

JANUARY 2024

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In Person Services: 9:30am

LiveStream: 9:30am

Cable Channel 12: 5:15pm



IMPORTANT NOTE:

PLEASE be aware of the handicap parking areas on the south side of the church building! Extra handicap spaces are available for those that are in need of them. Please be respectful of those in need.

Watch the website & current bulletins for updates on events!



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LIBRARY NEWS



THE FLORENCE LEGACY by Lauraine Snelling. In bestselling author Lauraine Snelling's latest novel packed with friendship, grief, and travel gone awry, three friends take their dream trip to Florence, Italy, in memory of a beloved woman who has passed away. As the last will of a close friend is read, three women who discover that they have inherited a legacy from her: the funds to take a dream trip to Florence, Italy. In her memory. With plenty of hilarious travel mishaps along the way, this book is a story of deep friendship, of making room in our lives for celebration and remembering and of the sweetness of unexpected romance.

A PROMISE KEPT by Jo Ann Brown. A Powerful sensation rushed through Dinah when she saw the other buggy leave. Disappointment. She shook her head. She was acting silly. She'd exchanged no more than a handful of words with Aaron Smucker. So why was she disappointed to see that he was gone? She didn't know, but she did know she didn't have time for a relationship now. Not even a man whose glance in her direction had made her heart thud against her ribs could be allowed to distract her from the vow she'd made to Daed. Dinah Lanz and Aaron Smucker have one thing in common. They always put family first. After his older brother's wife died, Aaron accompanied Titus and his young son to Pennsylvania, hoping they could start a shed-building business and get a fresh start. Dinah promised her father on his deathbed she would take care of them, not knowing how hard that would be or how it would get in the way of her building a family of her own. But she's determined to keep her promise.

LIVEMARK by Chris Fabry. For eighteen years, she's tried to believe she made the right decision--for him. But if she never sees him again, how can she ever be sure? Melissa has clung to the thin thread of hope given by the adoption agency that someday her newborn son might want to connect with her. When his eighteenth birthday arrives, she calls the agency to simply update her contact information, not expecting a response. Susan and Jimmy Colton have raised their boy with openness about his adoption. After the heartbreaking loss of two infant sons that marked their early years of marriage, they promised themselves they would try not to hold too tightly to David or hold back any information he wanted about his birth. And so they've waited on him. David has been hesitant to discuss the questions and curiosities about his birth story that often haunt him. But as he nears adulthood, his need to know the full story of his life becomes something he can't shake. Until the call from the adoption agency comes to the Coltons, and the first tentative bits of communication and connection set in motion a story that will change all their lives forever.

NEXT DOOR SAVIOR by Max Lucado. Jesus. Holy or human? According to the bible he was--and is--both. Fully God and fully man. Our next door Savior. The Christ of your galaxies is the Christ of your Mondays. The Starmaker manages your travel schedule. Relax. You have a friend in high places. The universe's Commander in Chief knows your name. He has walked your streets. Endowed with sleepless attention and endless devotion, he listens. The fact that we can't imagine how he hears a million requests as if they were only one doesn't mean he can't or doesn't. For he can and does. There is no person he won't touch. No place he won't go to find you. For even though he is in heaven, he never left the neighborhood.

ATLAS of Lyon County

DIRECTOR'S CUT: "EQUIPPING THE SAINTS"

At ATLAS, our goal is to "Help the hurting, Equip the Saints, and to unite the community." We truly believe that any person can be a Saint. Have you ever noticed that Jesus made disciples of those that were deemed "less than" by the rulers and church leaders? We all have a calling to use our God-given abilities, but how do we know what those abilities are?

If you find yourself questioning what God's purpose is for your life, I will first suggest that you pray to God for guidance. Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Everyone has certain talents or God-given gifts that they are skilled in. For example, some people are very open and relatable and know how to make people feel relaxed. Some people are gifted entrepreneurs, educators, or parents.

These talents can be more than hobbies or even careers. These gifts can be used for the glory of God. Using your gifts for God can allow you to be a part of advancing the kingdom of God, helping others, and improving the world around you.

One way that you could be a part of God's kingdom is to be a mentor with us. Jesus was willing to go off his intended path to be with people who needed him. As we imitate God, we should be seeking to develop mentoring relationships. Mentoring is simply sharing your life with others to develop & grow closer to God. It is described as the power of connection, of entering a life with the energy of Christ, of seeing someone's heart with the mind of Christ, of touching someone's soul with the love of Christ. This is what ATLAS is grounded in.

OUR STAFF

Lost, But Found Thrift Store

- Pat Long
- Judy Gaspar
- Judy DeKam
- Elise Kahl
- Kara Blomgren
- Dionne Jansma
- Harlan Pals
- Kara Van Den Top
- Ariel Stahlecker
- Alyssa Slade

ATLAS of Lyon County Office

- Kami Madsen
- Dustin Rodger

ATLAS Board Members

- Rick Attig
- Denise Reck
- Marilyn Mammenga
- Phyllis Borer
- Marc Jensen
- Tricia Blomgren

ATLAS is also blessed to have a great set of regular volunteers. These individuals help ATLAS with many tasks and their value cannot be overstated.



ATLAS volunteers were the recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Award in the Fall of 2023.



Do You Truly *Know* ATLAS of Lyon County?

Our Statement of Faith tells us that we are called by God to partner with everyone He brings to us so that we might bring the very presence of Jesus Christ to the hurting and lost. Understanding this, we are devoted to working side by side with all people who are committed to helping others attain truth, love, and self-control.

Non-negotiable core principles comprise the heart of ATLAS. **First, each ATLAS is Christ-Centered.** Without Christ, nothing ATLAS does is of any worth. We are a prayer-based ministry that seeks to join God in what He is already doing in our communities. Our ATLAS missions are spirit-led. This means that we rely solely on the Holy Spirit providing the needed wisdom and counsel to transform lives.

ATLAS is grounded in mentoring. God demonstrates the importance of living in community by giving us the example of Jesus' ministry. Jesus was willing to veer from the intended path so that He could be with people who needed him. As we seek to imitate God, we should be seeking to develop mentoring relationships.

Each ATLAS is locally governed and supported. Our board is made up of representatives from many Lyon County locations. It is through the donations that ATLAS can provide person-centered services to many families throughout the area.

ATLAS is inter-denominational, meaning that we work hard to connect with each church in our county. Christ's body refers to the entire body of believers, not just one specific denomination.

How Can You Be Involved?

There are many ways that you, your church, or your family can be involved in the ATLAS Ministry.

One way is to simply **pray for our Ministry.** The Holy Spirit can make miracles happen and our staff & volunteers can use the strength of prayer to help us deliver God's message.

Donation of goods. Whether that is in the form of new school supplies or Christmas gifts for our current programs or in the form of your gently used clothing or household items for the thrift store, we are grateful for each donation.

Donation for funding. As a 503(c)(3), we rely on donations to develop and run our programming. All donations are tax-deductible. If you are interested in this option and would like to know more about where & how donations are used, please reach out to our Dustin to schedule a time to meet. Director@atlasoflyoncounty.org

If you are a member of a church or community organization, the ATLAS Director, Dustin Rodger, would enjoy an opportunity to come to meet you, get to know the expectations & needs of your area, and to speak to your group. ATLAS can best serve the members of Lyon County by inviting the citizens of our county to have direct access to the director. If your group would be willing to visit, please email or call the director.

Bread of Life dates:

Jan. 24, 2024

Feb. 28, 2024

Located in George,
Rock Rapids & West
Lyon.

Siouxland Youth for Christ is starting City Life in Rock Rapids!

God has opened doors for us to partner with Atlas Ministries and use some of their generous space to **open a teen center to reach youth** in Rock Rapids with the message of Hope in Jesus.

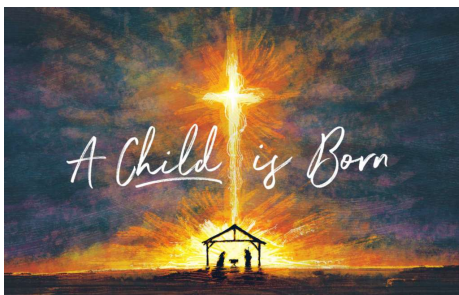
In January, we will be inviting youth 6-12th grades to come hang out at our City Life Teen Center. This will be a multi-purpose ministry to serve the community, offering an environment to build relationships and instill strong values, morals, and ethics in students.

Stay tuned for open days and hours. If you have questions, contact Amanda Bucher at 478-293-7176.

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MORE ABOUT YOUTH FOR CHRIST
IN ROCK RAPIDS:



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Matthew 2:10-12. When they [the wise men] saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

To learn more about our
programming & mission, please
follow these sites:

Facebook: ATLAS of Lyon County
712-472-9016

Facebook: ATLAS: Lost, But
Found Thrift Store
712-472-0117

www.atlasoflyoncounty.org



Sr. RCYF Soup Supper

January 10th from 5-7pm

**A freewill donation will be
taken to support our RCYF**



Adult Sunday School Class
“Heidelberg Catechism Revisited”
will begin on January 7, 2024.



This class will study the Heidelberg Catechism, a Confession and tool of discipleship that is based on Biblical Truth.

We will meet after morning worship in Room 377 for the month of January 2024.
Plan to join us and learn more about what we believe.

Whether you're just opening the Bible for the first time or are a seasoned theologian, this workshop will help you learn the tools necessary for studying God's Word accurately and in a fulfilling way!

Learn how to understand, interpret, and apply God's word through patience and prayer in a group setting so you can bring it home to your own personal quiet time.

This Event will be January 13, 2024 at First Reformed Church

Register by
January 5, 2024

online at :
<https://frcrockrapids.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2060263>

Or in the gathering space

Freewill donation will cover lunch and expenses.

Inspiration Hills
Camp and
Retreat Center

DIGGING DEEPER WORKSHOP

JOIN US FOR THIS IN DEPTH BIBLE STUDY

LEARN HOW TO:

- Trust the Word
- Understand the Word
- Process the Word
- Apply the Word

INSPIRATIONHILLS.ORG/DIGGING-DEEPER

Common Ground (before worship)

- 7) Scott & Deb Hunt
- 14) Girls League
- 21) Roger & Carol Oliver
- 28) Edie Korthals

Coffee Break (following worship)

- 7) Edie Korthals & Glenda Hellenga
- 14) Girls League
- 21) JD & Lesa Hommes
- 28) Dave Altman Family

Nursery

- 7) Alexis & Emory Lincecum
- 14) Kayla Van Wyhe & Jayda Pytleski
- 21) Shawn Van Wyhe Family
- 28) Heather & Anika Springer

Sound System

- 7) Matt Kock
- 14) Curt Dieren
- 21) Keith Van Beek
- 28) Sawyer Hrdlicka

Video Taping

- 7) Eric Arnold
- 14) Justin Groen
- 21) Breyden Dieren
- 28) Brad Rypkema

Proclaim Presenter

- 7) Caitlin Huisman
- 14) Berlyn DeWit
- 21) Tanner Lincecum
- 28) Aubree Boender

Medical Assistant

- 7) Brenda Van Hofwegen
- 14) Scott Hunt
- 21) April DeWit
- 28) Jean Fick

Greeters

- 7) N) Merlin & Jackie Groen S) Steve & Debbie Crane SE) Mary Hoogers
- 14) N) Joe & Judy Gacke S) Stuart & Lindsey Anderson SE) Curt & Sandy Wynia
- 21) N) Curt & Anita Dieren S) Billy & Natalie Kirch SE) Lonn & Jammie Kellenberger
- 28) N) Scott & Deb Hunt S) Marlene Mellema S) Keith & Cheryl Van Beek

Sunday School Cookies:

- 7) Debbie Crane
- 14) Emily Grooters
- 21) Ashley Kruse
- 28) Kerry Mulder

Sunday School Prayer Leader:

- 7) John Metzger
- 14) Dwayne Postma
- 21) Cheryl Van Beek
- 28) Fred Tilstra

Sunday School Hall Monitor:

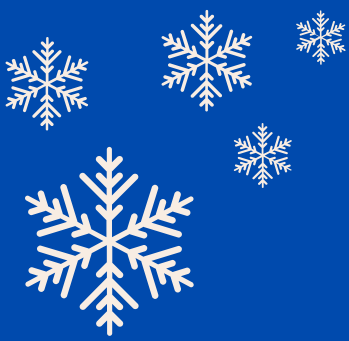
- 7) Ashley Rypkema
- 14) Josie Moser
- 21) Myranda Moser
- 28) Ashley Rypkema

Work Group # 1

- Amy Borman
- Ashley Rypkema
- Barb Folkens
- Bonnie Nail
- Chelsea Hunt
- Cheryl Van Beek
- Heather Springer
- Karlee Nagel
- Kathy Moser
- Kayla VanderLee
- Laurine Gerritsen
- Lindsey Anderson
- Marlene Flier
- Norma Jansma (Bars)
- Nicole Larson
- Sherri DeJong

Volunteer List: January 2024





January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HAPPY new YEAR Church offices closed!	2	3 9-11am MOPS	4	5 8am Men's Bible Study	6
7	8 7:30pm Consistory Meeting 7pm Young Adult Bible Study	9 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	10 9am Staff Meeting 9:30am Joy Circle 5-7pm Sr. RCYF Soup Supper	11 6:30pm Peace Circle 5:30pm Cookie Club	12 8am Men's Bible Study	13 9am Digging Deeper Workshop
14 9am Evangelism Committee Mtg. 12-2pm Consistory Retreat 6pm Guys Night	15 7pm Circle of Kindness 7pm Young Adult Bible Study	16 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	17 9-11am MOPS	18	19 8am Men's Bible Study	20
21 11:30am Potluck 6:30pm Grace Circle	22 7pm Young Adult Bible Study	23 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	24	25	26 8am Men's Bible Study	27
28	29 7pm Young Adult Bible Study	30 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	31		8am Men's Bible Study	

Sunday Morning Worship

@9:30am

Livestreaming starts @ 9:25am

Cable Channel 12 @ 5:15pm

Praise team practices:

Sundays @ 8:15am & or
Wednesdays @7pm

Youth practice: 6pm Wed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Following Worship

Children & Worship

During Worship

Club 512

Wednesday 2:30-5pm

Meal to follow 5-6:15

Jr. RCYF 6:30pm

Sr. RCYF 8pm

Moms in Prayer

Traditional: Sundays @ 7pm

Traditional: Mondays @ 5:45am

College & Careers:

Mondays @ 5pm

College & Careers: Tuesdays

@8:30am

Traditional: Tuesdays

@8:30am

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