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June 2023

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Getting to Know You!



There is a song that has been floating through my head from the musical, The King and I: "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you. Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me." It expresses very human feelings of hope and vulnerability at the start of a new relationship. Since I have recently begun serving as your new interim associate pastor, we are in the "getting to know you" phase. I'll share bit about myself and am eager to learn about you.

As a child I grew up in Wisconsin and was active in church and youth ministry. In 1989 Randy Amborn and I became engaged and chose for our church home, St. Stephen Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake. We were married there and our daughter, Marissa, was baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen. Throughout the years we have been active at St. Stephen many ways - with music, education, mission trips, church leadership and more.

As a teenager I felt a call to ministry, but it took a while to be able to fully respond to that call. For about 20 years I served as an instructor and administrator in higher education, teaching management and leadership in community and technical colleges. Eventually things came together for me to attend Luther Seminary in St. Paul and I was ordained in 2013.

I served as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Almelund, Minnesota, just north of the Twin Cities. As a pastor I love preaching and leading worship. One of the true privileges of being a pastor is getting to know the people of the congregation, walking with them in their faith and life journeys, being part of many of the tender and profound times of life. Mission work in Tanzania has also significantly shaped my life and ministry. In August of 2021 I retired from Immanuel to be able to care of our newborn grandson and my mother, who was having some medical challenges.

Now my mother is doing much better, and our grandson is attending a preschool program a couple of days a week, so we just have him with us one day a week. When the call came to serve as Abiding Savior's part-time interim associate pastor, it seemed that God had opened the way. The time was right, and it felt like a good fit all around. I'm very happy to be here.

As a person of faith, I believe that God is active in our lives and in the world and that if we genuinely seek to know God's will, God will reveal it to us and open the way for us to live into his plan. Prayer is an important part of my life of faith, coupled with Christian service to people near and far. I believe God's very nature is Love, and that when we live in love with God and one another we are serving as God's people in the world, doing the work God calls and equips us to do. What a joy it is to serve God and God's beloved children in the world!

That's a quick intro to me, I look forward to getting to know you. Visitation is a big part of my role here, so if you'd like a visit let me know. I'm eager to hear your story as we continue getting to know one another.

Blessings to you!

Pastor Marla Amborn

Graduate Recognition

Sun., June 11
10:00am



Please join us on **Sunday, June 11** at 10:00am as we celebrate our 2023 ASLC high school and college graduates! They will be recognized during the church service and everyone is invited to a cake reception in their honor following the service!

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Welcome to Abiding Savior, Pastor Marla!

I am excited to introduce Pastor Marla Amborn, our newest addition to the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church family. She has accepted the role of Interim Pastor, and we are so blessed to have Pastor Marla focusing her efforts on pastoral care and ministry here at our church. Pastor Marla brings to our congregation a wealth of knowledge from her many years of work in lay ministry at her home church, St. Stephen Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake, as well as her career in higher education and the past 10 years as an ordained minister.

Marla is a "second career pastor" having come to ordained ministry in January 2013, in mid-life following a career in higher education, having spent nearly a ¼ century working at post-secondary institutions. Many of the skills gained during her first career have been readily transferrable to ordained ministry.

On behalf of the other 11 members of the Congregational Council, I would like to formally introduce Pastor Marla Amborn as Interim Pastor of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. A special welcome to her husband Randy, as well!

Respectfully submitted by Dawson Blanck- President of ASLC Congregational Council

Making Gifts of Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Securities

Current tax laws can make it harder to see a tax advantage in your charitable giving. You can still see a tax advantage, even if you do not itemize your donations, by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to Abiding Savior. Compared with selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to make a bigger impact by increasing your gift and your tax deduction.

Donating appreciated securities is simple and easy. When you donate stock, bonds or mutual funds to Abiding Savior, you'll generally take a tax deduction for the full fair market value. And because you are donating stock, bonds or mutual funds, your contribution and tax deduction may increase because you may not have to pay any capital gains tax on your appreciated securities.*

Donating your stocks, bonds, or mutual funds directly to Abiding Savior is a win-win situation. Instead of paying the IRS, that tax savings can be used to increase your donation toward the work of God done in and through our congregation. Contact your financial planner or accountant and ask them about the value of donating appreciated securities to Abiding Savior. Some creative givers even make two years of gifts to Abiding Savior with one sale of stock covering their pledge for the current year and the year to come.

If you have any more questions about donating stocks, bonds, or mutual funds to Abiding Savior, please contact [Pastor Ryan Brodin](#) or Office Manager [Katie Brouillard](#) at 763-784-5120. *Note: Abiding Savior does not provide tax advice. Please contact an accountant or financial planner for counsel concerning tax implications of any gift.

Celebrating Our Grads

Congratulations to all our graduates! Those we know of include:

High School:

Jaxson DeCosse,
Zack Donnelly,
Luke Drews,
Olivia Haugen,
Matt Huesman, Meghan Miller, Martin Monn, Chloe Rogge, Colton Schnabel and Levi Syverson



Get the Info You Need!

Help us ensure you're getting the information you need! Did you know Abiding Savior sends out weekly news via email? Did you know Abiding Savior has a email Prayer Chain? Do you want to stay up-to-date on activities going on in our congregation? If you aren't already and would like to receive electronic communications from Abiding Savior, please click on the following link to complete a short sign-up request. This will help ensure you're getting the information you want, when and how you prefer!

<http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/sign-up-to-receive-information-from-abiding-savior-electronically/>

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Summer Worship Indoors & Outdoors

The past few summers we've worshipped outside (weather permitting) all summer. This year we plan to alternate Sundays worshipping both outside and inside.

- 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).

We hope this gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy the different settings for worship and helps make it easier for those helping with set up/distribution.

Outdoor Movie Night Friday, June 9 Dusk Brad's Pad

Arrive a bit before dusk (movie will start at sunset). Bring chairs and/or blankets and your favorite movie snacks. Popcorn will be provided.





**"THE BEST OF US"
ELLIE
KAHUT**

**BENEFIT
"KNIGHT"**

ELLIE TRULY WAS AND IS THE "BEST OF US" AND IN HER HONOR, WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO CREATE THE "ELLIE ISAACSON KAHUT BEST OF US SCHOLARSHIP," WHICH WILL BE AWARDED ANNUALLY TO IRONDALE HIGH SCHOOL FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY. ELLIE WAS A BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE LIVES OF ALL SHE MET, AND THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE HER LOVING AND GIVING SPIRIT.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023
2:00PM - 6:00PM**

***SILENT AUCTION*
DOOR PRIZE TICKETS
*FAMILY FRIENDLY***

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS GLADLY ACCEPTED!

Please contact Cole @ 612-212-9046 or email elliekahutbenefit@gmail.com for further information.

ALL MONETARY DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

**2400 MOUNDS VIEW BLVD
MOUNDS VIEW, MN 55112**



Coffee & Donuts Father's Day Celebration Sunday, June 18

On Father's Day, **Sunday, June 18**, we will be having coffee and donuts following the 10:00am indoor worship service. Join us in honoring and celebrating the important men in our lives as we enjoy a treat and good fellowship.



FREE!

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT

**SUNDAY,
JUNE 25
NOON - 2PM**



MOUNDS VIEW CITY PARK SPLASH PAD

We've rented a pavilion nearby and will be firing up a grill with hot dogs and other yummy picnic-type foods.

Invite friends or neighbors and enjoy some summer fun!

Save the Date for the Twins



**Abiding Savior at Target Field
Tuesday, August 29—7:10pm
Twins vs. Cleveland Guardians**

**Abiding Savior Preschool
Half Day Preschool & NEW Toddler Room**
Please help spread the word about our preschool to neighbors, friends and family! Registration is available online <http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/preschool/>

DO
GOOD ☺
Come to Abiding Savior's
Community VBS 2023!
August 7-11, 9:00-noon
DO
GOOD ☺

All children ages 3 (and potty-trained) through those entering 5th grade in the fall are invited to a week of Bible stories, music, games, crafts - it will be packed with fun!

[Register online](#), or in the church office. This is a **free program**, with donations gratefully accepted.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?
[Contact Patty Mesenbring](#)

Trust in the LORD and DO GOOD.
Psalm 37:3

Love Doing Puzzles?



We are starting a "Little Puzzle Exchange" here at church starting June 1st.

Pick one up and return it when you are finished. No need to sign them out or rent.

If you like to donate a puzzle, we ask that you put the pieces in a Ziplock bag. We will also accept ones that have a missing piece or two. But please leave a note in the box if that's the case.

We hope you enjoy this new fun activity!

Abiding Savior Preschool A Great School Year and Filling Up for Next Year!

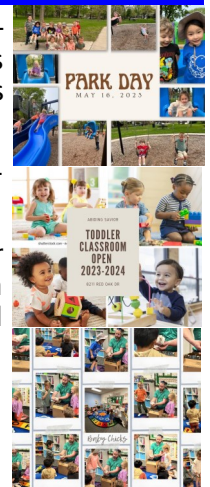
What a wonderful preschool year we had! It was filled with lots of activities from Creature Feature, to seasonal parties and ending the year with a visit from the Science Crew! There was also lots of laughter and lots of friendships being made!!! I really can't believe how fast this year went!

Please look for us in the Spring Lake Park Parade on June 8th! We will be handing out pin-wheels!!

Continue to spread the word about both of our classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year! Our toddler room is filling up fast and there are only a couple of spots left before we have to begin a wait list! How exciting is that? Our enrollment for our preschool classroom is looking good as well, but we could always use more kiddos to fill it up!

As always thank you for your continued support of our program! Happy Summer!

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



Summer Fun - MS/HS Youth!

June Middle & High School Youth Events

All events are Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM and free unless specifically noted. Please speak with Alex/Josh if cost is an issue. And...parents are welcome!

- June 7: UNO Tournament
- June 14: Make & Fly Kites
- June 21: Mini Golf at Lilli Putt (Cost: \$7)
- June 28: Family Games Night

Invite a friend!!



Sign Up For "Remind"

Keep Up-to-Date on Youth Activities!

Text: @8211redoak
To: 81010

Remind allows you to receive Text and/or E-mail notifications for all of our youth events, volunteer/fundraising opportunities, and any important updates regarding the youth program! Parents and Students are welcome to join as long as you have a cell phone number and/or e-mail address! Remind also allows you to reply directly to our messages if you have any questions or need to reach Alex/Josh!

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God's Work. Your Hands. Helping Others.

Garden of Grace

Thank you to Coach Gary Engen for promoting the opportunity to grow fresh produce in our garden beds. All beds are spoken for and the beauty and miracle of seeds sprouting is underway right in our own backyard.



Growing Through Loss

Thank you to Cindy Smith, Connie Clausen, Jim Schlotterback, Gary Engen 2, Jim Kenyon, Melissa Enderle, Dave Rogge, Nancy Anderson, and a few others for all their efforts hosting the Growing Through Loss workshops at ASLC in April and May. Greeters, registrars, sound techs, musicians, food servers, and cleaner-uppers were all needed to serve those seeking comfort, companionship, and sympathy. Well done!



Quincy House Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who joined in the activities at the Mermaid on May 5. Fellowship and fundraising for our good neighbors down the street and their work caring for children who need extra support and good role models.

CSC Walk

Mark your calendar for the CSC Walk for Our Neighbors to be held July 30, 2023, at Silver View Park in Mounds View from 9am to 1pm. We'll be hosting a station along the route and will be looking for volunteers to make it a fun day of community and fundraising.



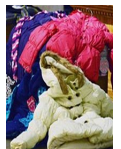
The Community Support Center
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

CSC Luncheon Results

Thanks to community churches, organizations, and caring neighbors, over \$7000 was raised at the April CSC luncheon. Add to that a Board of Directors match and it was a successful return to this social gathering after three years off due to the pandemic. Thanks to all for caring about our neighbors.

Coat Collection

We'll be collecting WARM winter coats for the October giveaway all summer and fall. If you're cleaning closets or garage sale shopping, consider donating some warm wear for our neighbors. Gently used, working zippers, school-age children sizes most needed. NEW hats only. Thank you!



School Supplies

It might seem a bit early, but those back-to-school sales start earlier every year, with good deals harder to find. If you run across a bargain, we will coordinate with Edgewood, Sunnyside, and Pinewood to distribute what is collected at church. Thank you for thinking of our young friends in the area.



Bring in Your Old Ink Cartridges

Do you have empty/used ink cartridges at home or your place of work? If so, place them in a bag/baggie and bring them in to the office's Coupon bin. They'll be turned in to raise funds that will be used for Irondale's fall school supplies.

Old Glasses/Contacts

Have you gotten a new eyeglass or contact subscription and have old glasses/contacts you no longer use? Or, old hearing aids? Bring them in to church for those in need!



Get some fresh air and exercise! Help mow at church this summer!

We are still looking for some volunteers to help mow the church lawn this **June—October!** Team up with a friend or family member and sign up (either for the month, a particular week, or as a sub.) To sign up call the office or click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548acaa2ea1ff2-20232#/>

April 2023
Financial Highlights

2023	Monthly	YTD
INCOME		
Current gifts and giving	58,880	181,786
Festival giving	7,622	10,648
SUBTOTAL	66,502	192,434
Other income	4,960	14,105
TOTAL INCOME	71,462	206,539
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES	53,699	218,949
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES	17,763	(12,410)
Benevolence paid	2,864	12,255

El Salvador Mission Trip Item Donation

Fifteen people from Abiding Savior are going on the El Salvador Mission Trip. They are planning to take with them small items that are donated by the congregation to be distributed and used by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in El Salvador in their work with the people. We are asking for small items that will pack easily into the personal baggage of the participants to be brought to El Salvador. Donations of cash are always the best donation. We will bring that money directly to El Salvador where it will be used where it is needed most. Please bring your donated items to the box located outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex. If you have questions, [contact Pastor Ryan](#). Items they are seeking:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Tylenol
- Ibuprofen
- Acetaminophen
- Multi-vitamins
- Children's vitamins
- Antibiotic ointment
- Band-aids
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Calculators
- Pencil sharpeners
- Deflated soccer balls & pumps
- Hard candy
- Small toys

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!



ENDOWMENT FUND

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.

Looking for Irondale Clothes



Have your kids outgrown their Irondale clothing? We are looking to collect gently used Irondale High School clothing to be made available to students in need next fall.

If you have any items to donate, please drop them off in the church office.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 MAY 10:00 Worship Service (worship also available via Facebook Live)	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	30 MAY 10:00 Staff Meeting	31 MAY 6:30—8pm MS/HS Youth at Zero Gravity	1 10:00 Women's Bible Study (in-person or Facebook)	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 10:00 Indoor Worship Service with Holy Communion (worship also available via Facebook Live)	5	6 10:00 Staff Meeting	7 6:30—8pm MS/HS Youth UNO Tournament	8 9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study (in-person or Facebook)	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 GRADUATION SUNDAY 10:00 Outdoor Worship Service (worship also available via Facebook Live) 1-4:00 Matt Huesman Grad Reception in Fellowship Hall	12	13 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting	14	15 10:00 Women's Bible Study (in-person or Facebook)	16 OFFICE CLOSED SEEDS Camp at WAPO	17
18 FATHER'S DAY 10:00 Indoor Worship Service with Holy Communion (worship also available via Facebook Live) 11:00 Coffee & Donuts SEEDS Camp at WAPO Youth Camp at WAPO	19	20 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Benedicotine Service Youth Camp at WAPO	21 6:30—8pm MS/HS Youth Make & Fly Kites Youth Camp At WAPO	22 9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study (in-person or Facebook) Youth Camp at WAPO	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 10:00 Outdoor Worship Service (worship also available via Facebook Live)	26	27 10:00 Staff Meeting	28 6:30—8pm MS/HS Youth Family Game Nite	29 10:00 Women's Bible Study (in-person or Facebook)	30 OFFICE CLOSED	1 JULY

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Upcoming Events in June

- June 1: Bible Study
- June 4: Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
- June 6: Committee Meetings
- June 7: MS/HS Youth Group—UNO Tournament
- June 8: Work Crew
Bible Study
- June 11: Graduation Sunday
Outdoor Worship
- June 13: Quilting
Council Meeting
- June 14: MS/HS Youth Group—Make & Fly Kites
- June 15: Bible Study
- June 16-18: SEEDS at Camp WAPO
- June 18: Father's Day w/ Coffee and Donuts
Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
- June 18-23: Youth Camp at WAPO
- June 21: MS/HS Youth Group—Mini Golf @ Lilli Putt
- June 22: Work Crew
Bible Study
- June 25: Outdoor Worship
- June 28: MS/HS Youth Group—Family Game Night
- June 29: Bible Study

Pastors & Staff

- Ryan Brodin**, Senior Pastor
- Marla Amborn**, Interim 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

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!