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Prayer List

Members, Family, and Friends

- Jessica Acker (breast cancer surgery/ chemo) by John Schmitt
- Brenda Arden (recovery/back surgery)
- Barbra Moore (pneumonia)
- Judy (heart) & Ken Bates (health issues)
- Mary Ann Egger (confusion/hospice) by Betty Smith
- Hans Farber (hospice care) Carol (caregiver)
- Jan Forguson (microvascular)
- Beven Forguson
- Jack Furey (in hospital/antibiotics)
 Colleen's father
- Randy Gill (granular sarcoidosis/ heart problems)
- Fraziska Jaeger (fell, broke hip, in Shands)
- Jackie (cancer surgery) by Jean Schadow
- Janie Klassy (serious intestinal surgery) Judy Lerch's sister
- Hal Lerch (infection in leg)
- Julia Kohlberg (lung cancer/chemo) Kathy Schmitt's sister-in-law
- Gary Moon (health issues) Carla's uncle
- Matthew Musser (kidney cancer) Marj Evans' grandson
- Sal Pandazzo (cancer/hospice) by Veronica Ruth
- Graysen Riehl (2)(head banging) Carla's grandson
- Peter Setek (cancer) Veronica Ruth's uncle
- Gary Smith (health issues)
- Bill Stone (diabetes/heart & memory issues)

- Miles Struckmeyer (born 5/18, heart surgery recovery)
- Colleen Toppins (heal knee/falling/needs a brace)
- Doris Wilber (heart valve leakage) Carla's mom
- Laurie Grubbs (mastectomy/breast cancer) Linda Struckmeyer's sister
- Eric Moon (medical tests)
- Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer)
- Danielle Hickman (job search)

Prayer List (continued)

Praises: For daily Blessings

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

Sympathies: The family of Ruth Ann Hodgson

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

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

The Importance of the Reformation - Pastor Glover

It's been over 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses to the castle door at the University of Wittenburg, setting into motion what history calls the Protestant Reformation.

On Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate this Reformation during our Divine Services. The paraments will be red, the readings will be those selected to highlight the theological importance of this day, our hymns (to include Luther's famous, "A Mighty Fortress") will do the same, and you are sure to hear a sermon that touches on why Luther felt compelled to write, teach, and preach the things he did.

But why do we celebrate an event that some claim, "split the church"? Well, for starters, Luther and the Lutherans did not split the church. There has always been division within the church, and if we want to get particular about things, the first major division within the church occurred in 1054 when the Eastern (Orthodox) churches split from the Western (Roman) churches. (But that's another discussion...)

Also, it is important to note that Luther never desired division. His was a cause that sought only to unify the church around those teachings made explicit in the Holy Scriptures. Luther and the Lutherans were bound to one thing only – that which our Lord has taught from the time of creation.

This teaching is why the Reformation is important. It is the teaching that each of us, though born sinful, are made righteous solely because of God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

That's it. That's what the Reformation was all about; the teaching about how we are saved – about why God forgives us and why He calls us His own. And this will always be important!

So join us on the 29th, as we and Reformers across the world commemorate this important event in the life of our Lord's church!

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 Gabidingsavior.info or call (352) 331-4409.

	September Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$ 30,000	89,000
Preschool Income	\$ 111,000	292,000
Other Income	\$ 0	0
Total Operating Income	\$ 141,000	381,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 125,000	373,000
Net Operating Income	\$ 16,000	8,000

Upcoming Worship Opportunities

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 service for October: Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.: Vespers (St. Luke, Evangelist)

Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering is the third Sunday of every month. This month's Noisy Offering will be Sunday, October 15. 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.

Monthly Book Club

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.

The October meeting will be the last of the year due to the holiday season. Meetings will resume in January 2024.

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. Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Glover's Class: New to Abiding Savior? Interested in a discussion on what Lutheranism is all about? Pastor Glover is holding a new member class during the Bible Study hour. Prospective members, guests, and current members are invited to attend. The class will last six weeks, from Sunday, October 8, to Sunday, November 12. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Glover at: pastorg@abidingsavior.info or call the church office at: (352) 331-4409.

Girl Friends Bible Study: The lady's Bible study meets in the FLC Library between services. Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com or Debbie Hill at debbie@lombardihill.com for more information.

Study the Bible One Book at a Time: Study 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 October 10 at 10:00 a.m. Muriel Young will lead the study of "Balancing Life's Challenges".

Tots Sunday School

Beginning on October 8, small children may attend the Tots Sunday School Music Class in the Youth room during the new member class. Class begins at 9:45 a.m.

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 October 14 and 28. 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 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

If you would like to contribute to our weekly fellowship breakfast, feel free to bring fruit, casserole, donuts, sandwiches, etc. Clean-up help is always appreciated too! Thank you for your continued support.

Youth

Youth meets every Sunday evening from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you or your child is interested in joining Youth activities, contact Danny Schmitt at Youth@abidingsavior.info or by phone at (352) 514-2371

ASLC Vision Trip

ASLC is taking a Vision Trip to Peru in June of 2024! The purpose of a Vision Trip is to go and see some of the awesome ways the Lord is working in Peru and to get a vision for how ASLC can get involved! An interest meeting will be held between services on Sunday, October 22 in the Octagon Room for anyone who is interested in going.



Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, you won't want to miss this year's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Abiding Savior's Family Life Center. Please plan to join us for an evening of fellowship, and enjoying beautiful music and delicious food. All women of Abiding Savior and First Lutheran are invited, and are encouraged to invite their friends to prepare their hearts for Advent. There is no charge for this event. Watch for sign-up information in the November newsletter.

Hostess Opportunities: Do you enjoy decorating? Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a table for you! Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations and a dessert to share. It is lots of fun and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking and decorating. If you would like to serve as a table hostess for this event, please contact Abiding Savior's church office (office@abidingsavior.info or 352-331-4409).

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



Sign up to help at the Pumpkin Patch!



It's PUMPKIN time! Once again Abiding Savior is hosting the Pumpkin Patch to support youth programs. Help is needed for weekday shifts beginning at 11:30 a.m. Contact Danny or go to the website listed below to schedule a time to help. 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!

Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat!

Join us on October 29 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for our annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat! There will be food, candy, games, and fellowship. Invite your friends, neighbors and children for this fun fall event.





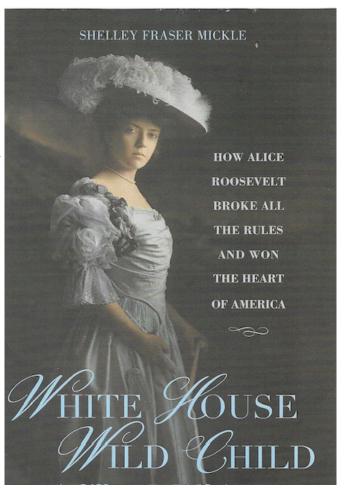
Book Club Opportunity

ATTENTION BOOK CLUB LADIES, join us on Friday, October 6, 4-6 p.m. at Books A Million on Newberry Road.

We will have an opportunity to join Shelly Fraser Mickle's discussion and signing of her newest book, "White House Wild Child." This will a book that we will be discussing in early 2024. See you there!

Carol Wilson
Cwgville13@gmail.com

Come celebrate Alice's mischief & TR's secret advisor throughout his presidency.



The Pipe Organ: Tradition and Versatility, Season to Season - Joshua Mazur

The organ is known as the "King of Instruments". The sheer size and technical complexity of these instruments have inspired awe and wonder for over a thousand years. The majestic sounds of the organ have long been an integral part of Christian worship, leading the congregation in song, and painting ebb and flow of the liturgical calendar and its various seasons.

History:

The organ's presence in Christian worship can be traced back over a millennium. Its impressive history is intertwined with the development of liturgical music and the architectural design of churches. Originally, the organ was considered a marvel of engineering and a symbol of human artistry in service to the divine. Before electricity, the organ would require one or more bellow operators to physically keep air in the chest of the organ itself while the organist was playing.



The organ's unique ability to produce a wide range of tones and dynamics makes it the important fixture in worship that it is. Over the centuries, it has played a crucial role in expressing the grandeur of God, facilitating congregational singing, and setting the tone for the mass according to the occasion, lessons, and season of a particular day. It is hard to imagine a world before the unceasing din of traffic, electronics, recorded music, and the noise of modern life; to the worshippers in olden days, the sound must have been especially wonderous. It was thought that the organ was evocative of the very voice of God, the sound of angelic choirs, and the principal voice in the congregational choir joining in song.

Practice:

The organ is heard alone three times in each service, during the **Prelude**, **Voluntary**, and **Postlude**.

The **Prelude** is the musical piece played at the beginning of the service. Its primary purpose is to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. This musical introduction sets the tone for the service, creating an atmosphere of reverence and reflection. The choice of Prelude music can vary, reflecting the theme and mood of the service as well as the liturgical season. The music

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is usually soft and reflective but can also be triumphant and full. We understand that many of us want to greet and chat with our brothers and sisters in Christ before worship begins, but it is certainly always appreciated when folks listen!

The **Voluntary**, often played during the collection of the offering/prayer requests or other key moments, accompanies our acts of giving and reflection. Its purpose is to provide musical deep breath following the sermon, in preparation of the prayer of the church and service of the Sacrament. It also gives the pastor and others time for practical matters like preparing the communion elements, collecting and organizing the prayer requests, etc. Like the Prelude, the Voluntary can encompass a wide range of musical styles and compositions but is usually short and quiet. It is certainly understandable that this time might be one in which we want to comment on the sermon, exchange a greeting to those around us, etc., but it is certainly always appreciated when the music is received and heard!

The **Postlude** is played as the congregants exit the sanctuary. Its purpose is to send us forth with a sense of inspiration and elevation. The Postlude typically features more upbeat and celebratory music but might have a darker and more somber feeling during penitential seasons. The playing of the postlude is not meant to be a musical performance, per se, so please do not feel obligated to stay and listen. Most of the time, you can't help but hear it even when you've left the sanctuary anyway.

Ebb and Flow:

The liturgical calendar guides us through the rhythm of the Christian year, and each season carries its unique themes, moods, and emotions. The organ, with its vast array of stops, registers, and tonal possibilities, becomes a faithful companion on this journey, allowing us to seamlessly transition between the diverse seasons of our faith.

- 1. Pentecost and Ordinary Time: During Pentecost and Ordinary Time, the organ's adaptability is evident. It can complement the readings and themes of these seasons, by providing a meditative backdrop and representing the unchanging, stalwart presence of Christ's church on earth with it's steady sonority.
- 2. Advent: As we embark on the season of Advent, a time of anticipation and reflection, the organ's versatility shines. Soft, ethereal tones can evoke a sense of quiet longing as we await the birth of Christ with a sense of expectation. It can serve as a stark musical reminder of the depth of our sin and our need for the Savior, as well as offer glimpses of the glory of our Lord who will come again.

The Pipe Organ (continued)

- 3. Christmas: When Christmas arrives, the organ can burst forth in joyful celebration, filling our hearts with the exuberance of Christ's birth. Carols and hymns accompanied by the organ is such a distinctive source of warmth and festivity during this season that the sound and flavor of choir and organ can be heard even in secular music during the Holidays.
- 4. Lent: Lent is a season of penitence and reflection. The organ can provide a solemn backdrop for contemplation with its mournful tones and delicate melodies. It helps to create an environment that encourages introspection and repentance.
- 5. Easter: With the arrival of Easter, the organ's powerful and triumphant sound proclaims the victory of Christ over death. Its majestic sound beautifully express the joy of the resurrection.
- 6. Special Celebrations: Beyond the main liturgical seasons, the organ continues to enhance our worship during special services such as weddings, funerals, and feast days. Its versatility allows it to adapt to the unique themes and inherent emotions of these events.

As you can see, the organ is more than mere accompaniment or garnish in worship. Its role is not decoration, but proclamation. Prelude, Voluntary, and Postlude are specifically played to resonate with the lessons, sermon, and season for each Sunday, and are carefully selected, rehearsed, and presented to help prepare, propel, and promote what the Lord has done, and now gives us in his Word and Sacrament.

No good organist takes this task lightly. The role we fill can be daunting and is certainly intimidating. It would be an impossible job for anyone to do without the daily presence, guidance, and love of our Lord and Savior, and the prayer and support of the churches we serve

The Church Organist's Prayer

Dear Lord I come with humble heart; please keep it so I pray, as I go about my duties on this day, and every day.

Help me to treasure the gifts that come from Thee, and keep me always in Thy will and speak to them through me.

When I am seated in my place, my hand on organ key, may they forget that I am here and catch a glimpse of Thee.

St. Francis House

Abiding Savior's St. Francis House Outreach Ministry provided a delicious meal of sauced grilled chicken, buttered pasta, green beans, salad, fruit, bread and butter, and cookies on September 28. A great big "thank you" to Kathy Schmitt, Becky Hernandez, Karen Nobles, Candi Steinway, Joann Petersen, and Marilyn Palumbo for preparing the food.



The next meal will be on Thursday, October 26. Here is the menu:

Pulled Pork: Phyllis Leone

Hamburger Buns: Needed

Tossed Salad: Charlene Stroehlen

Cole Slaw: Needed

Mac and Cheese: Becky Hernandez
Fruit: Joann Petersen
Dessert: Pam Gustafson

If you are willing to prepare any of the needed foods for the October meal, please contact me either by cell phone/text (352-316-3586) or email (<u>ChunkyMonkeysNana@gmail.com</u>). Please prepare for 35 people. Any food left over from dinner will be served at lunch the next day.

If anyone needs financial assistance to prepare a food item, please contact Susan in the church office before you shop since Publix gift cards are available to help defray these costs. You can also provide a receipt for reimbursement.

Also, a reminder that we do not serve in November and December since both dates fall too close to Thanksgiving and Christmas, and volunteers are not available. Here is the schedule for the 2024 meals (all fall on the 4th Thursday of the month):

January 25	April 25	August 22
February 22	May 23	September 26
March 28	June 27	October 24
	July 25**	

^{**} Tentative depending on date of Vacation Bible School

St. Francis House (continued)

We are also looking for volunteers to join us in serving the meals in person. For those of you who have done so in the past, you know what a special and rewarding experience this is, not just to provide the residents with a wholesome meal, but as a chance to personally share the love of Jesus with those in desperate circumstances. I encourage you to join us. I promise you will not regret it.

Blessings, Phyllis Leone St. Francis House Outreach Ministry Team Leader

"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



Happy Fall Y'all! We had our first School Spirit Day on September 22. It was such a blessing to share our love and enthusiasm for Jesus with our students . . . Give me a J! Give me an E! Give me an S! Give me an S! We celebrate that our great God keeps His promises!

We hosted Parent Night on September 12 in the evening to introduce parents to the preschool classrooms and daily routines. The preschool students have been working on MakIt Plate designs for our first fundraiser of the school year.

During the month of October, we will hear Bible stories about the Crossing of the Red Sea, Daniel in the Lion's Den, Jonah and the Big Fish, and David Defeats Goliath. Our themes for October are Gators, Nocturnal Animals, Pumpkins, and Spiders. We will have Costume Parades on October 30 and 31 to celebrate the season of Fall and our imaginations.

We are looking forward to the pumpkin patch and Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please consider donating candy or small toy prizes for our church, school, and community event.

Thank you for your partnership in our early childhood ministry to Jesus' little lambs.

Celebrating His Promises, Brenda Arden Preschool Director

Readers, Elders, and Flowers

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings	
10/1	Chris Annis	Sarah Sain	Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 Phil. 2:1-18	
10/8	Kris Pagenkopf	volunteer needed	Is. 5:1-7 Phil. 3:4-14	
10/15	Phyllis Leone	Ann Stone	Is. 25:6-9 Phil. 4:4-13	
10/22	Marilyn Palumbo	Sarah Sain	Is. 45:1-7 1 Thess. 1:1-10	
10/29	Pete Schmitt	Dustin Banks	Rev. 14:6-7 Rom. 3:19-28	

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

10/1 Banks

10/8 Schoonmaker

10/15 Gill

10/22 Nobles

10/29 Schmitt

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.

October Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:45a Worship 12p Oktoberfest	2	3	4 2p Wind Ensemble 5p Praise Team 6:30p Chancel Choir	5	7:30p AA Meeting	7 9a AA Meeting
8 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible	9 7p Church	10 10a Young at	7p AA Meeting 11 2p Wind Ensemble 5p Praise Team	12	13 7:30p AA	14 9a AA Meeting
Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	Council	Heart 5p AA Meeting	6:30p Chancel Choir 7p AA Meeting		Meeting	10a LWR Sewing
8&10:45a Worship Noisy offering 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study	16	5p AA Meeting 6p Elders Mtg	2p Wind Ensemble 5p Praise Team 6:30p Chancel Choir 7p Vespers 7p AA Meeting	19	7:30p AA Meeting	9a AA Meeting
8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 9a Blood Drive	23	24 5p AA Meeting	25 2p Wind Ensemble 5p Praise Team 6:30p Chancel Choir 7p AA Meeting	26 St Francis	27 7:30p AA Meeting	9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 3-5p Trunk- or-Treat & Fall Festival	30	Book Club 5p AA Meeting				

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Michael Baltzell 10/2 Carol Wilson 10/3 Greg Rivers 10/5 Sarah Sain 10/6 Todd Williams 10/6 Fran Jacobs 10/11 Dallas Mansolo 10/12 Benjamin Slaughter 10/15 Judy Lerch 10/16 Wanda Yachnis 10/18 Emma Chiarelli 10/21 Joel Mathews 10/24 Karen Nobles 10/24 Christopher Wilson 10/28 Gabe Spooner 10/18 Teri Radillo 10/28 Sallie Miller-House 10/30

Anniversaries

Daniel & Debbie Maxwell 10/6
Jeremy & Becky Hernandez 10/10
Linda & Scott Mooney 10/11
Mark & Samantha Nuckolls 10/14
Charles & April Goddard 10/24

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