



June 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)
- Hans Farber (advanced Parkinsons) Carol caregiver
- Jan Forguson (microvascular)
- Beven Forguson
- Hope Davidson (health and family issues) by Carla
- Bob Dykes (pneumonia/Guillain Barre) by Joann Petersen
- Jack Furey (in hospital/antibiotics) Colleen's father
- Amanda Gill (test results) Carla's daughter
- Randy Gill (granular sarcoidosis/heart problems)
- Lynn Guelzow (knee replacement) Marge Evan's daughter
- Leon and Jack Hekking (ALD) Karen Nobles Grandson
- Jackie (cancer surgery) by Jean Schadow
- Julia Kohlberg (lung cancer/ chemo) Kathy Schmitt's sister-in-law
- Georgina Lacy (Chemo) Paula Richert's sister
- Jim Leone (Lung cancer/chemo and radiation)
- Gary Moon (possible stroke and seizure signs) Carla's uncle
- Ron Morris (in hospital) Carol Mackenzie's brother-in-law
- Mark Nuckolls (back pain/shots) by Samantah
- Sal Pandazzo (cancer/hospice) by Veronica Ruth
- JoAnn Petersen (skin cancer surgery on leg)
- Graysen Riehl (2)(head banging) Carla's grandson
- Julie Sawyer (breast cancer) Hal Lerch's sister
- Peter Setek (cancer) Veronica Ruth's uncle
- Herbie Silvius (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Gary Smith (health issues)
- Del Snipes (pancreatitis)
- Bill Stone (diabetes/heart issues/ memory issues)
- Dylielah (leg and back pain/insurance issues)
- Colleen Toppins (heal knee/falling)
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
- Doris Wilber (a-fib) Carla's mom
- Jackie Woodward (pain/bleeding) by karen Nobles
- 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: Brian McCarthy 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 June: Cindy Brannon (chair), Jan Banks, Karen Herder, Samantha Nuckolls

Altar for July: Muriel Young (chair), Georganne Eibe, Patti Gill, Joann Petersen

More Worship? Yes Please! - Pastor Glover

I had no idea what to expect when we made the decision to have services every day during Holy Week. That is, I didn't know how you – the members of Abiding Savior Lutheran – would respond to us offering 8 days in a row of church!

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we came together for worship every single day. Twice for Evening Prayer, Choral Evensong, Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 2 Good Friday Tenebrae Services, Easter Vigil Divine Service and 2 Easter Sunday Divine Services. For 8 days we heard the Word of God proclaimed. We sang. We prayed. We feasted on the Body and Blood of Jesus. For 8 days we were fed with the Means of Grace.

It was incredible.

And I'm convinced we should do it more often.

Well, maybe not 8 days in a row all the time (although we will definitely do that again next year for Holy Week...and every year thereafter!). But we need to worship together more often.

Worship is the heart of our faith. It is the place where we are most fully fed with God's grace. So why wouldn't we worship more often?

What that will look like, I'm not yet sure. To that end, I welcome your input. But there will be more worship opportunities occurring in the months ahead.

I think this is exciting. I think it's what the church has always done and what we should be doing.

So, stay tuned. More worship is coming. More opportunities for you to gather in God's House to hear His Word and partake of His sacraments!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glover

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		May Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$	22,400	319,400
Preschool Income	\$	94,800	1,040,775
Other Income	\$	500	13,00
Total Operating Income	\$	117,700	1,373,175
Total Operating Expenses	\$	124,100	1,291,600
Net Operating Income	\$	-6,400	81,575

Noisy Offering

Thank you to all who “made some noise”! During the last 12 months, we have collected \$1,189 from your loose change to help support Meals of Hope. Keep on saving your change as we continue the monthly collection to support Meals of Hope at Abiding Savior next May 18, 2024.

One Special Service

On Sunday, July 2nd at 11:00 a.m. there will be one Divine Service, followed by food and fellowship in the FLC!

Don't miss this opportunity to worship with both early and late service folks. After service, make your way to the FLC for a summer cookout. Danny will be grilling burgers and brats. We will have chips, beans, watermelon and an ice cream Sunday bar for dessert.

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.

Voters' Meeting Sunday, June 11

All members are encouraged to attend our annual meeting for the purposes of voting on the 2023/2024 fiscal year church budget and electing officers to serve on Church Council for a two-year term. We do have volunteers willing to serve: Sandra Morgan (Vice President), Charlene Stroehlen (Treasurer), Hannah Mazur (Outreach), and John Schmitt (Trustee). The meeting will take place after late service beginning around 12:15 p.m. and a light lunch will be provided.

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 June 10 and 24. 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.

June 27: *Angel Falls* by Kristen Hannah

July 18: *The Paris Apartment: A Novel* by Lucy Foley

(This date was changed from July 25 to 18 due to VBS)

Bible Breakfast

Bible Breakfast on Sundays during the summer will be deluxe continental. If you would like to contribute to our weekly fellowship breakfast, feel free to bring fruit, Danish, donuts, sandwiches, etc. Clean-up help is always appreciated too! Thank you for your continued support.

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 study on the book of Revelation. Join him for a discussion on this often misunderstood book of the Bible, but one that offers great hope for the Church!

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 1 classroom. This group 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 June 13 at 10:00 a.m. Karen Nobles will lead the study of “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”.

Congrats Confirmads!

On May 21 at the 8:00 a.m. service, six young people were confirmed in their faith. Congratulations to our confirmands: Claudia Thomas, Gillian Collins, Norbert Lutz, Brody Sain, Leland Spooner, and Alice Townsend. May the Lord bless them as they continue to grow in faith and service to Him.



Summer Youth

Pool Party on June 4th!

Join us at the Moss' house at 2:00 p.m. for an end of school year cool down. The address is 2001 NW 31st Terrace in Gainesville.

Trips to the springs, the beach and bowling are also being planned.

Contact Danny (352-727-4733) or email youth@abidingsavior.info to be added to the events communication list.

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Presents "Rainforest Explorers"



Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 24 – Thursday, July 27

Dinner served at 5:15 p.m.

VBS is from 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.

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

We will be collecting school supplies for Stephen Foster Elementary School as a service project during VBS.

Items to collect:

Packs of Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)

Packs of Yellow Highlighters

Packs of rectangular pink erasers

glue sticks

blunt tip scissors

Black dry eraser markers

Boxes of Crayons

Boxes of colored pencils

Black Sharpies

Three-pronged folders

Boxes of tissues

Hand sanitizer

Disinfecting wipes

Band-aids

Printer paper

The next planning meeting will be held in the fellowship hall of the FLC after late service on June 4th.

Meals of Hope

Communities coming together to end hunger!

On Saturday, May 20th, more than 100 enthusiastic volunteers gathered in Abiding Savior's Family Life Center to pack a total of 52,125 vitamin fortified breakfast meals.

Bread of the Mighty will distribute these meals in Alachua and the surrounding counties.

While Abiding Savior congregation members provided more than half the labor, we were pleased to have help from other community organizations. Volunteers ranged in age from 7 to over 80. This was a very successful multi-generational and community-wide effort to share the love of our Lord with others, both participants and recipients.

Since 2013, Abiding Savior in collaboration with Meals of Hope and Bread of the Mighty has provided more than 772,000 meals to families, children and seniors in our community and nearby communities.

If by chance you missed this wonderful event, mark your calendar for next year...

May 18, 2024.



A Parable About Singing - Joshua Mazur

Once, there was a nightingale who lived in a beautiful forest. The trees arched overhead, framing a clearing where all could gather around a pool of spring water. Every morning, she would greet the rising sun with her enchanting melody, filling the forest with her song. Her voice soared high above the trees, touching the heavens themselves.

One day, a small and timid sparrow approached the nightingale, his wings quivering with trepidation. He said, ‘Oh, dear nightingale, your voice is so powerful and perfect. I fear that my humble chirps will only mar the beauty of your song.’

The nightingale smiled warmly and replied, ‘Dear sparrow, every voice has its own unique beauty. Just as the sun paints the sky with a tapestry of colors, our voices blend together to create a symphony of praise. Your song may be different from mine, but it is no less precious.’

Encouraged by the nightingale’s words, the sparrow took a deep breath and let out a delicate chirp. The forest came alive with the harmonious convergence of their voices, and a sense of unity filled the air. The nightingale and the sparrow sang with their full hearts, no longer concerned about being “right” but simply reveling in the blissful act of singing.

A Night of Praise with Abiding Savior’s Praise Team

On Wednesday evening, May 31, our Praise Team presented “You Say: The Word in Song”. Abiding Savior’s choir room was transformed into a comfortable living room space for the listeners who took advantage of this special opportunity to hear the Word in songs not typically used during Sunday worship. The snacks were great too!

Look for another Praise Team Night of Praise in the fall!



Florida Georgia Lutheran Early Response, Inc.

a need to be met

The Florida-Georgia Lutheran Early Response, Inc. (FGLER) was recently incorporated as a non-profit to assist the LCMS, its Districts and congregations in Florida, Georgia, and elsewhere to minister to and assist those affected by a disaster. Our first opportunity to help came last Fall responding to help with the Hurricane Ian cleanup in the Fort Myers, FL area.

Earlier this spring, devastating tornadoes struck the Little Rock, AR area. At the request of LCMS Disaster Response and the Mid-South District, FGLER responded to help. During its time there, the Bobcat loader operated by FGLER experienced some mechanical problems. Upon return to Florida, it was taken to the dealer for repairs. In weighing options, the FGLER Board of Directors has determined that the best option would be to purchase a new Bobcat MT100 mini-track loader. Being a new organization, FGLER does not have funds on hand to make such a large purchase – approximately \$43,000.

Please give prayerful consideration on how you might be able to help with this purchase. Your tax-deductible donation will be matched with grant dollars. Contributions can be made several ways:

By check to:

Florida-Georgia District, LCMS
5850 T G Lee Blvd., Suite 500
Orlando, FL 32822

“Bobcat” in the memo line

Or

By check to Abiding Savior

“Bobcat” in memo line

Or

Donate Online:

<https://flgadistrict.org/give/>

enter donation amount at -Other Donations and specify Bobcat in the box to the right.





Thank you to everyone who prepared food and served the meal for St. Francis House in May. 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 June 22nd.

The meal for June is as follows:

Main Course – Becky Hernandez (Tacos)

Side – Joann Peterson

Vegetable – Joann Peterson

Salad – Karen Nobles

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

Dessert – Marilyn Palumbo

Fruit – ***Volunteer Needed***

A poster is located in the narthex, you may sign up for items still needed for June 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:

June 22nd

No SFH in July

August 24th

September 28th

October 26th

**** We will not be serving in July due to VBS****

“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

A Message of Thanks from Shirley Jackson

Many of you remember Shirley Jackson's smiling face at worship services and church events in past years. On May 6, Shirley celebrated her 98th birthday at her home in the Atrium community. Shirley is the oldest member of Abiding Savior's congregation beneath heaven. Many of you kindly remembered her birthday and showered her with well wishes and cards. Shirley asked that you all be made to know how much she appreciated these notes and cards. Your love made her day so special.



BLOOD DONATION SAVES LIVES

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Sunday, June 11th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$20 e-gift card for all donors!

Platelet & double red donors will receive
an additional \$20 e-gift card.

Walk in or make an appointment:





June 5-July 27 we will have Summer Camp at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool. Our theme is “Adventures in Books” from Luke 11:28, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” 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. We look forward to welcoming new friends and old friends as we share the love of Jesus daily during Summer Camp.

Our Summer Camp authors during the month of June are Mo Willems, Eric Carle, Lois Ehlert, and Laura Numeroff. June Bible stories include The Widow’s Mite, Food for Elijah and the Widow, The Parable of the Sower, and Elisha and Naaman.

We have over 180 children enrolled for Summer Camp and 186 children enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you, Lord, for blessing our preschool ministry.

We had our last day of preschool for 2022-2023 school year on Friday, May 26. We are thankful for the opportunity to learn, grow, and share God’s love with the children and families this school year. Congratulations to our Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool graduates. May the Lord bless them and keep them as they go to Kindergarten next school year.

Praising the Creator,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Marlene Swett 6/3
Violet Powell 6/3
Raine Dauer 6/4
Betty Smith 6/6
Daryl Pring 6/6
James Flateau 6/7
Colleen Toppins 6/10
Maryann Thalmann 6/11
Vicki Schubring 6/12
Susan Mandeville 6/19
Rod Prins 6/22
Sandra Morgan 6/23
Sue Brewer 6/24
Becky Hernandez 6/27
John Schmitt 6/29

Anniversaries

Ashley & Linda Gouthro 6/8
Joshua & Hannah Mazur 6/13
Ken & Judy Bates 6/16
James & Phyllis Leone 6/17
Michael & Brenda Arden 6/18
Eckhard & Jean Shadow 6/21
Lenny & Kjerstin Terry 6/22
Greg & Allison Fissenden 6/25
Gabe & Amie Spooner 6/26
Tony & Wanda Yachnis 6/29
Gary & Betty Smith 6/30

Readers, Elders, and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
6/4	Chris Annis	Sarah Sain	Acts 6:1-9 1 Peter 2:2-10
6/11	Kris Pagenkopf	Dustin Banks	Acts 17:16-31 1 Peter 3:13-22
6/18	Phyllis Leone	Brenda Arden	Acts 1:12-26 1 Peter 4:12-19
6/25	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

6/4: Pring
6/11: Mazur
6/18: Terry
6/25: Bates

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.

June Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					7:30p AA Meeting	9a AA Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 12:15p VBS Mtg	2p Wind Ensemble	5p AA Meeting	7p AA Meeting		7:30p AA Meeting	9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 9-1p Blood Drive 12:15p Cong-Mtg	2p Wind Ensemble 7p Church Council	10a Young at Heart 5p AA Meeting	7p AA Meeting		7:30p AA Meeting	9a AA Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8&10:45a Worship Noisy offering 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	2p Wind Ensemble	5p AA Meeting 6p Elders Mtg	7p AA Meeting	St Francis	7:30p AA Meeting	9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
25	26	27	28	29	30	
8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	2p Wind Ensemble	Book Club 5p AA Meeting	7p AA Meeting		7:30p AA Meeting	

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