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Abiding Savior: God's Church in Transition

Abiding Savior is our church home. This is where we come to worship, to learn, to nurture faith in the next generation, and to be energized and sent out into God's world to love and serve our neighbors. But Abiding Savior does not belong to us. This is God's church and God has plans for us.



Right now, that plan includes weekly worship and Bible Study, hosting 75 elementary kids at CPY, stocking the Pantry at Irondale High School, bringing fresh water to 1,000 people in Makungu, Tanzania, and so much more. God is at work in and through this place.

This is a time of transition here at Abiding Savior as we are currently in a call process for our new Associate Pastor. Call processes are uncertain, both as to their timeline and the quality of the candidates. Transitions can be both exciting and scary at the same time. Scary because we grieve the past and are uncertain about the future. Exciting because of the hope of the great things God has in store for Abiding Savior.

As we move through this time of transition, we must do so with faith and hope in God's plans for our congregation. Like I said, Abiding Savior is God's church and God will continue to provide us with what we need. The Holy Spirit is guiding our call process and the strategic planning of our Church Council. Abiding Savior is now in its 85th year of existence. We have seen many pastors and many members come and go. The one constant is that God has journeyed with this place and will continue to do so for years to come.

May God bless the congregation as together we live in God's love as a welcoming and caring family that nurtures spiritual growth, shares our Christian faith, and serves all God's creation.

Blessings to you!

Pastor Ryan Brodin

Associate Pastor Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been hard at work and has so far interviewed two candidates for the position of Associate Pastor. Those candidates are no longer in the call process with Abiding Savior. Currently the Call Committee is awaiting more candidates from the St. Paul Area Synod. The Call Committee wants the congregation to know that there is no set timeline for this call process. It could take several more months to find the person God has in mind for Abiding Savior. Please continue to pray for our call process here at Abiding Savior. We continue to trust that God will provide us with who and what we need to continue God's work in this church, this community, and beyond. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Call Committee: Brea Schulte, Christina Larson-Dickson, Dawson Blanck, Kathie Anderson, Megan Sangren, Sandra LaCroix, and Ellen Zimmerman.



Invite your friends, family and neighbors to one of the most fun evenings in our neighborhood!

**Abiding Savior's
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Wednesday, August 7
5 - 7PM**

This is a FREE event and *everyone is welcome*. We'll have food, fun, and games including the Mounds View Police rock wall, a visit from the police K-9, fire trucks, BINGO, music, popcorn, snow cones, and more. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us for an evening of fun and getting to know one another.



Stewardship Corner with Pastor Ryan

Why Give?

Churches, including Abiding Savior, run entirely on generosity. There would be no church if it were not for the members of the church sharing their resources. In some countries, like Sweden and Germany, the churches receive money from the government, tax dollars, to keep them going. But giving is not the same as paying a tax. And giving is also not the same as paying dues to an organization. No one likes to be forced to give or to give out of guilt or obligation. The church is not a social club or a gym. There is something different about giving, something personal and spiritual. Something that touches our hearts.

People like to give to causes they believe in. They like to give to organizations that are making a difference in their lives or the lives of others. That is why people share their resources with the church. The church touches their lives by providing a place for worship and a place to grow in faith. The church is a place where they can get connected to the work of God in their lives and the world. The church is a community that supports them in the rough parts of life and celebrates with them their accomplishments. The church grows faith in the next generation and provides opportunities for people to put their faith into action by reaching out to love their neighbors in need.

Out of gratitude to God for all these gifts, we share generously and abundantly with the church. We use the resources God has entrusted to us to help do good in our lives, the lives of others and to do good in the world. It is a blessing to be able to share and when we do share, we experience a joy that cannot ever be felt by keeping to ourselves.

These are all reasons why we joyfully share!

Are You a Thrivent Member?

Thrivent Action Teams Grants Needed!

If you are a Thrivent member, You can also apply for two Thrivent Action Team Grants up to \$250 to be used for fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, educational events, or meals. The application is simple and quick. If you would like to apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to benefit one of the ministries of Abiding Savior, please contact the church office. **We are especially in need of grants for the Twins game and parade...and upcoming fall activities!**



As a member, you may also receive Thrivent Choice dollars that you are able to direct to Abiding Savior each year. Directing your choice dollars is easy. Just log in to www.Thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice."

Mounds View Festival in the Park

Community Outreach—We Need Your Help!

Thank you to everyone who helped hand out "Get to Know Abiding Savior" bags in our neighborhood! We've had a good response and we want to keep the momentum going by spreading the word about Abiding Savior to everyone in Mounds View and beyond!



Mounds View Parade—Friday, August 16 @ 6PM

Join us as we walk the parade, greet our neighbors and share candy and information about Abiding Savior! Meet near the Community Center at 5:45PM.

NEW! Game Booth at Mounds View Festival in the Park—Saturday, August 17 from 1—3PM

Abiding Savior is partnering with Pursuit and Substance churches to run game booths at Saturday's Festival in the Park. Football toss, ring toss, Plinko, fish pond, bucket toss, and a duck pond are just a few of the games. Help run one of the booths or hand out trinkets at the prize table! We need about 25 individuals to help with this! Sign up [HERE](#) to help!

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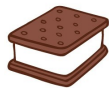
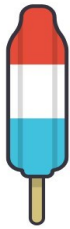
Summer Worship Indoors & Outdoors

We're nearing the end of our summer worship schedule. Please join us!

- On Communion Sundays (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month), we will worship inside.
- On non-communion Sundays (2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month), we will worship outside (weather permitting).

Popsicle-Ice Cream Treats

Sunday, Aug. 11
following worship



On Sunday, August 11, we will be serving up various ice cream/popsicle treats following the 10AM worship service. Worship that day will be outside, weather permitting. Join us as we enjoy a tasty summer treat and fellowship.

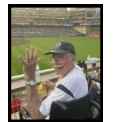
You're invited to
NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY FUN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 - 5-7PM
*Free! Food - Fun - Games
Everyone welcome!*



Get Your Tickets to the Twins Game!



Monday, August 12
Twins v. Royals
6:40PM game time



You're invited to the Twins game! Get your tickets NOW! \$45 for a ticket, tailgating meal before the game & snacks for the game (or \$60 with school bus ride to/from the game). [Sign up](#) at church (payment due when you sign up).

Movie Night

Friday, August 2
Free Entry

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

disk golf

AT
SILVERVIEW



Sunday, August 11 after worship

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END OF SUMMER CAMPFIRE WORSHIP



Wednesday, August 21 | 6-8PM

Start Planning Now for Fall Children's Activities

Come be a part of it and invite a friend!



Wednesday POWERUP+

- **Wednesdays starting September 11**
- **For children ages 4 years through 5th grade**
- **5:30—6:30PM**
POWER Up is a kid's devotion and music time on Wednesday evenings offering activities, musical experiences, friendship and faith-building.



Sunday School

- **Sundays starting September 15**
- **For children 3 years (and potty-trained) through 6th grade**
- We're excited to offer a new format to serve our families.
9:30—9:50AM: Opening songs and activities
10AM Worship with Sunday School: During the worship service the Sunday school experience continues. As a part of worship, there will be a children's Bible story followed by an opportunity to participate in related crafts and activities before returning to worship after the sermon.



Sunday Family Fellowship

- **Sundays before worship in the Library**
- **9:30—9:50AM**
Spend some time connecting with other parents, sipping coffee, tea or your favorite beverage. No programs, no lessons, no structure—just parents meeting to laugh, talk and share stories from your week!

August Middle & High School Events

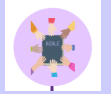
- Fri., Aug. 2: **Outdoor Movie Night (dusk)**
Sun., Aug. 11: **Disk Golf (after church)**
Fri., Aug. 16: **Mounds View Parade (6PM)**
Sat., Aug. 17: **[MV Festival in the Park](#) (help run games from 1—3PM)**
Wed., Aug. 21: **End of Summer Campfire Worship (6-8PM)**

Volunteers Needed for Children's Programs

It's a joy to share God's word and love with the children of Abiding Savior, and you are invited to be a part of it!

Sunday School Opportunities:

- Help during the Sunday school opening songs and activities from 9:30-9:50.
- Accompany children on the piano or guitar during Sunday school opening songs and activities from 9:30-9:50.
- Help supervise and assist children with activities during their time away from worship and assist in accompanying them back to the service after the sermon. Because this would involve missing part of worship, it is hoped a group of volunteers can be compiled so that they can serve on a rotating basis.



POWER Up Opportunities:

- Help with activities from 5:30-6:30 each Wednesday



If you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities or are interested in more information, please contact [Patty Mesenbring \(patty@abidingsavior.org\)](mailto:patty@abidingsavior.org).

Abiding Savior Preschool

I can't believe that summer is wrapping up and that the 2024-2025 school year will be starting very soon! Both our toddler room and preschool class are filling up very quickly! If you know someone looking for an amazing toddler or preschool program encourage them to check out our new website www.abidingsaviorpreschool.com.

Look for Abiding Savior Preschool walking in the **Mounds View Parade** on Friday August 18. We'll be handing out pin-wheels and information about our program.



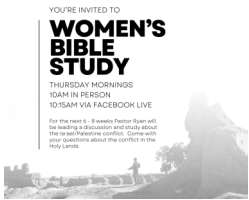
I am looking forward to another great school year and can't wait to get the kiddos back in the building! As always thank you for your continued support of our program!

Jen Boog, Preschool Director
preschool@abidingsavior.org or 763-784-5326

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Women's Bible Study *Israeli Palestinian Conflict* Thurs., Aug. 1, 15, 22, and 29 (No class Aug. 8—VBS)



You are invited to join the Women's Bible Study (Thursdays at 10AM in-person or vi Facebook Live) as they look deeper into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the thousands of years that have led up to the current war in the Holy Lands. Each week will include Bible study, prayers, worship with hymn singing, and of course TREATS! This Bible study is led by Pastor Ryan and is open to anyone. You are especially invited if you have never attended Bible Study before. There is a place for you!

God's Work. Your Hands. Helping Others.

Coat Drive

The 24th Coat Drive and Give-away is scheduled for October 19 at Christ the King, New Brighton. We'll be collecting gently used or new warm winter coats until October 17. Mittens, scarves, snowpants, and boots are also accepted, but hats must be new. Items for school age children are most needed. Please place donations in the Social Concerns trunk. There will be opportunities to help set-up and work at the give-away coming up. Thank you for caring for your neighbors!



Walk for Our Neighbors

Thanks to everyone participating in the Community Support Center's fundraising walk July 28. If you couldn't attend but would like to support their work preventing evictions and homelessness, you can mail donations to Community Support Center, 1600 Silver Lake Road, New Brighton, MN 55112. They are busy assisting neighbors facing eviction, working with landlords to catch-up back rents, helping with resumes and finding steady employment, and supporting sustainability with long-term goals and skills like budgeting and savings. Your support helps build a stronger community.



School Supplies

We're working with Edgewood Middle School this year collecting supplies. Needed items include: 3 ring binders, spiral notebooks, #2 pencils, colored pencils, pocket folders, large boxes of tissues, age-appropriate body spray and deodorants for boys and girls, hair ties/scrunchies, new sweatpants and sweatshirts. Thank you for helping get our students off to a good start.



You Good-hearted People

Bless you all for the many ways you respond to the call of "Love Your Neighbor." There are countless acts, large and small, of caring for others that occur every day. Your hands doing God's work are greatly appreciated!



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June 2024
Financial Highlights

2024	Monthly	YTD
INCOME		
Current gifts and giving	41,455	234,736
Festival giving	4	15,957
SUBTOTAL	41,459	250,693
Other income	720	35,269
TOTAL INCOME	42,179	285,962
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,503	304,725
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES	676	(18,763)
Benevolence paid	2,717	23,165

**Giving to the
Endowment Fund
is Simple and Joyful!**

When you make or revise your Will or Trust or review your life insurance contracts or retirement funds, please consider Abiding Savior as one of your beneficiaries using the following language:

I bequeath __ % (or \$ ___) of my estate to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church located at 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View, MN, designated for the Mission Endowment Fund of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.

Please talk to Pastor Ryan Brodin if you have questions about making a gift to the Endowment Fund. Thank you!



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Notes of Thanks and Appreciation

Thank you for much for all of the support after the news of our father, Gary Sangren's passing. Thank you for providing the meal and for all of the cards and kind words. It means the world to our family. My dad loved many things about church from the fishing trips, clapping along with Reining Grace, and he knew Dave Rogge's musical by heart! These memories will continue to be special to us. Thank you again for your support.
—The Sangrens ~ Laurie, Megan & Katelyn

Thank you so much for all your assistance and care in making the celebration of our mom's life so special. We greatly appreciate your time and generosity. May God's blessings be upon you all.
—Eric Peterson & Dawn Huffington (Gloria Peterson's children)

Thank you for awarding me with the Mary's Memorial Scholarship. I'm very appreciative of such a generous gift. Thanks also for the cute mug, Starbuck's gift card and candy. You all know how to make someone feel loved!
—Makena Bakeberg

Thank you for your generous donation to *Meals on Wheels in Anoka County*. You have helped create a huge impact in our community!
—Meals on Wheels in Anoka County

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive Mary's Memorial Scholarship to help with my schooling this net year. It will be incredibly helpful as I pursue music therapy. I also really appreciate all the love and support I received growing up in the church.
—Delaney Flint

Thank you for the generous farewell gifts. We've been making good use of the Cup and Cone tokens and we have a reservation set for Owamni at the end of the month. Serving at Abiding Savior has been a privilege and a joy. I've been able to share my gifts and just be myself in ministry, and been appreciated for it. That has meant a lot to me! Thank you! God is mightily at work at and through Abiding Savior. I wish you God's ongoing blessings as you enter this next phase of ministry.
—In Christ's service, Pastor Marla

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August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 JULY	29 JULY CPY 11AM-6PM MLS ON WHEELS	30 JULY CPY 11AM-6PM MLS ON WHEELS	31 JULY CPY 11AM-6PM MLS ON WHEELS	1 CPY 11AM-6PM MLS ON WHEELS	2 MLS ON WHEELS	3
9:00 CSC Walk 10:00 Outdoor Worship Service Zero Gravity Event after church		10:00 Staff Meeting	9:30 Cub Foods delivery	10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED Outdoor Movie Night Dusk	Janelle – Sanct. 3-5PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion	VBS 9AM - noon	VBS 9AM - noon 6:30 Committee Meetings	VBS 9AM - noon 9:30 Cub Foods delivery FAMILY FUN NIGHT 5 – 7PM	VBS 9AM - noon 9:00 Work Crew	VBS 9AM - noon	Janelle – Sanct. 3-5PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00 Outdoor Worship Service 11:00 Disk golf event at Silver View Park	Twins Game Outing	10:00 Staff Meeting	9:30 Cub Foods delivery	10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED Mounds View Parade 6PM	Mounds View Festival in the Park 1-3PM Janelle – Sanct. 3-5PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion		9:00 Quilting 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting	9:30 Cub Foods delivery End of Summer Campfire Worship 6 – 8PM	9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	Janelle – Sanct. 3-5PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00 Outdoor Worship Service		10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Benedictine Service	9:30 Cub Foods delivery	NO Women's Bible Study (Labor Day weekend)	OFFICE CLOSED	Janelle – Sanct. 3-5PM

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events in August

- July 29—Aug. 2: Meals on Wheels Delivery
- Aug. 1: Women's Bible Study
- Aug. 2: Outdoor Movie Night—"Back to the Future"
- Aug. 4: Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
- Aug. 5—9: Vacation Bible School (9AM—noon)
- Aug. 7: Family Fun Night (5—7PM)
- Aug. 8: Work Crew
NO Women's Bible Study (VBS)
- Aug. 11: Outdoor Worship
Popsicles & Ice Cream Treats after Worship
Disk Golf at Silver View
- Aug. 12: Twins Outing
- Aug. 15: Women's Bible Study
- Aug. 16: Mounds View Parade (6PM)
- Aug. 17: Mounds View Festival in the Park booth (1-3)
- Aug. 18: Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
- Aug. 20: Quilting
Council Meeting
- Aug. 21: End of Summer Campfire Worship
- Aug. 22: Work Crew
Women's Bible Study
- Aug. 25: Outdoor Worship
- Aug. 27: Benedictine Service
- Aug. 29: NO Women's Bible Study (Labor Day Wknd)

Pastors & Staff

- Ryan Brodin, Senior Pastor
- Josh & Alex Ertz, Interim Youth Mentors
- Patty Mesenbring, Dir. of Children's Ministries
- Janelle Schauer, Organist
- Mary Larew, Vocal Choirs Director
- Paul Weller, Bell Choirs Director
- Katie Brouillard, Office Manager
- Connie Clausen, Office Assistant
- Trisha Bourassa, Office Assistant
- Jen Boog, Preschool Director
- Gene Herman, Custodian

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Help keep our contact information up-to-date! If you have a new home phone, cell phone or new email address, please call the church office at 763.784.5120 or visit <http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/update-my-contact-information/> so we can update our records. Thanks!