



February 2024 Newsletter

*Connecting Hearts
to Jesus*

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Members, Family, and Friends

- Jessica Acker (breast cancer surgery/chemo) by John Schmitt
- Nickey Avery (continue healing/kidney failure) by the Flateaus
- Judy (heart) & Ken Bates (health issues)
- Fances Brooks (RV-improving) by Flateaus
- Clarissa Clayton (heart) by Chiarelli family
- George Dix
- Brenda & Tom Ellison (Covid)
- Hans Farber (hospice care) Carol (caregiver)
- Beven Forguson
- Jack Furey (DJ's father)
- Randy Gill (granular sarcoidosis/heart problems)
- Laura Grubbs (mastectomy/breast cancer) Linda Struckmeyer's sister
- Richard Heinstedt (hip replacement) by Rhoda & Mike
- Barbara Hodgkins (GI bleed) Patti Gill's sister
- Bob Holdredge (nose surgery) by Kathern Lerch
- Jackie (cancer surgery) by Jean Schadow
- Janie Klassy (serious intestinal surgery) Judy Lerch's sister
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 5 cancer/chemo) Kathy Schmitt's sister-in-law
- Eric Moon (healing from COPD, pneumonia, bed sores) by Flateaus
- Gary Moon (health issues) Carla's uncle
- Matthew Musser (kidney cancer) Marj Evans' grandson
- Sal Pandazzo (cancer/hospice) by Veronica Ruth
- Lucille Ramputi (terminal colon cancer) by Marliyn Palumbo
- Graysen Riehl (2)(head banging) Carla's grandson
- Mildred Russell (malignant, large body mass) by Ann Stone
- Peter Setek (cancer) Veronica Ruth's uncle
- Gary Smith (health issues)
- Bill Stone (diabetes/heart & memory issues)
- Verna Struckmeyer (labored breathing, in hospital)
- Colleen Toppins (leg problems)
- Kevin Trenick (quadriplegic, serious infection) by Phyllis Leone
- Doris Wilber (heart valve leakage) Carla's mom
- Amy Young (breast cancer sugery/radiation)
- Dan Young (Covid)
- Phil Young(intestinal issues)

continued

Prayer List *(continued)*

Praises: Daily blessing

Shut-Ins: Fran Jacobs, Kay Hurst, Charlotte Gums

Military

Eric Tappy - Iraq
Martin Hekking - Air Force (Kansas)
Karen Nobles’ grandson
Jason Joseph - Iraq (by Phillis Leone)
Sam Kleinhauser (sniper) Now Home
Matt Young - Air Force Reserve
Duncan Shewchuk - Army

Pray for our Military, especially those
deployed in combat zones

Continue prayers for:

Shooting victims
Covid victims
Missionaries
Young people in college
Victims of war: Afghanisan, Israel, Gaza
and Ukraine
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

*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

February: Bette Pring (chair), Jan Forguson, Gabi Hein, Barbara Moore

March: Phyllis Leone (chair), Annetta Coleman, Carol Mackenzie, Candi Steinway

How Can You Serve? - Pastor Glover

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

(1 Peter 4:10-11)

Dear friends in Christ,

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday (on Valentine’s Day, February 14th, of all days!) and for the season of Lent, I would like you all to consider this question: How can you serve? We will of course, as we do every year during Lent, consider the spiritual disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, as we seek to answer this question. But even more than these, I’d like us all to contemplate how we can serve the Lord and His church. Specifically, I’d like you to consider how you can serve the ministry of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School.

I pose this question not to suggest that you are currently not serving. Nor am I implying that you are not serving enough or that you need to serve better. So many of you faithfully and passionately serve the ministry of Abiding Savior every week and I am constantly amazed of how truly committed you are to this place and the work we do.

But as we do every year during Lent, it is good, right, and salutary for us to do [re]consider how we serve the One who daily serves us. To that end, in the next couple of weeks we are going to ask all our members to fill out an updated form that annotates how you would like to serve in this place. Some of you have time, some resources, some talents, and some a combination of two or three of these. All of us however, no matter our age or our station in life, can serve the Lord and His church. We can all do something. It could be praying daily for the ministry of Abiding Savior. It could be volunteering for something or some ministry you haven’t ever done before at Abiding Savior. It could be continuing the service you are already doing. Whatever it is though, I’d like to you to take some time and consider your service here. Do this not because God will love you more or because you will have more sins forgiven. Neither of these things are true. God loves you perfectly on account of your faith in Christ. Your sins are totally forgiven because of what this Christ did for you on the cross and in the empty tomb.

Whatever you can do, whatever you can give, however you can serve, let us know. Your church and school is ready to receive your time, talents, and treasures!

The Lord be with you all,
Pastor Glover

Financial Report

		January Estimated	Year-to-Date Estimated
Offerings	\$	36,000	217,000
Preschool Income	\$	134,000	750,000
Other Income	\$		2,000
Total Operating Income	\$	170,400	969,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$	169,650	950,000
Net Operating Income	\$	750	19,000

Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering is the third Sunday of every month. This month’s Noisy Offering will be Sunday, February 18. 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.

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.

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.

Monthly Book Club

Book Club meets again on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The book is *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict. Barbra Moore will be our hostess.

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.

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: Pastor Glover's class will meet in the fellowship hall in Building 3. The study of the book of *Revelation* will continue. 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 ladies' Bible study meets in the building 3 Library between services. Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com or Debbie Hill at debbie@lombardihill.me for more information. "*Delighting in God's Wisdom - A study on tthe book of Proverbs*" begins in January.

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 *John*. Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for more information.

Other Bible Studies:

Young at Heart Ladies Bible Study meets Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Building One Classroom. Muriel Young will lead the study.

Tots Sunday School

Tots Sunday School Music Class is in the Youth room. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. This class is geared towards preschoolers and a parent.

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.

Bible Breakfast

Bible Breakfast is served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service. 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.

Lutheran World Relief Sewing

Join us this year on the second and last Saturday of the month, meeting in the library of Building 3 at 10:00 a.m. LWR sewing will meet on February 10 and 24. 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. However, we would love additional workers.

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

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

All invited to join us on Saturday, May 18th, for Abiding Savior's Tenth 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 60,000 meals for Bread of the Mighty Food Bank to distribute. We will be recruiting volunteers and seeking meal sponsorships for a total of \$18,000. There will be two packaging sessions: one from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and the second from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet in the welcome table in the narthex soon.

If you would like to donate to Meals of Hope, you can do so with a check in the offering plate or mailed to the church office with "meals of Hope" on the memo line. You may also visit the church website at www.abidingsavior.info and find Meals of Hope as an option under the "Giving" tab.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on February 14 (Ash Wednesday) and run through March 27. The supper will start around 5:30 p.m. and be available until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to provide soup or bread for these suppers, place your name on the sign-up sheet found on the welcome table.

Chili Bowl Cook-Off

Abiding Savior's annual Chili Bowl Cook-Off will be held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, February 11, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service (note: there is no 8:00 a.m. service, Bible Breakfast or Bible Study that day). Bring your favorite recipe in a crockpot, or simply buy your bowl (\$5), and sample from the many delicious entries. Vote for your favorite and see which 3 entries win the prizes. Cornbread, crackers and drinks are provided.

If you would like to bring an entry, let the church office know. Call the office phone (352) 331-4409 or email office@abidingsavior.info



January at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool was an exciting month of Winter, Hibernation, Dinosaur fun, and celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. Our themes during the month of February are Space/Wild West, Community Helpers, Valentine's Day, Transportation, and Dads/Science. February Bible stories include Jesus Calls His Disciples, Jesus Calms the Storm, Jesus Blesses the Children, and the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Our new security upgrades are in progress with installation and training. We are thankful for the safety and security measures made possible by the generosity and support from our church and preschool families!

We started registration in mid-January with our current and former families. We have approximately 139 children already enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year with open enrollment coming during the release of this newsletter. We are blessed with a vibrant preschool ministry.

We will begin summer camp registration on March 1st. We will be open for at least eight weeks in the summer from June 3- July 25 (possibly through August 2). We will have lots of fun things planned to go along with our weekly themes, so do not miss this fantastic opportunity! Call the preschool office for more information at (352) 331-7770.

Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool will be hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences on Friday, February 9 from 8:00-1:30. The parent/teacher conferences will help us to continue to build our parent/school partnerships and share information regarding student growth during the school year. We are thankful for the blessing of connecting hearts to Jesus at our preschool.

Celebrating His Promises,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

February Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30p Chancel Choir	2 5p Young Life 7:30p AA Meeting	3 9a AA Meeting
4 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 4p Youth	5 5p Baton	6 5p AA Meeting 6:30p Capella	7 2p Wind Ensemble 7p AA Meeting 5p Praise Team	8 6:30p Chancel Choir	9 7:30p AA Meeting	10 9a-1p ELC Event 9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
11 10:45a Worship 12p Chili Bowl cook-off	12 5p Baton 7p Church Council	13 10a Young at Heart 5p AA Meeting 6:30p Capella	14 12:15p Ash Wed. 2p Wind Ensemble 6p Girl Scouts 7p Ash Wed. 7p AA Meeting 5p Praise Team	15 6:30p Chancel Choir	16 5p Young Life 7:30p AA Meeting	17 9a AA Meeting
18 8&10:45a Worship Noisy offering 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 4p Youth	19 5p Baton	20 5p AA Meeting 6p Girl Scout 6:30p Capella 7p Elder mtg	21 2p Wind Ensemble 5p Soup Supper 7p Lent Service 7p AA Meeting 5p Praise Team	22 6:30p Chancel Choir	23 7:30p AA Meeting	24 9a AA Meeting 10a LWR Sewing
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Notice: On February 11, there will not be an 8:00 a.m. service, Bible Breakfast or Bible classes. Join us for 10:45 a.m. worship followed by the Chili Bowl Cook-Off.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Austin Struckmeyer 2/1
Hunter Hyland 2/1
Grady Spooner 2/3
Claudia Thomas 2/4
Judith Newell 2/4
Anna Hyland 2/8
Gary Smith 2/8
Saylor Slaughter 2/10
Allison Fissenden 2/11
Michael Androlevich 2/11
Paul Moore 2/12
Pete Schmitt 2/12
Kathryn Lerch 2/13
Ann Stone 2/13
Gary Washburn 2/14
Gillian Collins 2/14
Loren Struckmeyer 2/17
Camden Fissenden 2/18
Linda Struckmeyer 2/18
Dean Brown 2/19
Priscilla Townsend 2/19
Alison Glover 2/21
Kerry Pett 2/21
Nancy Strattan 2/22
Dee Carman 2/25
Joe Andes 2/27

Anniversaries

Mike & Gabi Hein 2/10
Michael & Cindy Brannon 2/11
Ralph & Colleen Toppins 2/14
Bill & Dee Carman 2/19

Readers	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Readings
2/4	Pete Schmitt	Brenda Arden	Is. 40:21-30 1 Cor. 9:16-27
2/11	Kris Pagenkopf	Ann Stone	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Cor. 3:12-13
2/18	Phyllis Leone	Volunteer Needed	Gen. 22:1-18 James 1:12-18
2/25	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Gen. 17:1-7 Rom. 5:1-11

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. - Mike Brannon
10:45 a.m. - Scott Mooney

Flowers

2/4 Dean & Dianne Brown
2/11 In Memory of Harvey & Ethel Heiss
2/18 **No Flowers** (lent)
2/25 **No Flowers** (lent)

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.



Ministry Team Leaders and Contact Information

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