



March 2023 Newsletter

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Prayer List

Members, Family, and Friends

- Georganne Eibe (back operation 12/29)
- Hans Farber (advanced Parkinsons – Carol caregiver)
- Dale and D’neal Flateau (ICU) cousins
- Jack Furey- in hospital – antibiotics (DJ’s father)
- Randy Gill (granular sarcoidosis/heart Problems)
- Caelen Gorman (heart transplant, 13) by Debbie Hill
- Leon Hekking (ALD) Karen Nobles Grandson
- Alice Hoover (operation/ in cast, 6 months) old, by JoAnn
- Jackie (cancer surgery) by Jean Schadow
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 4 cancer/ chemo) Kathy Schmitt’s sister-in-law
- Georgina Lacy (Chemo) Paula Richert’s sister
- Jim Leone (Lung cancer/chemo and radiation)
- Manny (fell broke ribs and collarbone) by Carla
- Gary Moon (possible stroke and seizure signs) Carla’s uncle
- Sharon Mugan (stroke) by Muriel
- Graysen Riehl (head banging, 2) years old, Carla’s grandson
- Katie Robel (Learning problems, 10) by Karen Nobles
- Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer and heart issues, 63)
- Herbie Silvious (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Del Snipes (pancreatitis)
- Bill Stone (diabetes/heart issues/memory)
- Dylielah (leg and back pain insurance issues)
- Julie Sawyer (breast cancer) Hal Lerch’s sister
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus

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Praises: For Unknow Blessings

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

Sympathies: Famlies of Ann Flateau (Jimmy's mom), Paul Austin Harris (24) auto accident, Gary Bock (Linda Struckmeyer's cousin)

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

Continue prayers for:

Covid victims

Missionaries

Young people in college

Families and victims fleeing war
(Afghanistan) and poverty

Those dealing with disasters: fire, floods,
hurricanes, and tornadoes

Hurricane Ian victims

Our country, our president and our elected
officials

The people of Ukraine

*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 March: Phyllis Leone (chair), Annetta Coleman, Candi Steinway, Carol MacKenzie

Altar for April: Bette Pring (chair), Carla Flateau, Gabi Hein, Jan Forguson

A Glimpse into Pastor Glover's Chaplain Duties

As you know, in addition to being your pastor, I serve as a Chaplain in the US Army Reserve, where I am assigned to the Chief of Chaplains Office at the Pentagon. This past month I participated in two exciting events: the International Religious Freedom Summit in Washington, DC and the International Military Chiefs of Chaplains Conference in Bucharest, Romania. Part of my responsibilities at the Pentagon, also include serving as the Chaplain Fellow at the Religious Freedom Institute (RFI) in Washington, DC.

Below is an email that RFI sent out last week describing my participation in these events. I thought you would enjoy reading about them. I sure enjoyed participating in them! As always, if you have any questions about my service in the Army, just let me know.

A blessed Lententide to you all!
Pr. Glover

Religious Freedom Institute Monthly Spotlight



RFI Monthly Spotlight

Chaplain Fellow
Rev. Graham Glover

RFI is honored to maintain a military chaplains fellowship as we continue to support and raise the profile of their critical mission at home and abroad.

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Chaplain (Major) Graham Glover, U.S. Army Reserve, is currently RFI's Chaplain Fellow. Serving as Senior Pastor of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School in Gainesville, Florida, Rev. Glover is also assigned to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon. Rev. Glover served for 12 years as an Active Duty Army Chaplain, most recently as the inaugural Government Affairs Officer for the Chief of Chaplains, working with congressional offices and others to protect and expand religious freedom for chaplains and soldiers.

RFI's chaplains program remains busy. Just in the last few weeks, we led a chaplain panel at the IRF Summit featuring Rev. Glover, as well as former RFI Chaplain Fellow Fr. Daniel Mode, Chief Chaplain of the U.S. Coast Guard and former chaplain for the "Lone Survivor" SEAL team in Afghanistan. We also provided video training on virtues and leadership to U.S. and Ugandan chaplains, and consulted on a full-day training program to be held in Washington, D.C. next month.

Additionally, Rev. Glover and Todd Huizinga, RFI Senior Fellow for Europe, represented RFI at the 34th International Military Chiefs of Chaplains Conference (IMCCC) in Bucharest, Romania. They addressed, "The Person and Mission of the Chaplain in Current Geopolitical and Religious Contexts." More than 100 chaplains and support staff from more than 30 countries attended, including all three U.S. Chiefs of Chaplains. RFI was delighted to join conversations among the world's leading military chaplains. RFI also provided speakers and helped shape the agenda for the 2021 and 2022 IMCCCs, both of which were convened virtually. Participating in these events strengthens RFI's understanding of the challenges military chaplains face, as well as our ability to support them.



Todd Huizinga and Rev. Glover with Rear Admiral Greg Todd, Chief of Chaplains to the U.S. Navy, at the Patriarchal Palace.

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RFI Monthly Spotlight (continued)



Partnering with leaders in their field like Rev. Glover enables RFI to advance religious freedom in ways that would not otherwise be possible. Serving as a hub for the best scholars, experts, and practitioners of religious freedom is central to what we do.

Rev. Glover and Todd Huizinga with Chiefs of Chaplains for Ireland, South Korea, Zambia, and other countries at the Officers Club.

Save the Date!

I am happy to announce that on Sunday, March 26th, Rev. Ken Schamens, Pastor Emeritus of Abiding Savior, will be preaching at both services. It has been several years since Abiding Savior's first pastor preached at one of our services, and I couldn't be more excited to lead worship alongside Pastor Schamens on the 26th.

Pastor Glover

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 PastorG@abidingsavior.info or call (352) 331-4409.

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.

Financial Report

	February Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$ 23,700	236,000
Preschool Income	\$ 102,800	750,200
Other Income	\$ 1,000	11,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 127,500	997,700
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 117,400	930,615
Net Operating Income	\$ 10,000	67,085

Thrivent Action Teams

The Thrivent “Action Teams” program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to sponsor projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each qualifying project to get started and pay for associated expenses. If you are a Thrivent Benefit or Associate member, and would like to share this benefit for Abiding Savior projects, let Susan or Danny know. We can help you with the application process. There are many qualifying events in our church, preschool and community that could benefit from Action Team seed money each year.

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 by donating grocery or gas cards that are given to individuals who come by our church seeking help.

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. LWR sewing will meet on March 11 and 25. The group is sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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

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.

March 28: *The Vibrant Years: A Novel* by Sonali Den

April 25: *The Forgotten Book Shop in Paris* by Daisy Wood

Adult Bible Study

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

9:45 a.m. – Join Pastor Glover on Sunday mornings during the Bible Study hour in the Fellowship Hall for an in-depth discussion on the Augsburg Confession. Presented to the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, on June 25, 1530, the Augsburg Confession is the first confession of faith by the Lutheran reformers. This statement of faith set the stage for what we know as Lutheranism today.

9:45 a.m. – “Girl Friends” Bible Study meets in the FLC Library in between services. Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com or Debbie Hill at debbie@lombardihill.com for more information.

9:45 a.m. – Study the Bible with Chuck Moss in the Building One classroom. This class is currently studying the book of James.
Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for more information.

Young at Heart Ladies Bible Study meets the second Tuesday of the month in Building One. The next meeting will be March 14 at 10:00 a.m. Paula Richert will lead the study of “Life is Like Swiss Cheese”.

Rainforest VBS

VBS volunteer meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19 at 12:15 p.m. to begin organizing for The Rainforest VBS (July 24-27). There is a job for every volunteer. A light lunch will be provided.



Youth Sunday Nights

Sunday night welcomes all students in 6 - 12 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.



Honoring our Altar Guild



Abiding Savior, FL honored the ladies who volunteer throughout the year to prepare for weekly worship with a special thank-you breakfast and a cake on Sunday, February 26. This occasion also offered the opportunity to especially recognize Muriel Young who has led the altar team at Abiding Savior since the church was first established in 1991. Praise the Lord for these humble servants who work tirelessly to prepare communion, care for paraments and banners, maintain sanctuary candles, and clean the chancel area weekly. Their service is essential to the worship life of our church.



Wednesday Night Lenten Services & Soup Supper

Soup is served in the FLC from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. A sign up sheet to provide soup or bread can be found on the narthex table. Services will take place each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Events!

- Egg Your Yard! Abidings Savior's Youth Group will fill eggs which can be delivered to your yard by our Volunteer Easter Bunnies or picked up at church on Saturday, April 8th (the day before Easter). Visit <https://abiding-savior-lutheran.square.site> to place your order.
- Join us for Easter Breakfast between services on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$5 per plate and you may choose to eat on site or take a box home. You can pre-order at <https://abiding-savior-lutheran.square.site>. Proceeds benefit the Youth program at Abiding Savior.
- An Easter Egg Hunt for preschool and elementary aged children will be held between services on Easter Sunday after breakfast has been served.
- Candy donations (non-chocolate) and small non-candy items for the Easter eggs may be placed in the narthex.

Easter Lilies



Place an Easter Lily in the church in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The cost of each lily is \$10. Order forms with envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Orders must be turned in by April 3.



Palm Crosses

Join Muriel Young on Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m. to learn how to make palm crosses for use on Palm Sunday. Meet in the classroom behind the choir room.

Employment Opportunities at our Preschool

Employment opportunities in our preschool: Abiding Savior's preschool is always in need of substitute teaching staff and potential teachers and assistants for the summer camp and the academic school year. If you are interested, or know someone who may be looking for this type of employment, please contact Brenda Arden at barden@abidingsavior.info or call the preschool office at (352) 331-7770.

Preschool Pie Supper

Abiding Savior's Annual Preschool Pie Supper will be held on Thursday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. Proceeds from this sweet event will be used to help furnish a preschool classroom and support Meals of Hope. Join us for a free spaghetti dinner followed by a dessert auction.



Meals of Hope 2023

Abiding Savior will once again host a food packing event benefiting Bread of the Mighty. March your calendars for My 20th. 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.

Spring Work Day

Spring Work Day on Saturday, March 11 starting at 7:30 a.m.. Help us spiffy up the church grounds before Easter. We plan to clean out dead vegetation, freshen plantings and spread mulch in the flower beds in front of the church and around the parking lot. Bring your gloves and favorite yard maintenance tools. There will be donuts for our volunteers.

St. Francis House



Thank you to those who prepared food and those that served the meal for St. Francis House in February. The next opportunity to serve the St. Francis House Ministry will be on March 23.

The meal for March is as follows:

Main Course – Carol & Larry McKenzie (Baked Ham)

Side – ***Volunteer Needed***

Vegetable – Becky Hernandez

Salad – Karen Nobles/Charlene Stroehlen

Bread & Butter – Becky Hernandez

Dessert – Marilyn Palumbo

Fruit – ***Volunteer Needed***

A poster is located in the narthex, you may sign up for items still needed for March or other openings for the rest of the year. We always welcome volunteers to join in serving the meal at St. Francis House.

If you are interested in helping in any of the ways listed, please contact Becky Hernandez either by phone/text (575-921-9585) or email (keepon.running.bk@hotmail.com).

Future Dates for 2023 (4th Thursday of the month) are:

March 23^d

April 27th

May 25th

June 22nd

July 27th

August 24th

September 28th

October 26th

“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

Baby Schmitt Gender Reveal!

Blue or **pink**? What do you think? Join us as we reveal the gender of Baby Schmitt.

You are all invited!

Date: Saturday, March 18 3:00-5:00p.m.

Location: Abiding Savior FLC

Light snacks will be provided. Bring a pack of diapers if you would like to join the diaper raffle and win a prize.

Contact Danny (352) 514-2371 or Jessica (352) 359-0337 if you have questions.

Please use this link to RSVP

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw5LPqeMOjNXf4df_eqbeZ0s8hil-nq_0NVhpAS0IOBdqFKw/viewform

Preschool Transportation Week

A warm thank you to those in our community who contributed to transportation week with their time and vehicles!





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

We will be celebrating our dads with Donuts for Dads on Tuesday-Friday, March 7-10. Preschool will be closed March 13-17 for Spring Break!

The 25th Annual Pie Supper is scheduled for Thursday, March 30th from 5:00-7:00 PM. We are hosting a spaghetti dinner and the best desserts in town. We will be having a silent auction for the 25th Annual Pie Supper with themed baskets created by the PTA and a silent and live auction with the most amazing desserts made by our very own Abiding Savior parents, teachers, and congregational members. The funds raised this year will go towards furnishing a new tenth classroom (preschool 3s). A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Your purchases may be paid for by cash, check, or credit card. Please note that if you pay by credit card there will be a 3.5% convenience fee added to your total purchase. We hope to see you there!

We have 185 children enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year. Next school year we will be opening a tenth classroom (preschool 3s), the Ladybugs. We are very excited and blessed to expand our preschool program and connect more hearts to Jesus.

Summer Camp registration will be opening on March 1st. You will be able to find the Summer Camp Google Enrollment Application at our Abiding Savior website or contact the preschool office for more information. 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, "Adventures in Books," is an amazing camp where we will go on adventures with various authors and "take a look, it's in a book." We will experience God's creation as we use STEAM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) to explore the author's books and the Bible story each week. Our program is offered in weekly sessions from June 5-July 27. Week #5 will be a short week as we will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in celebration of the July 4th Holiday and Week #8 will be a short week as we are closed Friday, July 28th for summer camp cleaning.

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

Praising the Creator,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

March Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5p Praise Team Practice 5:30p Soup Supper 7p Lent Service 7p AA Meeting	2 6:30p Chancel Choir	3 7:30p AA Meeting	4 9a AA Meeting
5 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 7p Youth	6 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers	7 5p Praise Team Practice 5p AA Meeting 7p Capella	8 5p Praise Team Practice 5:30p Soup Supper 7p Lent Service 7p AA Meeting	9 6:30p Chancel Choir	10 7:30p AA Meeting	11 9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
12 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 4p Youth	13 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers 7p Church Council	14 10a Young at Heart 5p AA Meeting 5p Praise Team Practice 6p Elders Mtg 7p Capella	15 5p Praise Team Practice 5:30p Soup Supper 7p Lent Service 7p AA Meeting	16 6:30p Chancel Choir	17 7:30p AA Meeting	18 9a AA Meeting
19 8&10:45a Worship Noisy Offering 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 4p Youth	20 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers	21 5p AA Meeting 5p Praise Team Practice 6:30p Girl Scout Leaders mtg 7p Capella	22 5p Praise Team Practice 5:30p Soup Supper 7p Lent Service 7p AA Meeting	23 St Francis 6:30p Chancel Choir	24 7:30p AA Meeting	25 9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
26 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 4p Youth	27 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers	28 Book Club 5p AA Meeting 5p Praise Team Practice 7p Girlscout Leader Meeting 7p Capella	29 5p Praise Team Practice 5:30p Soup Supper 7p Lent Service 7p AA Meeting	30 5p Pie Supper 6:30p Chancel Choir	31 7:30p AA Meeting	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dylielah Pogue 3/1
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
Samantha Nuckolls 3/16
Susie 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
Alex & Dallas Mansolo 3/12
Greg & Sallie Miller-House 3/18

Readers, Elders, and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
3/5/23	Chris Annis	Ann Stone	Gen. 12:1-9 Rom. 4:1-8
3/12/23	Kris Pagenkopf	Volunteer	Ex. 17:1-7 Rom. 5:1-8
3/19/23	Phyllis Leone	Dustin Banks	Is. 42:14-21 Eph. 5: 8-14
3/26/23	Marilyn Palumbo	Brenda Arden	Ezek. 37:1-14 Rom. 8:1-11

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

Flowers

No Flowers due to Lent.

Choose a date on the flower chart next to the church office and write your name and dedication if so desired. Flowers are \$40 for a pair.

Ministry Team Leaders and Contact Information

Officers

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