



*Living in God's love, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church is a welcoming and caring family that nurtures spiritual growth, shares our Christian faith, and serves all creation.*

## The VineBranch

### Pastor Lisa Richardson

Two bright eyed little children who just started Sunday School this year greeted me. "Happy Easter Pastor Lisa! Jesus is risen for you! Jesus loves you" Wow! What a wonderful greeting! *They were evangelists sharing the good news! Jesus said to the disciples and to you and me, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*



I sat by the bed of a mother who was dying, listening to her grown children, who had children and grandchildren of their own. They held their mother and spoke to her words of faith and love, "God will take care of you Mom, as you have so faithfully cared for us. Jesus died for you to give you life! Because He lives you will also live! We love you Mom. God loves you and will never leave you. How can we ever thank you for showing us the love of a family and for raising us in faith? God will take care of us, too, and one day we'll be together again!" *They were evangelists sharing the good news! Jesus said to the disciples and to you and me, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

The family invited their new neighbors to church. The neighbors came to church one Sunday and the family welcomed them, sat with them, and introduced them to others and helped them feel at home. *They were evangelists sharing the good news! Jesus said to the disciples and to you and me, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

A teenager went to visit his grandma in the care center. "I wanted to come and see you and give you a hug and tell you I love you. I don't tell you that often enough. I also came to thank you for bringing me to church and for sharing your faith with me. I've learned so much from you. Thank you for telling me and showing me Jesus' love for me. Grandma, Jesus loves you and He is with you always." *He was an evangelist sharing the good news! Jesus said to the disciples and to you and me, as the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

Jesus came to the disciples behind locked doors of fear. His first words to them were "Peace be with you. Peace is with you." He breathed on them the Holy Spirit and sent them out, "As the Father sent me, so I send you." They were sent out to be evangelists, to tell the good news of Jesus risen from the dead. That is what it means to be an evangelist, to tell the good news of Jesus with our words and with our lives. It's as simple as that! Jesus, risen from the dead, comes into our lives in the midst of our fears and doubts, as he came to the disciples, and He breathes new life into us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus goes ahead of us to meet us and promises to walk with us in all that we face. He comes to us with the words - "Peace be with you. I will be with you always." "Do not be afraid, I go before you." He sends us out, "as the Father has sent me so I send you." We are sent in our daily lives in the most ordinary ways to go and tell what we have seen and heard. Jesus is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! That is good news! It is the best news we could ever tell!

*As you go on your way may Christ go with you, May Christ go before you to show you the way, may Christ go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over, within you to give you peace. Pastor Lisa*

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April 2016

## Adult Forums

Mission Outreach is a vital part of our congregation's ministry. Each week during the month of April we are highlighting some of these important ministries and offer a time for the congregation to learn more about each one. You are invited to come to these Adult Forums and hear about these wonderful outreach partners.

### April 3 **Shobi's Table - A ministry of, by, and for folks struggling on the margins of St. Paul**

Pastor Margaret Kelly is the Mission Developer and will share her stories and the vision for the ministry of community forming in St. Paul. The mission is to provide food, friendship, faith, and employment skills to the homeless. A food truck is the site of food distribution and programs.

### April 10 **Brunch and New Member Recognition**

### April 17 **Community Partners with Youth**

By Executive Director Mary Stewart

Community Partners With Youth (CPY) is a non-profit organization which supports families by providing supervision and direction for youth through after-school, holiday and summer enrichment programs in New Brighton, Mounds View and the surrounding area. For the past seven years and for this coming summer as well, Abiding Savior has partnered with CPY to host their elementary age afternoon program. Every Monday through Thursday Abiding Savior is hopping as over 120 kids come here for lunch, activities, enrichment and fun. Join Executive Director Mary Stewart and hear more about our partnership with CPY and the good they are doing with children and youth in our community.

### April 24 **The Quincy Tree House**

With Tami Moberg Co-Founder and Program Director

Abiding Savior is thrilled to be in partnership with The Quincy Treehouse, located right here in Mounds View. Teens experience grace and are reminded they are loveable, capable, and worthwhile. They provide hope, guidance, and unconditional love to at-risk teens dealing with tough issues, even homelessness. Tami will share more about this wonderful organization.

### **ASLC Women's Circles**

April Meetings - Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Priscilla/Rebecca Circle** at 1:00 pm  
at Oakcrest Senior Apartments

**Lydia Circle** at 6:00 pm at Church  
Hostess: Marlene Hass

## Ministry Celebration April 10<sup>th</sup>



God is at work here! On Sunday, April 10, during our worship services we will be highlighting some of the ways God is at work in and through our congregation. God is at work in and through *each one of us* when we share through volunteering and giving. On this Sunday morning we will be having a Parade of Ministries during worship and members of our congregation will share stories of how they have seen God at work in and through Abiding Savior. Join us for these inspiring stories and a celebration of God at work right among us.



**“Salt and Light” Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 and 11:00!!**

The children and youth of Abiding Savior welcome you to a special music service on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>! *Salt and Light* is a youth musical all about loving God and helping each other!!! The musical, featuring songs by Amy Grant and Wes King, and created by Beverly Darnall, shares the message of Matthew 5:13-16, “You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world!! Let your light Shine!” Come experience the wonderful message and music of *Salt and Light*!!

## Women's Bible Study

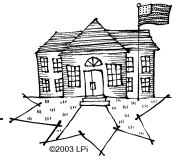
Join us every Thursday morning, at 10:00 am, for Women's Bible Study. It is a special hour led by Pastor Lisa, of singing together, praying for others, caring for one another, hearing God's Word, sharing fellowship and delicious home-made treats.

## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Ryan, will meet on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to join us these Tuesday mornings at 8:30. A hot breakfast is served.

Men's Bible Study meets the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month through May. Come join us!





## Pre-School News

### Stewardship Corner

with Pastor Ryan

#### The *Myth* of Scarcity

The eighth and ninth commandments teach us not to covet what belongs to others. Part of the reason that we are commanded by God not to covet is because if we are always wanting what someone else has, we will never be satisfied with what we ourselves have. Not only that, but we will not remember to give thanks for what we do have in the shadow of coveting what we do not have. The Old Testament scholar Walter Bruggemann points out to us that even though those living in suburban America have many reasons to share of their vast abundance, they instead are more tempted to focus on what they do not have. He writes, "We who are now the richest nation are today's main coveters. We never feel that we have enough; we have to have more and more, and this insatiable desire destroys us."

The reality is not that there is a scarcity, but that God provides us with an abundance. We live in a society that is filled with fear, especially fear surrounding our financial security. Consumerism leads us to always be wanting more, to never think we have enough, to not be grateful. The abundance of God, on the other hand, is a part of our story as Christians; it is in our daily lives. Understanding this reality of abundance, Bruggemann speaks of the great blessings God has bestowed on the earth since the very beginning. He writes, "In the Bible, 'creation' is primarily an exuberant, lyrical, doxological expression of gratitude and amazement for the goodness and generosity of God. The theme that recurs is *generosity and abundance*. There is enough! There is more than enough. There is as much as the limitless, self-giving of God can imagine."

*We are called to live our lives to push aside the myth of scarcity and instead to live in joyful gratitude for the abundance of God. Out of the joyfulness we cheerfully share from our own abundance to share the love of God with others.*

April showers bring May flowers. Hopefully just the right amount of rain will bring us beautiful flowers this month. With our early spring the preschoolers have been able to enjoy our playground already. We have heard the story of Easter and celebrated Jesus' love for all of us. We will spend this month exploring new birth in the world. New baby animals. New grass growing. New flowers to bloom. We will have some special visitors to visit us from Creature Encounter Inc. and the local fire department. Planning is in full swing for our next school year. Register now to get your 3-5 year old enrolled!

Denise Lewandowski, Program Director  
Abiding Savior Preschool  
763-784-5326



### Book Club

#### FOURMILE by Watt Key

Foster, a 12 year old boy does not like the man his mother is dating. When a mysterious stranger arrives at their farm, he believes he has found an ally against his mother's boyfriend. Then, Dax, the boyfriend, begins to resent Foster, the stranger, and even the mother. Now foster believes Dax could be a dangerous enemy, and as time goes on, he finds out the stranger could be just as dangerous. This survival story reads similar to a western, but is really about a boy caught in the middle who discovers he has his own battle to fight. **Read the book and join us in the Library on Wednesday, April 27th at 4:45pm.**



### Notes From the Music Dept.

**We are back at our regular schedules after the glorious Lent and Easter season!**

You are **always invited** to join one of our musical groups! Any of the directors would welcome your participation – talk to any of us if you have questions.

- **Senior Choir:** Gary Peterson – Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- **Gospel Singers:** Nadine Standfield or Janelle Anderson – 4th Tuesday at Benedictine Nursing Home
- **Jubilation Ringers:** Paul Weller - Thursdays, 6:15-7:00
- **Reigning Grace Band:** Gary Peterson - Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- **WWJD Choir (grades 2-5):** Tanna Hoffman – Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- **King's Messengers** (3 year olds – grade 1): Tanna Hoffman –  
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 6:30 pm
- **Celebration Ringers** (grades 3-12): Paul Weller – Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:45



## Wondrous Wednesdays

### **“Ethical Issues With Aging” Wondrous Wednesday Series**

Three Spring 2016 “Wondrous Wednesdays” sessions will be offered starting April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-6:45 pm in the Coffee House. The focus is on issues involving aging and end of life.

#### **April 13<sup>th</sup> “Dying With Dignity”**

**Pastor Yolanda Lehman, Chaplain with St. Croix**

**Hospice**, will be coming to talk with us about the importance of Dying with Dignity. We know that approximately 8,000 people are turning 65 years old a day in the United States of America. The need for hospice ministries and palliative care is on the rise. What is hospice? How is it different from the care you may receive in the hospital? What services are provided and how do you pay for it?

In hospice we have learned that when a person is dying s/he wants to be pain and distress free and surrounded by people who love them. Hospice partners with families to allow the final months, days, or hours of a person’s life to be filled with peace, dignity, and love. There is JOY for the journey!

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup> “Honoring Choices: Writing a More Meaningful Health Care Directive”**

**Annette Langdon, RN, BS, MA: and Sheila Johnson, RN** are Advance Care Planning nurses from Fairview Health Services. They are very knowledgeable about the “Honoring Choices” Health Care Directive which is becoming the preferred standard in Minnesota. If you would like to get some help in actually getting started on completing a directive that meaningfully communicates what quality of life means to you please come! We will have Honoring Choices forms and some sample language and priority checklists available in late March/early April that you can look over and bring with to the class.

#### **April 27<sup>th</sup> “Legally Speaking: Building Safeguards As You Age”**

No one likes to discuss planning for incapacity or death, yet planning can ensure you have a say in your future finances and medical care, help protect your assets or reduce future taxes, and can give you and your family peace of mind. “What is life care planning?” “What documents do I need?” “If I have documents, is updating important?” **Jill Sauber** is an Associate Attorney at Maser, Amundson, Boggio & Hendricks, P.A. with a focus on estate planning and elder law, including long-term care planning and asset protection. Ms. Sauber will lead this session in helping you understand how to balance the need for estate planning with long-term care goals. She will discuss long-term care planning, essential legal documents to plan for incapacity, and basics about government benefits.

## Mission Endowment

### ***Meet with a Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation for FREE!***

Abiding Savior is excited to have over \$100,000 in our Mission Endowment Fund! Those funds that are invested in the ELCA Foundation will provide funding for ministries for generations to come. Becky Palmgren is the Gift Planner for the Foundation.

Becky shared information at our March 6<sup>th</sup> Forum about how she can serve our members. She has agreed to meet one on one with families to answer questions on how to develop a plan so you are able to give gifts to your family *and* to ministry. **If you would like to meet with Becky, please sign up for a time in the church office. Becky will be here 3/31, 4/19, and 5/12.**

## Growing Through Loss

**Thursdays, April 7<sup>th</sup> Thru May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Growing Through Loss provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. This Spring the series will be hosted at St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church in Lino Lakes.

Each session is complete in itself, attend any or all sessions. There are no fees but donations are accepted. For a complete schedule please pick up a brochure on the Library literature wall.

## **Attention Ladies!**

## Women of the Church Spring Brunch

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00 am**



### **“Hidden Treasures”**

We will hear a message from Tena Woltersdorff, who was born on a farm in Holland. She will tell us a fascinating and amazing story about how her family sheltered Jewish couples while the Germans occupied her country during World War II.

**Tickets are \$7 for adults / \$3.50 for children 6-12  
Children 5 and under are free**

**(The nursery will be staffed and available.  
Please provide a snack for your child.)**

## Vacation Bible School



**Summer is on its way.  
Get set for VBS 2016**

**August 8 - 12  
9:00 - Noon**

- Set aside the dates in your summer calendar
- Give your children an experience to remember
- Volunteer !

Vacation Bible School is a **FREE** community-wide program offered to children ages 3 (by September 1, 2016) and potty-trained, through those entering 5th grade this fall. The mornings are filled with stories, music, crafts and activities, games and more, including a snack. Registration forms will soon be available in the church office, or by visiting the Children's Ministry page on our website.

Anyone entering 6th grade or older this fall is encouraged to volunteer. We have a place just for you - come let us help you find it! Interested volunteers can contact Patty Mesenbring or Linda Weiner-Herman.

### **Giving to the Mission Endowment Fund of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church 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.*

## Open Arms Campaign Update

We are in the last months of our Open Arms Campaign and are still short of our goal of \$99,000 pledged or given. If you have not already done so, please pray about your participation in this campaign or increasing your donation to help us reach our goals.

Pledge cards are available in the church library and in the church office. If you would like more information about the campaign, please ask a member of the Church Council or one of the pastors. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

### Wednesday Night Suppers

**Give the "cook" at your house a break.**

Served 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

For only \$3.00

Bring your whole family and invite your neighbors.

- April 6 - Tator Tot Hotdish
- April 13 - Pork Chow Mein
- April 20 - Chicken Hotdish
- April 27 - Pizza Casserole



### **It's Lutheran Night at the Twins, Wednesday, July 27.**

Once again, we have reserved the ENTIRE overlook section (167 tickets). Mark your calendar now. More information about the cost and sign-ups will come soon.

### Cleaning Closets after Winter?

Maybe you or your children have warm coats you no longer use. It's not too early to start collecting winter coats for the October coat giveaway. New or gently used winter jackets with working zippers are most needed, especially in sizes for school children. Also accepted are new or used boots, snow pants and mittens/gloves. Donated hats **MUST BE NEW**, however. These items can be placed in the social concerns trunk anytime. Thank you for caring for your neighbors.

### Walk A Mile For Our Neighbors

Mark your calendars for July 31st, 2016, 10:00 - 2:00 at Silverwood Park. Walk with members of other area churches to earn funds for the Community Support Center that works to prevent homelessness in the Mounds View/New Brighton area.

### Door Prize Collection

The Walk A Mile For Our Neighbors raises some funds through door prize chances. Last year, Beanie Babies were popular with the many children who attended the walk. If you have any spare, clean Beanie Babies (or knock-offs) that you'd like to part with, please drop them off in the office. Many thanks!

### The Quiet Ones

What wonderful people we have among us, who quietly are busy being kind to others, seeing needs and providing. We thank those who make prayer shawls, who bring Snackpack and food shelf groceries, who have contributed to the care kits for Shobi's Table, who filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child, who made prayer squares, who sew quilts and baptismal blankets, who write notes of sympathy or well wishes, who call or visit others, who drive others and deliver meals, who pray for others. *A special, subtle nod of appreciation to three knitters: Helen Paajanen, who has knit 255 hats for those in need, Joyce Christianson, who has made over 100 pair of mittens for others, and Margaret Broman, who knits hats for premature babies. May we all find ways to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

### Snackpack for Pinewood

We have been providing 53 weekend Snackpack bags each week to needy students at Pinewood Elementary School. Please consider donating food or money to this wonderful outreach to our community. Your donations greatly reduce the estimated \$5 per bag. Shopping lists are available by the whiteboard outside the office. You can also donate cash and we will do the shopping for you!



### Sharing and Caring Hands



Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, April 21**. Please meet at ASLC at 2:45 pm (you don't need to drive) and arrive back by 5:30 or sooner.

Every month we bring clothing and household items with us to Sharing and Caring Hands. Items can be donated anytime. Just drop them in the office and we will send with the people going to serve.

**This is a wonderful ministry! Join Us!!  
It is a blessing to serve God's children!**

### ASLC Quilters

No experience needed! The "regular" quilters could use your help. We are looking for some fresh hands to help on quilting days. There are many different jobs that go into making the quilts: tying on the yarn ties, pinning the edges, and finally sewing the pieces together. Besides making the quilts, we each bring a bag lunch to have after we quilt. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 9:00 -1:00ish. The next time is **Tuesday, April 19**. This is such a great ministry we have here at Abiding Savior. We would love to have you join us. Bring a friend, too!

If you have any questions, please call Gretchen Hanson at 763-784-5181.



## LEAFs - Life Enrichment Adult Forums

**Mondays, April 4<sup>nd</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
at Abiding Savior**

**Mondays, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>  
at Christ the King**



Life Enrichment Adult Forums (LEAFs) is an ecumenical endeavor started by a group of lay and clergy leaders from the North Metropolitan area congregations. The forums provide life enrichment experiences for adults in the community. Enrollment and participation is open to anyone who has interest. The purpose of these forums is to provide opportunities to enjoy lifelong learning, creative expression and inter-faith relationships. Each series of forums consists of four alternate Monday mornings from 9:00 - 1:00 pm with lunch served at noon.

Pastor Lisa will be leading a forum on April 4 at Abiding Savior and Pastor Ryan will be presenting on April 18th here. Please join us!!

For a complete schedule please see more information on the Bulletin Board.



## Young At Heart

**Join us on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Young at Heart Pot Luck from 11:30 - 1:30.**

### **The Above Average Tuba Quartet**

**Roger Gomoll, (Irene Gomoll's Son), joined by Eric Anderson, Jerry Greupner, and Jim Blood, will entertain us with their lively tunes.**

**Bring a neighbor or a friend, and a dish to pass if you are able. See you on the 3rd!!**

## New Members Received

**New Members will be received at both services on Sunday, April 10th and guests of honor at our Brunch.**



If you, your spouse, or someone you know would like to join, please call the church office at 763-784-5120 and let the Pastors know. We welcome our new members amongst us and rejoice that you have found a church home at Abiding Savior!

## The 7th Annual Roy Andermann Memorial Men's Fishing Trip

Mark your calendars now for the Seventh Annual Men's Fishing Trip to be held on **June 24-26**. Invite your friends and neighbors, sons and sons-in-law for a weekend of fishing and fellowship at Luther Dell Camp in Remer, MN on the shores of Boy Lake. We will leave Friday morning and be back Sunday evening. The cost, including housing in cabins, all of our meals while at camp, bait, and gas for our boats and cars will be \$155 per person (\$140 for those under 18). We will be bringing our own boats to use over the weekend so if you have a boat, bring it along. If you don't have a boat don't worry, others will share! Watch for more details as the summer approaches. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ryan.





## Sunday School



### Personal Care Kits for Shobi's Table --

Our Lenten project has concluded, and we want to say **thank you to all who contributed items.** Your generosity is appreciated.

### Coming Up:

**Sunday, April 24** - Sunday school children will sing as part of the Children's Musical (both 9:00 and 11:00 services). More detailed information will be sent home with children in early April.

**Sunday, May 1** - 5th grade students will be presented with their confirmation Bibles during worship services. A special class will also be held for these students and their parents in the chapel. Look for letters to come home to families by mid-April.

**Sunday, May 15** - Last Sunday school session

**Sunday, May 22** - Sunday school children sing as part of the worship service (Music Sunday). Please stay for food and fellowship afterward!

**It's never too late to join us.** Children age 3 (and potty-trained) through 5th grade are invited to join us for Bible stories, songs, crafts and activities each Sunday morning from 10:05-10:55. Registration is accepted any time during the school year. Forms are available online ([abidingsavior.org](http://abidingsavior.org); Children's Ministry page), or in the church office.

*Remember,*  
**You are WELCOME**  
**You are VALUED**  
**You are LOVED**  
**You BELONG**



## Sunday School Open House



My name is Jackie Peterson and I am the Sunday School teacher of three year olds. If you are a parent or caring adult of a **child who will be three by September 1**, I would like to invite you and your child to my **Sunday School Open House on Sunday, May 1 at 10:00 am.** Come and see what our Sunday School hour is like. We sing with the other young classes, hear Bible stories, enjoy fun activities, simple crafts and little snacks. To help with planning, please let me know if you are able to attend by calling the church office at 763-784-5120 or emailing me at [mamua@aol.com](mailto:mamua@aol.com). I look forward to meeting you and your child! Thank you, Jackie Peterson

## **POWER Up! Wednesday Night Kid's Devotions** **Where faith meets fun in a powerful way.**

**It's not too late to start—come and join us!**

**What:** Kids 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet to explore God's word and the powerful ways He is present (omnipresent – that's power!) in our lives. We play, experiment, sing, cook, craft, dance, concoct, create . . . Join US!

**When: Wednesdays**

**5:45-6:30** 2nd through 5th grade

**6:30-7:15** – 4-year-olds through 1st grade

These times are coordinated with children's choir and bell choir times, so it's convenient (and fun) to be a part of both POWER Up and music programs if you'd like. Try it. You'll like it!



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**Children's Music Sunday, April 24th!!!**

**CALLING ALL YOUTH AND CHILDREN!!**  
**SUNDAY, April 24th is Children's Music Sunday!!**

**King's Messengers, WWJD, and the Sunday School kids are all taking part in Children's Music Sunday! Any Middle school or High school youth interested in taking part?!!?**

**Open to anyone who would love to sing, play an instrument, or participate in a drama skit. HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN IN THE FUN OF SINGING, SKITS, AND PRAISING GOD!!**

**Commitment involves Saturday morning April 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for practice. Please connect with Tanna Hoffman for more information! [Tanna.hoffman@hotmail.com](mailto:Tanna.hoffman@hotmail.com)**



## Parents' Group

**Connecting = Support + Fellowship**

Parents of children in Sunday school or younger are invited to gather in the Youth Room during the Sunday school hour for fellowship. Please join us (babies and toddlers are welcome). Contact Patty with questions or if you want to offer suggestions or other input: 763-784-5120; or [patty@abidingsavior.org](mailto:patty@abidingsavior.org)



## Youth News

### Mall Of America/Theme Park Fun Day

When: April 10th after church, depart at 10:30am – return 4:00pm

Where: Bloomington, MN. We need adults drivers to RSVP and come with us!

What: Spend the day shopping and at the Theme park (Nickelodeon Universe)

Price: \$34/all day wristband recommended. Better deals online than this for all day wristband. Otherwise at your discretion on how many rides you want to individually purchase. Pack a lunch or bring additional money to eat.

Info: check out [www.mallofamerica.com/](http://www.mallofamerica.com/) and <http://nickelodeonuniverse.com/tickets>

Help: If you are a parent and would like to join and help drive please let Brad know at [brad@abidingsavior.org](mailto:brad@abidingsavior.org) or 612.242.7250 call/text.

### Mother's Day Flower Sale Fundraiser for Casa Por Cristos

When: May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday / Sunday 9am - 12:00 noon

What: Come get some flowers for your garden or for your Mom as a Mother's Day present! All proceeds go to the Abiding Savior Youth Ministry.



### Bike Ride and Picnic Trip

Who: Middle and High School Students

When: May 14th from 11am - 12:30 pm

What: Bike ride on Rice Creek Trail in Shoreview

Where: Meet at church and we will head out to the trails from there

Why: Beautiful creation and exercise together. Pack a bag lunch to eat.



### Facebook Youth Event Page/ Master Calendar

Make sure to update your calendar from the Facebook "Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Youth and Families" site which is where the master calendar of all youth events is posted.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abidingsavior> and join the group to have full access to the youth calendar!

### High School Youth Group

Join your friends and Brad every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Come for discussion, games, bible reading, meditation, prayer and more!



**April 24<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sell Cookies  
Between Services**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - Dinner to raise  
funds for the Casa Por  
Christos Trip**

### **ATTENTION SENIORS!!**

**Applications for the Brian Peter Hansen and Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Scholarships will be in the office April 17th. They need to be returned by May 4th.**

**SENIOR RECOGNITION is May 15th.**

# Monthly Financial Highlights



February 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$34,050	\$74,000
Festival Giving	\$3,089	\$3,176
Subtotal	\$37,139	\$77,176
Other Income	\$4,911	\$9,881
Total Income	\$42,050	\$87,057
Total Expenses	\$49,533	\$100,133
Net Income Over Expense	(\$7,483)	(\$13,076)
Benevolences Paid	\$2,203	\$6,188

Dear ASLC friends and Pastors. Thank you for all the cards and calls I've received and your prayers and thoughts also. It has helped me so much. My church family as is my family is a real blessing to me. Thank you so much! Hope to be back soon! Love, Marlene Danielson

Dear Congregation of Abiding Savior and Pasto Lisa, Thank you for your deep compassion for my family and me, when hearing of my niece's death in Afghanistan by a suicide bomber. Thank you so very kindly for giving me a most beautiful and soft prayer shawl, that holds me in prayer and God's love as I grieve my Hero niece Adrianna, who was a Commander and Major in the Air Force. Thank you for your continued prayers for Adrianna and our family, for strength, comfort, peace and shelter in God's love. You are a faith filled community, and I admire your compassion for people who are hurting. In Appreciation and Love, Darlene Vorderbruggen Cuddigan (Lila Ryti's friend)

Dear Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Thank you for your important donation this past month. Without your support, we would not be able to meet the needs of over 500 families that visit our food shelf each month. It is estimated that 1 in 10 people suffer from food insecurity in our state and 1 in 5 families with children experience hunger on a regular basis. These families are making tough decisions between paying for their heat, keeping a roof over their heads, or buying food. With your help, we are able to make a difference. Thank you again for your donation, and we look forward to your important and continued support! Sincerely, Lisa Baker, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf Program Supervisor

## Things to Celebrate

These are some of the awesome things we celebrated at Abiding Savior in March. This is such a wonderful place to hear God's word and to live out Jesus' ministry in our church, community and in our world.

- Lenten Services with Prayer Theme
- 475 Prayer Squares lovingly made for all to have as a tangible reminder to Pray at All Times!
- Easter People Family Ministry Celebration
- Four new Caring Visitors trained and ready to reach out to some one in need
- Successful Sunday School Lent Project, collecting personal care items to give Shobi's Table.
- Beautiful and meaningful Easter and Holy Week Services
- Lots of participants learned more about the Seder Meal with Brent Routman.

## VineBranch

The VineBranch is published monthly by the staff of Abiding Savior. Members are encouraged to submit story ideas, articles and comments to the office.

**Materials must be received by Monday, April 11 for the May issue.**

## Get the VineBranch Electronically

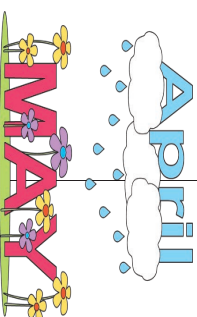
The VineBranch, Abiding Savior's monthly newsletter, provides information on all upcoming happenings, important information, and reminders. Typically, the VineBranch arrives to your mailing address prior to the beginning of the month; however, the delivery of the newsletter can be dependent on the mail delivery for bulk mail. To ensure timely communication, the VineBranch can be submitted to your household electronically!!! **Should you be interested in receiving the VineBranch via email in place of the mailing, please notify the church office.**

**Our next "Committee Meetings" are Tuesday, April 5**



# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Worship Service	<b>4</b> 9:00 - LEAFs 	<b>5</b> 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 6:30 - Committee Meetings	<b>6</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Wednesday Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up for Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>7</b> 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8-6 Fellowship Hall being used
<b>10</b> <b>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b> <b>Parade of Ministries</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Brunch 11:00 - Worship Service	<b>11</b> 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Scout Troop 267	<b>12</b> 1:00 - Priscilla/Rebecca Circle 6:00 - Lydia Circle 6:30 - Preschool Committee	<b>13</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Wednesday Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up for Kids 5:45 - Wondrous Wednesdays 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>14</b> 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 11:30 - Healthy Moves 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 - 11:00 Choir Practice for Salt & Light 12-5 Fellowship Hall being used
<b>17</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>Installation of Officers</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Worship Service	<b>18</b> 9:00 - LEAFs 1:00 - Quilting Set Up 	<b>19</b> 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 9:00 - Quilting All day - ELCA Foundation Appts with Becky Palmgren 6:30 - Church Council	<b>20</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Wednesday Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up for Kids 5:45 - Wondrous Wednesdays 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>21</b> 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 11:30 - Healthy Moves 2:45 - Sharing/Caring Hands 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 - 10:30 Choir Practice for Salt & Light 10:00 - Women of the Church Spring Brunch
<b>24</b> 9:00 - Children's Musical 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Children's Musical	<b>25</b> 6:00 - Reigning Grace	<b>26</b> 11:45 - Benedictine Nursing	<b>27</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Wednesday Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up for Kids 5:45 - Wondrous Wednesdays 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>28</b> 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 11:30 - Healthy Moves 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>





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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



### Upcoming Events in April ...

April 4 - LEAFs  
April 5 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study  
April 5 - Committee Meetings  
April 6 - Wednesday Night Supper and Programs  
April 7 - Women's Bible Study  
April 10 - New Member Sunday  
April 10 - Brunch  
April 12 - Women's Circles  
April 12 - Preschool Committee Meeting  
April 13 - Wednesday Night Supper and Programs  
April 13 - Wondrous Wednesdays  
April 14 - Work Crew  
April 14 - Women's Bible Study  
April 16 - Children's Choir Practice  
April 18 - LEAFs  
April 18 - Quilting Set Up  
April 19 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study  
April 19 - Quilting  
April 19 - Becky Palmgren with ELCA Foundation  
April 19 - Church Council Meeting  
April 20 - Wednesday Night Supper and Programs  
April 20 - Wondrous Wednesdays  
April 21 - Women's Bible Study  
April 21 - Sharing and Caring Hands  
April 23 - Children's Choir Practice  
April 23 - Women of the Church Spring Brunch  
April 24 - Salt and Ice Performance at 9:00 and 11:00 services  
April 26 - Benedictine Care Center  
April 27 - Wednesday Night Supper and Programs  
April 27 - Wondrous Wednesdays  
April 28 - Work Crew  
April 28 - Women's Bible Study



### Pastors & Staff

**Ryan Brodin**, Senior Pastor

**Lisa Richardson**, Associate Pastor

**Bradley Mills**, Director of Youth Ministries

**Patty Mesenbring**, Director of Children's Ministry

**Gary Peterson**, Senior Choir Director

**Paul Weller**, Bell Choir Director

**Janelle Anderson**, Organist

**Tanna Hoffman**, WWJD Choir / King's Messengers Choir Director

**Cheryl Bornhorst**, Parish Nurse

**Verlinda Plath**, Office Manager

**Amy Haugen**, Office Assistant

**Connie Clausen**, Office Assistant

**Denise Lewandowski**, Preschool Director

**Stan Haugen**, Custodian