



November 2021 Newsletter

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People's Hearts*

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Prayer List

Sympathy: Rev. Alvey Yates family; Ken Maxwell family; Jane Schamens family; Joanne Wysocki family (Vicki Schubring's mother)

Praises: Adelaide Grace Struckmeyer born Sept. 16th

Shut-Ins: Fran Jacobs, Shirley Jackson;

Members, Family, and Friends

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) Now Home

Patrick Nobles (Air Force –Alaska)

Matt Young – Air Force Reserve

Josh Wervy USMC (Nobles
grandson)

Pray for our Military: Especially those
deployed in combat zones

Continue prayers for:

Covid victims

Missionaries

Pray for young people in college

Pray for families and victims fleeing
war (Afghanistan) 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

*May Our Lord continue to watch over
and bless Abiding Savior Lutheran
Church, bless Pastor Jack as we begin
the call for a new pastor.*

- Pastor Besalski (pancreatic cancer)
- Elaine Besalski (Parkinson's)
- Michelle Buth (return of ovarian cancer)
- Lynn Cera (Parkinson's home care)
- Steve Devapradad (hosp. critical) by Sara and Gilbert
- Randy Gill (biopsies show granular sarcoidosis)
- Andy Hamilton (at Windsor)
- Jan Hamilton (heart / biopsy of intestines)
- Katie Heysel (baby Nov. 15th/ complications)
- Betty Holland (fell and broke hip)
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 4 cancer) (Kathy Schmitt's sister-in-law)
- Rachel Krause (hospitalized) Brenda Arden's mom
- Sean Law (severe brain injury) by Mike Brannon
- JoAnn Petersen (vertigo tests 9/26)
- Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer age 61/pain) by Karen Noble
- Echard Schadow (cancer/fell)
- Herbie Silvius (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Bill Stone (diabetes— prostate radiation) heart issues
- Dyliah Stone (hit by a truck – healing)
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
- Cricket Winters (age 6) swelling behind eye by Linda Struckmeyer
- Judith Newell (Unexplained dizziness)
- Marj Evans (Recovering at home)

*Names will be kept on the Prayer list for one month unless renewed.
Please call the church 331-4409 or Muriel Young 332-1386*

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What's Love Got To Do With It?- Pastor Jack

Garrison Keillor, in News from Lake Wobegon, tells of a young boy, on a late summer day, headed off to college in the next town. The boy is suffering from acute embarrassment because his mother, grandmother, aunt and an elderly lady cousin have all piled in the car with him to go to register for his first semester's classes. Here is an 18-year-old being followed by an un-cool collection of relatives into his first college experience.

Speaking of relatives, Keillor asks, "What is it in the human soul that causes a person to embarrass someone else so thoroughly?" His answer: "Only love could do that."

That may strike a responsive chord, especially this time of year. How many times has God reached down to us in love, only to have us squirm in embarrassment? How many times has each of us ignored God's loving gesture because it was too embarrassing to respond? God has been making loving gestures towards humanity since the beginning of time. And since Adam and Eve, we have been responding as embarrassed teenagers.

Take the opportunity in this month of Thanksgiving to think back on how you have responded to God's love in your past. We all have much for which we can be thankful – not only the many blessings in our earthly lives, but also for the wonderful gift of God's only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. God has also richly blessed our congregation throughout its history. We look forward to His continued blessings as we move forward.

May we continue to offer thanks and praise to our great God and King in response to His powerful, unconditional love for us.

Worship Update- Pastor Jack

Thank you to all who continue to worship here at Abiding Savior, whether in-person or online. This is an important part of our relationship together in the Body of Christ and remains the largest group of people who gather at one time in our congregation.

We continue to evaluate both our worship and Holy Communion protocols and procedures. We will continue to offer both in-person and online worship experiences as well as both the table on the floor level and coming to the altar rail as options for Holy Communion. If you would like to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, please contact one of the ushers or Elders at that service. If you are joining us online and would like to have Holy Communion privately in your home or at church, please call the church office and we will arrange a time for you.

We understand an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 and its variants exists in any public space where people are present, whether the grocery store, hair salon, or our church.

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COVID-19 and its variants are contagious diseases that can lead to severe illness and even death. We are doing all we can to respect the wishes and concerns of the CDC and other health agencies and provide a safe environment for our members.

As we gather together we ask everyone to commit to proper social distancing when possible. If you are not vaccinated, masks are encouraged. If you have any possible symptoms of a virus (fever, etc.) we ask you to please not attend until it is safe. We continue to provide our online opportunities for those not yet comfortable with in-person gatherings. During the upcoming holiday season we recommend you convey these protocols and procedures to any guests who may wish to join you at any of our events and activities. We ask your prayers, patience and cooperation as we move forward.

Survey Results

Thank you to everyone for completing our Abiding Savior Survey. We will meet on Sunday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall to share the results. These results along with information from our Transition Teams help shape our Pastor Profile. Our District office and our Call Committee will use this information to help find a qualified candidate to serve as our next Pastor at Abiding Savior.

Financial Report

	October Estimated	Year-to-Date
Offerings	\$ 24,000	\$ 215,000
Preschool Income	\$ 81,000	\$ 754,000
Other Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,600
Total Operating Income	\$ 106,000	\$ 972,600
 Total Operating Expenses	 \$ 103,000	 \$ 900,000
 Net Operating Income	 \$ 3,000	 \$ 72,600

**Estimates are provided because the newsletter is prepared before the month's end.*

Fellowship Report - Danny Schmitt

Youth

11/14- youth 4:00-5:30

NYG Meeting 11/14 5:30-6:00

THANK YOU for supporting the youth through the various fundraisers and by helping with pumpkin patch. All of the funds raised will go toward sending our high schoolers to the National Youth Gathering in July 2022.

Family Life

A **Thanksgiving Dinner** will be held in the Family Life Center on 11/21 at 5:00pm. All food will be provided. Please RSVP no later than 11/14 to youth@abidingsavior.info or see Kathy or Danny Schmitt if you plan to attend. We hope you can all join us for time of fellowship and thankfulness for our many blessings.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat was a big success! Thank you to everyone who provided their trunk, donated candy, and attended the event.

Rock the Universe

Raise your hands. Raise your voice. Raise your spirit. It's an unforgettable weekend of faith and fun. Experience two nights of powerful tunes from Christian Music's brightest stars at Universal Studios Florida on January 28 & 29, 2022.

Please sign up to see what interest we have for this event.

<https://tsu.me/rochtheuniverse>

Ministry Spotlight

Due to COVID restrictions and protocols, our Ministry Fair has been postponed. We will offer previews of our various ministries during the coming weeks. Watch for descriptions of our ministries and how you can become involved.

November's Spotlight Ministry is Outreach.



During the month of November, we will feature the various aspects of Outreach at ASLC on a table in the narthex. It is my hope that this will give us a chance to reflect on God's abundant goodness to us, and to see how we are using those blessings to further His kingdom in our own community. We are called to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2), be it with our time, talent, or treasure. From activities such as gathering school supplies, packing meals to serve the food insecure in our community, or steadfast financial support of missions around the world, there is much opportunity for service here at ASLC.

We invite you to bring in your loose change to contribute to our "Noisy Offering" which will support missions and missionaries within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This will be featured every Sunday in November on the table in the narthex.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 7. On that day, we will remember those who the Lord has called home to Himself during the previous twelve months, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ who were members of Abiding Savior.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for children through 5th grade continues!

Join us in the Family Life Center fellowship hall at 9:45 am or contact Sarah Sain at Sarah.d.sain@gmail.com for an online link for your child.

Parents and Tots Sunday School

Music, movement, age-appropriate Bibles Stories and Jesus for preschoolers! led by Susan Moss in the nursery at 10:00 am.

Sewing for Missions

Sewing for Missions is the 2nd and last Saturday of the month and meets in the library of the Family Life Center. Masks are now optional.

Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com for more information.

St. Francis House- Phyllis Leone



October marked the last month of serving a dinner meal to St. Francis House in 2021. We will pick up again in January on the 4th Thursday of each month. The dates for 2022 are:

January 27	July 28	April 28	
June 23	March 24	September 22	October 27
February 24	August 25	May 26	

Be on the lookout for further information as the 2022 meal schedule is organized. Please remember how greatly we are blessed, and what an additional blessing it is to support the shelter- and food-deprived brothers and sisters of Gainesville.

"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

Oktoberfest Band



We have several group Bible studies; you are welcome to join any of these classes.

Sundays

9:45 am – “Girl Friends” Bible Study meets in the Library of Building 3. This class is led by Linda Struckmeyer, Debbie Hill, and Karen Brautcheck and is also available via Zoom. Join us for a study of the book of **Hebrews** titled “*Better*”. Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

9:45 am – Study the Bible “*One Book at a Time*” with Chuck Moss in the Building 1 classroom. This group is studying the Old Testament book of **Daniel**. Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for a Zoom link for this class.

9:45 am – Pastor Jack will lead a study of the book of **Ephesians** held in the Octagon room of Building 3.

Monday 7:00 pm - A study of the book of **Colossians** is led by Joshua Mazur via Zoom. For the Zoom link, contact Jmazur@abidingsavior.info.

Second Tuesday of each Month “Young at Heart” ladies Bible study meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Building 1 classroom (behind the choir area). The next Young at Heart meeting will be on November 9.

Altar Care

Altar for Nov. Muriel Young (chair), JoAnn Petersen, Georganne Eibe, Patti Gill

Altar for Dec. Phyllis Leone (chair), Annetta Coleman, Candi Steinway, Kay Hurst

Advent Begins

Advent begins on November 28th, with our first Advent service being December 1.

November Blood Drive

The next scheduled LifeSouth Blood Drive is Sunday, November 14, 2021 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Abiding Savior 30th Anniversary

Abiding Savior's 30th anniversary is coming up! On Sunday, November 14, we will celebrate our church's founding 30 years ago in 1991.

One service: 10:30 am (everyone together)

Potluck Luncheon: 12:00 pm

Meat & beverages provided. Bring your favorite side to share and a recipe to be used in the 2021 Abiding Savior Cookbook.

Luncheon RSVP options:

<https://forms.gle/eFt42245cyotitgFA>

email: office@abidingsavior.info

call: 352-331-4409

Hymn Festival of Thanksgiving: 2:30 pm

Praise Team



*Pictures Provided by
Hannah Mazur*

October Highlights: Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool hosted parent/teacher conferences on October 15. The conferences were a wonderful opportunity to build our parent/school partnerships. The Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool First Annual Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival on October 23 was a spectacular success with over four hundred people in attendance. Thank you for your candy donations and to the church members who decorated a trunk for the event!

We are thankful to Danny, Jessica, and the youth group for all their hard work at the pumpkin patch! Each class had the opportunity to visit the pumpkin patch for story time with Ms. Brenda and helped to find the perfect class pumpkin! Each child also received his/her very own little pumpkin to decorate and take home.

During the month of November, the preschoolers will enjoy a Bread and Butter Feast together on Friday, November 19 as we celebrate Thanksgiving. November Bible stories will include David and Jonathan, God loves Naomi and Ruth, and The Savior is Coming! Preschool will be closed November 22-26 for Thanksgiving Break. We are thankful to God for His gifts and blessings. Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool has been blessed with a supportive congregation, active parents, and an amazing team of teachers and assistants.

Looking ahead to the month of December, the preschool will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week of December 6-10. We will also be preparing our Christmas Pageant this year to celebrate the birth of the Babe in Bethlehem.

We are thankful and blessed to be serving in this ministry together at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool.

In His Hands,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

Monthly Book Club

Book Club does not meet in November or December. Look for 2022 Book Club titles and meeting schedule soon.

Contact Georganne Eibe at savygg@yahoo.com to be added to the book email list.

Bible Breakfast

Bible Breakfast is back in full swing, and I know that everyone is enjoying the opportunity for fellowship and good food each Sunday morning. That being said, we are reaching out to everyone to help make the load a little lighter on our Breakfast Ladies by bringing in food items. Won't you please consider bringing your favorite recipe to share with your Abiding Savior friends?

Please call/text Kathy Schmitt (352-672-2163) or Phyllis Leone (352-316-3586) to let them know what you will bring. Also, a monthly rotating schedule is being prepared, look for a sign-up sheet on the kitchen hall bulletin board.

Concert Series

Save the dates for the concerts you'd like to attend this year! All concerts are **free** and open to the public. Please let us know which ones strike your fancy the most... and don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor!

The Messiah Sing-Along Has been canceled.

The Lights of Epiphany - Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 4:00 pm

Festival Processionals for Epiphany

Joshua L. Mazur, Organist

Diamonds in the Rough - Friday, February 18, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Operatic Favorites and Intimate Moments from the Greatest Composers

Kimberly Hernandez, Mezzo-Soprano - Joshua L. Mazur, Piano

Concordia Univ. Chicago Wind Symphony - March 5, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Death by Aria: an Opera Gala - Sunday, May 1, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Fantastic Arias, Duets, and Trios from Grand Opera

Kimberly Hernandez, Mezzo- Soprano

Hannah J. Mazur, Soprano - Joshua L. Mazur, Tenor

Music Ministry at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

The Music Ministry is happy to invite those interested in any of the different aspects of music and worship to consider joining us as we prayerfully prepare to return to these beloved activities!

Musical Ensembles & Opportunities

- The Chancel Choir meets 6:30 – 8:30 pm on Wednesday nights, preparing music regularly for worship including service music, anthems, chants, etc. at Sunday morning worship services.
- The Praise Team meets Thursday afternoons from 4:30– 6:00 pm, preparing music regularly for worship including service music, praise anthems, etc. and reports at 10:00 am Sunday morning to play and sing as part of the 10:45 am Sunday morning worship service.
- The Chime Ensemble meets Thursdays (time TBD) and is an excellent place for new musicians to learn the rudiments and fundamentals of music and group music making. The ensemble prepares special music for worship from time to time.
- The Brass Ensemble meets Thursdays (time TBD) and any players of brass instruments (trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, etc.) are welcome to join. The ensemble meets regularly and prepares music as needed for worship and special events.
- Are you a keyboardist (piano, organ, etc.) and interested in playing preludes or voluntaries in worship from time to time? You are invited to express your interest and a list of pieces you would like to offer, and when appropriate (based on season and service content), play during worship as a guest pianist/organist. It is never too soon or too late to contemplate using God's gifts of talent in worship of Him!
- Are you a vocalist but can't participate in choir? There are wonderful ways you can be included as a soloist! Please let us know if you're interested.

Worship Technology/ Logistics Opportunities

- Worship Technology Staff are unpaid staff that manage parts of the audio and video aspects of worship on a regular basis. Two staffers are needed for each of our two Sunday morning worship services: One primarily facilitating and running sound, and the other primarily facilitating and operating our church livestream and archival recordings. If you are interested in being trained and serving in this capacity, please let us know.
- Logistics Staff are unpaid staff that help manage and facilitate needs beyond that of the ordinary worship life of the church. Volunteers are sometimes needed, for example, to move pews and equipment for guest concerts or special events; those who assist in this capacity need to know the ins and outs of our facilities enough to avoid damage to church property and accidental injuries that more informal volunteers might be more vulnerable to. If you are interested in being available as needed to serve in this capacity, please let us know.

November Readers and Elders

Readers	<hr/>		Readings
	8:00 am	10:45 am	
11/7/21	Pete Schmitt	Brenda Arden	Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3
11/14/21	Marilyn Palumbo & Brenda Arden <i>10:30 Anniversary Service</i>		Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3
11/21/21	Kjerstin Terry	Ann Stone	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 Hebrews 4:1-13
11/24/21	Kris Pagenkopf	7:00 pm <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	Joshua 24:16-28 Hebrews 10:16-25
11/28/21	Chris Annis	Susie Buth	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Revelation 1:4-8

Elders of the Month

8:00 am - Charles Moss
10:45 am - Jimmy Flauteau

Fall Back on November 7

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study	2	3	4	5 AA 7:30p	6
7 Fall Timechange 8a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 10:45a Worship	8 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study	9 10a Young at Heart 5:00p AA 6:30p Capella Nova	10 6p Girl Scout Troop 813 6:30p Choir Practice 7p AA	11	12 AA 7:30p	13 Sewing for missions 10a
14 30th Anniversary Celebration Service: 10:30a Luncheon 12:00p Blood Drive 9a-1p Hymn Festival 2:30p	15 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Church Council 7p Bible Study	16 5:00p AA 6:30p Capella Nova	17 6:30p Choir Practice 7p AA	18	19 AA 7:30p	20
21 8a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 10:45a Worship 5p Thanksgiving Dinner	22 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study	23 5:00p AA 6:30p Capella Nova 6:30p Girl Scout Leader Meeting 7p Elders meet	24 6p Girl Scout Troop 813 6:30p Choir Practice 7p AA	25 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	26 AA 7:30p Church Office Closed	27 Sewing for missions 10a
28 8a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 10:45a Worship	29 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study	30 5:00p AA 6:30p Capella Nova 6:30p Girl Scout Leader Meeting				

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kelsie Prins 11/1
Jessica Schmitt 11/1
Jill Hendrickson 11/2
Derek Sain 11/5
Lisa Pulkkinen 11/8
Rylee Williams 11/8
Eckhard Schadow 11/11
Sue Andes 11/16
Kathy Schmitt 11/16
Marjorie Evans 11/21
Mark Nuckolls 11/21
Kjerstin Terry 11/21
Laurie Knuth 11/23
Samuel Ramsammy 11/25
Georganne Eibe 11/29

Anniversaries

Alan & Debbie Rhoads 11/8
Austin & Loren Struckmeyer
11/9
Ron & Carol Wilson 11/25
Paul & Susan Mandeville 11/30