



May 2023 Newsletter

*Connecting Hearts
to Jesus*

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Prayer List

Members, Family, and Friends

- Jessica Acker (breast cancer surgery/ chemo) by John Schmitt
- Sandy Adams (broken hip/surgery) Charlene Stroehlen's aunt
- Gauge(2) and his grandma (hit and run)
- Judy Bates and Ken Bates (health issues)
- Pastor Besalski (cancer)
- Elaine Besalski (Parkinsons)
- Hans Farber (advanced Parkinsons) Carol - caregiver
- Jan Forguson (eye infection)
- Stephen Forguson (severe viral eye infection)
- Hope Davidson (health and family issues) by Carla
- Bob Dykes (pneumonia/Guillain Barre) by Joann Petersen
- 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) Kathy Schmitt'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
- Ron Morris (in hospital) Carol Mackenzie's brother-in-law
- Sal Pandazzo (cancer/hospice) by Veronica Ruth
- 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)
- Dylielah Pogue (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

continued

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

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

Sympathy: Krystal Moon'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

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

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

(You Can) Contact Your Pastor - Pastor Glover

I hope all of you know that you can always contact me. You can call me at the church office, email me, and yes, call me on my cell phone. In fact, I hope all of you have my cell number saved in your contacts. I am always available for you to contact.

Seriously. I am available for you and your family.

In addition to Sunday services, bible study, and confirmation class, I'm typically at Abiding Savior during the week. Like most of you, I generally work during "office hours". If you'd like to stop by, feel free. If you want to schedule a visit, to include lunch, let me know!

But if you need me, you don't have to wait to contact me during the day. If you or your loved one have an emergency, call my cell phone. I try to be readily accessible most of the time, but if I don't answer your call, leave me a message, or text me. I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Bottom line, I want you to know that part of my responsibilities as your pastor is to be available for you. If you have an urgent prayer request, reach out to me. If you or your loved one are in the hospital, please let me know (regardless of the time of day). I want to provide all of you the spiritual care that your pastor should, and I can only do this if I know that you need it.

So yes, you can contact your pastor!

As we continue to rejoice in the resurrection, may the hope we have in our Risen Lord be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glover

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		April Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$	29,000	296,000
Preschool Income	\$	96,000	946,000
Other Income	\$	1,000	12,500
Total Operating Income	\$	126,000	1,254,500
Total Operating Expenses	\$	112,000	1,158,000
Net Operating Income	\$	14,000	96,500

Please note that the surplus net operating income is preserved to cover reduced income during the summer months when offerings are lower and preschool enrollment is greatly reduced.

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.

May 30: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

June 27: *Angel Falls* by Kristen Hannah

Rainforest VBS

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

Register you or your child now: <https://www.abidingsavior.info/vbs>



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 a discussion on the weekly lectionary readings.

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 Leviticus.

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 May 9 at 10:00 a.m. Muriel Young will lead the study of “Therefore”.

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.

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.

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.



Dear ASLC Family,

As we gather together in worship, let us remember the importance of singing strongly and boldly in our praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Lutheran singing heritage is a rich and powerful tradition that has been passed down to us through generations of faithful believers.

In Hebrews 2:12, we are reminded that Jesus Himself sings praises to God in the midst of the congregation. We too are called to join in this chorus of praise, lifting our voices in unison to declare the greatness of our God. And in Psalm 71:23, we are encouraged to sing with joy and gladness, for God has saved us and redeemed us from the depths of sin and death.

Our Lutheran hymns and chorales are a treasure trove of theological richness and spiritual depth. Through them, we are able to express our faith and devotion to God in a way that is both profound and heartfelt. Let us not forget the power of these hymns to strengthen and sustain us in our journey of faith.

There are very real benefits to singing with gusto when we gather together. In singing with a strong tone and assertive breath, we proclaim our faith in boldness and inspire our brothers in sisters in Christ to do the same. By singing with all our hearts and with abandon, we create a great noise together that makes people more comfortable to join in who might be more shy. The melodies and harmonies of our hymnody are crafted so that these melodies and harmonies are very expressive of the theological and thematic background of the hymn texts, and singing with loud and strong voices helps to communicate not just the hymn texts, but understanding of the texts themselves.

As I recommit ourselves to our Lutheran singing heritage, I remember the words of Martin Luther, who said, “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.” Let us sing with all our hearts, minds, and souls, for it is through our singing that we offer our praise and worship to the God who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us each and every day.

May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire us as we lift our voices in worship and praise, and may our singing bring glory and honor to God now and forevermore. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Joshua L. Mazur, M.M.



May is "Meals of Hope" month at Abiding Savior. You are all invited to join us on Saturday, May 20th, for our **Ninth Annual Meals of Hope Food Packaging Party** as we reach out with Christ's love to the people of Gainesville and surrounding counties. Our goal this year is to package 50,000 meals for Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. We are in the process of recruiting some 200 volunteers and seeking meal sponsorships for a total of \$15,000. There will be two meal packaging sessions: one from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and the second from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. There is a job for everyone so don't miss it!





A BIG Thank You to everyone who prepared food and those that served the meal for St. Francis House in April. The next opportunity to serve the St. Francis House Ministry will be on May 25th.

The meal for May is as follows:

Main Course – Becky Hernandez (Tacos)

Side (Spanish Rice or Refried Beans) - **Volunteer Needed**

Vegetable (Corn) - **Volunteer Needed**

Salad – Karen Nobles

Taco Toppings (Sour Cream, Cheese, Salsa) - **Volunteer Needed**

Dessert – Fissenden Family

Fruit – **Volunteer Needed**

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:

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



May brings the last month of school and a busy month of memory making events at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool. Our Songfest and Art Show will be Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.. We will be celebrating our moms with Muffins for Moms on Tuesday-Friday, May 9-12. The PTA will be celebrating our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 15-19. Pre-Kindergarten Graduations will be Friday, May 26 (our last day of school) in the sanctuary at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. for our three graduating classes.

We have been amazingly blessed during the 2022-2023 school year. We have been praising the creator as we celebrate being “Created by God” using the verse from Psalm 139:14, “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Our themes during the month of May are Moms, Authors, Oceans, and Last Week of School/ Here Comes Summer. May Bible stories include Pentecost, Peter and John Heal a Crippled Man, God Cares for the Birds and Flowers, and Timothy’s Mother and Grandmother.

We have 187 children enrolled in our ten preschool classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. We have 182 children enrolled for our Summer Camp, “Adventures in Books”. Limited spaces are available during certain weeks of Summer Camp 2023 in Preschool 3s, 4s, Rising Kindergarten, and Elementary classrooms. Preschool 2s is currently full each week. Please contact the preschool office for more information if you are interested.

God is at work in wonderful and mighty ways at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool! We are very thankful for our preschool ministry and the blessing of connecting hearts to Jesus.

Praising the Creator,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Amie Spooner 5/6
Daisy Slaughter 5/6
HannahGrace Glover 5/6
Shirley Jackson 5/6
Alice Townsend 5/7
Jean Schadow 5/11
Ridge Dauer 5/11
Elliot Sain 5/12
Joyce Ihnow 5/15
Liz Torrence 5/22
Terry Armey 5/25
Caroline Terry 5/28
Kathy Mathews 5/29
Jillian Hectus 5/30

Anniversaries

Paul & Vicki Schubring 5/3
Rob & Sarah Suter 5/3
Graham & Alison Glover 5/6
Michael & Rhoda Chiarelli 5/8
Roger & Dina Dolz 5/12
Bret & Stacey Hectus 5/21
Jeff & Lexie Dauer 5/31

Readers, Elders, and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
5/7/23	Chris Annis	Sarah Sain	Acts 6:1-9 1 Peter 2:2-10
5/14/23	Kris Pagenkopf	Dustin Banks	Acts 17:16-31 1 Peter 3:13-22
5/21/23	Phyllis Leone	Brenda Arden	Acts 1:12-26 1 Peter 4:12-19
5/28/23	Marilyn Palumbo	Ann Stone	Num. 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21

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. - Derek Sain
10:45 a.m. - Michael Arden

Flowers

5/7: Patti Gill
5/14:
5/21:
5/28:

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.

May Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers	2 5p AA Meeting	3 5p Praise Team Practice 5p-8p Girl Scout Court of Honor 7p AA Meeting	4 6:30p Chancel Choir	5 7:30p AA Meeting	6 9a AA Meeting
7 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 7p Youth	8 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers 7p Church Council	9 10a Young at Heart 5p AA Meeting	10 5p Praise Team Practice 7p AA Meeting	11 6:30p Chancel Choir	12 7:30p AA Meeting	13 9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing 11a-2p Buccholz Girls Lacrosse Banquet
14 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 7p Youth	15 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers	16 5p AA Meeting 6p Elders Mtg	17 5p Praise Team Practice 7p AA Meeting	18 6:30p Chancel Choir	19 7:30p AA Meeting	20 Meals of Hope 9:15a-1:30p 9a AA Meeting
21 8&10:45a WorshipNoisy Offering 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 4p Youth	22 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Baton Twirlers	23 5p AA Meeting 6:30p Girl Scout Leaders mtg	24 5p Praise Team Practice 7p AA Meeting	25 St Francis 6:30p Chancel Choir	26 7:30p AA Meeting	27 9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
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Ministry Team Leaders and Contact Information

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