Abiding Savior Lutheran Church



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Prayer List

Members, Family, and Friends

- Dawn Barlow (stroke, controlling husband) age 40, Karen Nobles niece
- Pastor Besalski (pancreatic cancer surgery)
- Elaine Besalski (Parkinson's)
- David Buth (stroke rehab)
- Gary Bock (pancreatic cancer) Linda Struckmeyer's cousin
- Yasmar Bonneville (healing from surgery at the Mayo Clinic)
- Michelle Buth (return of ovarian cancer)
- Jerry Cox (heart failure/Covid) by Kimberly Phillips
- Judy Dabrey (diabetic retinopathy) by Susie Buth
- Hans Farber (advanced Parkinson's) by Carol (caregiver)
- Randy Gill (biopsies show granular sarcoidosis/heart problems)
- Caelen Gorman (age 13, heart transplant) by Debbie Hill
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 4 cancer/chemo) by Kathy Schmitt (sister-in-law)
- Rachel Krause (health issues) Brenda Arden's mom
- Georgina Lacy (Chemo) Paula Richert's sister
- Chris McFarland (Fell off a roof)
- Desi Nuckolls (early Alzheimer's) Mark Nuckolls' dad
- 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 (health issues)
- Herbie Silvious (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Bill Stone (diabetes and heart issues)
- Anne Stone (back CAT scan, shots for pain)
- Dylielah Taylor (leg and back pain)
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
- Aniya Wright (depression/poor choices, age 13) by Carla
- Marilyn Bath (broken femur) Susie Mandeville's aunt.
- Jan Forguson (healing)
- Evan Leone (ADHD/ODD) Phyllis Leone's grandson

continued

Prayer List (continued)

Praises: New Pastor

Shut-Ins: Fran Jacobs, Shirley Jackson, Kay Hurst, Ruthann Hodgson

Sympathy: Ken Babin's Family

Military

Casey Dougherty (MP) Annetta Martin Hekking – Air Force (Kansas) Karen Nobles' grandson 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.

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, hurricanes, and 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

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 Oct: Phyllis Leone (chair), Annetta Coleman. Candi Steinway, Carol Mackenzie

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

Annual Altar Care Meeting

The annual altar care meeting is on October 1, at 9:30 by the sacristy. Come to the meeting to see how you can help out.

Studying the Liturgy - Pastor Glover

On Sunday, October 2, we will begin a study of the liturgy during worship. That's right, we're going to study the liturgy during our Sunday morning service! I'm calling it: Liturgy Catechesis.

Each week, I will offer a brief (2-3 minute) summary of the liturgy. We'll spend a few weeks discussing what worship/the liturgy/the Divine Service is, and then we'll go portion by portion through the entire liturgy. After I give my summary of that week's portion (which will also be printed in the bulletin), I'll open it up for a question or two.

Why are we doing this? Because worship is the one time during the week when we all come together. It is the place where God's gifts of Word and Sacrament are given to you. In many ways, what we do on Sunday morning defines who and what we are as Christians more than anything else. And I want you to know why we do what we do during worship. I want you to understand what each portion of the liturgy is (the Invocation, the Introit, the Kyrie, the Gloria, etc., etc.), it's history within the Church's worship, and its biblical roots. I also want you to know why I wear what I do on Sunday, why I face different ways during the service, and why the congregation stands and sits...and stands and sits, throughout the service.

Bottom line, I want us to learn together. That's what catechesis is: learning. And that's what we'll do together as a congregation.

As we get ready to begin this study, I commend to you these words, written in the front of Lutheran Worship (the blue hymnal), that I think captures the essence of what worship is:

"Our Lord speaks and we listen. His Word bestows what it says. Faith that is born from what is heard acknowledges the gifts received with eager faithfulness and praise. Music is drawn into this thankfulness and praise, enlarging and elevating the adoration of our gracious giver God.

Saying back to him what he has said to us, we repeat what is most true and sure. Most true and sure is his name, which he put upon us with the water of our Baptism. We are his. This we acknowledge at the beginning of the Divine Service. Where his name is, there is he. Before him we acknowledge that we are sinners, and we plead for forgiveness. His forgiveness is given to us, and we, freed and forgiven, acclaim him as our great and gracious God as we apply to ourselves the words he has used to make himself known to us." (Lutheran Worship, pg. 6)

Your unworthy servant, Pastor Glover

Financial Report

	September Estimated		Year-to-Date Estimated	
Offerings	\$	25,000	244,300	
Preschool Income	\$	91,500	773,400	
Other Income	\$	0	32,500	
Total Operating Income	\$	116,500	1,050,200	
Total Operating Expenses	\$	110,500	976,800	
Net Operating Income	\$	6,000	73,400	

New Member Class

Are you new to Abiding Savior? We are so happy to have you in fellowship and worship with us. If you would like to arrange a transfer from another LCMS church or participate in a new member class, contact Pastor Glover at PastorG@abidingsavior.info or call (352) 331-4409.

First Communion Instruction

If you and/or your child are interested in receiving instruction to partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, please contact Pastor Glover at PastorG@abidingsavior.info or call (352) 331-4409 to arrange a time for him to meet with you and/or your child.

Confirmation

Confirmation instruction has begun. This will be a 9-month class, ending in mid-May meeting Sunday afternoons. While this session has already started, contact the office or Pastor Glover if you are interested in confirmation for your child in the future.

Home Visits

If you know of someone who desires Pastor Glover to visit with them in their home or at the hospital, to include bringing Holy Communion to them, please contact Pastor Glover at Pastor Gabidingsavior.info or call (352) 331-4409.

Trustee Report

Tree trimming and brush clearing around our retention pond and parking lot is scheduled for October

You may have noticed that there is quite a lot of vegetation around the retention pond in front of Abiding Savior's parking lot. The county requires us to maintain the area around the pond and it has been neglected for several years. Additionally, some of the trees against the parking lot have grown to the point that the parking lot pavement is being damaged. We are arranging to have the area cleaned up and restored to the planned landscape.

Also, 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.

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 October 25 on the book "Night: Book 1 of 3" by Elie Wiesal.

November and December will not have book club meetings due to the holiday season.

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 October, they are meeting on the 8th and 29th.

The group is sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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

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

- 9:45 a.m. Pastor Glover's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall. Join for a class on Military Chaplaincy, discussion on what military chaplains do, how the LCMS selects and endorses its pastors to serve as chaplains, the challenges of ministry in the military, and what exactly your pastor does for the Army Chaplain Corps!
- 9:45 a.m. "Girl Friends" Bible Study is being put on hold for the next couple of weeks and will resume October 30. Attendees are encouraged to go to Pastor Glover's class.
- 9:45 a.m. Study the Bible with Chuck Moss in the Building 1 classroom. The Bible study is using the book *Summary of Christian Doctorine*. Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for a Zoom link for this class.
- **Young at Heart** Ladies Bible Study meets the second Tuesday of the month in Building One. The next meeting will be October 11 at 10:00 a.m. Marj Evans will lead the Bible study, *Mothers and Daughters of the Bible*, continuing to the next chapter.

King's Kids

King's Kids is Sundays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate in this weekly Sunday event. There will be organized activity time, a Bible lesson time and free play to help our pre-youth age children develop friendships with other Abiding Savior children while learning more about Jesus. A meal will be served at 4:30 and parents are invited too. For more information, see Elizabeth Torrence or Susan Moss.

Children's Sunday School

Parents and Tots Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. in the church nursery. If you have children under five, this is the class for you. Join us for music, movement and age appropriate stories for your child. Parent participation is required (and fun!).

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 drink counter.

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

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, a Community Choir?

I love all my community choirs. They're chock full of well meaning, passionate individuals; most of them are not professional singers, but musical laymen. I choose, rehearse, interpret, and conduct all the music they sing during the year, and contract the orchestras and ensembles and accompanists that support them. They are not-for-profit organizations, some of which have significant yearly budgets. These choirs have boards of people who oversee their management, enable my work as their conductor and musical director, and, alongside me, safeguard and advance the legacy of the organization with an eye on the future when we are all gone. For an organization to have hope of such a legacy, many factors need to be considered (marketing, advertisement, recruitment, retention, development of long-term funding, musical education/literacy training, etc.) in careful balance of each other. I try to model myself and my leadership after Jesus no matter where I am or what I'm doing. Like a good shepherd, I try to lead from behind, nudging the flock as needed and intervening only when necessary. My hope is that they trust me to guide them and trust me to leave them better off than I found them, with a legacy and a future that is bright and endless.

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Youth Fundraisers: Wreath & Fruit Sales



Fruit and wreath fundraisers. Follow the QR codes to support the Youth.

Wreaths

Fruit





Due to Hurrican Ian, Oktoberfest has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 2, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Come enjoy some fellowship with live German music and delicious German food while supporting local craft vendors. Admission is free. \$5 per plate includes burger or bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, dessert and drink.



Pumpkin Patch!

The pumpkins are here! Congregational help is especially needed and appreciated. Sign up for a shift and you can designate \$20 to be donated to the Abiding Savior ministry of your choice.

Follow the link to sign up for shifts, contact Danny if you have any questions.



https://ttsu.me/pumpkinpatch2022



Sunday night welcomes all students in 6th grade - 12th grade. We also love to have our college-aged kids there to assist Danny and Jess with youth nights. We meet in the big room in the FLC Sunday nights from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday Nights



Socktober



Happy Socktober!

During the winter months, socks are the most requested, but least donated item to homeless shelters. This October, ASLC is partnering with Grace Marketplace to provide sock donations to help their residents this winter. Help us fill the laundry baskets in the narthex with new packs of socks (adult and children sizes) from now until the end of the month!

Blood Drive

The LifeSouth Blood mobile will be coming to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church October 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LERT Training

When disaster strikes, lives are turned upside down. Survivors often need food, clothing, shelter and spiritual care as they begin to cope with tragedy and loss. The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) Disaster Response provides training for volunteers interested in responding to these hurting people, showing them Christ's love and mercy through helping. A Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training event will be held at Abiding Savior on Sunday, November 13, 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$35. Lunch is provided and attendees will receive a LERT shirt, manual, and credentials. More information can be found on LCMS-LERT.org, under the Florida-Georgia District page, or contact Joel or Kathy Mathews, (813) 215-8098 or joel@MercyDisasterResources.org.

Here is the direct link for the training registration.

https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=724365

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is the fund we use at Abiding Savior to directly assist our community and the needs of individuals. You can contribute to this fund directly or also by donating grocery or gas cards that are given to individuals who come to our church seeking help.

St. Francis House - Phyllis Leone



Your Abiding Savior St. Francis House Outreach Ministry Team served another delicious meal of baked pasta, garlic bread, salad, fruit, and brownies on September 22. Special thanks to Kathy Schmitt, Becky Hernandez, Karen Nobles, Joann Petersen, and Marilyn Palumbo for their contributions. A big thank you also to Hannah Mazur, Karen Nobles, and Liz Torrence for helping to serve the meals.

It appears we are finally returning to normal at SFH with nearly a full dining room of residents, which allowed us to personally meet with a larger number of the residents. We were able to get to know eight families and learn their personal stories. For those willing,

we prayed with them. We also passed along the prayer needs of all eight families to our Prayer Team. We ask everyone to please keep these families in your prayers.

Next month's meal is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, and will consist of barbecue chicken and pork, baked beans, cole slaw and rolls from Adam's Rib compliments of Judy Bates, and chocolate chip cookies by Becky Hernandez. We still need fruit (either fresh individual fruit or fruit cups). Please let me know if you can provide the fruit (see contact information below).

As usual, we will not serve meals in November or December since the 4th Thursday of these months conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas and SFH plans special meals.

I will be publishing the 2023 schedule in the January newsletter so please be on the lookout for when and how you can help. I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining this important outreach mission to help the housing-challenged brothers and sisters of Gainesville.



Blessings,

Phyllis Leone

SFH Outreach Ministry Team Leader

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"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

Preschool News - Brenda Arden



Happy Fall Y'All! We had our first School Spirit Day on September 20. It was such a blessing to share our love and enthusiasm for Jesus with our students . . . Give me a J! Give me an E! Give me an S! Give me an S! We praise you Jesus for we are fearfully and wonderfully made!

We hosted Parent Night on September 13 in the evening to introduce parents to the preschool classrooms and daily routines. The preschool students have been working on MakIt Plate designs for our first fundraiser of the school year.

During the month of October, we will hear Bible stories about the Crossing of the Red Sea, David Defeats Goliath, Daniel in the Lion's Den, and Jonah and the Big Fish. Our themes for October are Gators, Nocturnal Animals, Pumpkins, and Spiders. We will have Costume Parades on October 27 and 28 to celebrate the season of Fall and our imaginations.

We are looking forward to the pumpkin patch and our Trunk or Treat this month. Preschool will be closed on October 7 for UF Homecoming. We will be hosting Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. The parent/teacher conferences will help us to build our parent/school partnerships.

Thank you, thank you to those who have donated for the Building 3 Playground Swing Set. We thank the Lord for showering us with blessings! Within two weeks, we have received over \$5,200 from our preschool and church families (surpassing the need of \$3,545). Thank you for your partnership in our early childhood ministry to Jesus' little lambs.

Praising the Creator, Brenda Arden Preschool Director

September Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:30a Annual Altar Team Meeting
2 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 12p Oktoberfest 7p Youth	2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers	4 5p AA Meeting	5 5p Praise Team Practice 6p Girl Scout Troop 813 6:30p Chancel Choir 7p AA Meeting	6	7 7:30p AA Meeting	8 10a LWR Sewing
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October Readers, Elders, Acolytes and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
10/2/22	Pete Schmitt	Liz Torrence	Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 2 Tim. 1:1-14
10/9/22	Phyllis Leone	Brenda Arden	Ruth 1:1-19 2 Tim. 2:1-13
10/16/22	Marilyn Palumbo	Ralph Toppins	Gen. 32:22-30 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5
10/23/22	Chris Annis	Ann Stone	Gen. 4:1-15 2 Tim. 4:6-8; 16-18
10/30/22	Sarah Sain	Dustin Banks	Rev. 14:6-7 Rom. 3:19-28

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

Elders of the Month	Acolytes			
8:00 a.m Chuck Moss	Contact the office to schedule your child to acolyte.			
10:45 a.m Michael Arden		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	
Flowers	10/2/22			
October 2 - Lerch Family				
October 9 - Jan Banks	10/9/22			
October 16 - Patti Gill				
October 23 - Karen Noble	10/16/22			
October 30 - Pete Schmitt				
Choose a date on the flower chart next to the church office and write your name and	10/23/22			
dedication if so desired. Flowers are \$40 for a pair.	10/30/22			

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Michael Baltzell 10/2
Carol Wilson 10/3
Sarah Sain 10/6
Todd Williams 10/6
Ruthann Hodgson 10/8
Frances Jacobs 10/11
Benjamin Slaughter 10/15
Judy Lerch 10/16
Wanda Yachnis 10/18
Emma Chiarelli 10/21
Karen Nobles 10/24
Christopher Wilson 10/28
Gabe Spooner 10/28
Sallie Miller-House 10/30

Anniversaries

Daniel & Debbie Maxwell 10/6

Jeremy & Becky Hernandez 10/10 Linda & Scott Mooney 10/11 Mark & Samantha Nuckolls 10/14 Charles & April Goddard 10/24

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