



**Atonement
Lutheran
Church**

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

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September 2026

Pastor's Message

Greetings!

There's a particular energy in the air late August and into September as students, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, administrators, and janitors, all go Back to School for another year. Backpacks are packed; alarm clocks are reset for much earlier than during the summer; school supplies have been purchased; and after a slower summer, for most people, our whole community shifts back into rhythm. Buses are running again. Classrooms fill up. And whether you're a student, a parent driving carpool, a grandparent sending care packages to grandkids in college, or simply someone who remembers that "new notebook," and "new backpack" feeling, this season has a way of stirring up fresh starts in all of us.

I want to invite you to bring that same "back to school" energy to something else this fall: Back to Bible Study.

Just like our kids sharpen pencils and open new textbooks, September is a perfect time for us to open up God's Word with fresh eyes.

Summer schedules pull us in a dozen directions ~ vacations, sports, cookouts, travel, watching the grandkids, taking long walks ~ and it's easy for our habits of daily Bible reading and weekly fellowship to slip along with them. There's no shame in that; seasons ebb and flow. But autumn gives us a

natural on-ramp back to consistency, and I don't want us to miss it.

Think about it: students spend years training their minds ~ reading, memorizing, discussing, being tested and stretched by teachers who want to see them grow. Shouldn't we approach our faith with the same intentionality? In Acts 17:11, the

believers are commended because they "*welcomed the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so.*" Wouldn't it be a great idea for us to get back to welcoming God's Word with all eagerness?

Studying God's Word

isn't really just a suggestion, it's a discipline, one that deepens with practice, just like any school subject worth learning.

So here's my invitation to you for September - December ... **Join Bible Study** on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm (with the exception of November 25th and December 23rd). No experience required ~ just a willingness to show up, learn, and fellowship with one another. And remember, good students aren't afraid to "raise their hand, so bring your questions, your curiosity, and even any doubts you may have to Bible Study, for that's where growth in faith happens. Whether you've been walking with Jesus for one day or a hundred years, there's a

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**BACK TO
BIBLE
STUDY**



IN OUR PRAYERS

Current

Amanda Lackey (Strasser's niece); Judy Ogren (Kari Bland's aunt); Craig Riglin, surgery July 24; Dennis Koinzan, (Brian Strasser's cousin, had heart attack and bypass surgery); Lanie Maes (Strasser's cousin); Nancy Millberger (Julie Strasser's sister); Dolores Parsons (moved to Sunrise Assisted Living); Lee Eisert (Mary Abbott's brother); Kris (Liz Kelpis' sister); Karen Strott (Donna Zentner's daughter); Adam Howard (Katy Brackeen's son); Grace Gillette; Iris McKenzie Ford (Carmen Cohn's sister); Kurt Kohls; Nancy Henning; Vonnice Jones, (prayers for faith and healing. Pam Peschel's cousin); Randy Updike

Ongoing

Jean (Mary Campe's friend); Jean Viste; Kelly Amedee (Ruth Zartman's son-in-law); Marin (Annie & Charles Adkisson's daughter); Mary Alice McDougal; Melanie; Sharon Krebs; Walter Beekman

PLEASE NOTE;

Names on the Prayer List will be included for two weeks, if needed. If you desire someone to remain on the Prayer List longer than two weeks, please email or call the church office near the end of the two weeks to ask to have the person remain on for another two weeks.

** If someone's name is removed, and should remain on the Prayers, please call the Office Staff to put them back on the list.*

*** We also encourage all members and visitors to daily pray for these people and/or situations.*

Thank you!

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seat for you at the table this fall. Consider this your first day of a new school year!

Let's make this September the beginning of a season of fresh starts as we open God's book, the Bible, together once again starting on September 9th at 1:00pm. (For those of you who work during the day, let me know if

you're interested in an evening class once a month).

See you in class!,

—Pastor Kristi Beebe



President's Notes

Welcome back, Audrey! Our office manager has been greatly missed. While many of us tried to fill that corner office, it just wasn't the same!

During Audrey's absence, I tried to keep up with the routine, day-to-day activities of the church office. We were blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers who answered and monitored the phones and maintained a presence in the office Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A heartfelt thank you to **Marilyn Andersen, Barb Krug, Ella Parsons, Cathy Bajsci, Marilyn Hanson, and Gayle Gunderson**. We also tackled a couple of special projects that we hope will make things a little easier for Audrey as she returns.

Our Computer Adventure

In mid-June, we ran into major computer issues that continued for a couple of months. We gradually lost access to our Microsoft programs, and our Outlook email stopped reliably receiving messages. **If you sent something to the church office, church manager, or Pastor Kristi at an [@atonementlakewood.org](mailto:atonementlakewood.org) email address and did not receive a response, please resend it.** We don't want your message to have disappeared into cyberspace!

Pam Peschel and Dan Malyszko worked hard to discover what was happening and how to fix it. Although our computers are getting older, we learned that they were not

the source of the problem. Microsoft made significant changes affecting nonprofit organizations and their software. Pam spent many hours investigating, trying to reach Microsoft, and following the breadcrumbs down the road—and unfortunately, it was **not** the Yellow Brick Road!

We were certainly not alone; nonprofit organizations across the country experienced similar problems. The good news is that we are finally operating at about 90%, and we hope to be back to 100% very soon.

It has been an incredibly frustrating and stressful process. Fortunately, I was able to continue working on Microsoft documents from my laptop, and programs such as Constant Contact were not affected. This may be more information than you ever wanted to know about our computers, but many of you saw or heard about our frustrations over the summer, and you deserve an explanation. Thank you for your patience!

Caring for Our Church Home

A special thank you also goes to **Mike Brack and Jay Guenther** for their tireless efforts managing our water usage, updating timers and sprinkler heads, plotting watering zones, troubleshooting problems, and doing much, much more.

Jay's continued care of the **Columbarium Garden** has also provided a beautiful and peaceful place for all of us to

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THE QUEEN CITY JAZZ BAND (QCJB)

will once again be at Atonement Lutheran for worship! There will only be ONE Worship Service on November 1st (All Saints Day), at 10:00am with the Queen City Jazz Band leading all the music!

Thanks to Cliff and Sharon Wink for sponsoring the QCJB in memory of Cliff's sister who recently died. Invite all your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers ... let's fill God's house with people and song!

Remember: **ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** at 10:00am on Sunday, November 1st!

enjoy. Thank you for the many hours of work that happen quietly behind the scenes to care for our church home.

Worship and Fellowship

Worship has continued faithfully every week thanks to the many people who help make our services possible. Our Praise Team and Ensemble provide music, and our AV Team supports both services each Sunday. Communion is prepared and ready for both services, and we are grateful for the readers and communion assistants who volunteer each week.

Gayle Gunderson and Carol Ott are truly the backbone of our worship music, providing piano and organ accompaniment week after week. We are also blessed with many talented musicians who generously share their gifts and provide special musical moments that enrich our worship throughout the year. Thank you to all who share their musical talents with Atonement!

Our weekly Fellowship Time, organized by Judy Bauer and Mary Campe, along with contributions and help from many

others, provides a warm and welcoming place to visit with one another, catch up with friends, and welcome visitors and members of our community.

These are just some of the many people working behind the scenes each week. **Thank you for sharing your time and talents to make Atonement a welcoming place to worship, gather, and serve.**

Looking Toward Fall

It has been a long, sizzling summer! As we move into fall, I hope we can come together with renewed energy—for fellowship, for service to those around us, and for caring for our wider community.

There are many ways, large and small, to be part of the life of Atonement. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in the months ahead.

—Eileen Koppenhaver
Church Council President



RALLY DAY!

"Back to School" **ALL CHURCH PICNIC ... September 13th, Noon** (after the second worship service). **ALL FOOD PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE!** You'll enjoy a wonderful meal from Pigg'in' Out BBQ!

Just bring yourself, and a lawn chair if you desire. If anyone has a "canopy" or two ... please bring them along in case the weather is still hot. Bring family and friends as well!

Any musicians willing to play during the picnic, let the Church Office know (303-985-1122; churchoffice@atonementlakewood.org) ~ having ongoing music during the picnic would be a real bonus! Plus, a triple bonus will be having a variety of games available for kids and adults (if you have some, please bring them along).

Mark your calendars for a wonderful afternoon!



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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.



Every year, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has the "God's Work, Our Hands," Service Day where people go out and help others with service projects needing to be done on the 2nd Sunday of September. This year, your Church Leadership Team decided our "God's Work, Our Hands," will also include feet and voices as well. We are going to go on a church visiting spree to bring God's love and Christian fellowship to those who have a hard time getting out of their homes, are hospitalized, or are in Care Centers. In order to do this on a

broad scale, people to go out and visit other people are needed throughout September ~ whatever works for your schedule ~ which means that many of you, if not most of you, should be able to join in this exciting "visiting" event! Take an hour or so during the day, or in the evening after work, to brighten someone's day and to let them know our community of faith cares about them! Two by two, or three by three, we'll go out and visit members of Atonement to simply stop in and say "hi;" visit with them; and even share a Bible reading and/or a prayer if you want. Feel free to go on these visits with a friend or two of yours; or, let us know in the church office, and we can match you up with another person or two. It's a great way to get to know one another and to strengthen our fellowship with others. Call the church office (303-985-1122) or email (OfficeMgr@atonementlakewood.org), or Text Pastor Kristi (303-246-6995) with your name and phone number, if you'd be willing to share God's love with other members through a visit to their home, the hospital, or the care center. "God's Work, Our Hands ... and Feet and Voices too!"

Back to
Bible Study
with Pastor Kristi

JOIN HER AT THE CHURCH
SEPT. 9 AND SEPT. 23RD

1:00 TO 2:00 PM



*Happy Birthday to
Val Nielsen who turns
100 on September 6th!*

September Birthdays

Marilyn Anderson	9/1
Ray Levstick	9/3
Pal Bajcsi	9/4
Val Nielsen	9/6
Dean Reinfort	9/7
Jim Ris	9/9
Ruth Zartman	9/12
Cathy Bajcsi	9/12
Ben Goman	9/22
Norm Viste	9/24
Donna Winters	9/24
Cliff Wink	9/28

September Anniversary

Melissa and Peter Lemke
9/27

In and Out Reach Committee

Once again the vacation months end and a new school year begins, we'll wonder where the summer went with its sweltering heat. The coffee cafe on Sundays continues to be enjoyed by many. But we always would love to have new folks helping with providing the goodies, setting up and cleaning up. A big thank you to those that already do so and we are eager to have more folks involved to keep things going.

We did clear the eyeglass box and made a donation of six pairs of gently used eyeglasses to the Lions Club for re-purposing. Please

consider donating any that you might have tucked away and not being used. Remember, the Lions Club does not take the eyeglass cases and any that are received will be donated to ARC.

As of the end of August, 84 birthday cards have been mailed to members in 2026. Please make sure that you email or call the church office if you do not receive a card on your special date as most likely, your birthdate is not in the church's data base.

—Barbara Krug

Women's Ministry News

A tour of the "Center for Colorado Women's Museum" is being planned for **Thursday, October 1st!** We can meet in the Atonement parking lot at 10am and carpool together. The parking is available in the same parking garage as the DAM (art museum). Please let Toni Jung-Brack know if you are willing to be a driver. A sign-up sheet will be at the greeters table in the narthex. All are invited!

The Center for Colorado Women's History is located inside of an historic home at 1310 Bannock St., Denver.

Accessibility- There is a ramp entrance into the Visitor Center and into the historic house. There is an elevator to accommodate non-electric wheelchairs to transport guests from the first to second floor of the museum. The museum includes a wheelchair accessible restroom with a grab bar. The doorway to enter

the restroom is 26" wide.

Themes on the "Women's History Tour" include the experiences of Colorado women pre-statehood, suffrage, class history with a focus on domestic work, World War 1, the Arts and Crafts Movement and women artists in Colorado. We can also see the "Votes and Dreams at the Ballot and Beyond" exhibit. Colorado's women have long been trail blazers charting a way forward- from securing women's voting rights decades before the rest of the country to pursuing economic justice, civil rights and leadership opportunities.

There are docent-led tours lasting 45 minutes to an hour. If there are 10 or more of us we may reserve a private tour!

We could plan a light lunch somewhere after the tour if there is interest.

Blessing of the Animals will be October 4th, in between worship services at 10:15 am on St. Francis of Assisi Day – the patron saint of animals and all creation! Bring your pet for a short blessing at 10:15am (Leashes and/or carriers required please).

Just don't expect Pastor to touch your reptile-
as that's not going to happen! 😊



THE CORNER DESK

It's great to be back to the office! I have been gone since early April, when I fell and broke my lower leg. It has been a long haul, but I'm finally able to come back to the office. (Although, at this point, I can't participate in any can-can lines, or marathons, LOL!)

Thank you to all who helped while I was away: Cathy Bajcsi, Marilyn Henson; and Ella Parsons. Thanks also go out to my regular volunteers, Barbara Krug and Marilyn Andersen, who "filled in the cracks" until I came back into the office. A special thanks goes out to Eileen Koppenhaver, who worked tirelessly to make sure the office ran smoothly. Thank you all so much for all your help.

I am also grateful for the wonderful "welcome back" I have received from my friends here at Atonement! I have received calls, hugs, flowers and gifts, which made coming back to work much easier.

I have missed you all, my friends. It's great to be back.

*Audrey Brack-Banks
Atonement Office Manager*



- **THANKS** to those who brought School Supplies for the kids at Cristo Rey Lutheran Church as they begin school this year.
- **THANKS** to all those who helped with Vacation Bible School Day Camp in any way this year! THANKS to Cheri Kruger for coordinating Day Camp; to those who helped during Day Camp; to those who provided snacks; to those who provided cash and gift cards for meals for the Counselors; and THANKS to Pam Peschel and Jenni Walcher for opening their home to the Counselors to relax and sleep!
- **THANKS** to those who filled in for our Office Manager, Audrey Brack-Banks, while she took time off after her broken leg. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers in the office (our two regulars: Marilyn Andersen and Barbara Krug; and the following who filled in during these past 4 1/2 months of Audrey's absence: Cathy Bajcsi; Marilyn Henson; and Ella Parsons). Special thanks to Eileen Koppenhaver who worked tirelessly almost every day in the church office during that time. We are most grateful to you all!
- **THANKS** to Owen Bock for serving Atonement in the Audio/Visual Booth regularly for the last couple of years! He now moves on to Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington for college and we wish him the best and truly appreciate all he has done in worship! God's blessings to Owen in this next chapter of his life.

Coming Attractions

Please bring a brown bag lunch and your curiosity and join Faith in Action Sunday, **September 27** at noon for a **discussion of *Breath of the Gods***. This wide-ranging book about wind, and the history of wind, and the ways wind works for and against humans is a fun read. Even if you haven't read it or haven't finished it, we'll have a lively discussion.

Ballot Measure Education

As of mid-August there are 8 certified ballot measures and at least 8 pending certification. The 2026 mid-term election will be a packed ballot. FIA is looking for opportunities to be educated about the proposals. Here are some of the resources available:

Together Colorado Since the Rocky Mountain Synod no longer has an advocacy office, Together Colorado is our next best resource for examining issues through a faith lens. Check them out at togethercolorado.org

The Bell Policy Center is a non-profit, non-partisan research and advocacy organization that focuses on economic mobility. Founded in 2000, we address the urgent need for a progressive, research-focused approach to public policy change in Colorado. This is a good site to research some of the economic ballot measures. The site is bellpolicy.org

Ballotpedia is the digital encyclopedia of American politics, and the nation's premier resource for unbiased information on elections, politics, and policy. We provide our readers curated content on all levels of U.S. politics that is relevant, reliable, and available for all. In addition, Ballotpedia's policy content and assets are a gateway to learning about public policy and an unparalleled resource for clear, comprehensive, and factual

information on key policy areas. We are firmly committed to neutrality in all our content. Find them at ballotpedia.org

Colorado Secretary of State The Secretary of State website is where you can find a comprehensive list of ballot measures that have been certified, are pending, or were denied certification. It is also where you can register to vote, update your voter information, learn about resources for voters like election information, where to return your ballot or vote in person, how to fight election disinformation, and much more. Check it out at coloradosos.gov

League of Women Voters



VOTE411.org is the League of Women Voter's one-stop-shop where you can find all the information you need to cast your ballot. It's virtual, nonpartisan, factual, and available in both English and Spanish. In Colorado, we are accustomed to receiving our information in the mail: the blue book, the ballot. BUT what if that is not the case this voting cycle. What then?

Election rules differ from state to state, and can change between elections. VOTE411 gives you personalized information so you're

prepared to cast your vote in every election. Whether it's local, state, or federal, every election is important to ensuring our laws and policies reflect the values and beliefs of our communities.

Discover all your voting options, from early voting to absentee and mail-in voting, to voting on Election Day, and make an election plan that fits your life. For example:

Am I registered to vote?

If you're not sure if you're registered at your current address, you can find your state resource. If you find out you're not registered, or you need to update your registration, you can do so by using the easy, online tool.

What's on my ballot?

As with your voting location, who and what appears on your personal ballot also depends on your specific address, no worries, it's got you covered! Learn where candidates running for office in your area stand on the issues, and about the ballot measures on your ballot. You can hear directly from the candidates before you cast your vote! BTW, Six ballot measures are already assured to be on the Colorado ballot, more will be announced in early September. It's going to take some effort to be an informed voter this voting cycle.

What ID do I need to vote?

Every state has different rules around what ID requirements are needed to cast your ballot. You can find the rules for Colorado. If you're interested in other voting rules, like absentee voting, eligibility requirements, polling place hours, and much more, you can access those by clicking on your state on the homepage of VOTE411.org.

VOTE411 has served tens of millions of voters and won multiple national awards over the last fifteen

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years. It has long been a trusted source of objective and factual election information - your "one stop-shop" for everything election-related. It provides meticulously researched bilingual (English and Spanish) election information in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and provide updated information throughout the year as information changes. It's never too early to check it out, make a plan, and then get ready to VOTE!!!

Information on the 2026 November Election can be found at Jeffcodems.org.

The website has information on all candidates, finding your precinct, congressional, state house and state senate districts.

The calendar has a listing of events. One can also register to receive the Blue Beacon which has up to date information twice a month.

FIA Picks

Storytellers at the Denver Art Museum

Storytellers: The Blackfeet Nation and Charles M. Russell features over 80 artworks including oil paintings, watercolors, and bronzes by Charles M. Russell and ancestral artworks from the Blackfoot Confederacy (Nitsitapii), especially the Kainai (Blood Tribe) and Amskaapii Pikanni (Blackfeet or South Peigan), from the late-19th to mid-20th centuries. FIA plans a field trip to this exhibit sometime between September 6 and January 24, 2027.

Votes and Dreams at the Center for Women's History

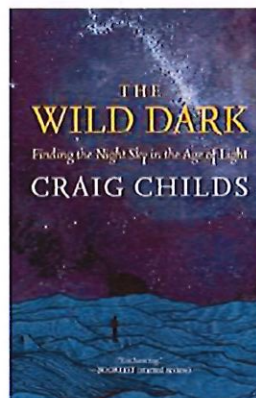
Votes and Dreams, an inspiring exhibition at the Center for Colorado Women's History, highlights the struggles and triumphs of Colorado's women activists and leaders who

organized at the ballot box and beyond to implement their vision for a better future. This exhibit runs from April of 2026 to March 31 of 2027.

The Wild Dark

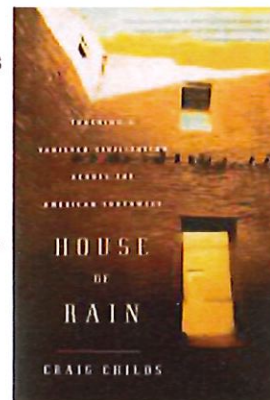
"A night sky is not an absence of light; it is the presence of the universe. In *The Wild Dark*, master storyteller Craig Childs embarks on a quest to bike from the blinding lights of the Las Vegas Strip to one of the darkest spots in North America. Childs is a fearless explorer of both the natural world and the human imagination, making him the perfect guide to help us rediscover the heavens and to ask: "What does it do to us to not see the night sky?" In a book that is at once an adventure story, a field guide, and a celebration of wonder, Childs invites us to look up and to look inward, eyes wide and sparkling with stars." (Torrey Press)

Craig Childs has been a favored author of mine for many years, he is indeed an adventurer, a lover of the earth, especially of the West, and a master storyteller. Here he begins the story in Las Vegas, in the middle of the night, but in Vegas it's daylight! We learn it's a Bortel 10. He and his buddy will bicycle out from Bortel 10 (the brightest night sky) to find Bortel 1 (the darkest night sky). Casting their tents wherever there's a spot to look up and out. A shared adventure that will send you outside some night, to look up and wonder, "what Bortel is this?" (Suzanne Rousso)



House of Rain by Craig Childs

The greatest "unsolved mystery" of the American Southwest is the fate of the Anasazi, the native peoples who in the eleventh century converged on Chaco Canyon (in today's southwestern New Mexico) and built what has been called the Las Vegas of its day, a flourishing cultural center that arurder or suicide? For many years conflicting theories have abounded. Craig Childs draws on the latest scholarly research, as well as on a lifetime of adventure and exploration in the most forbidding landscapes of the American Southwest, to shed new light on this compelling mystery.



Eyeglasses Mission Trip to Honduras

Caramba! How embarrassing! I walked into the small church, El Buen Pastor in Comayaguela, Honduras where Deaconess Claudia works. She contacted MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) to bring the eyeglass clinic to her church.

And I am almost crying! I hope nobody sees me. Oh nuts...a lady named Lynelle saw me. "Don't tell anyone!" I requested. She complied.

So, what am I doing in El Buen Pastor (The Good Pastor). My sister Diane invited me to accompany her and be her roommate on this eyeglass mission project with the Missouri Synod branch of the Lutheran Church. This branch is more conservative than the ELCA branch I belong to. Not to argue theology, But I cannot take communion in the Missouri Synod church. How will I fit in with this group? They worship at Christ Our Saviour in Livonia, a suburb of Detroit.

And why did I want to return to Honduras? Yes, I was a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) here from 1978 to 1980.... for 2 ½ years, volunteering with the Ministerio de Salud (Ministry of Health) as a nurse in 3 different towns after learning Spanish for 10 weeks in the capital, Tegucigalpa. Those towns were Olanchito, Tocoa & Trujillo, either southeast of La Ceiba, or on the Caribbean coast.

But now there is a #3 Travel Alert issued by the State Department for San Pedro Sula and other towns/cities around the North Coast. This Travel Alert suggests to Reconsider Travel. Per Google, there is widespread violent crime, including homicide, armed robbery, kidnapping, and extensive gang related activity/extortion, narcotics trafficking, combined with limited police and emergency response resources. Peace Corps withdrew from Honduras in January, 2012 due to safety and security concerns. They have not returned.

So why am I here? Yes, I wanted to travel and help on this mission trip. After all, I am a member of my church's Faith in Action committee. But what has happened to my former home? Will I be safe? And with my newish "lower back issues", will I be able to keep up with the group, using my walking stick?

Eleven large suitcases, full of eyeglasses and sunglasses, were brought to Honduras. There were 7 stations set up, starting with registering the patients, ending with cleaning the glasses obtained and choosing sunglasses. I was in a room where Initial Screening was done, using the naked eyes.....mine....and a flashlight. I looked for infections, pterygiums, cataracts or other eye abnormalities.

Some patients did not understand my Gringo Spanish; I have forgotten so much from my PCV days. They would look at my delightful 19-year-old Honduran translator, Anna Raqual (spelling?) for help. And at times I could not understand them, especially when they mumbled, had missing teeth in their mouth, and so on. Our leader Tim, came to our station a few times the first day, requesting that we hurry up. Since I spoke Spanish much slower than Ana, she took over with the screening questions; I did the eyeball exam using the flashlight.

So, what were some of the remarks/answers to our questions? Some follow as: many folks told us they wanted to see so that they can read their Bible! One man brought his Santa Biblia and told us how he used to be a drug addict, using cocaine, but now is a preacher, and goes to the Mercado (market) and preaches to folks. Many patients at El Buen Pastor, had Diabetes.... maybe 1 out of 3 folks! (patients can get blurry vision and permanent vision loss from Diabetes).

Many patients informed us that they had seen an eye doctor and received a prescription.... maybe 2 to 8 years ago but never got the prescription filled. Why? They did not have the Lempiras...

.... Honduran money.....to buy the glasses!

And no wonder some folks did not understand me. I told one patient, "Saca/saque (spelling?) los ojos!" The bad translation is that I told them, "take out your eyes/eyeballs!" when I meant to say, "take off your glasses!"

After 3 days at El Buen Pastor, we switched to a church on the 2nd floor of a building in Barrio El Carrizal, one of the poorest barrios in Tegucigalpa/Comayaguela. It is on the edge of increased gang activity and violence. Even the Pastor there has been threatened with his life! The church is named Jesucristo Viene Ya, or Jesus Christ is coming now. In this barrio, some homes only get water once a month!

One family we saw just got deported from North Carolina in the U. S.! I saw 2 children with Strabismus or wondering eye, who probably needed surgery. Many patients complained about the Hospital San Felipe, where it appears many surgeries are botched. And we saw many patients leave the clinic with a big grin on their face, after receiving their glasses!

So how many patients got glasses in those 4 days? 542 folks got glasses and 542 got sunglasses; 779 pairs of eyeglasses were provided; 1 white cane was given. I was inspired by Deaconess Claudia, who has only 10 members in her church....and look what they accomplished with the clinic. And why was I crying on the first day of clinic? Yes, I wanted to help with the glasses; I am a retired pediatric nurse, but I was Home again.... for 1 week....in My Honduras! And I asked myself, what does God want from me next?

"We are God's hands and feet." Saint Teresa of Avila

*Barbara Kaare-Lopez,
Faith in Action member*

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Stewardship

Larry Koppenhaver

Women's Ministry

Toni Jung-Brack

Worship & Music

Eileen Koppenhaver



Servant of the House

September 2026

Servant duties are as assigned below. If you are signed up for a date on which you will not be available, please contact someone to replace or trade with you, or call the church office to do so. Thanks so much!

Date	Greeters	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
9/6		Mary Campe	Mary Campe
9/13		Jeanette Hill	Barb and Bernie
9/20		Nate and Laura Blair	Dean and Lily Reinfort
9/27		Mike Brack, Toni Jung-Brack	Margo Crabb
	Readers	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
9/6	Easter	Jim Ris	Audrey Brack-Banks
9/13		Audrey Brack-Banks	Carmen Cohn
9/20		Audrey Brack-Banks	Johann Cohn
9/27		Dan Bock	Audrey Brack-Banks
	Ushers	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
9/6	Easter	Alan and Tracy Ford	Ed and Gayle Lauerson
9/13		Jeanette Hill	Barb and Bernie
9/20		Nate and Laura Blair	Dean and Lily Reinfort
9/27		Mike Brack, Toni Jung-Brack	Ella Parsons
	Coffee Café	(Between services only)	
	set up and clean up		
9/6	Mary Campe		
9/13	Barbara Krug		
9/20	Judi Bauer		
9/27	Barbara Krug		



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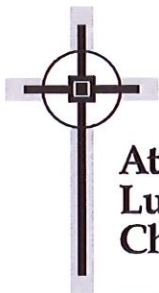
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10:00 AM New Yoga Classes 11:00 AM Mid-Week Music (FL) 5:00 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC)	3	4 2:45 PM Facebook Music Rehearsal	5
6 9:00 AM Praise Worship (W)(FL) 10:45 AM Liturgical Worship (W)(FL) 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC)	7 Office Closed 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (W)	8	9 10:00 AM New Yoga Classes 11:00 AM Mid-Week Music (FL) 5:00 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC) 1:00-2:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study 6:30 PM Church Council	10 9:00 AM-3:30 PM Neuropathy Foot Clinic (CC) 7:00 PM FIA Meeting	11 2:45 PM Facebook Music Rehearsal 6:00 PM Square Halos (CC)	12
13 RALLY DAY 9:00 AM Praise Worship (W)(FL) 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Liturgical Worship (W)(FL) Noon Rally Day Picnic Lunch (PL) 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC) 6:30 PM Youth Group-	14 Office Closed 1:00 PM Hands All Around 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (W)	15	16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 10 AM New Yoga Classes 11:00 AM Mid-Week Music (FL) 5:00 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC)	17	18 2:45 PM Facebook Music Rehearsal	19 2:00-7:00 PM Thraemoor Fair (PL)
20 9:00 AM Praise Worship and Confirmation service (W)(FL) 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Liturgical Worship (W)(FL) 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC) 6:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	21 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (W)	22	23 11:00 AM Mid-Week Music (FL) 1:00-2:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC)	24 9:00 AM-3:30 PM Neuropathy Foot Clinic (CC)	25 2:45 PM Facebook Music Rehearsal 6:00 PM Square Halos (CC)	26
27 Sky Ranch Speaker at both services! 9:00 AM Praise Worship (W)(FL) 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Liturgical Worship (W)(FL) Noon FIA Book discussion 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Straight Street Ministries (CC)	28 Office Closed 1:00 PM Hands All Around 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (W)	29	30 6:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study	LOCATION KEY: C = Café ED = Education Room CC = Community Center W = Worship Room K = Kitchen PL = Atonement Parking Lot FL = Facebook Live T = Teams		



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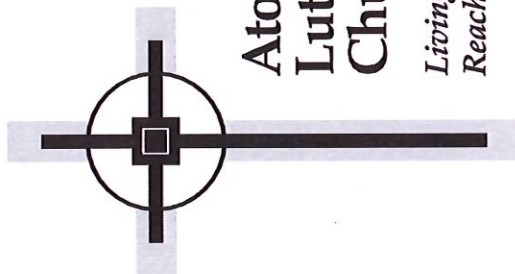
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