



April 2023 Newsletter

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to Jesus*

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Prayer List

Members, Family, and Friends

- Gauge(2) and his grandma (hit and run)
- Judy Bates (in hospital /pneumonia) and Ken Bates (health issues)
- Kathy Beasley (tests for pain) Marge Evans daughter
- Pastor Besalski (cancer) Elaine Parkinson's
- Hans Farber (advanced Parkinsons) Carol caregiver
- Dale and D'neal Flateau (health issues) cousins
- Hope Davidson (health and family issues) by Carla
- Jack Furey (in hospital/antibiotics) DJ's father
- Randy Gill (granular sarcoidosis/heart Problems)
- Lynn Guelzow (knee replacement) Marge Evan's daughter
- Leon Hekking (ALD) Karen Nobles Grandson
- Alice Hoover (6 mo. old) (operation/in cast) by JoAnn
- Jackie (cancer surgery) by Jean Schadow
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 4 cancer/ chemo) KathySchmitt's sister-in-law
- Georgina Lacy (Chemo) Paula Richert's sister
- Laura (needs work)
- 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
- John Petersen (lump on back of head)
- JoAnn Petersen (skin cancer surgery on leg)
- Graysen Riehl (2)(head banging) Carla's grandson
- Katie Robel (10) (Learning problems) by Karen Nobles
- Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer age 63/heart)
- Herbie Silvius (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Del Snipes (pancreatitis)
- Bill Stone (diabetes/heart issues/memory)
- Dyliah (leg and back pain) insurance issues
- Julie Sawyer (breast cancer) Hal Lerch's sister
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
- Sandy Wearstler (leukemia/hospice) Len 's cousin
- Courtney Zuloski (breast cancer/chemo and radiation) by Phyllis Leone

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Praises: For daily Blessings; Caelen Gorman (age 13) heart transplant (doing well)

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

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

St. Francis House Residents

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

Earthquake victims in Turkey

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

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

Come and See the Lord! - Pastor Glover

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

(John 20:11-18, NKJV)

Holy Week is upon us. Easter is upon us. The most important week – the most important day of the year is upon us.

And with this important time comes the always present opportunity for you to come and see our Lord. That's right, you get to see Jesus!

As you likely already know, we are going to have services at Abiding Savior for 8 days in a row during Holy Week. From Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, there will be a service every day. On each of those days, you can come to our sanctuary to hear the Word of the Lord proclaimed. On Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Day, you can come to our sanctuary to feast on the Body and Blood of our Lord. We will sing hymns. We will pray. We will confess. And we will see the Lord.

You need not make it to every service during Holy Week, but I do hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to be in the presence of the Risen Lord.

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Come and See the Lord! - Pastor Glover (continued)

Our hymnal, the Lutheran Service Book, reminds us that “Our Lord serves us through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world...The Lord’s service calls forth our service – in sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to Him and in loving service to one another” (viii).

So come and see. Come and see the Lord. For He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glover

Financial Report

		March Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$	30,000	267,000
Preschool Income	\$	99,500	850,000
Other Income	\$	0	11,500
Total Operating Income	\$	129,000	1,128,500
Total Operating Expenses	\$	112,000	1,046,000
Net Operating Income	\$	17,500	82,500

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.

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 April 8 and 22. The group is sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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

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.

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.

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

May 30: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Rainforest VBS

VBS will be July 24-27 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Registration will begin in May.



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 Jude.

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 April 11 at 10:00 a.m. Annetta Coleman will lead the study of “Rejoice. Always!”.

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.



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.

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 by April 3.

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.



Meals of Hope 2023



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

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.

Palm Cross Volunteers

A special thank you to the ten volunteers who donated time and energy to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Their service is greatly appreciated. Thank you:

Gabi Hein, Bette Pring, Allison Fissenden, Charlene Stroehlen, Barbara Moore, Patti Gill, Paula Richert, Dianne Brown, Len and Muriel Young.

Abiding Savior People (by the numbers)

You may be surprised to know that Abiding Savior currently counts 243 active, baptized members. The age distribution of our membership is as follows:

Age Range	Count	Percentage
Under 18	39	16%
18-34	25	10.3%
35-54	49	20.2%
55-64	32	13.2%
65-74	46	18.9%
75-84	41	16.9%
85-98	11	4.5%
Total	243	100%

Other interesting numbers:

Average age: 52
Median age: 58
Oldest member: 97
Youngest member: 1
Confirmed members: 212

Quite a few new folks were added to our Abiding Savior family during 2022.

Transferred from other LCMS Congregations	Baptisms	Adult Confirmation	Youth Confirmation
Alex & Dallas Mansolo	Gillian Collins	Dylielah Pogue	Zachary Sain
Rod Heathman	Anthony Florio		Emily Morgan
Heidi McKenzie			
Scott & Linda Mooney			
Steven & Joyce Ihnow			
Pastor Glover & Alison			
Hannahgrace Glover			
Gray Glover			
Joel & Kathy Mathews			
Terry & Deb Armey			
Greg & Diane Rivers			

There were also some losses to our membership role.

Transferred to other LCMS	Moved without transfer	Transferred to Heaven
Pastor John Mackowiak	Barry Moss	Lynn Cera (2/10/2022)
John & Laurie Knuth		



A **BIG Thank You** to everyone who prepared food and served the meal for St. Francis House in March. Additionally, thank you to everyone who has signed up for the April meal. The generosity and willingness to help has every slot filled for the meal. **THANK YOU!** If you would like to contribute, volunteers are always needed to help in serving the meal. The next opportunity to serve the St. Francis House Ministry will be on April 27th.

The meal for April is as follows:

Main Course – Dianne Brown

Side – Becky Hernandez

Vegetable – Joann Peterson

Salad – Karen Nobles

Bread & Butter – Linda Struckmeyer

Dessert – Pam Harpe

Fruit – Joann Peterson

A poster is located in the narthex, you may sign up for items still needed for May or other openings for the rest of the year. If you are interested in helping, 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:

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



Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your generosity as we were catching God's blessings at the 25th Annual Pie Supper on Thursday, March 30th. What a spectacular evening of food, fun, fellowship, and amazing generosity. The money raised will be used for furnishing the new Ladybugs classroom. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity and support for Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool. You are an amazing blessing!

Our themes during the month of April are Easter, Gardens, Bugs/Life Cycles, and Authors. April Bible stories include The Crucifixion, Easter Morning, Jesus Cooks Breakfast for the Disciples, and The Ascension and Great Commission.

We have 187 children enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year. What an amazing blessing to connect hearts to Jesus at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool.

Summer Camp registration opened at the beginning of March. We have over 180 applications submitted for our Summer Camp, "Adventures in Books". The program is offered in weekly sessions, June 5- July 27. We will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and Friday, July 28th for summer camp cleaning. Please call the preschool office at (352) 331-7770 for more information

May the Lord be with you as we prepare to remember Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He is risen, indeed!

Praising the Creator,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Hal Lerch 4/1
Michelle Buth 4/2
Savannah Fissenden 4/3
Bryton Fissenden 5/6
Olivia Chiarelli 4/7
Heather Wilson 4/9
Aaron Struckmeyer 4/12
Dina Dolz 4/14
Dan Lerch 4/15
Michelle Slaughter 4/16
Linda Mooney 4/17
Hannah Mazur 4/22
Leland Spooner 4/24
Sharilyn Hodgson 4/27

Anniversaries

Fred & Petra Townsend 4/22
Daryl & Bette Pring 4/25
Todd & Jamie Williams 4/28

Readers, Elders, and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
4/2/23	Chris Annis	Ann Stone	Is. 50:4-9 Phil. 2:5-11 Acts 10:34-43
4/9/23	Kris Pagenkopf	Ralph Toppins	Col. 3: 1-4 Acts 5: 29-42
4/16/23	Phyllis Leone		1 Pet. 1:3-0 Acts 2:14, 36-41
4/23/23	Marilyn Palumbo	Brenda Arden	1 Pet. 1:17-25 Acts 2: 42-47
4/30/23	Pete Schmitt	Ann Stone	1 Pet. 2:19-25

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. - Chuck Moss
10:45 a.m. - Jimmy Flateau

Flowers

4/2: No flowers due to lent
4/9: Brown
4/16: Lerch
4/23: Moss
4/30: Fissenden

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.

April Calendar

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