

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



Atonement's Lutheran Men in Mission recently formed a Thrivent 'Live Generously' Action Team. With the funds provided they provided six needy families who have children attending Allen Elementary with a holiday meal and a Christmas gift. The six families were chosen by the liaison officer at Allen Elementary.

Three of the families received a turkey and three of the families received a ham. The families also received other food to supplement the meal. The gift was a board game to promote family togetherness.

[Newsletter Deadline – January 22](#)

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School for youth and adults begins each Sunday at 9:30am.

Pastor's Scripture Class for the upcoming Sundays will be held on the first, second and third Wednesdays of this month (January 4th, 11th, and 18th) at 10:00am in Luther Hall.

The **Lunch Bunch** will meet on January 11th at noon.

Please check the bulletin for days and times that the **Education Action Team** and the **Worship Action Team** will meet in January.

The **Council** will meet following worship services on January 15th.

The **quilters** will resume meeting Tuesday, January 17th at 10:00am. If you can tie a knot then you can quilt. If you can't, you can still join us for some fellowship.

The **Men in Mission** will meet in Luther Hall on January 28th at 9:00am.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We received the wrong offering envelopes and the mistake was not caught in time to send them back. The envelopes we will use this year say Pew Envelopes. There are no numbers so please be sure to write your name on the envelope and the amount so that you can get the credit. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Mueller.

DISCIPLES WELCOMED

A new year is beginning so why not make a resolution to become more involved with your church family. Opportunities are out there, just reach out or come up with your own idea of how you can serve God through Atonement. Be an usher or reader, help with potlucks, do minor repairs, or organize a group activity or service project to name just a few. Come to action team meetings or let church council know you want to help. Become a disciple and grow in faith!

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Kathy Oertel** who was the first person at her school to achieve “Master” in Korea martial arts. She was also the first woman in Texas to accomplish this feat.

Chris Klabunde, grandson of Betty Fiorillo and son of Theresa Klabunde, graduated from Northwest Vista College with an Associate Degree. Chris is currently teaching for Northside Independent School District. Congratulations Chris!

Joey McCollom, who recently received his degree in Business & Economics, will be working for Reynolds & Reynolds in Houston.

PRAYERS

We pray for those who are ill, hospitalized or recovering from recent illnesses or accidents, serving our city and country, and those who are homebound or in assisted care facilities (Mary Arredondo, Norma Otten, Fritz Baker, Milton Schram, Edna Long, and Mae Mercereau).

MEMORIALS

Aaron Zook

- Jay & Dona Wenger – Men in Mission Fund
- Pastor & Jaime Goff – Angel Fund
- Nancy Williams-Sykes – Memorial Fund
- Holly Griffin Schmidt – Memorial Fund
- Elias & Dorothy Rode – Memorial Fund
- Pat Hoessly – Memorial Fund
- Heinbauch Family – Memorial Fund

Laura Humes

Herlinda Family - Memorial Fund

Vision Statement: *Growing Disciples*

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANK YOU'S

You may have noticed our church was not decorated during most of the advent season. That was not intentional. For years the same people have hung the decorations and put up the Christmas tree, but this year they were unable to do so. We want to thank **Eileen, Jaime, and Pastor Goff** for taking the time and putting up the tree, nativity, and other decorations.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

A special thank you is extended to all the ones who are serving on the Altar Guild. We would like to welcome Nancy Williams-Sykes and Virginia Hamel who will be joining our committee. We will be having a training session around the second week of February. Please let Eileen Mueller know if you would like to attend as a refresher. Pastor Goff will be assisting with the training.

BIBLE QUIZ

What did Jesus see upon his baptism?

- a. Angel
- b. Dove
- Devil
- Mary

Matthew 3:16

BOLDLY GO

Attention all Men! It's not too late to register for the Tri-synodical Gathering of Lutheran Men in Mission. It is being held February 10th and 11th at Christ Lutheran in Georgetown, Texas. All men are invited to go, including non-Lutherans, so ask a friend or two to attend with you. BGEN (Ret) Charles Duke, the tenth and youngest astronaut to walk on the moon, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, please ask Jay Wenger or go to www.swtsynod.org/article416074.htm and click Events. To save a little money, take advantage of early registration which ends January 15th.

Our website is www.atonementlutheransa.org.