



the vinebranch

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Happy Summer!

We hope you are enjoying the short but amazing Minnesota summer! During this time of relaxing, traveling, and spending time with family, I invite you to look over this abbreviated July edition of the Vinebranch. Join us for weekly Sunday summer worship both inside (July 7 and July 21), and outside (July 14 and 28). Even in the midst of summer, there is always a lot happening in your congregation. Hope to see you in worship this summer!



God's blessings! — *Pastor Ryan*

MS/HS Youth Group July Events

- July 12: Outdoor Movie Night (starts at dusk)
- July 15—21: ELCA Youth Gathering
- July 24: Swimming at Long Lake Beach (6-8PM)
- July 28: Zero Gravity (time TBD)



Root beer Floats Sunday, July 14 following worship

On Sunday, July 14, we are having a root beer (& orange soda) float social following the 10:00am worship service. Join us as we enjoy a tasty summer treat and have a special sending for Josh, Alex, Anna, Sarina, Tait, and Taylor who are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Meals on Wheels



We will be delivering
Meals on Wheels
Mon., July 29 — Fri., Aug. 2



If you are available to help any day from approx. 11am—1pm, please let Fern Fisher know (763-786-1044).

Future weeks: Sept. 23—27 and Nov. 18—22

Family Ministry Event at the Mounds View Splash Pad July 14, Noon-2pm



We've rented a pavilion and will be serving pizza and freeze pops. Invite your friends and neighbors to this FREE event!

Walk a Mile For Our Neighbors | Sunday, July 28



Mark your calendars for the annual Community Support Center's Walk for Your Neighbors July 28th at Silverview Park in Mounds View. It's a great mixer with lots of walkers from lots of churches raising funds to support neighbors seeking long-term solutions to difficult financial situations. Can't make the walk? Any donation received in



July will automatically get you registered for a door prize. Mail checks to Community Support Center, 1600 Silver Lake Road NW, New Brighton, MN 55112. Thank you for your support!

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Community VBS August 5-9 9AM-Noon

Welcoming ages 3 (potty-trained) through those entering 5th grade this fall

Music, Stories, Games, Crafts, Friends & Fun
Plus, yummy snacks and the most awesome volunteers you'll ever meet! **A FREE program for all.**
Register at: abidingsavior.org


God's Work. Our Hands.

Printer Cartridges: Drop off empty printer ink cartridges in the office and Dawn will turn them in for store credits. She's always on the lookout for good deals for our Irondale student friends and this is one way to keep prices down. Thank you!

Coat Drive: The annual drive and October give-away is on the calendar for October 19th. If you see good deals on warm jackets at garage sales, we'll happily collect them now in the social concerns trunk. Working zippers are a must and school age children's sizes are most picked over every year. Also needed, plus size warm adult jackets. Thank you for remembering our neighbors!

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.

Walk Musicians Needed: The July 28th Walk for our Neighbors is looking for any number of musicians to sweeten the walk. Serenade participants in any way you'd like any time during the 9 am-1 pm walk. We'd be delighted with 10-15 minutes of your time. Bagpipes to kazoos, voices to violins, piccolos to tubas - all are welcome. Ask Lynn Isaacson if you have questions, or just show up. Your efforts will be enjoyed and appreciated!



VBS Volunteers and Donations

Check the narthex to sign up to be a volunteer (those entering 6th grade and older), or to donate supplies for our VBS program, which is offered free of charge to the community.

You can also contact Patty Mesenbring directly if you'd like to sign up or have any questions:
patty@abidingsavior.org

Irondale Class of 1974 - 50th Class Reunion
Saturday, August 24 starting at 5:30PM
Questions? Contact irondaleclassof1974@gmail.com

May 2024 Financial Highlights		
2024	Monthly	YTD
INCOME		
Current gifts and giving	33,014	193,241
Festival giving	565	15,953
SUBTOTAL	33,579	209,194
Other income	10,197	34,549
TOTAL INCOME	43,776	243,743
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES	55,616	263,222
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES	(11,840)	(19,479)
Benevolence paid	6,661	20,448

Thrivent Choice Dollars & Thrivent Action Teams

If you are a Thrivent member, you may 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."



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.

Mission

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 JUNE						
10:00 Outdoor Worship Service Pastor Marla's last Sunday	10:00 Marcia Anderson visitation 11:00 Marcia Anderson funeral	10:00 Staff Mtg 6:30 Committee Meetings	9:30 Cub Foods delivery OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED Happy 4th of July!	OFFICE CLOSED	
7	8 CPY 11AM-6PM	9 CPY 11AM-6PM	10 CPY 11AM-6PM	11 CPY 11AM-6PM	12	13
10:00 Indoor Worship Service with Holy Communion	5:30 Women's Gathering	10:00 Staff Mtg 2:00 Caring Visitors Meeting	9:30 Cub Foods delivery	9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED Outdoor Movie Night Dusk	
14	15 CPY 11AM-6PM ELCA Yth Gthrng	16 CPY 11AM-6PM ELCA Yth Gthrng	17 CPY 11AM-6PM ELCA Yth Gthrng	18 CPY 11AM-6PM ELCA Yth Gthrng	19 ELCA Yth Gthrng	20 ELCA Yth Gthrng
10:00 Outdoor Worship Service with ELCA Yth Gthrng Sendoff 11:00 Root Beer Floats Family Ministry Splash Pad Event Noon - 2:00		9:00 Quilting 10:00 Staff Mtg	9:30 Cub Foods delivery	10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	
21	22 CPY 11AM-6PM	23 CPY 11AM-6PM	24 CPY 11AM-6PM	25 CPY 11AM-6PM	26	27
ELCA Youth Gathering						
10:00 Indoor Worship Service with Holy Communion (Pastor Dave leading)		10:00 Staff Mtg 12:00 Benedictine Service	9:30 Cub Foods delivery Swimming at Long Lake Beach 6 - 8:00	9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	
28	29 CPY 1AM-6PM MEALS ON WHEELS	30 CPY 11AM-6PM MEALS ON WHEELS	31 CPY 11AM-6PM MEALS ON WHEELS	1 AUG CPY 11AM-6PM MEALS ON WHEELS	2 AUGUST MEALS ON WHEELS	3 AUGUST
9:00 CSC Walk for Our Neighbors 10:00 Outdoor Worship Service (Pastor Marla leading worship) Zero Gravity Event Time TBD		10:00 Staff Mtg	9:30 Cub Foods delivery	10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events in July

- July 2: Committee Meetings
- July 3-5: OFFICE CLOSED
Happy Independence Day!
- July 7: Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
- July 8: Women's Gathering
- July 9: Caring Visitors Meeting
- July 11: Work Crew
Women's Bible Study
- July 12: Outdoor Movie Night
- July 14: Outdoor Worship w/ Youth Gthrng Sendoff
Rootbeer Float Fellowship
Family Ministry Picnic @ MV Splash Pad
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Women's Bible Study
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CSC Walk for Our Neighbors (9am-1pm)
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Pastors & Staff

- Ryan Brodin**, Senior Pastor
- Josh & Alex Ertz**, 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

UPDATE
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!