

# Abiding Savior Lutheran Church



*Connecting Jesus to  
Peoples' Hearts*

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## NewsLetter for July 2021

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In 1776, 56 of our finest leaders signed the first Declaration of Independence, declaring their freedom from English rule. Some 87 years later, Abraham Lincoln, looking out over the battlefield at Gettysburg, would reflect on the cost of liberty in his Gettysburg Address. In New York harbor stands the Statue of Liberty, with words of freedom inscribed on her base. In these great historic documents and symbols we see many parallels to the Christian life. The faith, commitment, and effort that brought this nation into existence is but a dim reflection of the faith, commitment, and effort required of Christians.

As the early colonists died to set America free, so Jesus died to set mankind free. He said, “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36) As the colonists freed themselves from foreign domination, so Christians are free from the dominance of sin to serve their Lord and Savior. Paul reminds us, “You have been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness.” (Romans 6:18)

Our founding fathers believed they were going “into the wilderness” to claim a land of milk and honey given by God. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams originally proposed that the American experience be pictured on the Great Seal by a scene of Moses crossing the Red Sea. With God’s help, Moses led the people of Israel from slavery to freedom.

Fifty-six men signed a pledge risking everything, and they were soon to pay the price. As Christians, we have pledged our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to the cause of causes – the salvation of our souls. We must be as careful to fulfill our pledge as they were. Our cause is far greater than theirs. Our resources are more dependable. Our goal is more heavenly!

Abraham Lincoln suggested the gravestones at Gettysburg should increase the devotion of the nation to the cause for which they died. Christ died that we might be made holy and free. The apostles and early Christians died that we might be heirs of the faith. The writer to the Hebrews calls our attention to those who have gone before us as an example of our spiritual devotion, “...so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

I stand in awe of the sacrifice others have made to preserve our heritage and all the freedoms that come because of their sacrifice. I am committed to the preservation of our government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

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## Christian Freedom, *continued.*

As concerned as I am about our nation, I am more concerned and committed to a kingdom “not of this world,” whose head is Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. As we focus on our independence, declare your independence from the tyranny of sin. Paul reminds us, “We died to sin, how can we live in it any longer. . .do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies so that you obey its evil desires.” (Romans 6:2, 12) Commit your lives, your fortunes, and your sacred honor to the greatest cause of all – winning the world for eternity. Give yourself fully to the unfinished task of sharing the good news. Be prepared to give that full measure of devotion, that those who have gone before shall not have died in vain.

### LCMS Matching Gift Opportunities - Jack Martin

#### *Did You Know?*

Our Synod has just announced a “Matching Gift Opportunities” program to support its overall mission.

The six projects vary from the “Global Mission Fund” to the “Global Seminary Initiative.” Participation depends on if you are a new giver directly to Synod or a current giver, such as supporting Kelly Haynes. The program ends on November 30, 2021 unless the matching amount is reached sooner.

If you are motivated to donate in this way and want the details, you may:

- a. Email me, Jack Martin, at “[jackevelynmartin@aol.com](mailto:jackevelynmartin@aol.com).”
- b. Email Synod at “[Mission.Advancement@lcms.org](mailto:Mission.Advancement@lcms.org)”
- c. Call Synod at **888-930-4438**.

***Shut-Ins:*** Fran Jacobs;

***Sympathy:*** Bill Evans family;

## ***Members, Family, and Friends***

1. **Michelle Buth** (return of ovarian cancer)
2. **Lynn Cera** (Parkinson's home care)
3. **Steve Devapradad** (hosp. critical) by Sara and Gilbert
4. **Geroganne Eibe** (broken wrist complications)
5. **Matthew Fail** (hit by a truck) rehab by JoAnn Petersen
6. **Stephen Forguson** (regain faith) by Jan Hamilton
7. **Randy Gill** ( mini strokes- home)
8. **Nancy Girard** (uterine cancer)
9. **Andy Hamilton** (Parkinson's—cancerous tumors on bladder- Surgery July 27th)
10. **Jan Hamilton** (Heart issues)
11. **Leon Hekking** (1 yr. old ALD) Nobles grandson
12. **Charlie Hill** (3 yr. old needs liver transplant) by Amy Solinsky
13. **Jasmine Ibarra** (mental health issues/homeless)
14. **Betty Holland** (fell and broke hip)
15. **John Knuth** (needs pain relief)
16. **Sean Law** (severe brain injury) by Mike Brannon
17. **Lavonne Lumsden** (hospice care) by April
18. **John Martin** (fell broke back/crushed ribs, etc) by J. Fleteau
19. **Gloria Miranda** (knee replacement) by Phyllis Leone
20. **Bryan McCarthy** (colon cancer-kidney failure) by Jan Hamilton
21. **Carol McCarthy** (breast cancer)
22. **Todd Robel** (aggressive prostate cancer) by Karen Noble
23. **Echard Schadow** (cancer treatment/fell —spinal injury)
24. **Bill Stone** (diabetes— prostate radiation) heart issues
25. **Capt. Morbeck** Summer (Covid and pneumonia-rehab) by Jo Ann Petersen
26. **Jimbo Walsh** (bladder cancer ) by Fleteaus

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## Prayer List, *continued.*

### ***Military***

**Eric Tappy** – Iraq

**Casey Dougherty** (MP) Annetta

**Matthew Gustafson**

**Martin Hekking** – Air Force (Kansas) Karen Nobles grandson

**Jason Joseph** (Iraq) by Phillis Leone

**Sam Kleinhauser** (sniper)

**Patrick Nobles** (Air Force – Middle East )

**Matt Young** – Air Force Reserve

**Nathan Underwood**

**Josh Wervy** USMC Japan (Nobles grandson)

**James A. Zoerler** (3rd deployment) by Robt. Pagano

### ***General***

Continue prayers for Covid victims

Pray for young people in college

Pray for Families and victims fleeing war and poverty

Pray for those dealing with disasters: fire; floods, and hurricanes.

May our Lord comfort them and give them courage.

Pray for our country- our president and our elected officials

*Names will be kept on the Prayer list for one month unless renewed.*

*Please call the church 331-4409 or Muriel Young 332-1386*

## Altar Care

**Altar for July:** Phyllis Leone (*chair*), Annetta Coleman, Candi Steinway, Kay Hurst

**Altar for Aug:** Bette Pring (*chair*), Carla Flateau, Gabi Hein, Jan Hamilton

**Sunday July 25th-** we will have a Fellowship meeting during Bible Breakfast to discuss upcoming events and possible new groups. All are welcome to join us. Please bring your ideas!

**Youth:** (Danny and Jessica) The youth ministry did an Escape room and a service project in June. The service project was to lend a hand at the Bread of the Mighty food bank. First Lutheran Church Youth participated with Abiding Savior Youth for both of these events. The youth hope to open the escape room up to families in the church as a summer activity very soon.



Danny and Jessica will be heading to Houston on July 11th to attend the LCMS National Youth Leader Conference. They will be joining other youth leaders from around the nation to learn and grow in their faith as well as check out the host city for the 2022 National Youth Gathering.

In July, the youth will be helping with VBS and also plan to have a water day. Please watch the Remind App for updates. If you are not in the App group, let Danny know so we can get you added to that group.

**NYG 2022:** (Danny Schmitt, Jessica Schmitt, Chris Wilson, and Heather Wilson) Please be on the lookout for more information in August as Danny and Jessica will have lots to share after they get back from National Youth Leaders Conference 2021.



## Fellowship, *continued.*

**Kitchen Ministry:** (Kathy Schmitt) Please join us upstairs for breakfast between worship services each Sunday and then join a Bible study afterward. This is a great time to fellowship with one another and to grow in the Word. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen, please contact Kathy Schmitt (352) 672-2163.

**Beer Group:** (Mike Brannon) If you are interested in good fellowship and you enjoy beer, or you just want good company, let Mike Brannon know and we can get you added to our list of events. On July 2nd, we are meeting at Cypress and Grove Brewery with the Taste on Wheels food truck at 5:30pm. On July 9th at 5:30, we are meeting at the High Springs Brewery with Big Lee's Food truck. All are welcome to come to these events and bring a snack to share.

**Young Adults / Young Families Group:** We are looking for someone to lead a young adult group for ages 18-40. Contact Daniel Schmitt if you are interested.

**Book Club:** (Georganne Eibe) Please contact Georganne for more information.

**Family Life:** We are looking for someone to lead this part of this ministry please contact Daniel Schmitt regarding this. (352) 514-2371

**Train/Shed:** The youth have purchased a trackless train and are going to receive it in early August. The train will be used as an attraction for the Pumpkin Patch during October and for events like fall festival, Trunk or Treat, VBS, Preschool Transportation Week, and other events to come. We are also purchasing a shed to store pumpkin patch gear as well as the new train.





# Mid-year Congregational Meeting - July 18th

Our mid year congregational meeting will be held on July 18th between services in the FLC for purposes of reviewing the mid-year financial report and electing Church Council members for 2 yr. terms of service. We have received the following nominations:

Vice President - Dustin Banks

Treasurer - Ann Stone is willing to continue serving

Outreach & Evangelism - Hannah Mazur is willing to continue serving

Education - Sarah Sain

If you are interested in serving or would like to offer another nomination, contact Danny Schmitt at [dangator1@gmail.com](mailto:dangator1@gmail.com) or 352-514-2371.

## Finance Report

	June Estimates	YTD Estimates
Church Income	\$ 22,144	\$ 131,210
Preschool Income	\$ 146,457	\$ 530,733
Other Income	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 2,600</u>
Total Income	\$ 169,201	\$ 664,543
Total Expenses	\$ 81,650	\$ 500,835
Net Income	\$ 87,551	\$ 163,708

Average weekly offerings 2021: \$5,067

# Mid-year Giving Statements

Mid-year giving statements will be delivered by email to those with a current email address on file with the church office. Look for this document from the church office in both your inbox and your spam folder. Please respond with the word “Received” as soon as you see it. You are welcome to notify the church office if you would rather have a paper copy of your statement.

## Monthly Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on July 27th at 7:00pm. The book will be “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead

The August book will be “The Poisonwood Bible” by Barbra Kingsolver and will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Georganne Eibe at [savygg@yahoo.com](mailto:savygg@yahoo.com) to be added to the book email list.

## St. Francis House



The main course for July will be baked spaghetti provided by Linda Gouthro. Ralph Toppins will provide chicken fried steak in August. So far we have a veggie and salad for July. We still need bread/rolls and butter, fresh fruit, and dessert.

If you can provide any of the needed items, contact me by phone/text (352-316-3586) or email ([chunkymonkeysnana@gmail.com](mailto:chunkymonkeysnana@gmail.com)).

Thanks to all who support this important ministry. Blessings,  
Phyllis Leone

*“Then the King will say to those on his right. ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” Matthew 25:34-40*

# VBS July 25th - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year, VBS will happen all in one afternoon, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 6:00pm followed by a fabulous feast for all. Children will “Play on God’s Team” at the ASLC Bible Olympics. We have an Olympic themed opening ceremony, competing teams and events, and a closing ceremony followed by a fabulous celebratory feast. Adult volunteers are needed to make this summertime event successful. Support roles include:

- Story tellers (3 needed)
- Adult team leaders (10 needed)
- Kitchen help (Kathy Schmitt will organize)
- Registration help (2 needed)
- Decorations (1 leader and several helpers)
- Set-up & clean-up help

Contact the church office to volunteer.

**Register your child at [www.abidingsavior.info/VBS](http://www.abidingsavior.info/VBS) starting in early June.**



## Adult Bible Study

- Girl Friends' Bible Study meets in the library of the FLC at 9:45am and via zoom for those wishing to participate from home. Email Linda Struckmeyer at [struck60@gmail.com](mailto:struck60@gmail.com) if you would like to receive a Zoom link to this class.
- Chuck Moss leads a Bible Study on the book of Second Samuel at 9:45am each Sunday in the building 1 sunday school room. Email [chuck\\_moss@msn.com](mailto:chuck_moss@msn.com) if you would like to have a Zoom link to this class.
- Joshua Mazur hosts an Adult Bible Study which meets in the choir room at 9:45am each Sunday. Currently studying the book of Romans.

## Sewing for Missions

Sewing for Missions is the 2nd and last Saturday of the month. Masks are now optional. Quilts created over the last year for distribution to people in need by Lutheran World Relief were dedicated during services on June 13<sup>th</sup> and shipped to Lutheran World Relief.

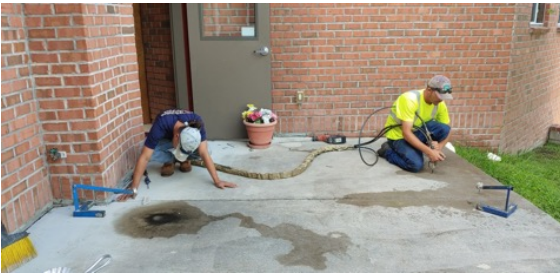
Contact Linda at [struck60@gmail.com](mailto:struck60@gmail.com) for more information.

# Trustee Report - John Schmitt

*June was a very busy month for the trustees.*

Building 2 AC units required new control connections. Jim Annis, John Schmitt and Alex Moss volunteered their time to make this happen.

Power washing around the campus including sidewalks, playgrounds and soffits is underway. For July, new lights will be added to the fellowship hall in the Family Life Center.



Soil Stabilization services were engaged to level the floor of the Octagon room as well as several areas around the building perimeters in places where settling left sidewalks uneven and hazardous.



Caulking was added to the perimeters of all three buildings to prevent further water intrusion under walkways.



We are having a super summer at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool Summer Camp “The Happiest Place in Gainesville”. Our weeks are filled with water days, dress up days, chapel days, and so much fun! Each week we welcome new friends and old friends as we connect Jesus to people’s hearts. What a blessing it has been to gather in the church sanctuary each week for chapel and praise our awesome God.

Our Summer Camp themes during the month of July are Winter in July (Frozen), Transportation (Cars), Insects (A Bugs Life), and Night-Time (Sleeping Beauty). July Bible stories include Jesus is Born, Jesus Calms the Storm, The Parable of the Sower, and Samuel as a Boy.

We have 175 children enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year. We are busy preparing for the 2021-2022 school year where we will “Let Our Light Shine” from Matthew 5:16, “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” We will have ongoing registration until we reach capacity. Please share the news about our outstanding preschool!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our preschool program at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool. We are blessed to serve in this ministry and care for Jesus’ little lambs.

*In His Hands,*

Brenda Arden

Preschool Director

## Preschool Job Posting

Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool has an opening for a Christian after care assistant to start on August 16. Applicant will be part of a team that is responsible for the well-being and Christian education of the children in our preschool 2s, 3s, and 4s classes. Must be a self-starter, patient, loving, flexible, reliable, and a team player. Hours are 1:30-6:00, with possibility of extra hours. 40 Hour DCF Training preferred (can be completed in first year of employment) and must pass Level 2 background screening. Salary based on credentials and experience. Contact Preschool Director Brenda Arden at 352-331-7770. Send resume to Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool, 9700 W Newberry Rd., Gainesville, FL 32606.

# With Angels, Archangels and All the Company of Heaven - Joshua Mazur

*Joshua L. Mazur*

## *Matins*

### *Stand*

*Common Versicles      LSB 219*

- L**      O Lord, open my lips,  
**C**      and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L**      Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C**      make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C**      Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

*Amen.*

***Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.***

I really had no idea what was about to happen to us when I stood near the chancel after worship one day in late November saying, “Wow. I wonder what God has in store for us now!”

All of our thoughts were already colored by pandemic, cancer, and the recent death of several parishioners. Nevertheless, hope abounded. I was happy. The worship services that day had been especially beautiful and full. We were masked, but the most vulnerable were getting vaccinated. Pastor Alan was hanging in there, and I was looking forward to watching the Lord continue to work. Susan and I had nearly finished all the service planning and preparation for Advent and Christmas.

I was gearing up to enjoy some flexibility in my schedule since I had gotten so much done ahead of time. I thought it would be a great opportunity to work on some things I had laid aside for a while. It was easy to nestle into a routine of prayer and study, singing Matins in the sanctuary in the morning and spending time in the Scriptures; easy to rattle off the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostle’s Creed, the Kyrie, and all the little sweet responses one retains after singing them every day. I felt secure in our faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit to go boldly.

Then, my mother had a massive stroke. Covid19 rules meant we could not visit. She could not talk on the phone. Family members (who happened to be hospital volunteers) gave us insight and let us talk to her on facetime. It was clear this was bad, but my mother was stubborn and had a proclivity for suffering seemingly fatal medical events and somehow being simply fine afterwards. We held hope that this would be the same as last time.

Then she lost the ability to swallow. She was not conscious for a long time. She would respond to stimuli and seemed to have some emotional responses to things around her but no real presence. Certainly no speaking other than a word or grunt once or twice a day. She had a DNR and, given that she was not shy about telling us exactly what she wanted at all times, we knew all too well what her final wishes were.

Suddenly the week of Christmas I found myself with her in a hospice home. I've been with several people in their final days and hours before so I knew what I needed and what had to be done. A little Bluetooth speaker quietly played some of her favorite music (classic rock and Southern Gospel hymns) and I stayed with her most of the time, leaving for occasional walks and meals to give her the periodical relief and an opportunity to relax (people sometimes hold on for a long time when their loved ones are present). Feeling lost, I asked Pastor Glover what I could say to her and he reminded me that I could assure her that she was forgiven, and that there was nothing to fear, which I did.

During times such as these we feel the Spirit moving and working more easily, somehow. We all take hold of our faith and trust in it because everything else around us seems to fail to live up to the occasion. Eventually I turned the music off; even Southern Gospel hymns seemed platitudinal in contrast with the divine silence that prevailed in the last few days. A silence that brought peace to me as well most of the time.

Then, Hannah offered to come sit with me/us one evening. She figured we could leave the dogs for a certain amount of time overnight since they were used to being crated during those hours for sleep anyway. She just needed to leave by about 6:30am the next day.

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## With Angels, Archangels and All the Company of Heaven, *continued.*

In the night, Mom's breathing changed. Her feet were cold. Things that folks who have been through this that know happens, happened. It was clear that it was time. I called the nurse in to check her blood pressure, which was nonexistent. Despite the lack of blood pressure, her heart was still beating. The heart that beat for my father and for me my entire life was running its victory lap. Far be the Hollywood movie inspired peaceful death from your mind as you read this: My mother was in the Lord's hands, but her body was holding on.


What to say? What to do? Where to go? The next thing I knew my hand was on her forehead and Hannah and I are praying "Our Father, who art in Heaven..." We continued with what we have learned in worship here at Abiding Savior "I believe in God, the Father Almighty..." In the "Treasury of Daily Prayer," there is provided for us collects for many occasions, which we also prayed, saying "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer!" between them.

The sights and sounds of that time and that place was overwhelming. When I close my eyes, I can still hear her breathing. I will never forget the look and feel of that room. In that moment it was like the earth was shaking. Perhaps it was anticipation and anxiety, though it was never fear. But of all the things I've prayed and sung in church in my thirty one years of life, it was that tried and true liturgy that sprang to my mind and mouth.

I knew that the Lord had been preparing me for something, but I didn't realize it was to minister to my own mother in her final days, hours, and minutes. As we prayed, that hospice home room that was still dark in the first light of dawn was no longer the valley of the shadow of death. It was the gate of heaven, through which that morning as we sang the Nunc Dimittis, my mother passed.

On Sunday morning it can seem to any of us depending on the day as if the liturgy of the church is a family heirloom, to be set out on display and be used for holidays and special occasions, too magnificent or stuffy for daily use. Too old to be appreciated by anyone except those who are familiar with it already.

In those final minutes with my mother, Christ was there in those words we have spoken since childhood. Hannah and I felt the support of Christ's Church as we spoke the same words we all learn in the pew. Each Sunday morning, we all hear the pastor say "And now with angels, archangels, and all the host of heaven we laud and magnify your Holy name



evermore praising you...” and we sing the Sanctus, raising our voices in unison with the choir of angels and rank upon rank of the departed saints singing praises to our God and to the Lamb. We sing at that moment with all of the faithful who are now gone from the Earth.

God’s word certainly brings hope and creates faith. Our classrooms and sanctuaries are wonderful places to learn this faith, but a bed in a hospice home is a different challenge. But thanks be to God that we can find peace in what we learn day by day, week by week in our lives together. The words of the liturgy make daily contributions in us from which the fruits of hope can spring in times of trial.

The structure and timeless nature of the Church’s worship calls order out of the chaos of a crisis. It perfectly provides pastoral care at the end of life, because the peace and hope it gives have been accruing for a lifetime. It is familiar, easily recalled, and theologically solid. The words recall a thousand moments in the presence of our merciful and loving Father, bringing us there again.

When we cultivate a liturgical life, we arm ourselves and our children with words ingrained with the Gospel. In times of trial, the Word of the Lord, rather than our own inner voice, is there to guide us home.

The last thing I said to my mother were words first spoken over 3400 years ago: “The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance high upon you, and give you peace.”

My mother was absolutely the most difficult and stubborn person I have ever known, by far. She was not always a very good person. But the faith that was formed in her by the Holy Spirit was immaculate, and though she couldn’t speak Hannah and I all but heard her word of greeting to her Heavenly Father: “Amen.”

Amen!

*Joshua L. Mazur*

## Office Position - Communications Coordinator

Abiding Savior is seeking an individual to be responsible for coordinating resources and appropriate methods to design and implement the promotion and publicizing of the ministries of Abiding Savior. Duties will include, preparing materials and scheduling volunteers for services, updating website, maintaining email database, coordinating school and church calendars, maintaining membership and attendance records, monthly newsletter production, as well as general office reception and support. Required skills include proficiency with Microsoft Office products, internet resources, and website building tools. Graphic Design skills are also desired to produce brochures, bulletins, newsletter, and online presentation. The position will be based in the church office, but also support preschool communication needs. This is a 25 -30 hour a week position with compensation commensurate with skills and experience. Health insurance benefits are also available.

Contact Susan in the church office for more information. (352-331-4409)

## Thank you from Bill Evans Family

Marj Evans and her family extend their sincere thanks to all those involved in making the reception following Bill's funeral so lovely. The food was wonderful and the hospitality shown to the Evans family was deeply appreciated.

Many thanks to all involved.

## Sandwich Ministry

Sandwich Ministry has resumed! Join us each Sunday either in between services or directly following second service to help assemble sandwiches to distribute in downtown Gainesville. Bread will be provided each Sunday; donations of jam and peanut butter would be appreciated! With only fifteen minutes of your time, you can provide a meal to our food-insecure brothers and sisters right here in our own city. Join us as we strive to fulfill the law of Christ by doing what we can to ease the burdens of those around us. (Galatians 6:2)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 8A Worship 9:45 Bible Study 10:45 Worship The 4th of July	5 Preschool and Church Office Closed for Independence Day	6 AA 5:30P Preschool Advisory 6:30 P	7	8 Preschool Chapel 9:30A	9	10 Sewing 10A
11 8A Worship 9:45 Bible Study 10:45 Worship	12 Church Council Meeting 7PM	13 Young at Heart 10A AA 5:30P	14 Preschool Chapel 9:30A	15	16	17
18 8A Worship Congreg. Meeting, 9:30 10:45 Worship Choir Concert 7P	19	20 AA 5:30P Elders meeting 7P	21	22 Preschool Chapel 9:30A	23	24
25 8A Worship 9:45 Bible Study 10:45 Worship <b>VBS 3P-6:00 Dinner follows at 6P</b>	26	27 AA 5:30P Book Club Meeting 7P	28 Preschool Chapel 9:30A	29	30 Last day of Summer Camp	31 Sewing 10A

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## *Birthdays*

Barry Moss 7/2  
Zoe Hendrickson 7/5  
Carol Mackenzie 7/5  
Kimberly Phillips 7/6  
Luke Hooper 7/7  
Marissa Chiarelli 7/8  
Gilbert Daniel 7/8  
Ed Herder 7/8  
John Knuth 7/8  
Marilyn Jaquette 7/9  
Trish Keefer 7/9  
Cynthia Brannon 7/12  
Lynn Cera 7/12  
Sara Daniel 7/12  
Isabella Thomas 7/12  
April Goddard 7/13  
Brenda Arden 7/16  
Hannah Spooner 7/16  
Rob Suter 7/16  
Beth Tappy 7/17  
Sydney Wilson 7/22  
Carol Prins 7/24  
Avie Slaughter 7/24  
Joanne Bunton 7/25  
Stacey Hectus 7/29  
Rhoda Chiarelli 7/31

## *Anniversaries*

Christopher & Heather Wilson  
7/4  
  
Aaron & Julie Thomas  
7/13  
  
Michael & Arlene Ouligian  
7/24