# Abiding Savior Lutheran Church



## September 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
- Kathy Beasley (colonoscopy complications) Marj Evans' daughter
- Judy (heart) & Ken Bates (health issues)
- Hans Farber (advanced Parkinsons) Carol caregiver
- Jan Forguson (microvascular)
- Beven Forguson
- Jack Furey (in hospital/antibiotics) Colleen's father
- Randy Gill (granular sarcoidosis/ heart problems)
- 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
- Gary Moon (health issues) Carla's uncle
- Charles Moss (knee surgery recovery)
- 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
- Gary Smith (health issues)
- Bill Stone (diabetes/heart &

- memory issues)
- Miles Struckmeyer (born 5/18, recovering from heart surgery)
- Colleen Toppins (heal knee/falling)
- Doris Wilber (heart valve leakage) Carla's mom
- Dan Young (recovering from open heart surgery)
- Laurie Grubbs (breast cancer) Linda Struckmeyer's sister
- Eric Moon (medical tests)
- Ruthann Hodgson (health issues and recovery from fall)
- Denecia (mental health issues)

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## Prayer List (continued)

**Praises**: For daily Blessings

*Shut-Ins*: Fran Jacobs, Shirley Jackson (Atrium), Petersen (JoAnn Petersen's son)

Sympathies: Family of Ricky O'Rourke, Family of Georgian Lacy (Paula's sister)

#### **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 September: Bette Pring (chair), Jan Forguson, Gabi Hein, Barbra Moore

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

### The Cross - Pastor Glover

On Thursday, September 14, at 11:00 a.m., we will have a service (Matins) to celebrate Holy Cross Day.

One of the earliest annual celebrations of the Church, Holy Cross Day traditionally commemorated the discovery of the original cross of Jesus on September 14, 320, in Jerusalem. The cross was found by Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. (Helena was a devout Christian who helped locate and authenticate many sites related to the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus in biblical lands.)

In conjunction with the dedication of a basilica at the site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, this festival day was made official by order of Constatine in 335.

But why do Lutherans continue to set aside a day to celebrate a thing?

As my friend, Rev. Dr. John Bombaro said: "All too often the Cross is relegated to one small area of Christian doctrine. But the Cross stamps an indelible and decisive impression upon every facet of the Christian faith...It directs our ecclesiology, our vocations, our sanctification, our ethics, our families, you name it." In other words, the cross directs everything about our Christian faith.

Rev. Bombaro continues: "The criterion of what is Christian and what is not is the holy Cross of Jesus Christ, the crucial enigma which distinguishes the peculiar Christian way of understanding human existence and experience from all other viewpoints. Therefore, the point of reference for deciding which theological statements are Christian and which are not is "given" to us in the crucified Christ. Christian belief and practice are based upon it and judged by it. Holy Cross Day has stood as a monument and touchstone for nearly eighteen centuries so our generation too may confess: "Christ and Him crucified."

In other words, we continue to celebrate Holy Cross Day because in the cross we find redemption. We find salvation. We find our Lord.

In every way, the cross is everything. So come and celebrate with us on the 14th!

Yours in Christ, 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 Pastor G@abidingsavior.info or call (352) 331-4409.

	August Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$ 24,646	58,754
Preschool Income	\$ 11,982	180,416
Total Operating Income	\$ 36,628	239,170
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 138,759	241,660
Net Operating Income	\$ -102,131	-2,490

Note: Net revenue is negative because regular tuition was not collected in August, and there were three payrolls during the month. Operating reserves in excess of \$50,000 more than cover the negative YTD net revenue of \$2,490.

## **Noisy Offering**

Noisy Offering is the third Sunday of every month. This month's Noisy Offering will be Sunday, September 17. Our monthly Noisy Offering collection will be dedicated to Meals of Hope. Other ways to contribute include a check made out to Abiding Savior with "Meals of Hope" in the memo line or by donating online through the church website.

## **Upcoming Worship Opportunities**

There will be two additional midweek services these coming months apart from our regular service times:

One Divine Service on Sunday, October 1, at 10:45 a.m., followed by our annual Oktoberfest celebration in the FLC. There will be no bible studies or breakfast that day.

Mid week services from September-October:

- Thursday, September 14, 11:00 a.m., Matins (Holy Cross Day)
- Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m., Vespers (St. Luke, Evangelist)

### **Mulch Movers Needed!**

A workday is planned for Saturday, September 16, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Bring your work gloves and join the crew as we freshen the mulch on the playgrounds and in the flower beds around the church. Donuts, water and coffee 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 September 9 and 30. The group is sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Sewing for LWR has appreciated your donations. At this time we are not accepting additional fabric. We would love additional workers on the 2nd and last Saturday's of the month, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center Library.

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

### 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. Feel free to bring a casserole or fruit for Sunday. You can also call/text Kathy Schmitt at (352) 672-2163 to let her know what you can bring.

Youth

Regular Youth resumes on Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. starting September 10.

Contact Danny (352-514-2371) or email <u>youth@abidingsavior.info</u> to be added to the events communication list.

## Monthly Book Club

The August meeting was postponed due to the hurricane, and will meet Tuesday September 5 to discuss *The Warsaw Orphan* by Kelly Rimmer.

September 26: Run Rose Run by James Patterson and Dolly Parton. Nancy Strattan will be hosting.

October 31: West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Barbra Moore will be hosting

## 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 <a href="mailto:struck60@gmail.com">struck60@gmail.com</a> or Debbie Hill at <a href="mailto:debbie@lombardihill.com">debbie@lombardihill.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:Chuck\_Moss@msn.com">Chuck\_Moss@msn.com</a> for more information.
- **Young at Heart** Ladies Bible Study meets the second Tuesday of the month in Building One. The next meeting will be September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Muriel Young will lead the study of "Balancing Life's Challenges".

## Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight for Ladies will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Abiding Savior's Family Life Center. Please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship, music, dinner and dessert as the women of Abiding Savior and First Lutheran, and their friends, prepare their hearts for Advent. Mark your calendar now. There is no charge for this event. Reservations will be available in October.

Do you enjoy decorating? Volunteer to be a table hostess for Advent by Candlelight and we will reserve a table for you! Many partner with one or two others to host a table. Hostesses provide table settings and holiday decorations for a table of eight ladies. It is a lot of fun and requires only a few hours of your time for planning and decorating. If you want to host a table this year or need more information before committing, please contact Susan Moss at (352) 331-4409 or email office@abidingsavior.info.

## Sign up to help at the Pumpkin Patch!



It's PUMPKIN time! We're just weeks away from pumpkins arriving for ASLC's 2023 Pumpkin Patch. We can use ALL the help we can get; from getting the pumpkins off the semi-truck to working the pumpkin patch, there's a job for everyone. Scan the QR Code or go to the site listed below for days and times.



ttsu.me/aslcpumpkinpatch2023

Thank you for your help. We truly appreciate everyone's willingness to help our youth make their patch successful!

### Oktoberfest

Abiding Savior will have one Divine Service at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 1 followed by Oktoberfest in the Family Life Center. Plan on attending this opportunity to worship with our whole church family and then enjoy the Oktoberfest festivities with food, fellowship, music and fun

### **Gator Football Tickets**

University of Florida would like to invite friends, and family of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church to the Florida Gators football Home Games this year. Thank you for your support of Florida Gators Athletics. GO GATORS!!

Follow the link or QR code to get tickets for upcoming Gator games.



https://offer.fevo.com/ church-group-43c5282?fevoUri=church-group-43c5282%2F

## Sing with Understanding

### More about the music we play and sing in worship - Joshua Mazur

Understanding "Hymns", and their associated "Tunes"

We spend a whole lot of time in worship singing. The songs we sing are rich in history, theology, and musical artistry. However, the terms related to these songs can sometimes be confusing. To help clarify, let's dive into all this "stuff" and define some of the words we often use to describe our music in worship.

When I use the word Hymn, I'm really talking about the text; the actual words that we sing. Some hymn texts have, over time, become strongly associated with a particular Tune, but more often than not, different and unrelated people, at different times and in different locations wrote the text and the melody.

For example, the text of "Amazing Grace" was written by English Anglican clergyman and poet John Newton in 1779. At the time, it is thought that the text was chanted by the congregation, and it has been found in many hymnals in the meantime with more than twenty different tunes. However, in 1835, American composer William Walker "set" the text to a new tune called NEW BRITAIN, which became very popular and is the version most frequently sung today. Names of hymn tunes are always written in all capital letters, to set it apart from the name of the hymn text.

At the bottom of each page of the hymnal, you can see more information about the hymn including the author of the text, composer of the tune, the name of the tune, and a special number that tells you how many syllables are in each line that make up the text's Meter. This would allow you to sing any particular text with a compatible hymn tune.

Amazing Grace, for instance, has a meter of 8.6.8.6 – Each stanza is four lines long, which is why there are four numbers. Line one has 8 syllables, the second 6, and so on. NEW BRITAIN has a meter of 8.6.8.6 as well, but there are other tunes. Try singing Amazing Grace to the tune CORONATION, which is the tune most of us associate with "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", or to ST. ANNE, the tune most of us associate with "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

This is a very useful tool for the Director of Music Ministry who may choose an alternate tune to highlight different aspects of the text. (It is also very helpful to the singing of a rarely sung hymn text if it can be sung to a familiar hymn tune!) The traditional melody for Amazing Grace is heartfelt and classic but what if we wanted to sing the text in triumph and fanfare? Try CORONATION or ST.ANNE. By the way, if you want to drive people crazy, you can also sing Amazing Grace to the tune of the theme song from "Gilligan's Island" or "The House of the Rising Sun." Seriously. Give it a go!

### Altar Care Team Invitation

Please consider being on the Altar Care Team! It involves one month of duty every 5 months. You would be on a team of 4 or 5 ladies. This ensures that if one or two members have a schedule conflict, the others can cover. We are very flexible! (Some of our members can only help on Sunday and some help on a substitute basis.)

The monthly team usually meets on Saturday morning to set up. Some early service team members restock the altar between services, then late service team members put things away. This is an easy commitment to serve the church and get to know more about Altar Care. You may also make some new friends! Please come to the annual meeting on September 30 at 9:30 a.m. by the Sacristy if you would like to know more, or contact Bette Pring or Gabie Hein.

In His Service, Gabi Hein (352) 870-8623 (gabihein@hotmail.com) Bette Pring (352) 870-5281 (dbrpring@aol.com)

### Called to Serve

What a gift we have in our salvation, given to us by the sacrifice of God's only son through which we have eternal life with Him forever! It truly is a gift; there was nothing we had to do to receive it. We get to wake up each day without fear that we will lose that gift. What a blessing! Though it has been a little over a month since I returned from my time in Peru, I cannot help but think often about the people there who live without the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Children and adults alike, living in fear of the night and the terror it brings because they have put their faith in spirits of the jungle rather than the King of Kings. Not that they would know any better, necessarily. It is estimated that there are currently around 20 uncontacted native tribes in Peru, living in the most remote, unnavigated regions of the Amazon rainforest. In Matthew, we are charged with the responsibility to make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:16-20). What an incredible responsibility we have been given! Currently, there is much work being done in Peru to train up Pastors to plant churches in far reaching parts of the rainforest, and efforts are being made to reach the uncontacted. It's easy for us to sit and think, how can I, one tiny person, make a difference and obey the commission Jesus gave to his disciples? Does God expect me to go out and mow a path through the jungle to reach an uncontacted tribe? Of course not! We as the church body all have different roles to play in the spreading of the Good News. Missionaries across the world have taken a hands-on approach to fulfilling

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## Called to Serve (continued)

this command. We as the church body can support them in their efforts through prayer and financial support.

What is my place in all of this? What is Abiding Savior's place in all of this? These are questions I've been asking myself since I returned, and I think these are questions we can continue to ask. More to come on this topic later.

In Christ, Hannah Mazur

### St. Francis House



THANK YOU to everyone that provided food and served the St. Francis House Ministry in August. The next opportunity to serve the St. Francis House Ministry will be on September 28.

The meal for September is as follows:

Main Course - Volunteer Needed

Side – *Volunteer Needed* 

Vegetable – Becky Hernandez

Salad - Karen Nobles

Bread & Butter - Volunteer Needed

Dessert – Joann Peterson

Fruit - Volunteer Needed

A poster is located in the narthex. You may sign up for items still needed for September 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:

September 28 October 26

"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

## Preschool News - Brenda Arden



We enthusiastically began the 2023-2024 school year at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool on August 14. Our theme for the school year is "A Rainbow is a Promise." This year we have 187 children who have begun their journey here at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool treasuring the promises of our great and mighty God.

During the month of September, we will hear Bible stories about Abraham's Call, Abraham's Son Isaac is Born, Joseph's Father and Brothers, and Moses' Birth. Our themes for September are Friends/Pets, Fall/Leaves, Apples, and Scarecrows/Farm.

Preschool will be closed on September 4 for Labor Day. Events planned this month are Classroom Open Houses on September 12, Picture Days September 12-15, and our first Spirit Day on September 22.

We pray that the Lord will use our preschool ministry team as His instruments to foster the children's physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual growth this school year.

Celebrating His Promises, Brenda Arden Preschool Director

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

Kay Hurst 9/3

Jeremy Crawford 9/6

Debbie Maxwell 9/7

Jan Forguson 9/8

Ken Bates 9/8

Mike Brannon 9/8

Zach Sain 9/8

Aaron Thomas 9/11

Graham Glover 9/12

Jamie Dotson 9/14

Brad Morgan 9/16

Tracy Mewhinney 9/16

Alex Mansolo 9/17

Laura Rorick 9/19

Marilyn Palumbo 9/19

Len Young 9/21

Petra Townsend 9/21

Anabel Suter 9/24

Andrew Hodgson 9/24

Karen Brautcheck 9/24

Mike Hein 9/25

Scott Mooney 9/27

Alex Moss 9/28

Carla Flateau 9/29

Brittany Sulivan 9/30

Charles Moss 9/30

#### **Anniversaries**

Joe & Sue Andes 9/1

Gilbert & Sara Daniel 9/4

Rod & Carol Prins 9/5

Kathy & John Schmitt 9/29

## Readers, Elders, and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
9/3	Chris Annis	Dustin Banks	Jer. 15:15-21 Rom. 12:9-21
9/10	Kris Pagenkopf	Brenda Arden	Ezek. 33:7-9 Rom. 13:1019
9/17	Phyllis Leone	Ann Stone	Gen. 50:15-21 Rom. 14:1-12
9/24	Marilyn Palumbo	Ralph Toppins	Is. 55:6-9 Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30

If you are interested in volunteering to read, email <u>office@abidingsavior.info</u> 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

9/3 Bates

9/10 Hamilton

9/17 Schmitt

9/24 Moss

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.

# September Calender

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