



July 2023 Newsletter

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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)
- Dyliah (leg and back pain/insurance issues)
- Colleen Toppins (heal knee/falling)
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateau
- Doris Wilber (a-fib) Carla's mom
- Jackie Woodward (pain/bleeding) by Karen Nobles
- 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

Sympathy: Brian McCarthy family

Military

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

Altar for August: Phyllis Leone (chair), Annetta Coleman, Carol Mackenzie, Candi Steinway

Remembering Saint Peter and Saint Paul

- Pastor Glover

Somone recently asked me why the Church celebrates certain individuals (saints, we sometimes call them) throughout the year. There are several reasons we do so: these men and women are wonderful examples of the Christian faith for us; the Church has a long tradition of remembering them; and these remembrances always point us to the One whom we worship, Christ Jesus our Lord.

On June 29, the Church remembers Saints Peter and Paul. This festival is probably the oldest of the saints' observances in our liturgical calendar (dating from about the middle of the 3rd century).

Although you will be reading this after June 29, I think this festival is one we should all take the time to recall.

An early tradition held that these two pillars of the New Testament Church were martyred on the same day in Rome during the persecution under Nero. In addition to this joint commemoration of their deaths, both apostles are commemorated separately. Peter on January 18 for his confession of Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:13-16) and Paul on January 25 for his conversion (Acts 9:1-19).

The New Testament tells us much about both apostles. Peter was with Jesus from the beginning of His ministry and served as a leader among the disciples. Despite his steadfast faith, Scripture also records some of his failures, such as his rebuke of Jesus (Matthew 16:21-23) and his threefold denial of his Lord (Matthew 26:69-75). Following Jesus' ascension, Peter continued as a leader in the Church (Acts 1:15; 2:14; 15:7).

Paul, a devout Jew also known as Saul, entered the scene as a persecutor of the Church. Following his miraculous conversion, in which the risen Christ Himself appeared to him, Paul became a powerful preacher of the grace of God. During his three missionary journeys (Acts 13-14; 16-18; 18-21), Paul traveled throughout modern-day Turkey and Greece. The New Testament account of his life ends with Paul under house arrest in Rome (Acts 28:16), though tradition holds that he went on to Spain before returning to Rome. (Excerpt taken from 'Treasury of Daily Prayer')

"Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glover

		June Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$	26,300	346,000
Preschool Income	\$	76,300	1,117,000
Other Income	\$	0	13,000
Total Operating Income	\$	102,600	1,476,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$	110,000	1,40,000
Net Operating Income	\$	-4,400	76,000

Noisy Offering

Thank you to all who “made some noise”! During the last 12 months, we have collected \$1,200 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. Noisy collection occurs on the third Sunday of each month.

One Special Service

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

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.

For the young and the young-at-heart, bring your swim gear and enjoy a waterslide and snow cones outside (weather permitting)

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.

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 July 8 and 29. 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.



Summer Youth

July 2nd after church there will be a water slide!

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.

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.

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

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

August 29: *The Warsaw Orphan* by Kelly Rimmer

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.

Breakfast is canceled on July 2, but be sure to come for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

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 July 11 at 10:00 a.m. Muriel Young will lead the study of “When I am Weak, He is Strong”.

Letter from the Music Ministry

Dear Members of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace be with you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I've had a few thoughts lately on a few areas of importance regarding our worship and musical traditions. Let us explore together the significance of singing with our full voice, the beauty of imperfection, and the abundant resources found in our beloved hymnal.

Singing with Your Full Voice in Worship:

In the book of Psalms, we are repeatedly exhorted to sing and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Psalm 95:1 says, "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!" Our Lutheran Confessions also affirm the importance of congregational singing. In the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XXIV, it states, "Therefore, the church rightly sings with the saints in heaven the new song about Christ."

Singing is not merely a formality but a sacred act of worship that connects us to the heavenly chorus.

Furthermore, our voices are unique gifts from God, intended to be used for His glory. When we lift our voices in unison, we are united as one body, expressing our love and adoration for our Lord. Each individual voice, regardless of its perceived quality or training, has value in our worship. Let us remember that God looks at the heart, and it is the sincerity and authenticity of our praise that matter most. Voices loud and soft, high and low, despite our mistakes, all belong together in unity.

Imperfection and the Beauty of Worship:

As fallible human beings, we may sometimes feel inadequate in our musical abilities. However, our Lutheran heritage embraces the beauty of imperfection in worship. In Article XXIV of the Augsburg Confession, it is stated, "Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence." The emphasis is not on flawless performance, but on the reverence and meaning behind our worship. ***Our Lord does not demand perfection but desires our heartfelt devotion.***

The act of congregational singing is not a competition or a performance. It is a collective offering of praise to God. Whether our voices crack or waver, they still form a harmonious symphony that reaches the heavens. Our Lutheran Confessions remind us that God's grace is sufficient for us, and it is in our weaknesses that His strength is made perfect (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The Abundant Resources of Our Hymnal:

Our hymnal is a treasure trove of resources that enrich our lives and faith journey. It contains timeless hymns, liturgical elements, and prayers that have sustained generations of believers. The Small Catechism of Martin Luther teaches us the importance of singing and memorizing hymns as a way to nurture our faith.

The hymnal provides us with words of comfort, expressions of praise, and theological depth. It guides us through the seasons of the Church year and offers hymns for times of celebration, reflection, and lamentation. By utilizing the hymnal in our personal devotion, family worship, and congregational gatherings, we can deepen our understanding of Scripture, nurture our souls, and draw closer to God.

Let us embrace the privilege and responsibility of singing with our full voice in worship. Remember, it is not about perfection but about offering our hearts and voices in praise. Our hymnal is a reservoir of spiritual nourishment waiting to be explored. ***Let us treasure and utilize its resources as we grow in faith and unity as a congregation.***

May the joy of singing, the beauty of imperfection, and the wisdom of our hymnal continue to bless and inspire us as we gather together to worship our gracious God.

In Christ,
Joshua L. Mazur
Director of Music Ministry

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. A donation box may be found in the narthex near the bulletins.

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



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

We will be taking the month of July off due to Vacation Bible School. The next opportunity to serve the St. Francis House Ministry will be on August 24th. Please check the sign up in the narthex for the items needed for the August meal.

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

No SFH in July	August 24 th
September 28 th	October 26 th

“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



We are having a super summer at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool Summer Camp “Adventures in Books.” Our weeks are filled with water days, dress up days, chapel days, and so much fun! Each week we welcome new friends and old friends as we connect hearts to Jesus.

Our Summer Camp authors during the month of July are David Shannon, Dr. Seuss, Jan Brett, and Kimberley and James Dean. July Bible stories include Samuel as a Boy, Three Men in the Fiery Furnace, Gideon Wins the Battle, and David the Singing Shepherd.

We have 186 children enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year. Our classrooms are full of students enrolled and we have a waiting list. What a great blessing! We are busy preparing for the 2023-2024 school year where we will celebrate that “A Rainbow is a Promise” from Genesis 9:13, “I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our preschool program at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool. We are blessed to serve in our preschool ministry and care for Jesus’ little lambs.

Treasuring His Blessings,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Carol Mackenzie 7/5
Kimberly Phillips 7/6
Ed Herder 7/8
Gilbert Daniel 7/8
Marissa Chiarelli 7/8
M.J. Jaquette 7/9
Trish Keefer 7/9
Cynthia Brannon 7/12
Gray Glover 7/12
Isabella Thomas 7/12
Joni Johnson 7/12
Sara Daniel 7/12
April Goddard 7/13
Brenda Arden 7/16
Hannah Spooner 7/16
Rob Suter 7/16
Steve Ihnow 7/21
Sydney Wilson 7/22
Avie Slaughter 7/24
Carol Prins 7/24
Diane Rivers 7/24
Joanne Bunton 7/25
Liam Hernandez 7/29
Deb Armey 7/31
Rhoda Chiarelli 7/31

Anniversaries

Christopher & Heather Wilson 7/4
Larry & Carol mackenzie 7/4
Aaron & Julie Thomas 7/13
Michael & Arlene Ouligian 7/24
Steve & Joyce Ihnow 7/30

Readers, Elders, and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
7/2	Chris Annis	One Service	Jer. 28:5-9 Rom. 7:1-13
7/9	Kris Pagenkopf	Ann Stone	Zech. 9:9-12 Rom. 7:14-25
7/16	Phyllis Leone	<i>Volunteer</i>	Is. 55:10-13 Rom. 8:12-17
7/23	Marilyn Palumbo	Brenda Arden	Is. 44:6-8 Rom. 8:18-27
7/30	Pete Schmitt	Ann Stone	Deut. 7:6-9 Rom. 8:28-39

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 Fleteau

Flowers

7/2 Mackenzie
7/9 Ferguson
7/16 Bates
7/23 Bates
7/30 Townsend

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.

July Calender

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