



March 2022 Newsletter

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Members, Family, and Friends

- Pastor Besalski (pancreatic cancer)
- Elaine Besalski (Parkinson's)
- Gary Bock (pancreatic cancer) Linda Struckmeyer's cousin
- Jeffrey Bonneville (medical procedure)
- Michelle Buth (return of ovarian cancer)
- Judy Dabrey (diabetic retinopathy) by Susie Buth
- Hans Farber (advanced parkinson's) Carol (caregiver)
- Randy Gill (biopsies show granular sarcoidosis)
- Andy Hamilton (at Windsor) pray for peace
- Jan Hamilton (vascular doctor)
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 4 cancer) Kathy Schmitt's sister-in-law
- Rachel Krause (hospitalized) Brenda Arden's mom
- Georgina Lacy (in hospital getting tests) Paula Richert's sister
- Desi Nuckolls (early alzheimers) Mark Nuckolls' dad
- Joann Petersen (vertigo rehab/eye Dr.)
- Graysen Riehl (2 yr old) head banging Carla's grandson
- Katie Robel (9) Learning problems by Karen Nobles
- Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer age 61/pain) by Karen Nobles
- Gary Roberts (Guillain barre syndrome) by Stacey Hectus
- Eckhard Schadow (cancer)
- Dennis Schwab (esophogus and brain tumors) Amy Young's uncle
- Herbie Silvius (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Keith Sowell (36) Covid on a ventilator needs lung transplant by Susan Moss
- Bill Stone (diabetes, heart issues) Ann, caregiver
- Carol Stroehlen (fell and broke wrist) Charlene's mom
- Norma Virden (health)
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
- Aniya Wright (13) depression/poor choices by Carla
- Dan Young (diverticulitis)

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Prayer List Continued

Praises:

Valentina & Kris Milster, new adopted baby, (Miles Kieran Milster)

Megan & Luke Griffo (adoption of twins), new baby: Sophia May (Laurie Knuth's great granddaughter)

Sympathy: Robert Lake family; Kevin Moon family, recently lost his wife, daughter and son.; Doris Wilber, lost her husband; Lynn Cera's family

Shut-Ins: Fran Jacobs, Shirley Jackson;

Military

Eric Tappy – Iraq

Casey Dougherty (MP) Annetta

Matthew Gustafson

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

Jason Joseph (Alaska) by
Phyllis Leone

Sam Kleinhauser (sniper) Now Home

Patrick Nobles (Air Force –Alaska)

Matt Young – Air Force Reserve

Josh Wervy USMC
(Karen Nobles' grandson)

Pray for our Military: Especially those
deployed in combat zones

*May Our Lord continue to watch over
and bless Abiding Savior Lutheran
Church, bless Pastor Jack, and pray
for the call extended at our recent
meeting of the congregation*

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

*Please call the church 352-331-4409 or
Muriel Young 352-332-1386*

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, tornados

May our Lord comfort them and give
them courage.

Pray for our country, our president and
our elected officials

Pray for the people of Ukraine

Altar Care

Altar Team for March Cindy Brannon (chair), Jan Banks, Karen Herder, Samantha Nuckolls
Altar for April Muriel Young (chair), Joann Petersen, Goerganne Eibe, Patti Gill

Abiding Savior is at a “kairos” moment – a Biblical notion of a special time pregnant with opportunity but not with danger. The calling of a new pastor to be the spiritual leader of this congregation is very important. It needs the involvement of every member. Ask yourself two questions:

- What is my vision of my spiritual needs – am I and my family living in the joy of Christ and being a blessing to them as we are blessed by God’s grace? If not, what do I need from the church to help me?
- What is God’s vision and will for this congregation in our community for today and tomorrow? Do we have the programs and ministries in operation that are needed for us as individuals and families and a faith community to be inspired to respond effectively to the call of Christ to us today and for the future?

Pray and talk about these questions around your family table and in other settings with other members.

It is said that 70% of the American population are passive-dependent. Rather than being responsible and participating and speaking and contributing to the effort in a timely way, they are irresponsible by being silent, not contributing, and after a decision is made, they complain and blame others for decisions they themselves made no effort to address. Some also feel the pandemic has reinforced that attitude in many people. Pity the congregation and lay leaders where that dynamic is in operation.

Let it not be so for you, for your family, or Abiding Savior. It’s your life...your church...your future. Recognize the “kairos” moment of opportunity for change, for renewal, for catching a clever, bright and enduring glimpse of God’s wonderful desire for you, for Abiding Savior, and for the world. Christ will change the glimpse into an enduring perspective for everyday living – as beautiful and new as the sunrise, and as rich with promise as the rainbow, the symbol of God’s covenant with Noah and with us.

Now that we have extended a call to Pastor Paul Frerichs of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, pray for him as he considers where God wants him to serve.

Continue to pray for your involvement as well, and how you will help our new Pastor when he comes. What do you see? What do Christ and this congregation have for you? What is your part in the ministry? What will become of you, of this congregation? It’s up to you. Catch a glimpse and share your vision. The best is yet to come.

The Great Sending - A Study During Lent

President Walton of our Florida-Georgia District has declared 2022 as The Great Sending Year of Jubilee. Each chapter of the book connects God's heart to your own through a deep dive into Scripture. Rev. Dr. Will Sohns, editor of The Great Sending, encourages us, "God's Sending is a call to join Him in something beyond self, beyond a congregation, and beyond a denomination. God is calling us to much more. His Great Sending is His heartbeat for the world that He wants beating in and through you."

All our members are invited to join together and study this book as part of our midweek services during Lent, beginning Wednesday, March 2nd. Each week we will focus on a main chapter theme, like Engaging Disciples in the Great Sending, and The Great Sending Essentials. The book also provides short daily devotions to use between services. These chapters will help guide us, maybe for the first time, out of the sanctuary into the streets, out of our comfort zones and into community, out of our affinity groups to meet people who are perishing without Jesus. It may lead to new conversations among our members. It's not just a book to read. It's a way to immerse yourself in God's Word. It's a way of connecting you and others to Jesus. Plan now to join this study each week, either live in church or by livestream.

Set Apart to Serve

Do you know any young man who would make a great Pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess, or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. The LCMS continues to pray, and has begun Set Apart to Serve (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please fill out a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey by March 15, and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

	February Estimated	Year-to-Date
Offerings	\$ 21,822	53,191
Preschool Income	\$ 110,000	198,000
Other Income	\$ 1,000	1,000
Total Operating Income	<hr/> \$ 132,822	<hr/> 252,191
Total Operating Expenses	<hr/> \$ 100,000	<hr/> 252,191
Net Operating Income	\$ 32,822	52,191

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

Lutheran World Relief Sewing

Join us this year on the second and last Saturday of the month, meeting in the library of the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. In March, we are meeting on the 12th and 26th.

We are sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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

Spring Yard Sale

A Spring Yard Sale will be held in the Abiding Savior parking lot on March 12 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This event will be different from the rummage sales of past years. There are two options for your participation.

1. You may bring items from home and tables will be provided for your use. Proceeds are yours to keep or you may donate to the ministry of your choice.
2. If you have larger items you would like to sell, contact Danny or the church office to arrange pick-up. Please consider a donation to the Youth for the pick-up. Proceeds are yours to keep or you may donate to the ministry of your choice.

Upcoming Fellowship

Pie Supper

Preschool Pie Supper on Tuesday, **March 1 at 5:00 p.m.**

Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on **March 2** (Ash Wednesday) and run through April 6. The supper will start around 5:30 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. service. If you would like to provide soup or bread for these suppers place your name on the sign-up sheet found by the welcome table.

Bible Breakfast

Bible Breakfast is always looking for new volunteers! If you feel so inclined, you can sign up to bring items to help support our Bible Breakfast. The sign-up board is located adjacent to the sound booth in the FLC.

You can also call/text Kathy Schmitt (352-672-2163) to let her know what you would like to bring.

Bookmarks Not Working?

Some individuals have mentioned the bookmarks in their browser for the ASLC giving tab is no longer working. If this is the case for you, go to abidingsavior.info/giving and re-bookmark the page. The website has gone through a few updates that may have affected your bookmarks and best solution is to re-bookmark the page.

After a two year hiatus, Abiding Savior will once again host a food packing event benefitting Bread of the Mighty. Mark your calendars for May 21. If you would like to donate to Meals of Hope, you can do so with a check in the offering plate or mailed to the church office with “Meals of Hope” on the memo line.



You may also visit the church web site at www.abidingsavior.info and find the “Offerings” tab.

Adult Bible Study

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

Sundays

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

9:45 a.m. – Study the Bible “*One Book at a Time*”. This group is studying the Old Testament book of **Zechariah**. Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for a Zoom link for this class.

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

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

Young at Heart ladies Bible study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Building 1 classroom (behind the choir area). The next Young at Heart meeting will be on March 8, hosted by Karen Nobles, “Gold, Frankincense, and Me”.

Children’s Sunday School

Sunday School for children through 5th grade continues!

Join us in the Family Life Center fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. 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 a.m.

Monthly Book Club

If you would like to serve as hostess/discussion leader for any upcoming meetings or want to be added to the email list, contact Georganne Eibe at savygg@yahoo.com.

The next meeting will be on March 29 on the book *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton* By Stephanie Dray

The April Book: *The Hummingbird: A Novel* By Stephen B. Kiernan.

Save the Date, VBS 2022

Save the Date: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School

Climb aboard for a mountain of fun at Rocky Railway VBS!



Monday, July 25-Thursday, July 28

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Sarah Sain at sarah.d.sain@gmail.com.



Abiding Savior's St. Francis House outreach ministry provided a delicious meal of Salisbury Steak and all the trimmings on February 24. Special thanks to Linda Tobias, Jan Hamilton, Karen Nobles, Becky Hernandez, Jill Hendrickson, and Marilyn Palumbo for their contributions.

Volunteers have signed up to prepare the main course for the following months: March - Jan Hamilton; April – Sarah Sain; May - Becky Hernandez; June and October - Judy Bates. That leaves only three months when a volunteer for the main course is still needed: July, August, and September. Please consider accepting this important and meaningful service opportunity.

The *March* menu is:

Lasagna – Jan Hamilton

Vegetable (green beans, mixed veggie)

- **Still needed**

Tossed Salad – Karen Nobles

Fruit – **Still needed**

Bread & Butter – **Still needed**

Brownies – Pam Gustafson

The dates for the remainder of 2022 are: March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, and October 27.

If you are able to volunteer to provide any of the items still needed for March, please contact me either by cell phone/text (352-316-3586) or email (ChunkyMonkeysNana@gmail.com).

Blessings,

Phyllis Leone

St. Francis House Ministry Team Leader

"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

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!



Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony -
March 5, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran High School Choir- March 17, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
On March 17 the Saint Paul Lutheran High School Choir will be performing at Abiding Savior . If you are able to host a pair of boys or girls for that night, please reach out to Susan Moss at smoss@abidingsavior.info.



Death by Aria: an Opera Gala - Sunday, May 1, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
Fantastic Arias, Duets, and Trios from Grand Opera
Kimberly Hernandez, Mezzo- Soprano
Hannah J. Mazur, Soprano - Joshua L. Mazur, Tenor



Thank you for your support of the 24 Annual Pie Supper on Tuesday, March 1. We hosted a spaghetti dinner and the best desserts in town. We had a silent auction for the 24th Annual Pie Supper with themed baskets created by the PTA and a silent auction and live auction with amazing desserts made by our very own Abiding Savior parents, teachers, and congregational members. The funds raised this year will go towards playground improvements for Building 3 (Bear Country) and classroom curriculum needs. Thank you for your support of our ministry at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool.

Our themes during the month of March are Dr. Seuss, Dads/Science, Rainbows/St. Patrick's Day, and Spring. March Bible stories include the Parable of the Good Samaritan, The Widow's Mite, Jesus Eats with Zacchaeus, and Jesus Rides into Jerusalem.

We will be celebrating our dads with Donuts for Dads on Tuesday-Friday, March 8-11. The school will be closed on Monday, March 28 for a Teacher Workday. We will also be closed March 21-25 for Spring Break!

We have 161 children enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year. We will have ongoing registration until we reach capacity. Registration packets are available in the preschool office or may be downloaded from our website. Spots fill up quickly, so share the news about our awesome preschool!

Summer Camp registration will be opening on March 1. You will be able to find the registration form online at our Abiding Savior website or pick one up in the preschool office. Our summer camp continues to provide the same loving Christian environment you expect at our preschool but allows a more flexible schedule for family summer plans for children ages 2 years old through 8 years (rising third graders). This year's theme, "Lovin' Jesus In All Things," is an amazing camp where we will explore destinations and experience God's creation as we use STEAM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) to explore the theme and the Bible story each week. Our program is offered in weekly sessions from June 6-July 28. Week #5 will be a short week as we will be closed Monday, July 4 in celebration of the July 4th Holiday and Week #8 will be a short week as we are closed Friday, July 29 for summer camp cleaning. We are open from 7:30 to 6:00 during the summer and the preschool morning is from 8:20 to 12:00. We also offer 3:00 and a 6:00 pick-up options. Children may stay for lunch as well and must be picked up by 1:00. Please call the preschool office at 352-331-7770 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool students, staff, and families.

Shining His Light,
Brenda Arden

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5p AA Meeting 6:30p Capella Nova	2 12:15p Ash Wed. 6p Girl Scouts troop 813 6:30p Chior 7p AA Meeting 7P Ash Wed.	3 6:30p Praise Team Practice	4	5 7p Chicago Wind Symphony
6 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 4p Youth 6p Confirmation	7 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study (Mazur)	8 10a Young at Heart 5p AA Meeting 6:30p Capella Nova	9 6:30p Chior Rehearsal 7p AA Meeting 5:30p Soup 7p Lent Service	10 6:30p Praise Team Practice	11 6p Young Life 7:30p AA Meeting	12 10a LWR Sewing
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20 8&10:45a Worship Noisy Offering 9:45 Bible Study 3p Youth 6p Confirmation	21 Preschool Spring Break 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study (Mazur)	22 5p AA Meeting 6:30p Capella Nova 6:30p Girl Scout Leaders mtg	23 6:30p Chior Rehearsal 7p AA Meeting 7p Lent Service	24 St Francis House 6:30p Praise Team Practice	25 6p Young Life 7:30p AA Meeting	26 10a LWR Sewing
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March Readers, Elders, and Acolytes

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
3/6/22	Pete Schmitt	Ralph Toppins	Malachi 3:1-7 Colossians
3/13/22	Phyllis Leone	Brenda Arden	Psalms 34:1-8 Hebrews 13:15-16
3/20/22	Volunteer	Dave Buth	Exodus 23:10-13 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
3/27/22	Kris Pagenkopf	Dustin Banks	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Hebrews 3:1-6

If you are interested in volunteering to read, email office@abidingsavior.info and let us know what Sundays you are available.

Elders of the Month

8:00 a.m. - Mike Brannon
10:45 a.m. - Michael Arden

Acolytes

	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
3/6/22	Liam Hernandez	Leland Spooner
3/13/22	Gillian Collins	Brody Sain
3/20/22	Liam Hernandez	Norbert Lutz
3/27/22	Emily Morgan	Leland Spooner

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Erin Crawford 3/1

Kyle Morgan 3/1

Debbie Hill 3/5

Michael Ouligian 3/8

Barbara Moore 3/14

Norma Virden 3/15

Connor Williams 3/16

Linda Gouthro 3/16

Samantah Nuckolls 3/16

Susan Buth 3/17

Archer Solinsky 3/19

Paula Richert 3/20

Ron Wilson 3/20

Vander Crawford 3/20

Emily Morgan 3/25

Billy Chen 3/26

Bob Engwall 3/27

Bette Pring 3/28

Joann Petersen 3/29

Anniversaries

Dean & Dianne Brown 3/5

Greg & Sallie Miller-House
3/18