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THE ATONEMENT

# BELL

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# PASTOR'S LETTER



Welcome to 2024! Not only are we in a new year and this January is a month with a spirit of newness. As a church, we are welcoming a group of new members (Contact myself or Pastor Gene to let us know if you're interested) and celebrating a number of younger members of our community receiving their prayer bears, the next big step we offer in the faith journey of some of our littlest members.

This is also a moment of newness for me and my family. My daughter, Zoë, is getting baptized on January 7 and, with that, (officially) being welcomed into God's family. It took us a while to finally get Zoë baptized, in part, because Alissa and I struggled to decide on where to have Zoë be baptized. Since Alissa serves at Lake Park Lutheran Church and I am at Atonement, we did not want to have to choose between our two churches for where Zoë would be baptized. Furthermore, whenever we considered the possibility of baptizing Zoë at Atonement, I would get stuck a second time: at which service would Zoë be baptized? I worried that choosing any service at which to have Zoë baptized would suggest any a preference for that service—and I very much did not want to send that message.

As a result, Alissa and I decided it was easier to just opt to have Zoë baptized at Lake Park, as we would not also have to navigate between different services like we would have to at Atonement. While Zoë will not be baptized at Atonement, Alissa and I remain truly grateful and humbled by the love you showered upon Zoë. You have shown her that church is a place where she is loved, welcomed, and affirmed. Alissa and I hope and pray that this will continue to leave a mark on her as she grows up and her faith (hopefully) grows, too.

Chances are, Zoë is more widely known than the average young child in our church, as not every little one has their parent talking about them from the pulpit. That said, I hope the love, care, and support our family has felt is felt by every other family with a little one, including the ones receiving prayer bears later this month. I know that every little one is equally cherished and loved by God more than we can possibly comprehend.

I also hope our next little one also feels so loved, welcomed, and safe in church—yes, Alissa and I are expecting a second child. After experiencing infertility and miscarriage, we are overjoyed that our family is welcoming another little one, while also recognizing that we will have our hands full with two children under two! I look forward to see what God has in store for our family—and our church.

-Pastor Kevin

# MONTHLY EVENTS



## WINTER WORSHIP HOURS

### 8 a.m. Traditional Worship

- Indoors and online

### 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

- Indoors and online

### 9:30 a.m. Kids BLAST, ACTS and Cross+Training classes

### 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

- In-person only

See all worship options at [atonementmuskego.org/worship](https://atonementmuskego.org/worship)

## ANNUAL MEETING:

**SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 12 P.M.**

Atonement's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at noon in Fellowship Hall. The meeting agenda will include the review of pastoral reports and Church Council and Ministry Team reports.

In addition, congregational members will vote on the proposed 2024 Ministry Plan budget and members nominated to service on the Church Council next year. Prior to the meeting, a light lunch will be served.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS: JAN. 26, 6 P.M.  
& NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: JAN. 28**

New Member Class is on January 24 at 6 p.m., and New Member Sunday is on January 28! Interested in attending and becoming a member of our church? Please contact Pastor Kevin ([kevin@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kevin@atonementmuskego.org)) or Pastor Gene ([gene@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:gene@atonementmuskego.org)) to let them know!

## COOKIE RECIPE MIX-UP!

Cookies that were sold by our youth around Thanksgiving have an incorrect recipe on the bag. We are VERY sorry for any confusion and ruined cookies this may have caused.

If you have already made your cookies and they turned out like soup, OR you have not yet made them, please pick from the following options

1. Request a refund
2. Request a new dry mix bag with corrected recipe attached
3. Request a batch of cookies (already cooked)
4. Correct Cookie Recipe (coming soon)

Contact Kara Mendez at [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org) with your request.

## BE A PART OF FELLOWSHIP!

We are asking for different Atonement groups to sign up to host fellowship. Serve any food/beverage. Any monetary donations can be kept by the hosts to reimburse for goods purchased, to purchase items to support their service mission, or donated to church.

**We depend on Atonement groups, families and individuals to host fellowship.**

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS THIS MONTH:

**January 7: No Fellowship (Kids BLAST Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.)**

**January 14: Annual Meeting**

**January 21: Doug Ehrick & Larry Alber Thank you**

**January 28: RIC Core Team**

Contact Jaci Geiger if interested: 414-659-1255 or [geiger1029@yahoo.com](mailto:geiger1029@yahoo.com)

# MONTHLY UPDATES



## **ISABELLE'S LETTER OF FAREWELL TO ATONEMENT**

Hello Atonement Friends! I am writing this letter to let you know that I will be gradually stepping away from my communications coordinator role over the month of January. These past few months have been a time of reflection and growth for me on a personal level, and I feel that my next steps in life are going to be more towards working with and empowering kids. Two exciting opportunities in that field have come my way, and I feel deeply compelled to move towards them.

The first and main opportunity is a tutoring position, helping Milwaukee Public School Kindergarteners and 1st graders reach their Math and English goals. The second opportunity is working as a facilitator in the Milwaukee Public Library's Makerspaces (basically a combination of an art room, mac computer lab, and a recording studio), working to engage and teach kids, families, and individuals who come to the library new ways to be creative. My schedules work out in such a way that, though I will not be in the office during normal office hours starting in January, I will have time to help run worship on Sundays and wrap up communications stuff through the end of the month. January 28 will be my last Sunday.

Your friendships, kindness, and warmth kept me afloat during an unsure time in my life. I have gained so many bonus siblings, parents, and grandparents while working here, and for that I am deeply grateful and blessed. My mom, who also had the delight of being welcomed into Atonement as a staff member a few years ago, reminded me of an undeniable truth that gave me a deep sense of peace about all this: God loves Atonement. Atonement brings glory to God, and God has this church in his hands.

Thanks for an amazing three years of faith, friendship, and community. I hope that I will be invited back to do fun, creative things with everyone. I would love to do more murals, paint and sip fundraisers, and art collaborations! I am truly blessed to have worked here at Atonement. Keep in touch with me! My personal email is [izzy.seifert@gmail.com](mailto:izzy.seifert@gmail.com).

Love,

Isabelle Seifert

## **THANK YOU TO LORRAINE BEHLING**

Lorraine Behling has been a quiet but prominent participant in the Atonement Church care giving ministry for well over 20 years.

Lorraine has headed up our care card program which has acknowledged significant events, both happy and sad, in the lives of members and friends through the years. Lorraine now tells us that, while her compassion continues, the time is right for her to step back from sending out the cards.

A new plan will be announced early in 2024. In the meantime, consider letting Lorraine know of your appreciation for her loving and faithful service. Join me, Pr. Gene, and Pr. Kevin as we wish Lorraine heartfelt words of blessing and gratitude. (Deacon Marian Wasierski)



# CHURCH RESOURCES



## JOIN THE ROELLI GROWTH GROUP

The Roelli Growth Group would love to grow spiritually with you. Our all-ages adult group meets seasonally on Wednesday nights on Zoom at 6:45 p.m. for 5-8 week sessions to dive deep into the word. If you are interested in joining our group or trying out a growth group session this winter, please reach out to Alyssa Roelli: [uwpaly@hotmail.com](mailto:uwpaly@hotmail.com)

## NURSERY CARE REQUESTS

Running an event at Atonement and need Child/Nursery care? Fill out this request form: [atonementmuskego.breezechms.com/form/d3025f](https://atonementmuskego.breezechms.com/form/d3025f)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

\$25. May bring home after 10:45 service. Need to know of order by Wednesdays of that week. Contact Kara Mendez: [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

## SMALL GROUP MATERIALS

A link for Small Group discussion guides was sent to all SG leaders. If you would like the link sent to you, please contact Kara Mendez: [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

## NARTHEX DISPLAYS: NOTIFY CHURCH OFFICE

Coordinating a drive or collection and want to put a display out in the Welcome area/narthex? Please notify the Church Office to confirm there is space for you!

## PRAYER REQUEST OPTIONS

**Prayer Chain:** Atonement's email prayer chain allows is a community of Atonement members who share prayer requests and pray for one another. To send your prayer request out on our prayer chain, please send your request to [prayer@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:prayer@atonementmuskego.org). Deacon Marian Wasierski and Jan DeGaetano ([jdegaetano135@gmail.com](mailto:jdegaetano135@gmail.com)) can also send a prayer request out on your behalf. If you'd like to receive requests sent out on the prayer chain, please contact Pastor Kevin.

**Prayer Desk Binder:** Fill out a prayer request in the binder outside the church office.

**Connect Card:** Fill out a Connect Card/Prayer Request form in our pews, and leave it in the offering basket or Church Office

**Online:** Fill out a prayer request form on our website: [atonementmuskego.org/prayer](https://atonementmuskego.org/prayer)

## SIMPLY GIVING ENVELOPES

Do you give to church using Simply Giving? Would you like to receive envelopes on Special Occasions, (ie) Good Friday, Easter, 13 total! These would be mailed directly on a quarterly basis. If you are interested please contact Kara Mendez: [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

## JOIN ATONEMENT'S MUSIC MINISTRIES

Is music one of the gifts God is calling you to share? Atonement's Music Ministries are always welcoming new talents!

Our Bell Choir meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., our Adult Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (contact Steve Joyal: [steve@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:steve@atonementmuskego.org)), and our Worship Team meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. (contact Sarah Talley [sarah@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:sarah@atonementmuskego.org)).

# DECEMBER REVIEW



## YOUTH MINISTRY ADMIRALS GAME: DECEMBER 2

Our Youth Ministry families had fun at the hockey game!



## STAR LIGHT A star that once lit up downtown Milwaukee now lights up Atonement!



## KIDS BLAST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & ADVENT FESTIVAL: DECEMBER 10

A Sunday of delightful music, skits, carols, bells, treats and crafts! Thanks to Rebekah Talley and Zach Felts for special music. Our children did an amazing job performing their Christmas Program. And thanks to the Classroom grandparents who helped facilitate our Advent Festival!





# DECEMBER REVIEW



## FESTIVAL OF MUSIC: DECEMBER 17

Our Festival of Music was a fantastic display of the musical talent within the Atonement community! We had traditional and contemporary music at all three services: BIG thanks to all the singers and musicians who dedicated their time and talents to this special day!



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: DECEMBER 24

Jesus was born a baby with unthinkable potential, much like all the colorful potential under the black "scratchy paper" Pastor Gene used for his Christmas message! Thanks to all the musicians, staff, and volunteers that made this day so special!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Anne Farebrother [anne@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:anne@atonementmuskego.org) & Kara Mendez [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Weekly Announcements can now be found in Atonement's Sunday Bulletin email and on the Children's Ministry page: [atonementmuskego.org/children/#weekly-announcements](https://atonementmuskego.org/children/#weekly-announcements)

## IMPORTANT STEPPING STONE DATES

These are the dates for the Stepping Stones up through February. No dates set for graduate quilts yet. Please also note that there are classes preceding each of these presentation dates and people should look out for info and sign ups for each of them.

- January 21: Prayer Bear Presentation (2-5 years)
- February 4: Second Grade Bible

## CLASSROOM GRANDPARENTS

To nurture intergenerational relationships at Atonement, we welcome our older members to join Kids BLAST in their classrooms on Sundays. Reach out to Anne Farebrother to learn more!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Aydin Deschaine  
Madric Deschaine  
Oliver Deschaine  
Skylar DuFrane  
Josh LaBarber  
Aria Hodge  
Hailey Frelich  
Eli Gumieny  
Max Gumieny  
Cole Tennie  
Grace Tischaefter

## STEPPING STONE MINISTRY: PRAYER BEARS 2024

Workshop: Tuesday, January 16, 6-7 p.m.

Presentation: Sunday, January 21, 8/9:30/10:45 a.m., during worship

For students 2-5 years old with their family, Prayer Bears are a great way for families to introduce their young ones to Bible stories, meaningful prayer, and other important faith practices!

Prayer Bear workshop helps grow faith with your preschooler by...

- Bringing Bible Stories to life
- Teaching little ones to pray from the heart
- Practicing faith and growing traditions with your family
- Family crafts that focus on God

If you have any questions please contact: Anne Farebrother [anne@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:anne@atonementmuskego.org) or

Kara Mendez [kara@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kara@atonementmuskego.org)

Register now at [atonementmuskego.org/events](https://atonementmuskego.org/events)



# YOUTH MINISTRY



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## YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS [atonementmuskego.org/youth](https://atonementmuskego.org/youth)

### WHAT GOING ON WITH OUR YOUTH LEADER? AND OTHER YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

We have not had a youth leader since Troy Mendez stepped down this summer—and that has come with some benefits. In particular, it has given us a chance to try out some new things and gain some clarity for what we want moving forward. It has been helpful for me, Pastor Kevin, to be more deeply involved in our youth ministry so that I can better support whatever youth leader we have moving forward.

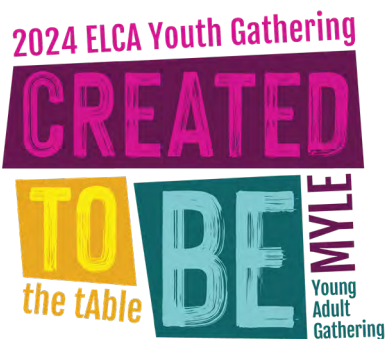
We will have another youth leader. As you will see in our materials for our Annual Meeting on January 14, we have budgeted for another youth leader and intend to hire one this year.

There are also drawbacks from not having a youth leader, though. Being in a period of transition doesn't always feel good. It has also required more from some of our most active volunteers. In particular, Mike Gandrud, Carrie Storm, and Julie Kerr-Nicholson have been huge gifts to our youth. Please thank them the next time you see them.

Now that we have a Fall under our belt, complete with social activities and weekly Cross+Training, and ACTS, our youth leader search team's work will ramp up. Look for more info on their work soon.

### A few main things to flag for what's happening in youth ministry in January and February:

- 1) The Youth are serving the Epiphany Pancake Breakfast on January 7
- 2) Fort Wilderness is February 8-10. Want to sign up? The signup will go through Realm, our new church management program—be on the lookout for that!
  - a. Our Youth Winter 2024 calendar is also in Realm!
- 3) The Youth are serving Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 13



### ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2024

ELCA is jazzed to announce that we're heading to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! The Big Easy is filled with rich history, friendly locals, amazing food and great music, and we just can't wait to go back.

Please block off July 14-21 and July 28 on your calendar. The Youth Gathering goes from July 16-20 and the exact days of the trip will depend on our method of transportation to the youth gathering. Those who attend will be sharing about the youth gathering in church on July 28. Sign up here: [bit.ly/ELCAYG-signup](https://bit.ly/ELCAYG-signup)

# SERVICE & OUTREACH



## DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls will meet on January 11 at 9:30 am for work day. We will be putting together kits that will be brought to El Salvador in February.

## WELCA MISSION ACTION

### 2023 Collection and Distribution Update:

Once again the women from Atonement have had another outstanding year and made an incredible difference in the lives of so many in need around the world and in our local community, by taking part in and contributing to the following MISSION ACTION Outreach Programs.

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR)

QUILTS: 72, Dianne Hoskins made an astounding 300 quilts with the remainder divided amongst the 10 local organisations listed below.

PERSONAL (HYGIENE) CARE KITS: 231, assembled by Elizabeth, Leah and Ruth Circles

BABY LAYETTE KITS: 56, assembled by Lydia Circle

SCHOOL BACK PACKS (with supplies): 1037, assembled by Mary Martha Circle

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY:** 658 hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and socks were collected.

These items plus the remainder of quilts were divided and distributed to the following local organizations:

All Peoples Church, Hope Center- Waukesha, Rescue Mission, Safe Babies Healthy Families- Waukesha, Salvation Army- Milwaukee, Salvation Army-Waukesha (Men's Lodge), Serenity Inn, Street Angels, VA- Milwaukee, Women's Center-Waukesha

Joy Alber also made 9 beautiful QUILTS for Graduating Seniors.



# SERVICE & OUTREACH



## MUSKEGO FOOD PANTRY

Please help us to continue to support the Muskego Food Pantry by bringing an item or 2 on Sunday's. Drop the items in the large bin, labeled Muskego Food Pantry, next to the grocery cart located in the hallway going to the Sunday School rooms.

S81 W19150 Apollo Drive in the Industrial Park | Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. | 262-679-6448 [muskegofoodpantry.org](http://muskegofoodpantry.org)

The pantry can often use individuals that are willing to pick up food from various businesses throughout the week. If you are interested, please contact the pantry at 262-679-6448 or email [muskegofoodpantry@hotmail.com](mailto:muskegofoodpantry@hotmail.com) or website [muskegofoodpantry.org](http://muskegofoodpantry.org) to fill out a form.

The most needed items at this time are:

### Personal care items

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Laundry soap

### Non-perishable food items:

- Canned fruit of any kind
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned meat (chicken, tuna, spam, and hash)
- Boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin)

- Canned pastas (ravioli, spaghetti-o's)
- Creamed soups for cooking (Chicken, mushroom, etc)
- Canned chili
- Cereal
- Items for school lunches

## ALL PEOPLES CHURCH (APC) FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- |                       |                                      |                     |                             |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Pancake Mix & Syrup | • Canned Vegetables                  | • Tuna              | • Pasta                     |
| • Cereal              | • Cream of Chicken Soup              | • Potatoes (Boxed)  | • Spaghetti Sauce (canned)  |
| • Oatmeal             | • Cream of Mushroom Soup             | • Dry Beans         | • Tomato Paste/Sauce        |
| • Jiffy Mix           | • Hamburger, Chicken, or Tuna Helper | • Rice (small bags) | <b>Items always needed:</b> |
| • Canned Chicken      | • Low Salt Spam or Ham               | • Rice a Roni       | • Personal Hygiene Items    |
| • Canned Fruit        |                                      | • Ramen Noodles     | • Shampoo & Soap            |
| • Canned Ravioli      |                                      | • Mac & Cheese      |                             |

## SERENITY INNS MEAL

Serenity Inns provides a place for men in addiction recovery to stay while they get back on their feet. We at Atonement have the opportunity to serve these men dinner once a month or so. It is easy to sign up to bring a dish, and you just have to drop it off at Atonement on the planned drop-off date. Jan Larsen coordinates these meals and delivery to Serenity Inns. If you're interested, in contributing part of a meal, give her a call: 414-529-5193



# SERVICE & OUTREACH



## CHURCH IN SOCIETY: GIFTS FOR VETERANS FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone from Atonement and the surrounding community area, including Pop's Marketplace for honoring our Veterans this past Veterans Day on November 11, 2023 by collecting and donating a multitude on ongoing needed items.

This year our focus was on helping the veterans through the VA- HUD (Housing and Urban Development) VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) program. These services are designed to help homeless Veterans and their families find and sustain permanent housing and access their many needs.

With the help of a Thrivent grant we were also able to purchase and provide many cleaning products and supplies that are continually in demand when starting up or maintaining housing.

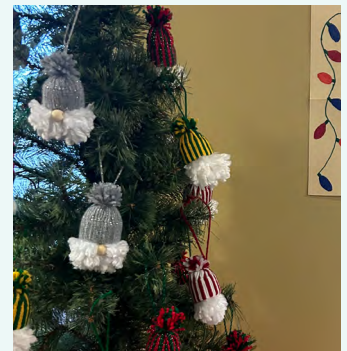
33 varied sized boxes of donations were delivered to the Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center on November 28, 2023, where they were welcomed with excitement and genuine heartfelt appreciation.

The CIS group once again thanks you for another very successful year of helping those in need!!!

## KNIT-WITS NEWS: THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The members of the Knit – Wits ministry want to thank all of you who bid at our recent auction. We are pleased to announce that our total proceeds came in at just under one thousand dollars! Half of this amount will be given to the Muskego Food Pantry in memory of Jean Albers (one of our members and a volunteer at the pantry). The rest will be used to buy yarn as we begin our work in the New Year.

As you may know, our group knits or crochets afghans, hats, scarves and mittens for those in need. Our work is done one stitch at a time! We welcome new members to join us when we meet the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August). We gladly accept yarn donations. Typically, we use worsted weight (4 ply) acrylic (washable) yarn of any color. For more information, call Mary Mooney 414-425-3299.



# COUNCIL CORNER



The Church Council approved the proposed 2024 Ministry Plan budget for final review and approval during the Atonement Annual Meeting set for noon on Sunday, January 14, 2024. The proposed ministry plan budget is \$671,120.

President Dave Frank informed the Council that Isabelle Seifert, Atonement's Communication Coordinator, has submitted her resignation, which was accepted by council members. She has accepted new career opportunities, but she will miss being part of the Atonement staff. To help with the transition, she has offered to provide part-time communications support through the end of January.

Nominations for open positions on the 2024 Church Council were presented by the Nomination Committee to the Council, which approved the committee's recommendations. The congregation will review and approve the recommended Council nominations, which are listed below, during the Atonement Annual Meeting.

Recommended Council Nominations:

- Matt Luttmann, President-Elect/Vice President
- Amanda King, Secretary
- Deb Tews, Treasurer
- Carol Mohr, Administration/Personnel
- Laura Brogan, Children, Youth and Family
- Renee Stadler, Outreach and Service

# WELCA



***“ I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things”  
–Mother Teresa***

I'm honored once again to help with Women's Ministry at Atonement as WELCA President. I'm confident the year ahead will go smoothly because of all the hard work and cooperation from a great group of ladies. Our year ended with a delicious brunch hosted by Mary/Martha and Ruth circles, followed by a short business meeting and then a wonderful program by the Women of Note.

Officers were installed for 2024. Mission Action and Mission Community positions have been combined into one Mission Team to facilitate the work. Officers for 2024 are: President - Candy Nemke, Vice President - Open, Secretary - Wendy Hunjadi, Treasurer - Kathy Elgin-King, Mission Team - Nancy Hanks, Denise Kral, Linda Lundin, Sue Nicgorski.

The WELCA Board will meet at Atonement on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss plans for the coming year. Come ready to share ideas. Looking ahead...our first General Meeting of the year will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 3. We will share soups served by Mary/Martha Circle. Program information will be available next month.

WELCA is open to all ladies of the church. Join us for bible study, informative programs, fellowship, and the chance to make new friends. Plus, I can guarantee some laughter! Please contact me with any questions or suggestions concerning women's ministry at Atonement.

Blessings, Candy Nemke

## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR WELCA LEADERSHIP:

**Elizabeth Circle:** Shirley Littleton: [shirklitt@gmail.com](mailto:shirklitt@gmail.com)

**Leah Circle:** Terry Hagen [hagentl@hotmail.com](mailto:hagentl@hotmail.com)

Denise Kral: [denise.kral@gmail.com](mailto:denise.kral@gmail.com)

**Lydia Circle:** Nancy Hanks: [nhanks49@yahoo.com](mailto:nhanks49@yahoo.com)

Jan DeGaetano: [degaetano135@gmail.com](mailto:degaetano135@gmail.com)

**Mary/Martha Circle:** Wendy Hunjadi: [wahunjadi@arandell.com](mailto:wahunjadi@arandell.com)

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Sandy Zielinski: [sgreenz556@gmail.com](mailto:sgreenz556@gmail.com)

# MEN'S MINISTRY



## ATONEMENT LEGENDS

The Legends Saturday group will gather on Jan. 20 at 8:30 a.m., to continue with a DVD series on Genesis presented by the Hillsdale College. All are welcome. Contact Larry Alber: [larry@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:larry@atonementmuskego.org)

## RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT (ROMEO)

Meet to chat and connect on the 3rd Thursday each month, 9 a.m. at The Forum, 4711 S 108th St., Milwaukee. Interested? Contact Bob Puranen: 414-791-4197



# STATS & CONTACT



## NOVEMBER DONATIONS

**General, \$55,770**  
**Benevolence. \$4,855**  
**Memorials, \$465**

## OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

**Church Office:** Mon., Wed., 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
[info@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:info@atonementmuskego.org) | 414-422-0400

**Pastor Gene Talley**  
 Office Hours: Mon. & Wed., 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
[gene@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:gene@atonementmuskego.org) | 608-345-5333

**Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar**  
 Office Hours: Mon. & Wed., 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
[kevin@atonementmuskego.org](mailto:kevin@atonementmuskego.org) | 414-207-8778

**Deacon Marian Wasierski**  
 Virtual Office Hours: Mon. 1-5 p.m., Tue. 1-3 p.m.  
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**Kara Mendez (Office Admin.)**  
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**Lori Schantz (Interim Bookkeeper)**  
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 God's work. Our hands.

### Hands-on Mission

Primary Benevolence ELCA	\$ 23,330
APC	\$ 1,930
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$ 50
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 150
ELCA Global Mission support	\$ 600
EI Salvador Roofs	\$ 6,600
EI Salvador Sponsorships	\$ 17,596
EI Salvador Water Project	\$ 1,000
Habitat for Humanity MKE/Waukesh;	\$ 380
Asylum ministry	\$ 1,915
Kids Blast to World Relief	\$ 987
Men's Ministry (Legends)	\$ 100
LWR School Kits	\$ 1,581
School Mural & School Supplies	\$ 1,810
Other Benevolences	\$ 380
Care Giving Ministry	\$ 220
Quilters	\$ 227
Knit-Wits	\$ 970
<b>Giving Beyond Atonement 2023</b>	<b>\$ 59,826</b>

\*These lists do not include all of the gifts and services given by many individuals and groups to a variety of other organizations and ministries.

## MEMBERSHIP INFO (as of Nov. 2023)

Baptized Members: 723  
 Confirmed Members: 494  
 Associate Members: 2

### Ministry Plan



### Year-to-date through Oct 30

Tithes & Offerings Received	\$ 499,379
Tithes & Offerings in our plan	\$ 545,221
Expenses Incurred	\$ 595,749
Expenses in our plan	\$ 594,605

Church Loan@4.25%ends 10/2027	\$ 332,853
OWC Loan @3.95% ends 5/2045	\$ 243,835

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In our prior 5-year history, giving through Sept should be 76.4% of our annual plan. On 10/31/23, we are at 70.0%. Detailed financial reports are posted monthly in the office.



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