



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

Abiding Savior Mission Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee is thrilled to announce the first disbursements from the Mission Endowment Fund! Over the past two years, the Endowment has grown to over \$110,000. The Endowment annually disburses 4.25% of the value of the fund to be used for ministry inside and outside of the congregation. This year that means there will be over \$4,500 in grants awarded!

Any organization can apply for a grant from the Endowment Fund including committees, staff, Council members, ministries of Abiding Savior, individual church members, and community non-profit organizations. If you or your committee would like to apply for a grant, the application process is simple. Forms are available in the office and registrations must be received by February 28.

The Endowment has already awarded its first Grant in the form of a scholarship for Becca Holland, daughter of Abiding Savior, as she studies at Luther Seminary in St. Paul to become an ordained Lutheran pastor. Becca will be our guest preacher on Sunday, February 5, for the Abiding Savior Mission Endowment Fund Sunday.

As the Mission Endowment Fund grows, the Endowment will be able award more and more grants to be used in sharing God's love in the world. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to consider including the Abiding Savior Endowment in your estate planning. This can be done in a variety of ways including life insurance and IRA beneficiary designations, a variety of annuities, and simple language added to your will. All gifts, big or small, are appreciated and will be used to further the work of God done in the world.

On Mission Endowment Sunday, February 5, Brad Reiners will be the presenter at Adult Forum. Brad is Vice President for Advancement at United Seminary and he and his wife Aggie are members of Abiding Savior. Brad will share some simple ways to include Abiding Savior in your estate planning as well as sharing how he has seen others experience deep joy in knowing they are leaving a legacy of faith through their estate.

We can rejoice together as a congregation that the Endowment is making a difference in God's name. You are invited to be a part of what God is up to through the Mission Endowment Fund of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.

God's blessings!
Pastor Ryan



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Adult Forums

February

- 5 Mission Endowment Sunday -
“Planned Giving 101: How to Avoid
Analysis Paralysis”
By Abiding Savior Member Brad Reiners,
Vice President for Advancement United
Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities**



Leaving a planned gift to Abiding Savior and other organizations you love can seem difficult and confusing, but in reality it is quite simple! Join the Abiding Savior Endowment Committee and Brad Reiners for this Forum to receive a lot of easy and practical advice to help clarify planning and avoiding *analysis paralysis*. Discover how simple it can be to make a planned gift that will keep on giving for generations to come.

- 12 Brunch in the Fellowship Hall**

- 19 Tanzania Sunday
with Pastor Nordphrey Mlangali**



We welcome Pastor Nordphrey from Tanzania who is studying at Luther Seminary. He will be preaching during worship and sharing about his experience as a Pastor in Tanzania during the Adult Forum. We will also hear an update about the exciting things that have been happening in our companion congregation, Makungu Parish in Tanzania.

- 26 Council Town Meeting Forum**



March

- 5 Public Safety in our Community
By Officer Brian Schultes**

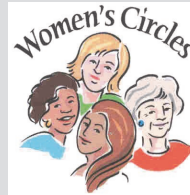
Officer Brian Schultes is not only a Mounds View Police Officer, he is also a member of Abiding Savior. Officer Schultes will share with us some of the public safety issues he sees every day on the streets of Mounds View. He will also be available to answer questions about public safety in our community.

- 12 Brunch in the Fellowship Hall**

- 19 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday**

ASLC Women's Circles

February 14th



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

Lydia Circle at 6:00 pm at Church
Hostess - Sheryl Rogge

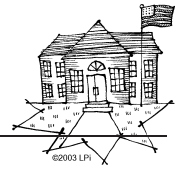
Women's Bible Study

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 Tuesdays, February 7th and 21st.



Preschool News

Stewardship Corner

By Pastor Ryan

We have a God of *Abundance*, not *Scarcity*!

Here at Abiding Savior, do we believe in a God of limits, a God that only shares a little? Or do we believe in a God that share so much that even sharing his Son was not too much? The myth of scarcity tells us that if we share some of our resources, we will not have enough left for ourselves. The reality of abundance tells us that God will continue to provide us with enough, even more than enough, when we share from that abundance to love our neighbors and carry out God's mission.

In his writing "A Well-Formed Stewardship Leader Trusts God's Abundance," Pastor Charles Lane writes, "An attitude of scarcity, whether individual or congregational, is characterized by a reluctance to give generously, or to take risks for the sake of the mission of the gospel." Congregations can also live more fully into their chosen identity by refusing the myth of scarcity and embracing the reality of abundance. Pastor Lane continues, "Congregations also become different when God's abundance is recognized. The life of a congregation can be transformed when a congregation trusts in God's abundance." Congregations are more willing to start new ministries and to follow God's calling out into the world when they trust in God and God's promises to provide resources for ministry. The opposite is also true. Pastor Lane goes on to point out, "Scarcity mentality can take over and the congregation's decisions can be driven by the question, 'what do we need to survive?'"

Our God is a God of abundance! Let us fight back against a fear of scarcity to instead embrace the truth about the abundance of God. We are called as individuals and as a congregation to boldly trust in God to provide the resources we need to confidently reach out into our community and beyond to share God's love and walk alongside our neighbor in need.

A month for learning about love. Love for our friends. Love for our family. And the love God has for all of us. We enjoy getting outside in the snow and we will have parties to celebrate Valentines Day. We are looking ahead to our next school year. Registration will begin March 1st. If you have a preschool age child please contact us to visit the preschool and see what we're all about. Butter Braid fundraiser coming soon! Happy Valentines Day!!

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 with 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

Pick Up Green Hymnals

Green Worship Hymnals that were donated in honor or memory of loved ones are available for you to pick up to keep for your family if you would like. They are marked by name - and located in the North Hallway.

There are also hymnals that were not designated to any one - please help yourself for your home or a friend! If you know of a church or organization that could make use of them, please let one of the Pastors know.

Spring is Coming!??!!!



The Garden of Grace Garden Group thinks so!! The first meeting of the year will be Monday, February 6th at 6:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome to help them "Grow"!

Book Club



The Book Club will meet on Wednesday night, **February 8th at 4:00 pm in the Church Library.** Everyone is welcome!!

COUNTING 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Willow Chance, a twelve year girl who is an outsider in her middle school, is the main character of this book. She is a genius, and has some obsessive behaviors. One of those is counting by 7's which calms her down. In spite of that she is a happy child who connects well with her adoptive parents. Then suddenly her parents are killed in a car accident. This a beautiful, heartwarming story of how Willow works through her grief and finds another family that she connects with.

Church Office Hours in February

Until further notice, the Office will be closed on Fridays in February.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday Closed



Acolyte Training!!

If you are in 5th grade (or older) and would like to become an acolyte, please come to a training on Sunday, February 12th at 12:00 (noon) to 1:00!!! Lunch and treats will be provided! As an acolyte, you not only play an important part in worship, but it's a great way to serve God and our church!!! If you have any questions, please talk to Marilyn Quarberg. Hope to see you then!!!

Exciting New Location and Date!!

The Eighth Annual Roy Andermann Memorial Men's Fishing Trip

Mark your calendars now for the Eighth Annual Men's Fishing Trip to be held on **AUGUST 25-27 on Lake Vermillion.** Invite your friends and neighbors, sons and sons-in-law for a weekend of fishing and fellowship.

We will be staying lakeside at Camp Vermillion, a Lutheran Bible Camp in Cook, MN. Lake Vermillion is one of the finest fishing lakes in our state. 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 \$165 per person. 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.



Wondrous Wednesdays

And Who is My Neighbor?

Talking About Race and Racial Equity

By Pastor Ryan Brodin

**Wednesdays in February (February 1, 8, 15, 22)
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm in the Coffee House**

And Who is My Neighbor is a conversation starter put together by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota to help congregations to begin to explore and discuss issues surrounding race. Race has played a very important role in our society over the past few months through the election, the 50th anniversary of events from the Civil Rights Movement, Black Lives Matter, and recent shootings by police officers of African American men around the country and even right here in our own community.

It is time for us to begin talking about what all this means. What is racism? What is white privilege? What does all of this have to do with me? What does it have to do with God? This study is designed to get us thinking and talking about race as we have experienced it in our own lives and in our community.

Don't worry, there are no tests, no homework, and no one has to speak if they do not feel comfortable doing so. Come and grow as together we begin to better understand ourselves, our neighbors, and God's world through the lens of race.

Attn: Thrivent Members

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. Thanks!**

Mission Endowment Fund Grant Applications

Do you have a new idea for outreach into our community or beyond but need the funding? Is there a ministry in our congregation that you have been wanting to start but do not know where to find the funds? Is there a project in our church or our community that needs funding in order to happen? If so, apply for a Mission Endowment Grant.

According to the Constitution of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, income from the Mission Endowment Fund can be distributed under the following guidelines:

- a. *Outreach into the community and synod, including but not limited to, grants to ELCA seminaries, colleges, or students attending such schools.*
- b. *Social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this congregation related.*
- c. *Special programs designed for those persons in our parish area who are in spiritual and/or economic need.*
- d. *Missions of the ELCA in this continent and worldwide, including but not limited to, grants to the ELCA for new congregational development in North America.*
- e. *Grants for professional leadership, educational ministries, global mission, ecumenism, evangelism, social ministries, and capital financing.*
- f. *Capital improvements, debt reduction, or a building program at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.*
- g. *Up to 40% for any one of the above designated areas in any proportion as determined by this committee or for causes and programs which at the direction of this committee are consistent with the FUND purpose of enhancing the mission outreach of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.*

Applications can be found in the church office and need to be returned by February 28, 2017. How exciting to have the Endowment as a source of much needed resources to support life changing ministries!

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

The face of hunger and food insecurity is changing; from your elderly neighbor living on Social Security with mounting medical bills to the hard working family at your church that is forced to choose between heating the house in the winter and putting a meal on the table, or maybe it's the single mother of 3 that cashiers at the local gas station or the homeless teen who is trying to finish high school. It could happen to any one of us - unexpected job loss, low wages, mental or physical illness or a catastrophic event.

The suburbs are the home of the American dream, but they are also a place where poverty is on the rise. Last year alone, the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf distributed nearly 333,000 meals - nearly 400,000 pounds of food and hygiene items to 4,039 individuals in our area and they are currently feeding an average of 560 households each month.

"Before I called to schedule an appointment I had a total of 10 canned goods, a few bags of nuts, and some condiments. I'm a senior with a low income and live a very simple life. I just now took another look in my kitchen. Shelves are practically full. Along with the gratitude I felt for the groceries, the nagging feelings of anxiety about money have reduced and the shame I felt before walking into your building lessened the very minute I saw the smiles of the dear sweet souls who welcomed me in. I cant possibly thank all of you enough."

Helen, a client of Ralph Reeder

Individuals like Helen come through their doors each day and the Food Shelf provides what they hope is a piece of the puzzle that will allow them to lighten their load. Some only come only once, some for a few months, others are familiar faces on fixed incomes who are comforted knowing they will always be welcome there.

It is your ongoing financial support that allows Ralph Reeder to confidently offer that assurance and continue to provide important programs and services in our community. For every dollar donated they can purchase up to \$8.00 worth of food, stretching your donation to the fullest.

You can feel good about making a generous donation, as 95% of every donation goes directly to programs that feed hungry people.

Feed My Starving Children

There was an awesome turn out for Abiding Savior's Confirmation Service night on Wednesday, January 25th!

We had **75** people, parents, grandparents, students, and siblings - they had to open up another station! The group packed nutritious meals for 66 people for a year.

Thank you for helping to turn hunger into hope for those in need!!



Sharing and Caring Hands



Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, February 16th. 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



Even in the cold of winter, we had 26 units of blood donated at our blood drive in January!

**Be a life saver. Donate Blood
Thursday, March 2nd
1:30-6:30pm**

Wednesday Night Suppers

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



- February 1 - Spaghetti
- February 8 - Beef Stroganoff
- February 15 - Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
- February 22 - Tator Tot Hotdish

Our Wednesday night supper has become a real community event. Bring your family. Invite your friends and neighbors.

St. Olaf Handbell Choir

We are happy to welcome the **St. Olaf Handbell Choir** for a concert at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church on Friday, February 24, at 7:30. Our church has a close connection to this premier ensemble: our bell director, **Paul Weller**, is an alum of the group, and **Laura Schlotterback** is a current member.

Please invite friends and neighbors to enjoy the performance of this talented group of young people, under the direction of Jill Mahr. The concert is free, with a free-will offering to be taken to help with their transportation costs. Visit the St. Olaf website for more of a description of the concert.

We are very blessed to have this talented group perform for us!!



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.*



SOUP SUPPERS for LENT Start in MARCH

During Lent we give our regular Wednesday Night supper crew a break.

Different committees and groups make their favorite soup and all the proceeds go to the charity of their choice (youth, camp, food shelf, missions, etc.) Please sign up your group to make soup during Lent on the Bulletin board, or let the office know. Also remember that Thrivent offers \$250 for preapproved fundraisers. Sign up now on the Bulletin Board outside the office.

Dates still open as of 2/1/17 --

- March 1
- March 15
- March 22
- March 29
- April 5

After the cold of winter --- Summer WILL come and it will be time again for:

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS!



We have already reserved 115 tickets in the GREAT OVER-LOOK section on Tuesday evening, **August 8th**.

Minnesota Twins plays the Milwaukee Brewers at Target Field. Tailgate gathering at the church and buses will be provided. More information will be coming.

Sunday School



The following are schedule items for February and March. For a full schedule of 2nd semester events, please pick up a copy in your child's Sunday school classroom or view the Sunday school page of the church website.

- **Sunday, February 12** – Sunday school children sing at the 11:00 worship service.
- **Sunday, March 5** - Sunday school children sing at the 9:00 worship service. Warm-up in the chapel at 8:45.

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- **Sunday, March 5 – Family Sunday School** - 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 and possibly some classroom spaces. The season of Lent is beginning, and we are exploring some unique ways to pray. If you attended last year's session you might remember Legos, marbles, paper plates Play-doh... Come and see what's new this year!

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



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.



FEBRUARY NOTES



Where do we find the truest, never-failing love? Who's always there with a never-ending invitation to "Be Mine?" Great February questions—come find what your answers are.

-Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12 -

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.



SHARE THE LOVE FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT *Saturday, February 11,* **10:00-noon**

- Create a valentine or valentine craft
 - Dance to the music
 - Make a snack
- Participate as a family to assemble valentine gifts for homebound members of the congregation.

Suggested donation: \$2/person

Suggested Donation: \$2/child

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us ... (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Mark Your Calendars!

Youth Sunday

February 26th - talk to Brad about ideas!

Confirmation Retreat

February 19-20th we will be at Camp Wapo in Wisconsin! Remember to get your registration paperwork into the office as soon as possible!



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

Can Recycling

Thank you for all your donations. The money received for the aluminum goes to support our youth programs. The last drop off made \$245!

We can still keep filling up our trailer during the winter months. 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!

BWCA Boundary Water Canoe Trip ---High School

August 11, 2017 – August 14, 2017

What: We are going to take a long weekend up in the BWCA canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, exploring, and experiencing God's creation and connecting with our creator in one of the last relatively untouched areas on the globe. If you haven't been and live in Minnesota it is a must do experience!

Cost: \$25 deposit due by January 15th, 2017. TBD but it won't be much. Don't let this stop you from coming.

Who: The most important part right? Current 8th graders through college/early 20s are invited to join us (exceptions made on a case by case basis, contact me). 9 people max per site is the law so we will have 2-3 groups of 9 going up. Please request whose group you want to be a part of for the trip. Leaders: Gary Engen, Jim Schlotterback, Curt Johnson, Maren Hawkins, Brad Mills.

When: It's a long weekend we will figure out times but like anything with the BWCA it will be the crack of dawn pot of coffee early in the morning!

Where: Jim S. will tell us which entry point. Like I said... Guru. I'll update this when we get it nailed down. We will stay on the United States side though (no Quetico this time).

Recommended reading before we go "God in the Wilderness: Rediscovering the Spirituality of the Great Outdoors with the Adventure Rabbi" - Jamie S. Korngold

Monthly Financial Highlights



Dec. 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$56,439	\$478,231
Festival Giving	\$17,380	\$35,243
Subtotal	\$73,819	\$513,474
Other Income	\$21,432	\$128,234
Total Income	\$95,251	\$641,708
Total Expenses	\$59,883	\$634,938
Net Income Over Expense	\$35,368	\$6,770
Benevolences Paid	\$3,943	\$44,526

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. Things we celebrated in January at Abiding Savior:

Successful Blood Drive with 26 units donated!

Baptism Celebration for our Baptisms this past year

Fun Martin Luther King Day "Rice Up for Hunger" event for the 2- 5 graders

Huge turn out for Feed My Starving Children!

Abiding Savior's Partnership with Lydia's Place

2016 Annual Meeting - thank you to Charlie Munsterman for serving us well as President!!

Dear Abiding Savior Congregation,
Thank you for the incredible gift of a Wellness package at Adevia. Also I would like to thank my dear friends, Maxine, Sandra, and Linda for helping the Brunch Crew decorate the Fellowship Hall so beautiful for my party. Thank you to the Brunch Crew for the delicious brunch. Thank you Congregation, for your kindness, love and support through my 17 1/2 years. It has been an honor and privilege to work for a caring congregation. God Bless you all, Verlinda

Abiding Savior Staff and Congregation,
It has been a pleasure serving you in the Parish Nurse role these past four years . The old adage "the more you give the more you receive" seems applicable. I have many treasured memories to take with me and appreciate all the support I have received from staff and our members. Thank you for the gift cards and the nice reception hosted on Sunday. I really appreciate it all. Looking forward now to what God has planned as I go from here. Hoping to spend more time with parents and family.
Cheryl Bornhorst

I want to thank all who prayed or asked about my Granddaughter Jill. It was a right sided stroke, speech, writing, and walking are slowly getting better. My daughter Nadine now is feeling better after bone building infusion at Mayo.
Fern Fisher

Church Family -- Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!! You're a Blessing!



Jack and Chris Canfield
(written with her left hand!!)

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, February 13th for the March issue.

Our next "Committee Meetings" are Tuesday, February 7th



February 2017



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 COMMUNION Endowment Sunday 9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	6 6:30 - Preschool Committee 6:30 - Garden Group 7:00 - Sons of Norway	7 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 10:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Committee Mtgs.	8 4:00 - Book Club 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Wondrous Wed. 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	9 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 4:00 - 8:00 Chick-fil-A Preschool Fundraiser 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 10:00 - Share the Love Family Ministry Valentine's Event 
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19 COMMUNION Confirmation 9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	20 OFFICE CLOSED Retreat at WAPO  President's Day No Preschool 12:00 - Quilting Setup 6:30 - Scouts 267	21 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 9:00 - Quilting 10:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Council Meeting	22 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Wondrous Wed. 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	23 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	24 OFFICE CLOSED  Handbell Choir 7:00 - St. Olaf Handbell Choir Concert	25
26 Youth Sunday 9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Council Town Hall 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	27 6:30 - Scouts 267	28 10:15 - Staff Meeting 11:15 - Gospel Singers Rehearsal 11:45 - Benedicite Service				

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Upcoming Events in February

- Feb. 1 - Wed. Night Supper/Activities
 - Wondrous Wednesdays
- Feb. 2 - Women's Bible Study
- Feb. 6 - Garden Group
- Feb. 7 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
 - Committee Meetings
- Feb. 8 - Book Club
 - Wed. Night Supper / Activities
 - Wondrous Wednesdays
- Feb. 9 - Work Crew
 - Women's Bible Study
 - Preschool Fundraiser at Chick-fil-A
- Feb. 11 - Share the Love Family Ministry Valentine's Event
- Feb. 12 - Acolyte Training
- Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
 - Women's Circles
- Feb. 15 - Wednesday Night Supper / Activities
 - Wondrous Wednesdays
- Feb. 16 - Women's Bible Study
 - Sharing and Caring Hands
- Feb. 19 - 20 Confirmation Retreat at WAPO
- Feb. 20 - Office Closed for President's Day
 - Quilting Set Up
- Feb. 21 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
 - Quilting
 - Council Meeting
- Feb. 22 - Wed. Night Supper / Activities
 - Wondrous Wednesdays
- Feb. 23 - Work Crew
 - Women's Bible Study
- Feb. 24 - St. Olaf Handbell Choir Concert
- Feb. 28 - Benedictine Service



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