



July 2022 Newsletter

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to Jesus*

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## Members, Family, and Friends

- Dawn Barlow (stroke, controlling husband) age 40 Karen Nobles niece
- Pastor Besalski (recovery)
- Elaine Besalski (Parkinson's)
- Gary Bock (pancreatic cancer) Linda Struckmeyer's cousin
- David Buth (stroke rehab)
- Michelle Buth (return of ovarian cancer)
- Orthum Brown (breast cancer surgery) by Chris Brown
- Jerry Cox (heart failure/covid) by Kimberly Phillips
- Judy Dabrey (diabetic retinopathy) by Susie Buth
- Marge Evans (seeing gastro-intestinal Doctor)
- Hans Farber (advanced Parkinson's) Carol (caregiver)
- Randy Gill (biopsies show granular sarcoidosis/heart problems)
- Caelen Gorman (age 13, heart transplant) by Debbie Hill
- Andy Hamilton (at Windsor) pray for peace/Parkinsons - essential tremor
- Jan Hamilton (jaw surgery 7/14)
- Barbara Hodgkins (massive stroke/ recovering) Patti Gill's sister
- Bob Holdredge (triple by-pass) Kathryn Lerch's father
- Justin (depression) by Kris P.
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 4 cancer/chemo) Kathy Schmitt's sister-in-law
- Rachel Krause (health issues) Brenda Arden's mom
- Georgina Lacy (Chemo) Paula Richert's sister
- Hal Lerch (vertigo, blood pressure issues)
- Karen Nobles (leg problems)
- Desi Nuckolls (early Alzheimers) Mark Nuckolls' dad
- Joann Petersen (vertigo balance classes)
- Jack Preus (major stroke) by Muriel
- Graysen Riehl (head banging, age 2) Carla's grandson
- Katie Robel (learning problems, age 9) by Karen Nobles
- Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer age 61/also heart) by Karen Nobles
- Gary Roberts (Guillain barre syndrome) by Stacey Hectus
- Eckhard Schadow (cancer)
- Herbie Silvious (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Bill Stone (diabetes and heart issues)
- Anne Stone (health)
- Dylielah (leg and back pain)
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
- Aniya Wright (depression/poor choices, age 13) by Carla

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# Prayer List (*continued*)

**Praises:** The birth of Marge Evans' great-granddaughter Natale Louise Fanning;  
for answered prayers

**Shut-Ins:** Fran Jacobs, Shirley Jackson, Kay Hurst, Mary Ann Thalman, Ruthann Hodgson

**Sympathy:** Family of Jessica Fernandez

## Military

**Eric Tappy** – Iraq

**Casey Dougherty** (MP) Annetta

**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

## 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

Pray for the victims of Uvalde, Texas

*May Our Lord continue to watch  
over and bless Abiding Savior  
Lutheran Church.*

*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*

## Altar Care

**Altar for July:** April Goddard (chair), Betty Smith, Nancy Strattan, Paula Richert

**Altar for August:** Cindy Brannon (chair), Jan Banks, Karen Herder, Samantha Nuckolls

It is hard to believe that this month of July completes my time here at Abiding Savior. Much has happened in our time together, some things exuding joy and some bringing frustration. Yes, I still have hopes and dreams for the future of Abiding Savior. The best is yet to come. Your task is not complete. The job is not finished.

Often we question our dreams, our commitments, the way we're spending our time for that which we believe good and worthwhile. There is nothing in the Bible that says we won't become discouraged and disheartened. Doors are often closed. Windows are slammed shut. Dreams are at times expensive. They often require us to leave some security that has become comfortable to us. Even Jesus asked, "When the Son of Man comes, will He find any faith at all?"

Our Lord's dream was expensive. It took Him places where the brave dared not go. It took Him into situations where people refused to become involved. He got His hands dirty, His heart broken, and His security shattered. You can't be selfish and dream Christ's dream. When Jesus talked about the Kingdom, He said two things that have stayed on my mind as Abiding Savior moves forward with a new Pastor.

First, He said the Kingdom will be like a mustard seed. It would start small, but it wouldn't stay small. Once it had been planted, God would nurture and water that seed. It would have expansive power like leaven. It would grow day and night. Nothing would stop its growth, for God had given power to the seed. Like it or not, it will grow. Believe in Him or not, His Kingdom is going to stand. May that be true of all the seeds of the Kingdom planted by Abiding Savior in the Gainesville area and beyond.

Second, He said the Kingdom would be like a treasure or pearl of great price. People would stumble upon that treasure, or through searching they would find the pearl. In either case, they would sell all they have to get the Kingdom. In other words, Jesus is saying once people know the value of the Kingdom of God, everything else would become expendable in comparison to it. His dream would become our dream. We would give our time, our energy, and life itself to help His Kingdom come on earth. That's what He said. And that's what is happening all over the world, even in our midst.

It has been a pleasure to get to know and work with the good people of Abiding Savior. You join our extended family of God's people throughout the world. I hope and pray that as things move forward under the guidance and direction of a new pastor they continue to do so under the watchful eye of our Abiding Savior. It always seems that when one door or window is closed, another is opened. Great things can be accomplished for the good of His Kingdom.

# Financial Report

	June Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$ 22,279	158,570
Preschool Income	\$ 70,800	526,034
Other Income	\$ 0	23,953
Total Operating Income	\$ 93,079	708,557
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 86,470	646,093
Net Operating Income	\$ 6,609	62,464

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

## A Letter from Pastor Graham Glover

Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

With a spirit of humility and joy, please accept this letter as my official notification to you, the saints of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School, that I accept the divine call to serve as your Senior Pastor. My wife, Alison, and children, HannahGrace and Gray, join me in thanking you for entrusting me with this tremendous responsibility.

In a world desperate for the Gospel of Jesus, Abiding Savior stands as a beacon of Lutheranism to bring this Gospel to our community. I am excited to become part of the ministry of Abiding Savior and trust that the Lord will continue to guide us as we serve Him and His church.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Until then, you remain steadfast in my prayers.

To God be the Glory!  
Your Unworthy Servant,

Pastor Glover

# Pastor Graham Glover's Installation

The installation of Rev. Graham Glover will be held on Sunday, August 7, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to this special service as Rev. Glover becomes our Pastor at Abiding Savior. A celebratory dinner will follow the installation service. Please RSVP for dinner by email at [office@abidingsavior.info](mailto:office@abidingsavior.info) or find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

## 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 July, they are meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The group is sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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

## 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 can bring.

## 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](mailto:savygg@yahoo.com).

The next meeting will be on July 26 on the book *"To Capture What We Cannot Keep: A Novel"* by Beatrice Colin.

The August book will be *"The Guest List"* by Lucy Foley.

## Trustee Report

The Trustee Team is seeking volunteers. There is a lot of work to be done around the church and preschool, such as weeding, refreshing mulch, trimming branches, and keeping the campus looking fresh. If you are interested and willing to help this team, contact John Schmitt at 352-514-0478.

## Building Project for Vets

Several elders and members of our congregation have been working with a disabled veteran on building a house that will be the first of many for a disabled veteran community.

Contact Mike Brannon at 305-923-3776 if you are able to help construct a small home for disabled veterans. The next work day is planned for July 9. Roofers are especially needed.

## Adult Bible Study

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

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. – “Girl Friends” Bible Study meets in the Library of Building Three.

This class is led by Linda Struckmeyer and Debbie Hill. Join for a study of the book of **Hebrews** titled “*Better*”. Contact Linda at [struck60@gmail.com](mailto:struck60@gmail.com) for a Zoom link.

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. – This group is studying the book *A Summary of Christian Doctrine*.

Contact [Chuck\\_Moss@msn.com](mailto:Chuck_Moss@msn.com) for a Zoom link for this class.

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

Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - Following second service, an eight-week study of **prayer** is led by Joshua Mazur via Zoom. For the Zoom link, contact [Jmazur@abidingsavior.info](mailto:Jmazur@abidingsavior.info).

**Young at Heart** Ladies Bible Study meets the second Tuesday of the month in Building One.

The next meeting will be June 14 at 10:00 a.m. Karen Nobles will lead the study titled “*Mission: Compassion*”

## Children’s Sunday School

**Sunday School for our preschool and elementary students** has ended for the school year.

We’ll start up again when the school year begins again in August. We’ll occasionally send out a few fun activities to do at home this summer. If you’d like to be added to our email list, please contact us at [sundayschool@abidingsavior.info](mailto:sundayschool@abidingsavior.info)!

**Parents and Tots Sunday School** will be taking a summer break.



# Ride the Rocky Railway! Vacation Bible School at ASLC

Climb aboard for a mountain of fun at Rocky Railway VBS July 25-28, 2022 at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church! Join us for a faith-filled adventure where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Kids will go on Bible Adventures & Missions, play Loco Motion Games and visit the Imagination Station. Plus, each child will get the chance to ride on our own train!



Ages 4 years through fifth grade are encouraged to join us on this unforgettable adventure, and ages 2-3 can join with an adult. Each evening will begin with a family dinner from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. (Parents are required to stay with their children during dinner.) VBS starts at 5:45 and ends at 8:00 p.m.

There will be one more all-volunteer meeting. If you're already signed up to volunteer - or if you're still interested - please join us in the FLC on July 17 after late service.



# Texas District - Help for Uvalde Community

We hold to the promise of our returning Savior during this challenging time, who will make all things new. We groan in the wake of the devastating loss in Uvalde, Texas, and we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Your prayers have been and continue to be of the utmost importance as we draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, finding mercy and grace to help in times of need (Hebrews 4:16). The people of Uvalde are being blessed and sustained by your prayers.

How Else Can You Help? Financial donations are essential. Trinity Lutheran Church in Uvalde has indicated that this is the best way to help at this time. 100% of every gift will go to help with the many needs families and victims are experiencing. Trinity, Uvalde, TX, is partnering with the Texas District to receive and distribute these donations.

Read here: <https://txlcms.org/help-for-uvalde/> for more details.

## Rebuilding: Divorce Care

# Rebuilding

*Are you hurting from the end of a love relationship? We can help.*

**Free 8-week group study,  
“Rebuilding: When Your Relationship Ends”**

**Dates: Sundays, July 10 – August 28, 2022**

**Time: 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: Trinity United Methodist Church  
4000 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL**

**Free Childcare available**

**Phone registration available: 352-376-6615**

*Required book: “Rebuilding: When  
Your Relationship Ends” (4th ed. by  
Bruce Fisher & Robert Alberti)*





Abiding Savior's St. Francis House Outreach Ministry provided a meal of pulled pork and all the trimmings on June 23. Special thanks to Scott and Linda Mooney, Karen Nobles, Joshua Mazur, Becky Hernandez, and Joann Petersen for their contributions.

For your information, we will not be serving a meal in July. Our regularly scheduled 4th Thursday conflicts with Vacation Bible School, and the FLC kitchen, as well as our regular SFH volunteers, will be committed to VBS. We will return to our regular schedule on August 25.

We are still in need of a volunteer to prepare the main course in September. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important and meaningful service opportunity. The dates for the remainder of 2022 are August 25, September 22, and October 27.

If you are willing to prepare the main course in September, please contact me either by cell phone/text (352-316-3586) or email (ChunkyMonkeysNana@gmail.com). Also, if anyone wants to prepare either the main course or other menu item but need financial assistance, please contact Susan or Anna in the church office before you shop since Publix gift cards are available to help defray these costs.

We are also looking for volunteers to join us in serving the meals in person. For those of you who have done so in the past, you know what a special opportunity this is, not just to provide the residents with a wholesome meal, but as a chance to personally share the love of Jesus with those in desperate circumstances. I encourage you to join us. I promise you will not regret it.

Blessings,  
Phyllis Leone  
St. Francis House Outreach 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*

# School Supplies Needed for Stephen Foster Elementary

As the 2022-2023 school year approaches, ASLC has the opportunity to support the 2nd grade class at Stephen Foster Elementary. See the school supply list below and bring in your contribution (contained in a backpack) between July 17-July 31. We have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in our community by making sure they have what they need to start the school year on a good note! Blessings to you all as we join together in this effort

## Stephen Foster Supply List 2022-2023



### 2nd Grade

Pack of Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)

1 Pack of Yellow Highlighters

2 Pink Erasers

6 Glue Sticks

1 Pair of Blunt Tip Scissors

1 Pack of Black Dry Erase Markers

1 Box of Crayons (Crayola 24ct.)

1 Box of Colored Pencils (Crayola 12ct.)

1 Pack of Black Sharpies (2ct.)

2 Poly Pocket Folders (any color)

### Appreciated Donations for 2nd Grade

2 Boxes of Tissues

2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer

2 Bottles of Disinfecting Wipes

1 Box of Band-Aids

1 Ream of Copy Paper

### Art Room Supplies

Glue Sticks

Art1st Watercolor Paper, 140lb, 9x12, 50 sheets  
(can be found on Amazon)

### Media Center Supplies

Pencils

Tissues





We are having a super summer at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool Summer Camp “Lovin’ Jesus In All Things.” 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 hearts to Jesus. 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 Travel All Around the World, Once Upon a Time Fairy Tales, Can You Build It? (Lego Week), and Let’s Go to the Zoo. July Bible stories include Jesus is Born, The Lost Son, The Tabernacle is Built, and The Flood.

We have 170 children enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year. We are busy preparing for the 2022-2023 school year where we will celebrate that we are “Created by God” from Psalm 139:14, “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” 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.

Lovin’ Jesus,  
Brenda Arden  
Preschool Director

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## *Birthdays*

Carol Mackenzie 7/5  
Kimberly Phillips 7/6  
Ed Herder 7/8  
Gilbert Daniel 7/8  
Marissa Chiarelli 7/8  
Marilyn Jaquette 7/9  
Trish Keefer 7/9  
Cynthia Brannon 7/12  
Isabella Thomas 7/12  
Joni Johnson 7/12  
Sara Daniel 7/12  
April Goddard 7/13  
Brenda Arden 7/16  
Hannah Spooner 7/16  
Rob Suter 7/16  
Steve Ihnow 7/21  
Sydney Wilson 7/22  
Avie Slaughter 7/24  
Carol Prins 7/24  
Liam Hernandez 7/29  
Rhoda Chiarelli 7/31

## *Anniversaries*

Christopher & Heather Wilson 7/4  
Larry & Carol Mackenzie 7/4  
Arron & Julie Thomas 7/13  
Michael & Arlene Ouligian 7/24  
Steve & Joyce Ihnow 7/30

# July Readers, Elders, and Acolytes

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
7/3/22	Kjerstin Terry	Liz Torrence	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:1-10,14-18
7/10/22	Phyllis Leone	Brenda Arden	Leviticus 19:9-18 Colossians 1:1-14
7/17/22	Kjerstin Terry	Ralph Toppins	Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:21-29
7/24/22	Chris Annis	Ann Stone	Genesis 18:20-22 Colossians 2:6-15
7/31/22	Sarah Sain	Dustin Banks	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14 2:18-26 Colossians 3:1-11

## Elders of the Month

8:00 a.m. - Chuck Moss  
10:45 a.m. - Michael Arden

## Acolytes

*For the rest of the summer break acolytes will be chosen on a volunteer basis.*

*If you are interested in volunteering to read, email [office@abidingsavior.info](mailto:office@abidingsavior.info) and let us know what Sundays you are available.*

# July Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  2p Praise Team Practice 7:30p AA Meeting	2
3  8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	4	5  5p AA Meeting	6  6p Girl Scout Troop 813 7p AA Meeting	7	8  2p Praise Team Practice 7:30p AA Meeting	9  10a LWR Sewing
10  8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	11  7p Church Council	12  10a Young at Heart 5p AA Meeting	13  7p AA Meeting	14	15  2p Praise Team Practice 7:30p AA Meeting	16
17 Noisy Offering 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	18	19  5p AA Meeting 6:30p Girl Scout Leaders mtg 7p Elders Mtg	20  6p Girl Scout Troop 813 7p AA Meeting	21	22  2p Praise Team Practice 7:30p AA Meeting	23
24  8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	25  4p VBS	26  4p VBS 5p AA Meeting 7p Book Club	27  4p VBS	28  Last Day of Summer Camp 4p VBS	29  2p Praise Team Practice 7:30p AA Meeting	30  10a LWR Sewing
31						