

ATLAS OF THE LAKES AREA

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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Fall Greetings from ATLAS,

As we embrace the vibrant colors of fall, our hearts at ATLAS are filled with gratitude and renewed purpose. This September has been nothing short of miraculous, reflecting the power of community and faith in action. With warm greetings, we want to share how God's grace continues to unfold in our ministry, particularly in our financial stewardship and outreach projects.

This past month, we witnessed an incredible outpouring of generosity, with just under \$19,000 in donations received! Among this amazing support, one anonymous donor blessed us with a significant gift of \$10,000. Alongside this, we welcomed several new donors who contributed amounts ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. Each contribution, big or small, plays a vital role in sustaining our mission. This surge in giving reaffirms our belief that when we trust in Him, remarkable things can happen.

Your support not only fuels our operational needs but ignites a spirit of encouragement and motivation within our team, allowing us to focus on serving others and reminding us that as long as we align our efforts with God's will, growth—both spiritually and materially—will follow.

As we move forward into October and beyond, let us remain steadfast in prayer and persistence. Remember, if God desires something to happen, we must trust that it will. Together, let's continue to pioneer new pathways for growth within our ministry, uplifting one another along the way.

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*“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much”
(Luke 16:10 NIV)*

ATLAS IS PROUD TO START OFFERING SPECIFIC CLASSES TO HELP CLIENTS ATTAIN SELF SUFFICIENCY, INDEPENDENCE, AND GROWTH. ANYTHING FROM CAR CARE, COOKING ON A DIME, NUTRITION, AND MUCH MORE! VOLUNTEERS ARE MAKING THIS HAPPEN. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE, PLEASE CONTACT US!!!

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FLOOD RELIEF PARTNERSHIP

We are also excited to announce a special initiative in collaboration with 1st Lutheran Church in Milford. First Lutheran has entrusted us to distribute \$15,000 to those affected by flood hardships in Dickinson County. It is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility, and we take our role as stewards seriously. While there will be specific criteria and protocols to ensure fair distribution, our primary goal is to reach those still feeling the effects of recent floods. We believe this effort will not only provide immediate assistance but also strengthen community bonds during challenging times.

CLIENT FEATURE FOR OCT: PATRICK

Our journey at ATLAS is about deepening our faith and commitment to serving those in need. When we do this, many clients SEE that faith and desire to know and discover more about their amazing Heavenly Father! It's very rewarding to walk next to clients who desire God to become a central point in their life and future. This changes everything, because Jesus loves us with a love like no other. I would like introduce you to our Client Feature this month, Patrick. Patrick has been a client for awhile, starting here at ATLAS for budget support and financial literacy help. His journey, which started in tangible services has revolved and turned into something much more. Patrick is now a Male Mentor serving at ATLAS in his spare time and is one the road to discover all that God has for him to do here on earth. It's been a tremendous blessing mentoring and learning about Patrick. He is one of a kind. His is an ATLAS client. He is just like you and me. Remember, we are all clients dear brothers and sisters. Please enjoy meeting Patrick!

On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/wXczvkK-96o>

In closing, may this season inspire a sense of community and gratitude. Thank you for being a part of the ATLAS family and for believing in the power of collective action through faith. Let's move forward, united in purpose and love—for ourselves, our community, and our God.

God Bless ALL of you,
Tonya Kuranda
Director, ATLAS of the Lakes