



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

Christmas: Can't Stop the Feeling

Have you ever had one of those moments when the true meaning of Christmas just hits you? Maybe it is during the singing of Silent Night by candlelight at church. Maybe in an act of kindness done to you or by you for someone else. Maybe while watching a Christmas movie or reading a Christmas story. Maybe it strikes you when you hear the words from the Gospel of Luke telling of the birth of Jesus. That feeling of peace and love hits me every Christmas season, and when it does it is so meaningful.



There is something about the feeling of Christmas that fills us with joy. Floods of memories come back to us of family, friends, Christmas pageants at church and decorations in our homes. Christmas is a very special time of year with a very special meaning. How amazing that the God who created us and everything, the God who is, and was, and always will be, came down to earth as a baby boy. Emmanuel! God with us!

Please join us for worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas. Until then, as we prepare our hearts and lives for the nativity of our Lord, may we all be loving and serving our neighbors near and far as we are loved and served by Christ himself.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ryan

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

3:00 pm & 4:30 pm

Family services with candlelight & live animals

10:30 pm

Candlelight and Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT 10:00 am



December 2016
Issue

Adult Forums in December



We are privileged to have **Ted Bowman**, an accomplished educator, author and consultant in the field of change, transition and loss with us at two Adult Forums in December. Ted's expertise is in helping people use their strengths and the resources of others in facing change and transition, especially when facing loss. He is a well known speaker throughout Minnesota and

beyond and has 80 publications to his credit. We are so fortunate to have him here! Please make a point of coming to one or both of the sessions which are sponsored by Health Ministry.

Join us in the Coffee House at 10:05 am on December 4th and 11th to hear him speak.

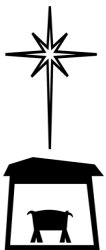
4 Holidays and Everyday: Facing Losses, Finding Hope By Ted Bowman

Pressures influence holidays. Personal, family, media, even cultural and religious messages get intertwined. Ted will present perspectives and tools for addressing the pulls and pressures of the holidays, especially when facing loss.

11 When Plans, Expectations, and Dreams Are Shattered By Ted Bowman

Life rarely happens as desired or planned. Detours and surprises are the stuff of living. Unexpected medical diagnoses, family tensions, death, divorce, and job loss are but a few examples. In response, the losses must be faced AND the shattering of dreams. In order to move forward, many must grieve lost expectations in order to dream new dreams and create new plans. Ted will present frameworks and tools for understanding and responding to shattered dreams, and connecting to honest hope.

18 Sunday School Children's Christmas Program



"Light of the Whole World"

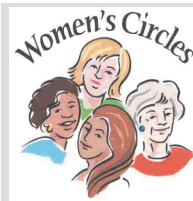
Brunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Keep Making a Difference by Making up the Difference

As we head toward the end of the year, our giving is behind where it needs to be to support the ways Abiding Savior is making a difference in the lives of so many. God is using our worship services, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, caring ministries, fellowship events, Confirmation and Youth Group, fabulous music ministries and so much more to grow faith within the walls of our congregation. And God is also using us to make a difference in the lives of those in our community and around the world through the Backpack program, Shobi's Table, Ralph Reeder Foodshelf, Quincy Treehouse, Garden of Grace, Community Support Center, Community Partners with Youth (CPY), Sharing and Caring Hands, our partner congregation in Makungu, Tanzania, and so many other ways God is using us to bring love and healing to others.

God is able to use our congregation to make a difference in the lives of others because of the continued financial support of our congregation. As we enter these last weeks of 2016, we ask you to prayerfully consider making an extra gift to Abiding Savior in the yellow *Keep Making a Difference* envelopes mailed to you or available in the office.

Thank you for your continued generosity as together we *Keep Making a Difference by Making up the Difference!*
Abiding Savior Church Council



ASLC Women's Circles

December 13th

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

Lydia Circle at 6:00 pm at Church
Hostess - Gloria Pettis

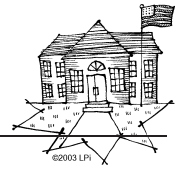
Women's Bible Study

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

The Men's Bible Study meets the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month September through May. Pastor Ryan leads the bible study. You are invited to join us at 8:30 am. A hot breakfast is served. Come join us on Tuesday, December 6th and 20th.



Preschool News

Stewardship Corner

By Pastor Ryan

This is certainly a season of generosity! Doesn't it feel good to give gifts to those we love and to see the smile on their faces? What a joy to be together with ones we love sharing so freely! Rarely do we regret the times in life when we do share from our hearts. The truth is that there is a joy that can be found in giving a gift that will never be found from keeping that gift for ourselves.

This same joy of giving is available for us to experience not only at Christmas, but all throughout the year. When we make a donation to our congregation or other organization, we experience the joy of being a part of something important. We feel the excitement of changing lives for the better. We feel invigorated knowing we have done something pleasing to God, knowing that God is working in us and through us when we make that donation. Where would the world be without sharing?

Every Christmas we remember the gift of Jesus given to all the earth from our gracious and generous God. This baby, born in Bethlehem, became the Savior of us all. The least we can do is share from the abundance God has in turn shared with us as we live joyfully and gratefully sharing so that others can know the love of God.



The season of Advent is here and our preschoolers are so excited. We are excited as well to share the story of Jesus birth with each of them. We are preparing for our Christmas program. It's a wonderful evening when we bring together both of our classes to sing and for fellowship. We hope you are enjoying your beautiful evergreen items and poinsettias from the fundraiser! Merry Christmas!

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



Children's Choir



Please share the word with friends, neighbors, family or anyone you know who would love to be apart of a fun, energy filled time to share God's LOVE through music!!! All are welcome!! Please contact Tanna Hoffman, 651-214-1073 should there be any questions!

Practice times are as follows:

Kings Messenger 6:00 - 6:30 (3 year olds - 1st graders)

WWJD 6:30 - 7:15 (2nd grade - 5th grade)



Notes From the Music Dept.

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.

Feel free to talk to any of the directors who would love to have you join !

- **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 -7:30
- **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

New Evangelical Worship Hymnal



Thank you to all who donated an Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal in memory or in honor of someone. There were **188** ELW's donated for use in the Sanctuary! We have begun using the new hymnals during this Season of Advent!

Smorgasbord Update / Thank You

---Smorgasbord 2016 was a great success thanks to many volunteers. So many hands contributed all the work necessary to feed **455 guests!** Thank you one and ALL!!

A special thanks to Lila Ryti for her many years of service to this project and to new members that came to participate. So wonderful! Also a special thanks to the entire office staff for the multitudes of loose ends they helped tie up. We made a profit of **\$5,432.93!** Thank you to all who attended/helped to make this special night a success. Fern Fisher and Cindy Swenson

---A sincere "thank you" to everyone for making this year's **Smorgasbord Craft/Bake Shop and "Grandma's Attic"** a success once again!!! I am pleased to announce that we were able to donate **\$1,445.09** to local charities and benevolences! That is absolutely awesome! It takes a village working together for the good of others and you are all true examples of what we can do together to make this world a better place. So whether you brought in a table, helped set up or take down, cashiered, bagged, donated craft, baked or Grandma's Attic items or purchased items, you all played an important part in making life better for God's precious people. May God richly bless you as continue to bless others in all that you do in kindness and in love. Marilyn Quarberg

Open Arms Campaign Update



Thank you to all who have given or pledged to the Open Arms Campaign this past year.

We are finishing the revised designs with the architect and structural engineer for our new drive under canopy. The are securing bids before we begin construction. We are stretching our budget for the canopy so any and all gifts that continue to come in are needed and welcomed!

"Needs Board"



The Abiding Savior Needs Board is a way for people within our congregation to lift up needs and for others to volunteer to meet those needs.

If you have a need, such as gutter cleaning, shoveling or other help, you can post your need on the Needs Board. Others in the congregation can see the needs and, if they choose, can volunteer to help meet those needs by contacting the church office, or calling you directly.

Prayer Shawls



With winter nearby some of you may be looking for some indoor projects to work on. Why not make a prayer shawl? You can pick up some yarn from church. We have some exciting new patterns to try (none of them too difficult). We also have patterns for crochet shawls as well. These shawls are an important part of our outreach ministry.

If you have any questions about the prayer shawls please see Sheryl Rogge (763-323-6646) or Janelle Anderson (763-234-5209).

Other Ways to help the Prayer Shawl ministry

- Pray for the knitters
- Pray for the shawl recipients
- Donate yarn or money for supplies
- Host a knitting group
- Take a shawl to someone.
- Spread the word.

Book Club



We do not meet in December

Spend some time reading the Christmas Story

Service of Comfort and Healing

December 18th 3:00 pm



Recognizing that not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays Abiding Savior is offering a quieter reflective service on Sunday the 18th at 3:00 PM. This service may appeal to those dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, loss of a job, or living with serious illness.

Please join us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture and music that acknowledges God's presence is for those who mourn and those who struggle; and that God's word comes to shine light into our darkness. **All are welcome!**

OFFERING ENVELOPES

It is that time of year again, so please pick up your 2017 offering envelopes.

REMEMBER to throw away your 2016 envelopes on January 1st and use your new envelopes then. Thank you!



2016 Offerings

Gifts made to Abiding Savior for 2016 must be in the church office by the 31st to be credited for 2016.

Thank you!



Attn: Thrivent Members

Thrivent Choice

If you hold a policy from Thrivent (formerly AAL and Lutheran Brotherhood) of any kind or you invest with them, you can direct fraternal "Thrivent Choice" dollars directly to Abiding Savior. Simply call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or visit Thrivent.com/choicedollars. When they ask where you would like your dollars directed, you can tell them Abiding Savior. **Even if you have done this before in the past, you need to direct these dollars annually or they will not be sent to Abiding Savior.** The whole process takes only a couple of minutes. Although your Thrivent Choice dollars might not seem like much, when pooled together with other families they can really make an impact in our congregation. Thanks!

SCRIP Gift Cards



It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! If you want to get an early jump on your shopping, **don't forget SCRIP**. Not sure what to get for your 17 year old grandchild or your elderly parent? How about your out-of-town family member? SCRIP gift cards may just be the answer to ALL your shopping dilemmas! They are good nationwide, and they don't lose their value.

Order forms are in the office and they show that Abiding Savior receives a certain percentage of the dollar value of the gift cards. Fill out your SCRIP form, then place your order, with a check, and your gift cards will be in the church office by the following Sunday. **You can place your orders weekly until December 18th.**

Wednesday Night Suppers

Supper is Served from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
\$3 per person - includes dessert!

Dec. 7 - Turkey ala King with biscuits
Dec.14 - Pizza Casserole



Our great Cooks have the holidays off to relax and spend time with family. Suppers will resume on January 4th.



Giving Tree

If you'd like to spread a little Christmas love, please take a look at the giving tree in the Narthex. Simply choose an ornament, shop for the described item, and return it to church. Our friends and neighbors in need of some extra care will greatly appreciate your love and kindness.

Christmas Sock Drive



Cold weather brings to mind the need for warm clothing. One small but vital item is decent socks. We'll be collecting socks for school-age children this month, but especially hope to gather a large number for high school students. Cold feet are no treat so let's take care of some of our neighbors with this simple gesture of caring. Thank you.

ASLC Quilters

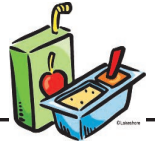


No experience needed! If you have hands you are qualified. The "regular" quilters could use your help. There are about 15 "experienced" women who are looking for some fresh hands to help on quilting days. There are many different jobs that go into making the quilts: tying on the yarn ties, pinning the 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, Dec. 20th**. 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.

SnackPack



We've been packing up 55 nutritious and convenient food as part of a wonderful outreach to both our community and to Pinewood elementary school children that go without food when school is not in session.

This time of year, with so much holiday time off, the children who are counting on their meals at school, will go without.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, the shopping will be done by our volunteers. There are also food suggestions and a drop off box in the Narthex.



Sharing and Caring Hands



Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, December 15th. We will leave ASLC at 2:30 pm, as the meal starts at 3:00 pm now.** You don't need to drive, as we car pool, 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 them with the people going to serve.

This is a wonderful ministry! Join Us!!

Blood Drive

Be a life saver. Donate Blood
Thursday, January 5, 2017
1:30-6:30pm

Sign-up in the office.



**American
Red Cross**

Abiding Savior

Welcome New Members!!



We are so fortunate to have the following new members join our church family on Sunday, November 20th. May God Bless each and every one!

- * Rick, Tacy, Zack and Brady Donnelly
- * Eric and Morgan DuFrane
- * Pam, Kennedy, Delaney, and Emerson Flint
- * Joe, Kari, Griffin, Harrison, and Genevieve Glynn
- * Chris, Amy, Isak, and Ada Hoberg
- * Linda Myers
- * Chuck and Phyllis Petersen
- * Areti Peterson
- * Dan and Joan Schut
- * David, Rhonda, Laurel, Noah, and Piper Stone
- * Peter and Ellen Zimmerman

Welcome Pastor Nordphrey Mlangali

We welcome Pastor Nordphrey Milangali from Tanzania to Abiding Savior. Pastor Nordphrey is in the Masters Program in Missions at Luther Seminary. He has requested to do his contextual learning here at Abiding Savior during this year. He will be involved with worship, teaching, visiting, and other areas of ministry at Abiding Savior. Pastor Nordphrey knows about the Makungu Parish, our companion congregation and is a friend of Pastor Theoplides Mkwama and many of the pastors from Tanzania who are part of the Bega Kwe Bega companionship with the St. Paul Area Synod.

Pastor Nordphrey is a husband to Sarah and a father to three daughters, Catherine (20), Glory (13), and Preach (2). He is an honorary Norwegian as he was named Nordphrey after a Norwegian minister in the town where he was born!

The congregation he serves Njombe Cathedral has 3,000 people who come to worship on a Sunday. One Sunday he baptized 300 people of all ages. We look forward to having Pastor Nordphrey with us at Abiding Savior and getting to know him.

We say welcome! Karibu! Thank you! Asante Sana!

POWER Up and Children's Choirs Pre-Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, December 14
6:00-7:00 in the 2nd Sunday School Mod

Tanna, Jackie and Patty will share some holiday traditions from around the world as we gather for our last session of 2016.

****Please note the slight change in meeting time. Groups will not meet separately.****



Family Advent Celebration Sunday, December 4

10:00-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Families of all ages and size (that means even singles) are invited to join us.

- Animated Nativity video:
 - Prince of Peace
- Crafts to celebrate the season
 - Refreshments

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.

Sunday School

Sunday, December 4 – Family Sunday school Advent Celebration
Families are invited to join their children during the Sunday school hour for a story experience and family craft. This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. (See article on page 7)

Saturday, December 3 – Christmas program rehearsal
(grades 2-5 and those with costumed or speaking parts),
9:00 -11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 10 – Christmas program rehearsal
(all children), 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 17 – Christmas program rehearsal
(all children), 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 18 – Children's Christmas program during the 9:00 worship service, followed by brunch.

Sunday December 25 & Sunday, January 1 –
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, January 8 - 2nd-5th grade **Happy New Year Celebration**
with special treats and lots of fun!

We pray that this school year will nurture your child in his or her faith and encourage you as a family on your faith journey together. Your child's teacher is a wonderful resource for you, and I am happy to hear your comments or suggestions, as well as answer any questions whenever they arise. - Patty

As a reminder, we ask that you drop off and pick up your child in person to ensure their safety.

And always remember,
You are WELCOME
You are VALUED
You are LOVED
You BELONG

**Kids' Time Comes to 9:00 Worship**

Kids' Time has been a part of the 11:00 worship service for an number of years, and now children have the opportunity to leave the 9:00 service during the sermon time, as well. Patty or another adult volunteer will accompany them to the preschool room for a story or short activity that usually relates to the week's scripture. They return when the sermon concludes. Children in the nursery will also be invited to participate.

We hope this new option will serve the needs of both children and their parents as they explore the morning's message in different ways. If your family prefers to spend the entire service together, however, please continue to do so.

Children are always welcome in worship.

**Operation Christmas Child**

Abiding Savior is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. You can pick up a special shoebox in the library and fill it for a boy or girl, 2-4 years old; 5-9 years old; or 10-14 years old. (There are labels to fill out for your box too.)

Gift suggestions: School supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, paper, coloring books, etc.); small toys (cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, etc.); hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, wash cloth, etc.), other small items. **DO NOT INCLUDE:** war related items, chocolate, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items.

Monetary items are also accepted. It costs \$7 in shipping for each box. Make checks payable to Abiding Savior and we will write one check when we turn the boxes in. Please be sure to drop off your gift boxes by **Friday, December 2nd.**

If you need to get in touch with Brad with any questions about youth events:

Cell: 612-242-7250
Email: Brad@abidingsavior.org

Get text updates to get the most up to date info about youth ministry.

Text 512-861-8826 with the message @6e4b to get the cutting edge youth ministry info!!



Connecting = Support + Fellowship

Parents' Group

Parents of children in Sunday school or younger are invited to gather in the Youth Room during the Sunday school hour for fellowship. The group is also viewing a small-group video study/discussion called "Animate: Faith" on select Sundays. Babies and toddlers are welcome - you can take your fellowship to the nursery, if you wish. Please join us.

Contact Patty with questions or if you want to offer suggestions or other input: 763-784-5120; or patty@abidingsavior.org

Can Recycling

Thank you for all your donations. The money received for the aluminum goes to support our youth programs.

We can still keep filling up our trailer during the winter months. So bring in your cans after your holiday parties.



Thank you!!



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!

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

What: Kids 4 years old through 5th 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 . . . come 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 & 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.

****DECEMBER NOTES****

Dec. 14th - POWER Up and Children's Choirs will come together for a pre-holiday break party. You are invited to wear your jammies and join us as we explore some holiday traditions from around the world. Groups will not meet during their regularly scheduled times - instead we will all meet together in the **2nd Mod from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.**

POWER Up will not meet on December 21st and 28th

Monthly Financial Highlights



Oct. 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$50,496	\$381,434
Festival Giving	-	\$17,093
Subtotal	\$50,496	\$398,527
Other Income	\$10,039	\$96,497
Total Income	\$60,535	\$495,024
Total Expenses	\$52,484	\$522,524
Net Income Over Expense	\$8,051	(\$27,500)
Benevolences Paid	\$2,730	\$37,608

Thank you so very much for all your Prayers, Well Wishes, Cards, and the beautiful Prayer Shawl. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.
Sincerely, Margaret Wyatt

To my Church Family,
My thanks and appreciation for your kindness and support during my recent knee surgery and rehab. Your cards, prayers, calls, and visits meant so much. My special thanks to Cindy and John Swenson for packing and delivering the wonderful Smorgasbord dinner to me. I so missed being part of the Smorgasbord this year. Margaret Larson

Thank you, thank you, thank you, wonderful people of Abiding Savior, for all of your prayers, cards, and encouragement during my recovery from surgery! I am very blessed to be among such caring and generous people, I am forever grateful to be a part of the Abiding Savior community! With much love, Kaia

Things to Celebrate

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.

These are some of the awesome things we celebrated at Abiding Savior in November:

Smorgasbord fed 455 people

400 hand knit hats were made and distributed throughout our community as well as to Shobi's Table and other s

Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service at Cross of Glory with pie social

New Members joined our family!!

Wednesday Night Supper Crew,
Thank you so much for the delicious hot meals on Wednesdays. Little is known about all the planning, shopping, preparing, cooking, baking, set up and clean up that you do every week just for us to enjoy. Your meals are really a hit with people from miles around! On Wednesday night, Nov. 16th - you served over 205 meals! It's wonderful to have a hot meal prepared with Love and to eat as a community!

Dear Pastors and Congregation of Abiding Savior,
We are sorry we have not contacted you sooner after our move to Colorado. We are both doing fine. We love our apartment. We cannot believe the weather in Colorado! We have been here almost 6 months and the sun has been shining every day! We attend the same church our son and his family. We enjoy it, but it does not compare to Abiding Savior. May God Bless each and every one of you and your families during this holiday season.
Have a great 2017! Ron and Geneva Wifall

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.**

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, December 12^h for the January issue.

Our next "Committee Meetings" are Tuesday, December 6th



December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 - Women's Bible Study	2	3 9:00 - Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
4 COMMUNION 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	5 6:00 - Reigning Grace 7:00 - Sons of Norway	6 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 10:15 - Staff Meeting	7 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	8 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study	9	10 9:00 - Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
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18 COMMUNION 9:00 - Children's Program 10:05 - Brunch 11:00 - Contemporary Worship / Healing Service 3:00 - Service of Comfort and Healing	19  12:00 - Quilting Setup	20 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 9:00 - Quilting 10:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Council Meeting	21	22	23	24  3:00 - Family Worship 4:30 - Family Worship 10:30 - Candlelight Service
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 - Worship Service With Communion	26 	27 11:45 - Benedictine Service	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 

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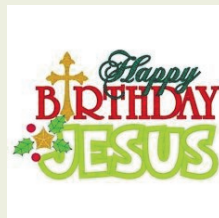
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Upcoming Events in December

- Dec 1 - Women's Bible Study
- Dec 3 - Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
 - Parent's Night Out!
- Dec 6 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
 - Committee Meetings
- Dec 7 - Wednesday Night Supper / Activities
- Dec 8 - Work Crew
 - Women's Bible Study
- Dec 10 - Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
- Dec 13 - Women's Circles
- Dec 14 - Wednesday Night Supper / Activities
 - PJ Party for Children's Choir and Power Up
- Dec 15 - Women's Bible Study
 - Sharing and Caring Hands
- Dec 17 - Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
- Dec 18 - Sunday School Children's Christmas Program
 - Brunch
 - Service of Comfort and Healing
- Dec 19 - Quilting Set Up
- Dec 20 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
 - Quilting
 - Council Meeting
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Service
 - 3:00 pm Family Worship
 - 4:30 pm Family Worship
 - 10:30 pm Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion



Pastors & Staff

Ryan Brodin, Senior Pastor

Lisa Richardson, Associate Pastor

Patty Mesenbring, Director of Children's Ministry

Brad Mills, Director of Youth Ministry

Gary Peterson, Senior Choir Director

Paul Weller, Bell Choir Director

Janelle Anderson, Organist

Tanna Hoffman, Children's 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

December 25th - Christmas Day 10:00 am