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Welcome to Pastor Katie Hendrikson!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Abiding Savior,

It is with great joy and anticipation that we announce the calling of Kaitlyn (Katie) Hendrikson to be the new Associate Pastor at Abiding Savior. Katie's call was approved at our special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 4, by a vote of 126-1. After a fifteen-month search, the Call Committee was eager to present Katie to the congregation and gave their resounding approval. As our pastor, Katie will fit in perfectly with the Abiding Savior community and has the exact skill set and areas of interest we are looking for in our next Associate Pastor.



This will be Katie's first call as a pastor and we look forward to celebrating her ordination on Sunday, June 1, at her home congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church in West St. Paul. Her first day here at Abiding Savior will be Monday, June 9. She will be officially installed as our pastor on Sunday, June 29.

Thank you to the members of the Call Committee for their hard work and dedication. The Call Committee members are: Sandy LaCroix (co-chair), Ellen Zimmerman (co-chair), Brea Schultes, Megan Sangren, Dawson Blanck, Ellie Neumann, Kathie Anderson and Pastor Ryan Brodin (ex-officio).

Visit our website at www.abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/about/our-staff to find more information about Pastor Katie as well as a video she put together to introduce herself to all of you.

We look forward to many amazing years of ministry together with Pastor Katie.

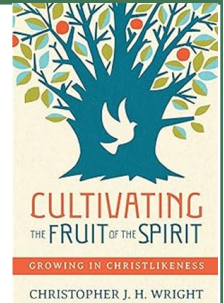
Sincerely,

Dawson Blanck
Congregational President

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that *nurtures* spiritual growth,
shares our Christian faith, and *serves* all creation.

Women's Bible Study for June and Beyond

Does all the difficult stuff in the news have you down? Come to the Women's Bible Study to be uplifted. This summer we will be focusing on the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The world needs more of these kinds of fruits right now! When God is at work in a person's life these fruits will be the result. We can all do things to help the Holy Spirit bring forth this fruit in our lives. Pastor Marla will kick off this series June 12 and it will go through the summer with our new Pastor Katie taking the lead starting in July. We'll be using the book *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness* by Christopher J. H. Wright as our guide. Come and be part of it – 10 AM Thursday mornings in the Coffee House.



Between now and then we'll be wrapping up the *Honoring our Neighbor's Faith* series with a visit to Mount Zion Jewish Temple on June 5. That field trip leaves from the church parking lot at 9:15 on the morning of June 5. If you're curious about the Jewish faith and would like to participate in the field trip, you are welcome to come even if you haven't been attending the Women's Bible Study. Just show up!

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
You are invited to enjoy summer worship in the backyard!

Outdoor WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
June 8 June 22	July 13 July 27	August 10 August 24

If inclement weather arises, Outdoor Worship services will be moved indoors.
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Summer Worship Schedule

Summer is here! Like last year, year we plan to alternate Sundays worshipping both outside and inside.

- On Communion Sundays (1st & 3rd Sundays of the month), we will worship inside.
- On non-communion Sundays (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month), we will worship outside (weather permitting).
- On our only 5th Sunday of the month (June 29) we will worship inside for the installation of Pastor Katie Hendrikson.

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. Invite a friend or neighbor and see you at worship!

"Investing" in Abiding Savior

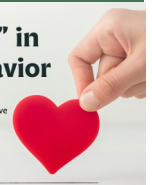
One of my mentors in ministry once told me that he had never given anything to a church. I found that to be both odd and almost unbelievable. This person was generous, they were faithful, and he was a pastor. How could he not be giving to the church? He then went on to say that he doesn't give to the church, he only makes investments in the church. He said he thinks about his giving as an investment that will reap dividends. Of course, those dividends will not be paid out in cash. Instead, the payment will come from the joy of sharing, the thrill of watching others grow in faith, the hope of seeing those who are grieving comforted, and the peace of knowing that his "investment" was something that was pleasing to God.

Investments are something that grow over time. Our congregation is investing in the future by bringing on Pastor Katie Hendrikson to lead us and guide us as Associate Pastor. Supporting her, the rest of the staff, the work God is doing through our amazing ministries, worship, caring ministries and outreach, is a priority for us as we look to create the future God has in store for Abiding Savior.

As we enter the busy Minnesota summer months, I encourage you to keep investing in the work of God done in and through your congregation. Together we are living in God's love as a welcoming and caring family that nurtures spiritual growth, shares of Christian faith, and serves all creation.

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Lutheran Church

Youth SUMMER

LOCK-IN
JUNE 6-7TH
6:30PM-10:30AM

**PIZZA AND BREAKFAST PROVIDED
6TH GRADE & UP**

**BRING A SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW, CHANGE
OF CLOTHES, AND ANY SNACKS AND GAMES
YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE!**

WWW.ABIDINGSAVIOR.ORG

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH AT 8:30PM
MOVIE: TBD

**BRING CHAIRS AND/OR BLANKETS AND YOUR
FAVORITE MOVIE SNACKS (POPCORN PROVIDED).**



**BIKE RIDE
TO**
*Grandpa Joe's
Candy Shop*



**Wednesday, June 25
6:30PM**

Donuts for Dads Father's Day Celebration Sunday, June 15

On Father's Day, **Sunday, June 15**, we will be having donuts and coffee following the 10AM indoor worship service. Join us in honoring and celebrating the important men in our lives as we enjoy a treat and good fellowship.



Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 22 @ 10AM



Please join us on **Sunday, June 22** at 10AM as we celebrate our 2025 ASLC high school and college graduates! They will be recognized during the church service and a cake reception will be held in their honor following the service!

**If you have or are a recent college grad, please let the office know! We'd love to recognize them and include them in next month's Vinebranch!*



Community
**BACKYARD
GAMES DAY
& FREE LUNCH**
Sunday, June 22 @ 11:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Now that the school year has come to a close, we'd like to thank our Sunday school families for their involvement and support. Please join us again in the fall!



Special thanks, also, to **Pam Flint, Barb Wolter and Lisa Schlotterback** for being a wonderful team of Sunday school volunteers.

- You are **WELCOME** -
- You are **VALUED** -
- You are **LOVED** -
- You **BELONG** -



Abiding Savior Preschool

We have wrapped up another successful school year! It went by fast and was full of a lot of fun activities! We had the Teddy Bear Band come in, we had a company called Kiddokinetics come in and do an hour-long PE enrichment class with our preschoolers!

We also were blessed to have Lions KidSight to come in and test all of our kiddos eyes! What an amazing gift it was to be able to provide that service to all of our families!

Our enrollment for next year is looking great! However, we do still have some spots available so please share our information if you know of anyone looking for a quality toddler, preschool or Pre-K program!

As always thank you for your continued support!

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



BRAND NEW DAY Community VBS 2025

July 28-August 1
9:00-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 www.abidingsavior.org!

VBS Volunteers and Donations

Check the narthex in the days ahead 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](mailto:patty@abidingsavior.org) directly if you'd like to sign up or have any questions:
patty@abidingsavior.org

ABIDING SAVIOR YOUTH

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



BWCA TRIP
AUGUST 1-5

MAY

18TH 5:30 PM	YOUTH LED WORSHIP
21ST 6:30 PM	ZERO GRAVITY

JUNE

6-7TH 6:30 PM	OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN
20TH 8:30 PM	OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
25TH 6:30 PM	BIKE RIDE TO CANDY SHOP

JULY

9TH 6:30 PM	DISC GOLF @ SILVERVIEW
19TH TBD	ST CROIX CANOE TRIP
25TH 8:30 PM	OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
30TH 5 PM	FAMILY FUN NIGHT



AUGUST

8-9TH TBD	SERVICE PROJECT: PAINT THE YOUTH ROOM
15TH 8:30 PM	OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
24TH AFTER CHURCH	MINI GOLF @ LILLI PUTT
27TH 6:30 PM	BIKE RIDE TO DAIRY QUEEN



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God's Work. Our Hands.

Meals on Wheels

Thanks to everyone who delivered during the week of May 5! Our next opportunity to deliver food and smiles is the week of June 30, shortened because of the Independence Day holiday. Please let Fern Fisher know if you'd like to help.



Blood Drive Thanks

Thanks to donors and volunteers who helped run the May 15 blood drive. What a gift you have shared!



Community Support Center

Thanks to all who were able to attend the luncheon and thanks to the ASLC Endowment Fund for a generous grant for expenses. It was good food, good company, and good information about the CSC's work to prevent homelessness.



Next, save the date July 27 for the annual Walk a Mile for Our Neighbors at Silver View Park. The City of Mounds View says park renovations will not interfere with the activities. A shorter walk loop is available for those who prefer that option. If it's really a scorcher, just show up and you'll be given credit for walking. Come, join a variety of community members and local congregations to support the CSC during this social and active fundraiser.



Growing Through Loss Thanks

Sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered in any number of ways to make the spring series at ASLC welcoming and successful. This caring outreach allows those experiencing grief to find information and support during difficult days. Bless you all.

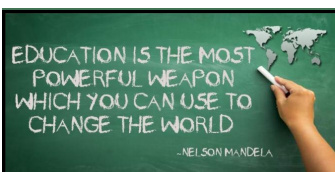
School Supplies

Not knowing exactly when or if there will be back-to-school sales, we'll have an informal collection of school supplies throughout the summer. Any supplies gathered will be shared with our local school friends at Pinewood, Sunnyside, and Edgewood.



Food Shelf Ongoing Collection

You can drop off food (with good use-by dates) for Ralph Reeder anytime. Just place in the grocery cart across from the office and our delivery man will take it from there. Thanks for remembering the hungry among us. And thanks Arne E. for delivering the goods!



Tanzania Scholarships

Did you know that Abiding Savior currently supports/sponsors 11 students from the Makungu Parish in Tanzania by providing scholarships? The need for scholarships is so great because in

Tanzania there is no funding for children to continue their education past primary school when children are about 11 years old. In order to continue their education in secondary school (middle school/high school) they need to pay. The yearly cost for a child to attend secondary school is \$650 for tuition, room and board (as there are no secondary schools near the village). For most families in Makungu, \$650 is more income than a whole family would earn in an entire year. You can make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund at any time by putting "Tanzania Scholarship" in the memo line. Once enough funds have been collected we can sponsor another student!



"Dear sponsors: The aim of this letter is to say thanks for your sponsorship that lets us continue with education in order to reach our goals. We say thanks for your support. God be with you in your life!"

April 2025 Financial Highlights

2025	Monthly	YTD
INCOME		
Current gifts and giving	42,525	169,264
Festival giving	11,955	17,154
SUBTOTAL	54,480	186,418
Other income	5,967	42,104
TOTAL INCOME	60,447	228,523
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES	50,375	216,339
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES	10,072	12,184
Benevolence paid*	5,821	33,813

*Includes \$18,000 for Makungu Water Project

Thrivent Choice Dollars Thrivent Action Teams



Join Us to
Make a Difference
in Our Community

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.

Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others.

—Brian Tracy



- A beautiful Music Sunday and Lutheran Luau on May 18. Special thanks to all of our musical groups and participants and to those who worked at and contributed to the delicious meal!
- Another great year of programming! Heartfelt thanks to Patty, our Children and Family Ministry Director, for her efforts with Sunday School and POWER Up (and for all the music leaders, small group leaders who helped!) and to Alex and Josh, our Youth Directors, and all the small group leaders for your work with our Confirmation students!
- Serving approximately 5,000 meals at our Wednesday Night Suppers this year! Shout out to the AMAZING 'Kitchen Crew' ladies who plan, shop for, prepare and serve these delicious meals, to the volunteers who deliver meals to the homebound, and to the fabulous dishwashing crew! Thank you for all you do! Enjoy your much deserved time off this summer!

Giving to the Endowment Fund

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.



ENDOWMENT FUND

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2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion 3:00 Pastor Katie's Service of Ordination at Augustana Lutheran West St. Paul	2	3 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Committee Meetings	4 9:30 Cub Foods delivery	5 10:00 Women's Bible Study off-site @ Mt. Zion Temple	6 OFFICE CLOSED MS/HS Youth Lock In Friday @ 6:30 PM through Saturday @10:30 AM	7 MS/HS Youth Lock In Through Saturday @ 10:30 AM Janelle Sanctuary 3 – 5PM
8 RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:00 Outdoor Worship Service	Pastor Katie starts 5:30 Women's Gathering	10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Caring Visitors Meeting	9:30 Cub Foods delivery 10:00 James Gable visitation 11:00 James Gable funeral	9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study 11:00 Tent. Funeral	OFFICE CLOSED	Janelle Sanctuary 3 – 5PM
15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:00 Donuts for Dads Youth Camp at WAPO	 Youth Camp at WAPO	9:00 Quilting 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting Youth Camp at WAPO	9:30 Cub Foods delivery 12:00 Kitchen & Funeral crew Appreciation Lunch Youth Camp at WAPO	10:00 Women's Bible Study Youth Camp at WAPO	10:00 Roger Gross visitation 11:00 Roger Gross funeral Outdoor Movie Night 8:30PM SEEDS/Youth Camp at WAPO	Janelle Sanctuary 3 – 5PM SEEDS Camp at WAPO
22 GRADUATION SUNDAY	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:00 Outdoor Worship Service 11:30 Backyard Games event & Free Meal SEEDS Camp at WAPO	10:00 Adrianna Anderson visitation 11:00 Adrianna Anderson funeral 6:30 Council Mtg	10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Benedictine Service	9:30 Cub Foods delivery MS/HS Youth Bike Ride to Candy Shop 6:30	9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	Janelle Sanctuary 3 – 5PM
29 PASTOR KATIE'S INSTALL.	30	1 JULY	2 JULY	3 JULY	4 JULY	5
10:00 Indoor Worship Service with Pastor Katie's Installation 11:00 Potluck Lunch	MLS ON WHLS	MLS ON WHLS Staff Meeting 6:30 Committee Meetings	9:30 Cub Foods delivery	NO Women's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	Janelle Sanctuary

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Upcoming Events in June

- June 1: Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
Scholarship Applications Due
Pastor Katie's Rite of Ordination Service
- June 3: Committee Meetings
- June 5: Bible Study
- June 6—7: MS/HS Youth Lock-In
- June 8: Outdoor Worship
Receive New Members
- June 9: Women's Gathering
- June 10: Caring Visitors Meeting
- June 12: Work Crew and Bible Study
- June 15-20: Youth Camp at WAPO
- June 15: Father's Day w/ Coffee and Donuts
Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
- June 17: Quilting
Council Meeting
- June 18: Kitchen and Funeral Crew Appreciation Lunch
- June 19: Bible Study
- June 20—22: SEEDS Camp at WAPO
- June 20: Outdoor Movie Night
- June 22: Graduate Recognition Sunday
Outdoor Worship
Backyard Games & Lunch Event
- June 24: Benedictine Service
- June 25: MS/HS Youth Bike Ride to Candy Shop
- June 26: Work Crew and Bible Study
- June 29: Indoor Worship with Installation of Pastor Katie
Potluck Lunch welcoming Pastor Katie
- June 30—July 3: Meals on Wheels Delivery

Pastors & Staff

Ryan Brodin, Senior Pastor
Patty Mesebring, Dir. of Children's Ministries
Josh & Alex Ertz, Youth Directors
Janelle Schauer, Organist
Mary Larew, Vocal Choir Director
Paul Weller, Bell Choir 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/>.