



ATONEMENT’S YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Youth attended the 11:00am Mass on August 23rd at the Shrine of the Basilica of The Little Flower. The chaperones were: Victoria Wahl, Pam and Greg Torre, and Beverly Street. The reasons for the field trip were to (1) visit and see the magnificence of the Shrine, (2) experience and participate in a Catholic service, (3) experience how close and similar the Catholic service is to the Lutheran service. This helped to show the “bridge” that Martin Luther did.

After the service, the group topped off the day and went to Luby’s Cafeteria for lunch. It was a very successful field trip. The youth were wonderful (well behaved, well dressed) and they actually enjoyed it.

LIVING WILLS

Do **all** your loved ones or doctors know what you would want should you become physically or mentally unable to make a medical decision regarding your health care? Most of us put off talking and doing something about these “what ifs” in life because we don’t want to think about it or we put it off until we are “older”. Life situations can change when we least expect it – a car accident, a stroke, a fall causing head injury, etc. There is an excellent website, TexasLivingWill.org, that can provide you information. They even have 4 forms that you can complete: Directive to Physician; Medical Power of Attorney; “Do Not Resuscitate” Order; and a Directive for Mental Health Treatment.

Newsletter Deadline – October 18

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:30am. The **Youth Sunday School** will meet downstairs at the same time.

Choir will meet for practice following Sunday worship services. Please see Mark Hewett if you have any questions.

Pastor’s Scripture Class for the upcoming Sundays will be held on the first, second, and third Wednesdays of this month (October 7th, 14th, and 21st) at 10am in Luther Hall.

October 14th is a busy day beginning with the **Lunch Bunch** at noon. The **Education Action Team** will meet at 6pm and the **Worship Action Team** will meet at 6:30pm. All activities will be in Luther Hall.

The next **Congregation Council** meeting will be on October 18th following worship services.

The **quilters** completed 5 quilts in September. They will meet on October 20th at 10am.

Atonement’s **Men in Mission** will meet on Saturday, October 24th, at 9am for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study.

Come join us for **refreshments** in Luther Hall following worship services on October 25th.

The **annual Congregation Meeting** will be held following worship services on November 15th. The agenda includes the election of the positions of President, Education Chair, and Social Ministry Chair. Also, we will approve the 2016 budget.

“TRADESPERSON” DIRECTORY

We are still looking for more names for our Tradesperson Directory. Blue half sheets are on the table in the narthex awaiting your recommendations of skilled craftsmen/women for simple household chores, repairs, minor and major construction projects. Please turn these names into the office, Ken, or Dona.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Caitlin and **Tami Griffin** participated in the Cross Trails Ministry Lutheran Fall Festival 5K (3.1 miles) run on September 19th in Fredericksburg. Caitlin finished first in her age division. Tami ran the whole way and finished her run in 38 minutes. Fantastic ladies!

PRAYERS

Please keep Milton Schram, Edna Long, Norma Otten, and all other members of our congregation who are homebound, those who have been ill or hospitalized, and those who mourn in your prayers.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas is still a few months away; however, we cannot wait that long for Operation Christmas Child. Our boxes need to be packed, blessed, and ready for shipment in November. We will put out the sign-up sheet and boxes/envelopes during October. We need everyone to sign the sheet to let us know if they are donating filled boxes or money for personal shoppers.

If filling your own box please return it no later than November 1st. Mark off the "Returned" column on the sheet. Once again, Samaritan Purse is requesting \$7 per box to cover shipping and handling (S/H). You can put that donation in a marked envelope into the designated can.

If you prefer to donate money for others to shop for you, please put your name and a \$20 donation in the assigned envelope and drop it in the can. The \$20 donation includes the \$7 S/H request.

Boxes will be blessed during announcements on November 8th. Last year we had approximately 50 boxes donated which brought joy and smiles to 50 disadvantaged children throughout the world.

Vision Statement: *Growing Disciples*

Mission Statement: *Serving as the Lord's Disciples*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANK YOU'S

Thank you to **Steve and Tami Griffin** for the generous donations of the two paintings, "Blessing Bestowed" and "Blind Faith" by artist Rafael Merino Orea. These gifts were given in honor and memory of their parents, Gene and Betty Lou Griffin & Vernon "Pop" and Bertha Rae Damon.



Almost 20 people participated in our **God's Work Our Hands** activities. Many quilted on Sunday, September 13th, and Tuesday, September 15th, completing five quilts. Cold bottles of water were distributed near the back gate of Lackland AFB. Also, 36 hygiene bags were filled with shampoo, crème rinse, hand soap, bath soap, and toothpaste. These were taken to the Friendship House. Items purchased for the hygiene bags were purchased through Thrivent Action Kit funds. Thank you to all who assisted and Thrivent for sponsoring the hygiene bags.
Dona Wenger

IN MEMORIAM

Bill Shuler, a former member at Atonement, passed away the beginning of September. Bill was very involved here being our BBQ cook, video & sound tech for Christmas programs, and Property Chair just to name a few. Recently Bill was a volunteer at the San Antonio Food Bank. Several members would like to honor Bill by volunteering a shift together at the Food Bank. A sign-up sheet with the day and time will be made available mid-October. Even if you didn't know Bill, this is a great way to serve our community.
POC: Tami Griffin

ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED

Eileen Mueller has decided to step down effective January after serving several years as our Altar Guild Point of Contact. Her main duties was securing someone each month for altar guild responsibilities and training any new volunteers. Please see Kathy Oertel, Worship Council Representative, or Eileen if interested in this position.