 5 meals and materials. A map of the camp is included in the registration packets. Call the church office if you would like to car pool.

LWML Sunday is on October 2. We will have a special worship service on this day. Let's all start collecting our mites!

Mark your calendar for our upcoming **Zone 26 Fall Rally**, which will be held on November 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church at Litchfield Park. This year's speaker is Kathy Kemper, a representative of Hospice Services, who will be speaking about death, dying, and the grieving process.

Continue to keep saving your **used eyeglasses and cancelled postage stamps**. The eyeglasses are sent to MOST Ministries, and proceeds from the postage stamps support cross-cultural ministries in the Pacific South-west District.

Rally Day 2011

Atonement Ministry Fair

Theme: "CHILDREN ARE MEMBERS"

Over 20 Students had their backpacks blessed during Rally Day activities.

- * 8 Atonement School second graders and Atonement Sunday School second graders received their Bibles from Pastor Haught during the church services on Rally Day.
- * "How Well Do you Know Your Church Leaders and Teachers' Scavenger Hunt" was lots of fun. This was a great opportunity for everyone to meet one another and see how to get involved and to find your way around Atonement.
- * Our first annual Ministry Fair was a great success. Thanks to all the groups at Atonement Church and School who manned their booths and shared information about what they do and how **you** can get involved. Lots of you signed up to get involved in a variety of ways at Atonement. If you didn't it is not too late! Contact Pastor or any Council member or Elders and they will be happy to get you more information. We encourage you to get involved as a family at workdays, as greeters, as ushers, etc. We encourage you to help during Sunday School (we always need teachers and substitutes) or attend Bible Study during that time. Sunday School is for everyone.
- * Fall Quarter Sunday School begins on August 28th at 9:15 am with our opening in the Sanctuary. Adults are welcome, too. Come and sing some of your favorite Sunday School songs.
- * If your children aren't currently enrolled in Sunday School you can sign up anytime. If you are enrolled please make sure we have your current phone number and address. Pastor has a Bible Study every Sunday during Sunday School, feel free to join them anytime.
- * New Parish Education Handbooks are available, see Linda or Robert if you didn't get one on Rally Day!
- * We are looking forward to a great Sunday School year. We hope to see you there Please don't hesitate to call Linda with any questions or concerns at 602-978-8843 or e mail at seegark@q.com.

Congregational Changes for

August, 2011

BIRTHS—1

Eric Shroyer (Ben & Angela Shroyer)

BAPTISMS— 0

MARRIAGES— 0

DEATHS – 0

REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP— 4

Lynn Casselman

Chris & Dawn Sullivan

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE—0

LUNCH BUNCH

Come to the Old Country Buffet



79th Ave and Bell Road, Glendale

Wednesday, **September 14th**

11:30 AM

Join us for some Fun and Fellowship!

Good Old Fashioned Family Food!



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