



# the vinebranch

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## RALLY SUNDAY September 13

Join us for festive outdoor worship in the church backyard at 10:00 AM with Blessing of the Backpacks (kids — bring your backpacks!)

After worship we welcome **Shobi's Table Food Truck** which will be serving lunch meals for adults and kids.

- Shobi's Table is a ministry of the St. Paul Area Synod and one of our mission partners. Shobi's Table is a pay-as-you-can food truck that creates and serves from-scratch, delicious, nutritious meals. They use rescued food from TC Food Justice, and are looking to gain partners with local farmers. Pay-as-you-can means the Truck serves many meals to people in need for no cost while funding those meals through donations from people who can afford a meal.

When we order a meal from Shobi's and make a donation, we are essentially also giving a meal to someone else in need!

We will also have ice cream treats available. We look forward to a fun morning!

## Use God's Gifts to Build One Another Up

Romans 12 is a beautiful chapter that speaks of our new lives in Christ. They are especially important to hear in the times we are going through. How can we live as a community in a time such as this? How do we bear witness to the love and mercy of God in a time when we are physically distanced? How can we use the gifts God has given us to be of service and a blessing to our neighbor?



*<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.*

*<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*

*<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

God has given each of us gifts for the building up of the body of Christ. Thank you so much for the many ways you are using these God-given gifts to be a blessing. Thank you for the ways you are continuing to love and to share God's love in a world that is so filled with hate and division. Thank you for your witness of hope in the midst of suffering and for your perseverance in prayer. Thank you for your continued generosity and hospitality. Thank you for continuing to bless and rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep and to live in peace. God is at work, transforming our lives by the power of the Gospel. We begin a new school year and a new season in the midst of so many changes and unknowns. These have been hard months for all of us. We cling to the mercy and promise of God that we are not alone and that God will see us through this difficult time. We hold on in faith, hope and love. God's peace be with you all!

—Pastor Lisa

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## Meet Our New Choir Director

Hello Abiding Savior! My name is Andy Pokel, and I'm absolutely thrilled to join this beloved community as your choir director. I will be busy Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings working with the Senior Choir, King's Messengers Choir, and WWJD Choir.



I also work as a choir director at Maplewood Middle School. I graduated from St. Olaf College in 2009 with a degree in K-12 Vocal Music Education and have spent the 11 years since working with young people of all ages and abilities in Montana, Texas, and Minnesota. I previously served as Music Director at Mizpah UCC in Hopkins.

My wife, Elise Pokel, is a pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis, MN. We live in Bloomington and are blessed to have our hands full with our son Fred, who joined us in January 2020 after a long road of hope, pain, and prayers. We're passionate about music, and love to record hymns and Christmas tunes in our hobby recording studio.

I'm excited to create opportunities for joyful noise at Abiding Savior with such a wide age range. I'm grateful for the warm (but careful!) welcome I received during the interview process, and I look forward to getting to know you all better.



### Caring for the Butikima Family

Our friends, the Butikimas, are going through difficult times. Both parents were working at the airport and are out of work at this time. They could use some help with the following items:

- personal care products, laundry detergent, paper products, school supplies, rice, beans or contributions to a fund through Abiding Savior to help with purchasing a printer, getting driving instruction and other needs

It is so hard to be in a new land especially in these last months. They are so thankful to be a part of the community of faith here at Abiding Savior and are very thankful for your love, support and prayers.

## Backyard Worship at Abiding Savior

During the month of September we plan to continue to be outside (weather permitting) in our backyard for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00. We will not meet outside for worship if the weather does not permit us to gather or the regulations surrounding COVID-19 say it is not safe for us to gather.

For outside worship, please bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, coffee and masks and spread out in the backyard of the church by the Brad's Pad in the shade of our beautiful oak trees. All of our outside worship services will still be streamed on [Facebook Live](#) and also we will be broadcasting using the FM receiver so people can hear the service in their cars from the parking lot if they so choose. Certain parking spots with good views are designated for those who wish to remain in their cars. If we cannot be outside due to weather, we will stream the service from the sanctuary on [Facebook Live](#) but without anyone in attendance.



### Communion & Prayer Offered Outdoors Wednesdays, Sept. 9th & 23rd—6-7:00pm

For those who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, we plan to offer communion outdoors on Wednesdays, September 9th and 23rd from 6:00 - 7:00pm under the canopy in the parking lot.

Unfortunately, at this time, we do not feel it is safe for us to gather for Communion in large numbers during our outdoor worship services. This outdoor serving of Communion will provide a less crowded, more socially distanced way of offering communion to individuals or families.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*



### Flowers for worship

If you're interested in providing flowers for worship, please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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## Children's Ministry Fall Plans

Pastor Ryan and I were privileged to gather input from a group of parents regarding ideas for Sunday school and Wednesday evening programs this fall.

We heard that maintaining habits, rituals and traditions is important to families—the ritual of Sunday morning worship and the weekly habit of Sunday school; the tradition of Wednesday evening being “church night.”

We worked together to come up with some options that will allow families to continue building and deepening faith through these important practices. Our plans are outlined below, but we welcome your suggestions for improvement or changes at any time. **To ensure that we have necessary contact information for you, please visit our [web site](#) to register for these programs.**

### Sunday School

**September 20 and 27**— Stay for a short Family Sunday school on the lawn following the worship service. If weather prevents us from meeting outside the lesson will be streamed live on Facebook shortly after the worship service concludes.

**Beginning October 4**—A prerecorded video lesson (about 15-20 minutes long) will be available each Sunday morning on YouTube any time after 8:00 a.m. Downloadable materials (discussion questions, coloring sheets, etc.) and a links to videos will be emailed to parents and will also be accessible via our [web site](#).

### POWER Up

**Beginning September 16**—A prerecorded video will be offered on YouTube for **younger children**. This might include a story or devotion, songs or poems with actions and a bedtime prayer. Links to the videos and any downloadable materials will be emailed to parents and will also be accessible via our [web site](#). **Older children** will meet via Zoom for devotions, sharing, occasional games and an evening prayer.

Because each child is different in their response to and level of participation in online video gatherings, we have not put exact age ranges on the two groups. We felt that parents could best judge which option would be most appropriate for their child.

Times and other program details will need to be coordinated with our new choir director and will be communicated to families as soon as plans are finalized.

*Peace to you all, —Patty*

## VBS Wrap Up

# ALL IN

HEART.SOUL.MIND.STRENGTH

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

It took many hands and hearts going “all in” to make 2020’s online VBS possible. We are not production professionals, and we made mistakes, but we are your family, we love you, and we felt called to give virtual VBS our very personal best.

Thanks to Pastors Ryan, Lisa and Cassie, and to Deacon Brad for their wonderful messages to the children.

Thank you, Tanna, Courtney, Ellen and Wyatt Hoffman for your hard work in learning, rehearsing and performing in the music videos.

Thank you, Taylor Brouillard, for your help during music and music video recording.

Thanks to Connie Clausen for maintaining such fantastic communication with families, troubleshooting glitches, and spending so much extra time doing so many “extras,” many of which I’m sure I don’t even know about.

Thank you, Katie Brouillard, for investigating and mastering technology, for recording music and music videos, for editing everything, figuring out YouTube and spending hours getting everything uploaded, for scoring a great deal on t-shirts and helping with the family pick-up/bingo evening...okay, I can’t even begin to list all you did, so just THANKS!

To those who generously donated to our program, thank you for helping to make outreach like this possible. We are blessed by your support.

And, thank you to VBS families. We enjoyed the photos some of you shared, and hope to see the kiddos in action next year!

- Patty

## Fall Confirmation Update

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

Confirmation will be happening this fall! Starting Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 PM, all sixth through eighth graders will meet *outside* in the church's backyard for Confirmation\*. We will start out with a short worship time, followed by a large group teaching and finish the night in our small groups. Face masks required and please bring your own chair. We plan to meet outside through October 14 after which we will be moving inside to the Sanctuary for socially distanced Confirmation.

There is an online orientation on our website that parents and kids should watch before the start of Confirmation this year. You will also find confirmation registration materials, schedules, and other information on the Abiding Savior website and in an upcoming mailing.

\*If there is bad weather, we will have a plan B of meeting socially distanced in the Sanctuary.

### 9th Grade Confirmation

Confirmation Service for our ninth graders will be on Sunday, October 25, at 3:00 PM. All Confirmation students and their families and friends are invited to attend. Ninth grade parents please watch for a mailing outlining the Fall Ninth Grade Confirmation program.



## Preschool News



Our staff and preschool committee have been working throughout the summer to develop a strategy and plan in the hope of being able resume classes safely this fall. However, Abiding Savior Preschool has decided to suspend classes for the 2020-2021 school year. This decision was difficult but came about due to the following concerns: (1) the recent resurgence of the virus in our local and surrounding communities; (2) concerns over the health and safety for teachers and students; (3) the decision of local school districts to go online or provide a hybrid option (which directly affects our staff's ability to work, as their young children will be at home); (4) reduced tuition income due to some families deciding to keep their preschoolers at home. By not opening this year, we will have enough funds to fully reopen the preschool once the pandemic crisis has passed. With anticipation, we look forward to serving preschoolers again during the 2021-2022 school year!

*Abiding Savior Preschool Committee*

## MS/HS Youth News

### High School Youth Group

**Wednesdays starting Sept.16—7:00-8:00pm**

- Meet outdoors and please bring folding chair. We will be meeting and talking about our faith doing check-ins around the "Faith 5 Model"
  1. Sharing highs/lows
  2. Read a Bible verse/story
  3. Talk about a story and how it connects to our highs/lows
  4. Pray for each other's highs/lows.
  5. Give a blessing to each other for the week!

*Join us and invite your friends!*



### Outdoor Movie All Church Event

**Saturday, Sept. 12—7:30-9:30pm**

- What is the perfect movie for a pandemic? "The Princess Bride" of course! This wonderful 80's classic has been delighting audiences young and old for decades and even predicted mask wearing 33 years ago. Please come and bring your own blankets/chairs for an outdoor showing of this movie!

### Back to School Blessing of Backpacks

**Sunday, Sept. 13—10:00am**

- Please bring your backpacks to church Sunday morning and come forward for a special blessing on the backpacks.



### Youth Communications

- Wondering how to stay in the loop about what is going on? 3 Methods are used to communicate:
  1. **FACEBOOK:** Check out the Abiding Savior Facebook page for events
  2. **EMAIL:** Church emails (make sure to give us your email and ask to be put on the constant contact list)
  3. **TEXT:** Remind texts (send a text to 81010 with the message @8211redoak if you haven't signed up yet).

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*The Princess Bride*

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**Rally Sunday - Sept. 13th**



**Blessing of the Backpacks and Food Truck/Ice Cream Treats**

- **Blessing of the Backpacks:** Students of all ages please bring a backpack (empty) to outdoor worship at 10:00am for a special blessing as you begin a new school year!
- **Food Truck/Ice Cream Treats:** Following worship, we will have the Shobi's Table Food Truck here (food available for donation supporting their ministries) as well as free ice cream treats. Please join us for a fun morning!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

**Confirmation and POWERUp begin Wed., Sept.16th.**

See pages 2 and 4 of the Vinebranch for more information.

**Family Friday Backyard Fun**  
 September 25 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Bring your chairs or a blanket and join us for:

- **MUSIC!** Don't forget your best dance moves—a D.J. will be playing a mix of favorite tunes.
- **S'MORES!** Pre-packaged supplies will be provided. Families can take turns toasting marshmallows around the fire (bring your own stick).
- **CRAFT!** Make a friendship bracelet.

**White Fragility**  
**Small Group Book Discussion**  
**Led by Deacon Brad**

Join us for a video reflection followed by a book discussion (via Zoom) in this 4 week study together as a church. We will be looking at Robin Diangelo's "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism."

We have a Thrivent grant to purchase 26 paperback copies of this book. If you would like a free copy of this book that will be used for this group discussion please contact us at [brad@abidingsavior.org](mailto:brad@abidingsavior.org) to put your name down! First come first serve basis. Books will be available for pickup during outdoor worship on Sundays (limited number of books are remaining so get one quick!)

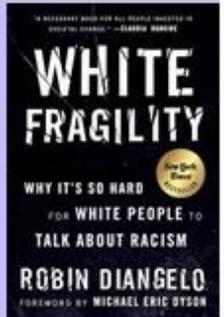
Register for this on Google Forms at: <https://forms.gle/ylobEMVilgcTRTNeZ>

Live discussion via Zoom September 17th and 24th as well as October 1st and 8th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Each week we will have a video reflection posted on Facebook Monday/Tuesday encouraging you to read 3 chapters with a synopsis.

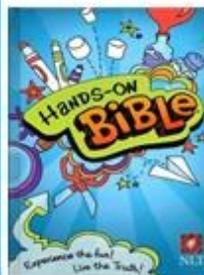
- **Sept. 17th** - Foreword/Intro, Chapters 1,2, & 3
- **Sept. 24th** - Chapters 4,5, & 6
- **Oct. 1st** - Chapters 7, 8, & 9
- **Oct. 8th** - Chapters 10, 11, & 12

**Zoom info for all meetings:**

Meeting ID 848 073 0542  
 Password: 8211 aslc



**1st Grade Bible Presentation**  
**Sunday, September 27**



Bibles will be presented to 1st graders during the 10:00 am outdoor worship service.

If you are not able to attend, or in the event of inclement weather, please visit the church office during office hours to pick up your child's Bible or contact Patty ([patty@abidingsavior.org](mailto:patty@abidingsavior.org))

# September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Staff Meeting via ZOOM  6:30 Committee Meetings (meet as needed)	2	3 10:00 Women's Bible Study (backyard or Facebook)  5:30 Garden of Grace	4	5
6 10:00 Outdoor Worship Service	7 LABOR DAY	8 10:00 Staff Meeting via ZOOM	9  6:00 Outdoor Communion & Prayers	10 9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study (backyard or Facebook)  5:30 Garden of Grace 6:45-9:00 Growing Through Loss	11	12  7:30 – 9:30pm Outdoor Movie Night (The Princess Bride)
13 <b>RALLY SUNDAY</b> 10:00 Outdoor Worship Service w/ Blessing of the Backpacks 11:00 Outdoor activities with Food Truck from Shabi's Table	14 <b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b>	15 <b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b> 9:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Staff Meeting via ZOOM  6:30 Council Meeting via ZOOM	16 <b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b>  POWER Up! Online/Via ZOOM 6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation (Backyard) 7:00 – 8:00 HS Youth Group (Backyard)	17 <b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study (backyard or Facebook)  5:30 Garden of Grace 6:30 White Fragility Book Discussion via ZOOM 6:45-9:00 Growing Through Loss	18 <b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b>	19
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## Mission Outreach

### Garden of Grace

Thank you to all of our gardeners who have been tending the Garden of Grace this summer! All of the bounty from the garden is given to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf to help our neighbors in need! All are invited to help with the harvest Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm.



### Coat Drive:

The Social Concerns Network of area churches is working with the school district to see if it's possible to have a reformulated version of the annual coat drive and give-away, possibly with only children's items this year. Stay tuned for more information.

### School Supply Drive:

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf is collecting and distributing the following:

- Adult/Teen Backpacks
- Spiral Notebooks
- Sturdy Pocket Folders
- Washable Markers
- Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- School/Pencil Boxes
- Pink Erasers
- \$10 Target Gift Cards



Items can be dropped off at Ralph Reeder, 2544 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View (by Speedway Gas) from 9 - Noon, Monday through Friday in bins by the backdoor, or at New Brighton Community Center. The sooner the better! Thank you for helping our neighbors!

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## Men's Bible Study

Starting **Tuesday, September 15**, Men's Bible Study will begin meeting every first, third and fifth Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Weather permitting we will meet outside on Brad's Pad. As colder weather sets in, we will meet socially distanced in the Fellowship Hall. Unfortunately, we will not be able to share a meal together at this time. Please bring your own coffee and Bible. We have been studying I Corinthians. All are welcome, even if you have not attended before!

## GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview  
Thursdays 6:45pm—9pm



Growing Through Loss is a series that provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

This year's fall series will be hosted by Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. For more information, call Nancy Jahnke at 763-755-5335. Due to COVID-19, please wear a mask.

### Evening timeline:

- Registration: 6:45—9:00pm
  - Speaker: 7:00—7:45pm
  - Small Groups: 8:00--9:00pm
- Small groups include loss of spouse, loss of child, loss of parent, loss of sibling or friend, loss of grandparent, suicide survivors, divorce or separation, and transitional loss (empty nest, moving, job loss, broken relationship, financial setbacks)

### Fall 2020 Schedule

- Sept. 10: *What is Grief?* - Bob Bartlett, Marriage and Family Therapist
- Sept. 17: *Self Care* - Bob Bartlett, Marriage and Family Therapist
- Sept. 24: *Shame and Grief* - Bob Albers, Ph.D. and M.Div. - Author and Retired Pastor & Professor
- Oct. 1: *Grief and the Family* - Janice Winchester Nadeau, Ph.D. - Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist
- Oct. 8: *Loss of Dreams* - Ted Bowman, Trainer, Consultant, Educator and Author
- Oct. 15: *Connecting with God in Our Sorrow* (includes a service of healing and hope) Rev. Jeane Hartfield

## Meals on Wheels



We will be delivering  
**Meals on Wheels**  
**September 14th—18th**  
If you are available to help any day from approx. 11am—1pm, please let Fern Fisher know (763-786-1044).  
We are short a few drivers!



- VBS '2020 style'! Thanks to Patty and others for your efforts in creating an online VBS experience and to all the families and children who participated!



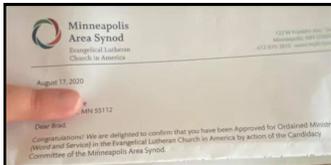
- A fun BINGO night in the ASLC backyard



- The addition of two new picnic tables for our backyard. Special thanks to Arden E. and Wayne B. for your efforts!



- God's blessings and our congratulations to Brad Mills for being approved as an ELCA Deacon—a minister of word and service. We appreciate all the gifts you share with Abiding Savior, Brad!



- Congratulations to Pastor Tessa Moon Lieseth who served at Abiding Savior from 1998-2000 as she was recently elected as Bishop of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the ELCA. We pray God's blessings upon her as she begins this new call to serve our church.



## Notes of Thanks

I am grateful for everyone who phoned, sent condolence cards or e-mails, or contributed memorials following the recent death of my wife, Lesley. She died peacefully on June 12, having been well cared for at the Benedictine Health Center in New Brighton for the past eight years. Along with our daughter, Allison, and son, Paul, I am thankful for the love and support of Abiding Savior, including the compassionate ministry of Pastor Ryan and Pastor Lisa. A memorial service will be held in the future.

—Byron Schmid

*(Byron's note of thanks was inadvertently omitted from the August Vinebranch. Please accept our apologies.)*

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who called, sent a card, or made a donation following my dad's death. Your kindness and warmth are most appreciated and a blessing to our family.

—Lynn Isaacson and family

On behalf of all the VBS families (and others who watched the *ALL IN!* VBS videos online) we would like to express our thanks for all the time and effort Patty Mesenbring put into developing this year's program. Even though we weren't able to meet in person and the format was different than usual, the theme, lessons, activities and songs were so appreciated! Thanks to the Hoffman family singers for lending their voices to the songs and to Katie Brouillard for her efforts in uploading all the videos to YouTube and creating the CD's.

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## Stewardship Corner

### Keep Sharing, Keep Loving!

Stewardship is what we do with what God entrusts to us. That includes our financial resources and our possessions. But it also includes our time and our talents. During this time of physical distancing, we are blessed to be a blessing. Did you know that we have been without a lawn tractor since Memorial Day? Our John Deere caught on fire in the parking lot. Thankfully no one was injured! All summer long members of our church have been sharing of their time and talents to care for our church lawn with their own lawn tractors and equipment. The insurance paperwork has finally cleared and we now have our new lawn tractor, but for the past three months others shared of themselves to help out.

This is just one of the many ways that people continue to volunteer during this time. Each Sunday people volunteer their time to set up and run the sound system for worship, volunteers share their musical talents, people are here pulling weeds in our landscaping and growing nutritious vegetables in the Garden of Grace to be donated to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. Church members are sharing their time interviewing new choir director candidates, serving on committees, and of course, our Church Council. Wednesday mornings a dedicated crew is here to set out baked goods and other items to be picked up by the community.

There are many, many more examples of sharing that continue to happen in and through our congregation. Although we cannot be together in person in the same ways we have been in the past, we are still finding ways follow God's calling to serve our neighbor. This service is a form of stewardship as together we use the time, talents, and resources God has entrusted to us.



### July 2020 Financial Highlights

2020	Monthly	YTD
<b>INCOME</b>		
Current gifts and giving	28,547	280,145
Festival giving	--	18,950
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>28,547</b>	<b>299,095</b>
Other income	3,800	21,009
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>32,347</b>	<b>320,104</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>40,386</b>	<b>310,797</b>
<b>NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(8,039)</b>	<b>9,307</b>
Benevolence paid	3,243	23,270

### September Church Office Hours



With continued COVID-19 concerns and school resuming, ASLC will continue to have reduced office hours. However, certain staff will be in the office the following times

(subject to change) if something is needed that can't be handled via phone (763.784.5120) or email ([office@abidingsavior.org](mailto:office@abidingsavior.org))

- Mondays: 9:00am—2:00pm (Katie)
- Tuesdays: 9:00am—2:00pm (Katie)
- Thursdays: 9:00am—4:00pm (Connie)
- Fridays: 9:00am—noon (Katie)

## 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.

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### Upcoming Events in September

- Sept. 1: Committee meetings (meet as needed)
- Sept. 3: Bible study  
Garden of Grace
- Sept. 6: Outdoor worship
- Sept. 7: Labor Day
- Sept. 9: Outdoor Communion & prayer time
- Sept. 10: Bible study  
Garden of Grace
- Sept. 12: Outdoor movie night—*The Princess Bride*
- Sept. 13: Rally Sunday with Outdoor Worship & Blessing of  
Backpacks, food truck & ice cream treats
- Sept. 14 - Sept. 18: Meals on Wheels delivery
- Sept. 15: Men's Bible study  
Council meeting
- Sept. 16: Children's programming starts (online)  
Confirmation starts (outdoors)
- Sept. 17: Bible study  
Garden of Grace  
*White Fragility* book discussion (Zoom)
- Sept. 20: Outdoor worship with Baptism & special music by  
Andy - new choir director and family Sunday  
school outdoors
- Sept. 23: Children's programming (online), Communion &  
Confirmation (outdoors)
- Sept. 24: Bible study  
Garden of Grace  
*White Fragility* book discussion (Zoom)
- Sept. 25: Family ministry event 6:30 - 8:00 (Smores/fire pit)
- Sept. 27: Outdoor worship with presentation of 1st grade  
Bibles and family Sunday school
- Sept. 29: Men's Bible Study
- Sept. 30: Children's programming (online) & Confirmation

### Pastors & Staff

- Ryan Brodin**, Senior Pastor
- Lisa Richardson Engen**, Associate Pastor
- Brad Mills**, Intern Deacon & Dir. of Youth Ministry
- Patty Mesenbring**, Director of Children's Ministry
- Janelle Schauer**, Organist
- Andy Pokel**, Senior & Children's Choir Director
- Paul Weller**, Bell Choir Director
- Janet Wilcox**, Parish Nurse
- Katie Brouillard**, Office Manager
- Amy Haugen**, Office Assistant
- Connie Clausen**, Office Assistant
- Tracy Nicholls**, Preschool Director
- Steven Hill**, Custodian

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