



**Atonement  
Lutheran  
Church**

*Living in God's love ~  
Reaching out with hope*

# Voice of Atonement

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## Pastor's Message

Anna Jarvis, a Sunday School teacher and church organist from Philadelphia, started what would be considered one of the "high holy days" of the church and our nation.

In 1906, Anna's mother died, and at the Memorial Service, Anna asked those attending to wear white carnations, her mother's favorite flower. After the service, Anna learned that many countries had been celebrating Mother's Day since the early 1800's, but the United States had not. So on the first anniversary of her Mother's death, Anna asked her church to hold a service in memory of all mothers. The next year, she got numerous churches to hold similar services in memory of all mothers. In 1912, Anna organized the Mother's Day International Association, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a national observance.

Anna's great love for her mother caused her to lead the movement for a national observance of Mother's Day; a day when we honor our mothers for their love and sacrifice for all they have done for us.

Just as the death of Anna's Mother led to the institution of Mother's Day, Jesus' death led to the institution of what we call Holy Communion. It's a special time to focus on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It's a time to come around the Lord's Table and remember

all that Jesus did for us.

Tiffany asked me the other day what I wanted for Mother's Day. I said, "For someone to fix our Ring Doorbell, and for my Fit-Bit's time to get changed as it's all messed up." She said, "Well, I'm not an electrician, so the Ring won't happen, and I'm not a Fit Bit whiz, so that won't be happening either." Ok then.

Then I said, "Actually, I'm having a hard time even thinking about Mother's Day this year when I don't have a Mom to even call this year." Then I got a bit teary-eyed and added, "So I'm glad David & Carl invited us up to their home for a big BBQ gathering that day." Tiffany bluntly said, as only Tiffany can do, "I don't even know why there's a Mother's Day." I said, "Oh thanks a lot." And she continued,

"Well shouldn't every day be like a Mother's Day?" She's right, isn't she?

Most of us think of our mothers, whether living on earth or already living in heaven, more often than just on Mother's Day, and all of us ought to remember Jesus and Jesus' great sacrifice for us at times other than just Easter or other Sundays or times of the church year. For the truth is, whether still living on earth, or living now in eternity, most of our moms, and Jesus, for all of us, have done so much for us we ought to think of them daily and give thanks to God!



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STAFF**

Senior Pastor

**Pastor Kristi Beebe**

Music Director, Youth and  
Outreach Coordinator

**Brandon Bill**

Office Manager

**Audrey Brack-Banks**

Music Accompanist

**Carol Ott**

Keyboardists

**Gayle Gunderson**

**Carol Ott**

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## IN OUR PRAYERS:

*Recent:*

Katie Cunningham

Marcia Cunningham

Jan Harding

Chris Mofatt Otto

Ron Matussek

Bob Zartman

The family and friends of  
Laverne Galbraith

*Ongoing:*

Jim Bland

Irma Farrell

Grace Gilette

Milton Milberger

Pam Struessel

Arlene Karika Thompson

Beth Thompson

Randy Updike

Jean Viste

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*If you would like to place  
someone on the prayer list, you  
may email their name and  
reason for request to:*

**PrayerRequests@  
atonement-denver.org**

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Abraham Lincoln once said, “*All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.*” Dwight Eisenhower said, “*My sainted mother taught me a devotion to God and a love of country which have ever sustained me in my lonely and bitter moments of decision in distant and hostile lands.*”

You and I might not be “*in distant and hostile lands,*” but many of us know our mother’s love, and Jesus’ love, help sustain us whenever we need it in our lives. That’s a reason to celebrate mothers, and even more so, to celebrate Jesus, every single day we live!

Happy Mother’s Day, and Happy Easter Day ~ everyday! Praise God!

In thanksgiving for Mothers everywhere; in loving memory of all Moms who have died and gone before us; and in grateful thanksgiving for Jesus’ ongoing, amazing, and eternal love!,

—Pastor Kristi Beebe



## President’s Thoughts

Here we are in springtime. Easter Sunday was unusually beautiful. It was a combination of gathering again in worship, a beautiful, warm day for worshipping outside and chasing Easter eggs. Glorious music from the choir and special music. Breakfast waiting for you. So now onto the next church season but wait. There are 50, yes fifty days of Easter! What! Every Sunday Easter eggs, Alleluias, Easter breakfast, huge crowds? That would be nice, but I really doubt it. We will stay on the path towards Christ’s final ascension to heaven.

It has been a difficult time for several of our

families this Lent and Holy Week. The loss of mothers and a husband. But what assurance that death is not the end. It is the beginning of a whole new eternal life.

Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Easter Blessings,

—Eileen Koppenhaver  
Congregation President

# The Spring Congregational Meeting

*Will be held on*

*May 22, 2022*

*at 11:30 am*

*In the Atonement Sanctuary and on Zoom!*

*A Quorum is needed. Please plan to attend!*



## THE CORNER DESK

Wow! We really had a glorious Easter Sunday! Everything seemed a lot more "normal" than the "Covid-friendly" celebrations we had last year! We actually were able to go back to the Easter Breakfast! Many thanks to Julie Strasser who headed up and organized everything. So many delicious home-made pastries – (even home-made Pop Tarts– Wow!) Thanks to all who baked!

Also, special thanks go out to the hard-working Shauna Skaff, who tirelessly worked tech for all Lenten and Holy Week services. She also obtained all the Easter Lilies and beautifully decorated our sanctuary! She even hung all the outside decorations. Again, many, many thanks to her.

Thanks also go out to Brandon Bill also worked hard to make the Lenten and Holy Week services special, arranging cantors for mid-week Lenten services, as well as special music for Holy Week. Kudos to Julie Strasser, and all who put

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# Church Council Meeting Highlights

## Council Meeting on Zoom, April 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM

1. Pastor Kristi Beebe –
  - Pastor thanked everyone for support and encouragement during her time of mourning of her mom and being away for the service for her mom.
  - Holy week and Easter had a good number worshipping in person and online with some new people and young families coming.
2. President – Eileen Koppenhaver
  - Nominating Committee met to fill positions for the Spring Congregation Meeting. Nominating committee is: Kathy Stapleton, Diane Buck, Nate Blair, Julie Strasser, Barb Krug. Thank you to all of you that accepted second terms.
  - Spring Congregation Meeting? May 22. All agreed to 5/22 and Eileen will put this in the newsletter. Main business = Election of Council Members and update of finances.
3. Vice-President – Tracy Ford
  - *Drop in the Bucket* is ready for Earth Day; ELCA World Hunger receives from 3 weeks and a Lutheran Creation Care group will receive from the last week
  - ELCA Pastor, Tyg Taylor, who leads “Wholly Kicks” will speak on May 22nd
  - Tracy will ask Brandon who is the volunteer for Westgate school and reach out to them
4. Stewardship for All Seasons – Randy Cunningham
  - “Guided by the Spirit - New Horizons Ahead” Generosity appeal update. The numbers are down this year but it wasn’t the usual time for an appeal.
  - The AED is in Mike Lewellen’s hands and he’s working hard on this. It requires certification and training. Nice to have an initiative that’s on-track and Mike is working hard on this.
5. Co-Financial Secretary – Randy Cunningham
  - March giving was down (Easter was in April)
6. Treasurer – Mike Skaff
  - Reviewed reports Mike sent; to date we’re under by almost \$14,000 (but Easter offering isn’t yet counted)

- Counters – Mike created an excel template where the Counters can enter it into Excel with more accuracy than pencil/paper.

### Old Business

- Update on El Paso property, Cookie Plate = she has a Settlement statement and a Title policy; the company needs to review the title. Cookie will continue working on this.
- Suggest resume work on projects. Start with:
  - Digital Sign - gather a committee and get the financials
  - Mission Statement - return to creating a new Mission statement
  - Worship – Pastor Kristi shared that we need to look at worship and make decisions on worship: styles, time, new worship. Create a survey? Cottage meetings? Create a worship task force - small group. This can be an evangelism initiative, as well. Where does Education fit in? Parking lot issues?

### New Business

- VBS planning status - it'll be July 25-July 29
- Brandon has info on local ELCA Youth Gatherings
- Building and Grounds reported
  - TOPS AC company has completed AC in office, old narthex and education area. .
  - Most recently another sewer line backed up, the east line, and this was another \$250 (Mike learned that we have two lines). Also, a small hot water heater leaked (2.5 gal) and a plumber will come to discuss w/Mike what other options we may have for this.
  - Mike Lewellen trying to set date for spring cleanup day.
  - Possible projects:
    - planting trees that were removed on Lamar
    - what to do with dirt that’s west of the Sanctuary?
    - what to do with hill near the Gaga pit area.
- Next Council Meeting –  
**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

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together the delicious Midweek Lenten suppers. So much fun! Lastly, Thanks to Brandon and Kari Bland for spearheading the Easter Egg hunt this year. All the kids really enjoyed it!

Of course, we can't forget to thank Pastor Kristi, who, in spite of traveling to her mother's memorial service, managed to deliver all of those Midweek Lenten Service and Holy Week sermons! She's the best!

It was great to fully celebrate Easter Sunday this year. Christ is Risen Indeed! Wishing God's best for you!

Audrey Brack-Banks  
Atonement Office Manager

## Drop in the Bucket

### May's Drop in the Bucket benefits Wholly Kicks

Wholly Kicks has a mission to distribute new shoes and "walk with individuals experiencing economic disparity. This Non-Profit Organization founded by Rev. Tyg Taylor (719-339-8281) exists for the purpose of "walking with" people in impoverished areas, or those at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.

Through the distribution of new shoes and socks, the focus of Wholly Kicks is to mentor and build relationships while "walking with" individuals experiencing economic disparity. ELCA Pastor Tyg sold many of his belongings shortly after his beloved spouse died several years ago. He moved to Colfax Avenue in Denver from his nice home in Monument; and although many, including his own children, thought he

was crazy for doing so (and truth is, he is a rather crazy guy, in the fun sense of the word!), this has been a dream of his for years. These days, you'll find Pastor Tyg literally walking with people on a daily basis, sharing the good news of Jesus mainly through his actions. But if you know Tyg, you know he never comes up short in using his words either! He's a real people-person who loves Jesus and loves people, especially those at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness. It's no wonder Pastor Tyg and Wholly Kicks ministry has changed many a life in Denver, Aurora, and Colorado Springs. He knows we aren't all able, or willing, to walk the streets day in and day out, chatting with the homeless, but he also knows we can all still help ... Wholly Kicks is one way we can be a part of this much-needed ministry!

## Adult Education

Life has a way of taking the life out of us. Often we go through situations where the challenge seems so much greater than our strength. During such times, we can find hope and inspiration from the story of Joshua.

God had called Joshua to take over from Moses and lead the Israelites into a paradigm shift from wilderness wandering to promise-believing. In Canaan, they would not fight *for* victory but fight *from* victory. God had a Promised Land in store for them, but they had to grasp that reality, change their mindsets, and take action to receive it.

The same is true for us today. Max Lucado, the course author says God is telling us that our best days - our "glory days" - are still ahead of us. We only need to grasp that truth and live in faith to realize this promise.

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In this class "Glory Days", you will learn that no matter how good the past was, what lies ahead can be better. The study guide which is \$8.00, includes discussion questions, conversation starters, and between-session activities to enhance your understanding and application of Max Lucado's teaching.

Join Adult Ed beginning on April 24 at 9:15 for six weeks of learning about your Glory Days.



# CLEAN UP DAY!

**Saturday  
May 28th  
8am to Noon**

Help us beautify the church grounds!

Bring your gloves, hand and electric trimmers and extension cords.

See you there!



**Atonement  
Lutheran  
Church**

*The mission of Atonement Lutheran Church is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ - birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension. This is a shared ministry of staff and laity. We are a community that provides time and space for worship, learning and administration of the sacraments. We witness by reaching out with God's love. We accept responsibility for ministry to the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, community and people of the world.*

## From your Building and Grounds Team

### The New Heating/AC Project is COMPLETE!!

We now have 'real' air conditioning in the Office, Foyer (old Narthex) and Education Unit. Praise be to God!!

### Minor projects

- 1) **\*In Progress\*** - Replace the dishwashers. We will be seeking Memorial Day Sales to look for good deals. Help is most appreciated to install the new DW's and haul-away the old ones.
- 2) **\*In Progress\*** - The hot water heater in the sacristy rusted out and sprung a leak. We are getting pricing to replace with a 'tankless water heater' for just that sink. **\*\*\*THANK YOU\*\*\* "Brian Strasser" for coordinating the dishwasher and hot water heater replacement!!!**
- 3) **\*Project Need\*** - The backboard on the outdoor basketball hoop has been shattered. Do you know of anyone the has a basketball backboard they want to part with?? (Maybe Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Goodwill)?? We need a volunteer to help fix/replace the basketball backboard and hoop...please.
- 4) **\*Another project need\*** - We need someone to configure a rack to be located at the bottom of the Stairs from the narthex, leading to the basement. This rack will be used to organize and store the many canvas signs that are posted in the front yard along Yale Ave. Contact Eileen Koppenhaver for details.

### Major projects

- 5) **\*Complete\*** New A/C -Units in foyer, and education unit.
- 6) **\*Under Investigation\*** THE DIGITAL SIGN!!
- 7) **\*Under Investigation\*** Improvement and Integration of the Fire Detection System.
- 8) **\*On Hold\*** Shingled Roof above Sanctuary and West Portico.

**If you see something (that needs repaired), say something to the Church Office.**

### OPEN POSITION(s): VOLUNTEER(s) WANTED (Building and Grounds Maintenance TEAM). YES... We NEED a TEAM!!!

#### Many hands make lighter work!!!

With Mike Skaff assuming the responsibilities of bookkeeping, we need someone... like YOU and YOU and YOU... to step up to coordinate any maintenance and repairs needed in and around the church building. Several of you have ask what this assignment entails. THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST!!

Much of the major improvements are complete. The remaining duties of this position are to coordinate scheduled maintenance and upkeep in and around the church building. This may include:

- Coordinating Heating/AC scheduled maintenance
- Coordinating interior/exterior window washing
- Assist with clean-up days
- Periodically cleaning up (don't have to wait for clean-up days!!)
- Assist with the occasional snow removal.
- General maintenance, changing light bulbs and other DIY necessities.
- Miscellaneous Repairs
- Moving Furniture
- Project Coordination

Contact Mike Lewellen, Mike Skaff, or the Church Office for more information ... or just to volunteer!

### OPEN POSITION(s): Custodial Team

Our Tiffany is graduating High School very soon. Time Flies! Early Congratulations Tiffany! She has let us know that we need to find a new custodial team that will need to start May 2022. Sorry, we can't offer work-at-home. But the plus side is the hours are totally flexible!! Contact the Church Office for more information.

*Respectfully,  
Building and Grounds Team  
Mike L. and {your name here}*

## Evangelism Team Events

- We look forward to seeing you at our special Greeter's School at **12:00 noon on Sunday, May 1st** (refreshments included). Good for new greeters, but also a great refresher for experienced greeters.
- The Shredder truck will be here again in our parking lot on **Saturday, June 4th from 10:00 am to Noon.**

*Thanks for your participation!*

*– Kathy Stapleton*



## Pantry Needs for May:

Cereal

Tomato Products

Rice

## Stewardship

### Getting rid of 'all the crap'

*And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." –Luke 12:15*

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home.

"What really gets to me about cleaning the house," he said, "is all the crap."

Crap. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the yard junk all over the lawn, and on and on.

The crap factor comes to mind in Jesus' parable of "the rich fool" in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord

with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our "bigger barns") is booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when our lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus' parable talks about possessions, but the same principle applies to the mind and heart's clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God.

How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?

For the month of May, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what "clutter" may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what's truly important? That is, the things of God.

*—Rob Blezard*

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## Worship and Music

A huge thank you for all who helped make our Easter celebration. The Sanctuary and outdoors area was filled with the sight and smell of beautiful Easter Lilies.

Thank you for all who have helped Usher, Read, and donate to the altar flowers.

Moving forward, many of our regular helpers will be on vacation, so we need help with A/V, Streaming, along with the ushers, and readers.

Have a Happy Easter season!

*—Shauna Skaff  
Worship and Music*

*Your gifts to the mission and ministry of Atonement  
are greatly appreciated.*

*Not only that, but they are also needed to meet the  
monthly costs of mission.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**May Meeting:** FIA will meet on May 3rd, at the home of Michelle Healey and Mike Lewellen; 2853 S. Gray Way, Denver, 80227, at 6:00. This will be a pot-luck. If you plan to attend, please contact Michelle (303-478-6529), so that we can plan the meal accordingly.

**Bulletin Board in the Narthex: “Water, Waste, and Weather”:  
Addressing Climate Change**

**Colorado Faith  
Communities  
United**



**To End  
Gun Violence**

**Update on 2 Legislative Bills concerning Gun Violence:**

**CFCU SUPPORTS:**

HB22-1086

The Vote Without Fear Act

Concerning prohibiting openly carrying firearms at a voting location. **This Bill was voted into Law on March 30,2022**

**CFCU OPPOSES:**

HB22-1168

Public School Hunter Education Seventh Grade Course

Concerning permitting public schools to provide a hunter education course to seventh grade students. **This Bill has passed the House and the Senate, and is waiting for the Governor’s signature (4-19-2022).**

**SAVE BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK: 2 Sides of the Issue**

***Bear Creek Lake Park At Risk***

The Army Corps of Engineers is studying the feasibility of reallocating some of Bear Creek Lake from “Flood Control” to “Storage”. The current reservoir holds 2,000 acre feet of water. Under the proposal the reservoir could be as large as 22,000 acre feet. A 20,000 acre feet expansion would flood 34% of Bear Creek Lake Park (excluding the golf course) and reduce land area by 615 acres. Twelve miles of trails and nearly two miles of riparian ecosystem would be inundated. The core of the park’s wildlife habitat, along with most of its forests and creekside trails, would be consumed. These inner regions of the park, where the surrounding highways cannot be seen or heard, encompass nearly a square mile.

Bear Valley is downstream of the dam. Concerns here include an increased risk of flooding, worsening water quality in Bear Creek and greenbelt degradation due to reduced water flows, and the loss of a major recreational asset so near to us. In most years there is not enough water flowing into the lake from Bear Creek and Turkey Creek to fill the proposed reservoir. Large mudflats would likely surround whatever water is in the lake.

The organization Save Bear Creek Lake Park is working to spread the word about the issue. You may have seen their yard

signs around the neighborhood and in Lakewood. Visit [SaveBearCreekLakePark.org](http://SaveBearCreekLakePark.org) for more information. At the site you can sign up to receive email updates, donate to the cause and request a yard sign. You can also follow the group on Facebook and Instagram.

***Denver is Growing and People Need Water***

In order to increase water supply for the Front Range’s growing population, more storage is needed on the Eastern Slope to store water for the increase in demand. New reservoirs have loads of environmental impacts and one way to mitigate this is to increase storage of existing reservoirs or repurpose storage of existing reservoirs. For example, Chatfield Reservoir, also a flood control reservoir recently had some of it’s flood storage reallocated for water supply. Gross Reservoir is being enlarged to provide more storage for Denver Water. And now Bear Creek Lake is being studied to use some of it’s flood control space for water supply. (Mike Lewellen)

**Sunflower Thai**



In 2016, Several Members of Faith In Action mentored a family of Refugees from Myanmar. We helped them learn the ropes of living in Denver, and as an added bonus, came to love them. Our family consists of a man (Zai), his wife (Zizi), their son and daughter. However, we also got to know more of Zizi’s family, because they’d arrived sooner to the Denver area and had never received Mentors. Our family, as we affectionately call them, has not only survived, but they are thriving! They have worked very hard to achieve their goals. Last Summer they bought a house. After owning a Sushi Franchise inside of a King Soopers for several years, they were able to save enough money to buy their own restaurant (Nov. 2021). A few of us visited on April 7th. We continue to be impressed by how resilient and lovely these people are. We could not be prouder

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of our family. They have an extensive Menu of delicious Thai food, and as of April 9th, they added Sushi to their Menu. The address is 4880 W 120th Ave Westminster, CO 80020 (Sheridan and 120th). If you stop in, tell them that you are from Atonement. (Michelle Healey)

### Why was Andrew Chepelevich in the Prayer Requests?

Andrew is the brother of my beloved Veterinarian, "Dr. G". Andrew and his wife, Valerie, escaped Ukraine in early March. They were accepted into Mexico, where they surrendered to US Authorities at the Border near San Diego, CA., where they were housed in a Detention Center. Valerie was released to relatives in Colorado in early April. Andrew was held in the Detention Center for approx. 6 weeks. When the war began in Ukraine, I asked my Vet. how I could help, he replied, "Pray." Andrew arrived at DIA at 2:30 AM on April 20th. A Heartfelt THANK YOU to the prayer community of Atonement. The power of prayer is amazing! (Michelle Healey)

### FIA PICKS!

#### Events:

##### ➤ 2022 Colorado Rockies Fundraiser

The Miracle Workers Coalition is once again working with the Colorado Rockies to help raise funds for Habitat for Humanity builds. This year, we will be handing out German Marquez bobbleheads on Saturday June 18th. Please sign up and help us give away the Marquez bobbleheads this year! We need 50 volunteers to staff all of the entrances of the Stadium. Come join us for this exciting event and support the Colorado Rockies and Habitat for Humanity families.

##### June 18 - San Diego Padres - 7:10 PM Game Time

As a volunteer, you will receive a free ticket to the game and a Rockies t-shirt. If interested, contact: Keoki Huffman [glhuffman@huffman.com](mailto:glhuffman@huffman.com).

#### Books:

##### ➤ "Flight Behavior" By Barbara Kingsolver

From one of my favorite authors, Barbara Kingsolver: "Flight Behavior" takes on one of the most contentious subjects of our time: climate change. With a deft and versatile empathy Kingsolver dissects the motives that drive denial and belief in a precarious world. Flight Behavior transfixes from its opening scene, when a young woman's narrow experience of life is thrown wide with the force of a raging fire. In the lyrical language of her native Appalachia, Barbara Kingsolver bares the rich, tarnished humanity of her novel's inhabitants and unearths the modern complexities of rural existence. Characters and reader alike are quickly carried beyond familiar territory here, into the unsettled ground of science, faith, and everyday truces between reason and conviction." (<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13438524-flight-behavior>) (Laura Buhs)

#### T.V.:

##### ➤ "Servant of the People" on Netflix (2015-2019)



Volodymyr Zelensky 2015



Volodymyr Zelensky Apr. 4, 2022

I was curious about "Servant of the People", the "Sitcom" (Situation Comedy) that Ukrainian President Zelensky starred in for 3 Seasons before he became President. He plays a H.S. History Teacher. A pupil secretly records him raging over political corruption, posts it on YouTube, it goes Viral, and eventually results in his election as President of Ukraine. The show was so popular in Ukraine that the Country decided to elect the Actor/ Comedian as their real President. The show (with English Subtitles) is filmed in Kyiv. As I watched, I was struck by the contrasts of Kyiv then and now: between the beautiful city scenes of normal people going about their normal lives and the scenes that we now see on the Nightly News. The devastation of War in living color!

*"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.*

*If only we're brave enough to be it."*

*(The Hill We Climb, Amanda Gorman)*

**Faith In Action Ministry Team**



Barbara Kaare-Lopez and Suzanne Rouso  
on their Border Immersion Trip

## Giving Opportunities that don't cost you a dime!!!

[Philippians 4:19](#) *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

You can help Our church every time you shop anytime throughout the year!!!

Here's how!!

- ShopwithScrip -> RaiseRight – Purchase Gift cards or eGiftCards
- AmazonSmile
- King Soopers Community Rewards



### Fundraising through Gift Cards

ShopwithScrip will be changing their brand to RaiseRight. This is a program where you can purchase gift cards for over 780 retailer brands, with rebates ranging from 2-16% given directly to Atonement Lutheran Church every time you shop, **at no additional cost to you**. RaiseRight is the app that enables you to purchase these many e-gift cards directly from your smart-device.

Enroll and Start Earning!! <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/startearning>

Enrollment Code: **F84C731861822**

Tutorial: [https://youtu.be/MKV\\_BXUWIm8](https://youtu.be/MKV_BXUWIm8)

## amazon smile

You shop. Amazon gives.

### AmazonSmile

Who doesn't shop Amazon during the holidays?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchases to our church. To support Atonement Lutheran Church, go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0594012>

and select "Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA Lakewood" as your charity!



### King Soopers Community Rewards

Everyone buys food <period>! Everyone needs to EAT!!

Did you know that 41 families have registered their King Soopers Loyalty Card and last year Our church has received over \$2000 in King Soopers Community Rewards?

Enroll your Sooper Card here –

<https://www.kingsoopers.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/>

and link it to

Organization Name: Atonement Lutheran Church of Denver CO

Organization Number: VF091

Submitted by: Mike Skaff – Treasurer

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Council President

**Eileen Koppenhaver**

Vice President

**Tracy Ford**

Secretary

**Gayle Gunderson**

Treasurer

(until replacement found)

**Kathy Fletcher**

At Large Representative

**Cookie Plate**

At Large Representative

**Roman Whitt**

At Large Representative

**Carol Farr**

At Large Representative

**Julie Strasser**

## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Adult Education

**Carol Farr**

Building & Grounds

**Mike Lewellen**

Children & Youth Ministry Open

Congregational Caring Open

Evangelism

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**Stephanie Goman**

Men's Ministry Open

Outreach Ministry Open

Stewardship

**Randy Cunningham**

Women's Ministry Open

Hannah Circle Open

Worship & Music

**Sauna Skaff**



Join the ladies of St. Philip  
for a Spring Women's Ministry Event

# FAITH

Women's Ministry Event  
Music • Fellowship • Food • Fun



**Stephanie Henderson**  
Faith Speaker

## Register Today

Collecting  
Donations for  
Littleton's Love  
Inc: Diapers  
Size 3-5

## May 3, 2022 | 6:30-8:30PM

Doors open at 6pm



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