



*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 Ryan Brodin

Every January we can take the opportunity to both look back at the year that has been and look forward to the year that is to come. As we look back at the year that was for Abiding Savior it is not hard to see the ways that God is at work in and through our congregation. During the past year we continued to provide meaningful worship services, strong children's and youth ministries, caring ministries to those who were hurting, Wednesday night community meals, 53 weekly Backpack meals, over 300 pounds of fresh produce donated from our Garden of Grace, weddings, funerals, confirmations, baptisms and so much more done in and through our congregation in God's name. Here are some of the other highlights from this year:



- Successful completion of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Together In God's Love Capital Campaign
- New parking lot and parking lot lighting
- New sound equipment and lighting in the Sanctuary
- Implementing a recycling and composting program that not only cares for God's creation, but allowed us to get rid of our costly dumpster!
- A new partnership with The Quincy Treehouse outreach to local youth
- Over 140 kids at VBS and eight participants in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit

As we head into 2016, we have reason to be hopeful as we offer ourselves in service to God and service to our neighbors. In addition to continuing our ministries done and begun in 2015, here are some things we can look forward to 2016:

- Successful completion of our Open Arms Campaign and construction of our Open Arms Canopy over the front entrance
- New and inspiring ideas for worship from the Reimagining Worship Task Force
- Growing closer to God through an emphasis on prayer and discipleship
- New mission partnerships in the local community
- A summer intergenerational mission trip

I invite you to be a part of what God is doing in and through this congregation as we live together in God's love as a welcoming and caring family that nurtures spiritual growth, shares our Christian faith, and serves all creation.  
Happy New Year and God's Blessings!

Pastor Ryan



### Annual Meeting

January 31, 2016 at 12:00 pm

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January 2016

## Adult Forums

**January 3 - Fellowship Hour in the Coffee House**

**January 10 - Brunch in the Fellowship Hall**

**January 17 - Why and How Camp Forms Faith**  
by Dr. Paul Hill, Executive Director of  
Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp

If you have a child or grandchild, you do not want to miss this opportunity to hear the Executive Director of Camp Wapo, Paul Hill. Paul has been with WAPO for almost a year and has a long history of serving and teaching about children's and youth ministries in the church. Paul has led and utilized church camps across the country throughout his professional career, and he has taught outdoor ministry courses at Luther Seminary. He is a certified camp director and high adventure facilitator. Camp runs deep in Paul's DNA as he has personally experienced the powerful transformation that happens at camp. Dr. Hill will be preaching in worship this Sunday as well as teaching during the Education hour. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about developing faith in your children, youth or grandchildren.

**January 24 - The Christian and Politics**

Lutherans have often been hesitant about engaging in political activity. Byron Schmid, Abiding Savior member and retired ELCA pastor with a Ph.D in Political Science, will identify the reasons for this stance and describe the increasing role of American Lutherans in government in the past 50 years. He also will express the urgency for Christian involvement in politics as a function of responsible Christian discipleship.

**January 31 - American Politics and Value Choices**

In this second of two sessions, Byron Schmid will discuss the basic values involved in American political philosophy. He will also compare and contrast the primary value commitments in the current American political parties. (Minnesota precinct caucuses will be held on Tuesday, March 1.)

**February 7 - Pastor Mike Matson  
from Augsburg College**

We welcome Pastor Mike Matson to be our guest preacher and presenter at Adult Forum that day. Abiding Savior and Augsburg College have a long history together. Abiding Savior was formed as a member of the denomination known as the Lutheran Free Church. Augsburg College was the college of the Lutheran Free Church. In the past Abiding Savior has made periodic gifts to Augsburg College including a donation toward their current Chapel. Augsburg is building a new learning space that incorporates science, business, and religion. The Church Council of Abiding Savior has agreed to make a donation, along with many other area churches with Lutheran Free roots, to the construction of the new building. This donation will be given from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary benevolence fund. The Council thought it fitting to make a gift that honors our past relationship with Augsburg as we celebrated God's faithfulness to Abiding Savior yesterday, today and tomorrow. Pastor Matson will share with us more about the new facility as well as the work that Augsburg College is carrying out today.

## Baptism of our Lord Sunday

**- Living the Promises of Baptism -**

**Baptism Celebration** - On Sunday, Jan. 10th, the day we celebrate Jesus' baptism, we will recognize all who have been baptized this past year. We will have a special recognition and gift for all who were baptized in 2015 during both the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services.



At 10:00 you can bring your brunch into the Coffee House for a special gathering with other families whose children were baptized as well. Watch for a postcard in the mail if your child was baptized in 2015.

**\*\*\*\*Young at Heart \*\*\*\* February 2nd**

Featuring Roger Gomoll, Irene Gomoll's son,  
and the Above Average Tuba Quartet

## 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.

It's a wonderful time to which you are invited and welcomed!



## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

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

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

## Women's Circles

ASLC Women's Circles

January Meetings - Tuesday, January 12

**Priscilla/Rebecca Circle**

1:00pm at Oakcrest

**Lydia Circle** at 6:00 pm

Hostess: Donna Kluck

## Pray for One Another



Every Thursday a prayer list is printed with needs of members, family and friends who are requesting prayers. Those who are in the hospital are listed, as well as those who have special concerns, grieving or going through a difficult time. Prayers for baby births and their families, and those who have been baptized recently. On the back of our "Prayer List" we print the names and addresses of those who are homebound, away at college or in the service.

The list is always available in the Information Center racks on the wall in the library. We can send it to you by email also, just give the office your email address. We encourage you to take a list home to use for your daily prayers. ***If you have a concern that you would like to have added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 763-784-5120.***

**NOTE:** Please call the church office at 763-784-5120 if you are hospitalized, having surgery or would like to talk to or be visited by one of the Pastors or Parish Nurse, Cheryl Bornhorst. ***Please note the hospitals do not call churches to let them know if someone is a patient.*** The only way we know if someone is in the hospital is if we are called by the family.

## Un - Decorate the Church Saturday, January 2nd 9:00 am

As we unwrap our gifts and put them away, it's time to take down the Christmas decorations adorning our church and put them away as well. We will be "undecorating" the church on Saturday, January 2 at 9:00. If you are able to help, we would really appreciate it.

*The Sanctuary Arts Team*

## Listen to Abiding Savior Weekly Sermons --- Online!

If you would like to listen to the sermon from one of our worship services, they are available online. Just go to our website at [www.abidingsavior.org](http://www.abidingsavior.org) and look under the "Worship" tab for "Listen to Sermons." There are several weeks of sermons available for listening to at any time. This is great for those who are shut in, those who missed worship, and those who are away from home for a weekend or the winter.

## Time and Talent

Sharing your time and talents has great rewards for yourself and within our congregation. Even though our Stewardship campaign officially ended in October, it's never too late to share with us the areas in which you'd like to volunteer!

Only 66 people returned their time and talents sheets during the campaign. We'd love to reach at least a 50% response rate...which means if you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so!! Time and talent sheets can be picked up in the Information Center in the library. Thanks for sharing your gifts!!

## Blood Drive



**Be a life saver. Donate Blood**

**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

**1:30-6:30pm**

**Sign-up in the office.**

Even if you are unable to donate blood we still need you! We need help with calling, greeting, treats, etc. If you are able to volunteer for the blood drive please sign-up in the office or talk to Janet Wilcox about opportunities.

## Twins Game

### Pastor Lisa ordered our TICKETS!!!!

Even though it is now freezing cold (at press time - NO snow on the ground!) it is never too early to be thinking about a Twins game. Think about sitting in wonderful seats on a beautiful summer night at Target Field, eating peanuts and candy and watching the Minnesota Twins take on the Atlanta Braves with your family and friends.

**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.



## Stewardship Corner By Pastor Ryan Brodin

### Creating a Community of Love through Fundraising

When we think about building up the Kingdom of God, we do not often think about fundraising. We think instead about evangelism, Bible study, caring, and reaching out in love toward others. But the reality is these other areas of building up the kingdom of God all take some kind of funding.

Henry Nouwen was an internationally renowned priest and author who wrote over 40 books on spiritual life. He encouraged those who raise funds for the church and other religious organizations by saying, "If you raise funds for the creation of a community of love, you are building the kingdom. You are doing exactly what you are supposed to do as Christians."

Abiding Savior is most certainly a Community of Love. We care deeply for one another, we share faith with our youth and children, we gather to worship our God, and we reach out in love and service to those outside our walls both locally and internationally. All of these actions of love build up the Kingdom of God.

Henry Nouwen goes on to say, "Asking people for money is giving them the opportunity of putting their resources at the disposal of the Kingdom of God, it is giving other people the chance of offering their resources for the work of God."

Henri Nouwen is calling us to think about the sharing our resources not as a burden or obligation, but as a privilege. I invite you to participate in building a community of love by putting your resources at the disposal of the work of God done in and through Abiding Savior.

### Giving to the Mission Endowment Fund of Abiding Savior Lutheran

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.*

## Pre-School News

The new year is here! We are so excited to be back in preschool after our Christmas break. Now it's time to spend some time outside when the weather cooperates and have some fun days in the classroom. One day we will even "visit" the beach. We will pretend to hibernate like bears in our very own cave too. Now that the new calendar year is here it's time to start thinking about our next school year as well. If you or someone you know is interested in touring the preschool please call or email now to schedule.  
[preschool@abidingsavior.org](mailto:preschool@abidingsavior.org) 763-784-5326



Denise Lewandowski, Program Director  
Abiding Savior Preschool



## Book Club

### UNDER THE PERSIMMON TREE

By Suzanne Fisher Staples

The two main characters are Najmah, a young girl from Afghanistan, and an American woman who is married to an Afghan doctor and lives in Pakistan. Najmah is alone in the world. Her father and older brother were enlisted into the Taliban army and her mother and baby brother were killed by an air-raid. Najmah heads out through the mountains to look for her father and brother crossing the border into Pakistan. There she meets Nusrat (Elaine) who is also alone because her husband is running a clinic. Nusrat has been teaching children under the persimmon tree, and this is where the two characters meet. With courage and hope, they together try to find their way home.

**Read the book, and join us in the Library for discussion on  
Wednesday, January 13 at 4:30 pm.**



## Notes From the Music Dept.

Thank you to all of the choirs, directors, and individuals who added such special music to our Advent and Christmas services. The bells, organ, brass, piano, and other instruments, as well as voices of all ages in the Sunday School and choirs, helped to create a festive and worshipful atmosphere for our Christmas celebrations. We are blessed with wonderful talent in our congregation, and we appreciate all who share their gifts of music with us throughout the year. Thank you for helping to share the story of Christmas in such a beautiful way.

With the start of a New Year, maybe this is the time for YOU to consider joining one of our musical groups! Any of the directors would welcome your participation – talk to any of us if you have questions. Here is the schedule for the various groups:

- **Senior Choir:** Gary Peterson – Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00
- **Gospel Singers:** Nadine Standfield or Janelle Anderson – Tuesdays, 11:00
- **Jubilation Ringers:** Paul Weller - Thursdays, 6:15-7:30
- **Reigning Grace Band:** Gary Peterson - Wednesdays, 6:30
- **WWJD Choir** (grades 3-5): Tanna Hoffman - Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15
- **King's Messengers** (Preschool – grade 2): Tanna Hoffman – Wednesdays, 6:00 - 6:30
- **Celebration Ringers** (grades 3-12): Paul Weller – Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:45



## Outreach Alerts

### Meals on Wheels



Abiding Savior will be delivering for Meals on Wheels the week of January 18 - 22. If you would like to be a part of this outreach program, please call the church office at 763-784-5120 or Fern Fisher at 763-786-1044.

### Snackpack

We have been providing 53 weekend Snackpack bags each week to needy students at Pinewood Elementary School. The response to our Snackpack tree has been tremendous! Your donations of these foods greatly reduces the estimated \$5 cost per bag. Shopping lists are available by the whiteboard outside of the office. You can also donate cash and we will do the shopping for you!

### A Family Project?? Or Resolution??

We would like to get more families involved in this ministry. Maybe you can treat it like you are sponsoring a child each week with a \$5 donation. Kids can say "Hey I don't need to get those extra cookies at lunch. I can donate that money to Snackpack" And parents can say "I can give up one coffee a week".

Think how much you could donate. Maybe you would even have enough to sponsor 2 children. Get your whole family involved. It could be a "New Year Ministry", thanking God for our own blessings by giving to others.

### Quincy Tree House in Mounds View

We have been supporting this ministry right here in Mounds View for teens to have a "safe haven" they can come to for a meal, share at the Support Group, work on homework with help, a place that they can count on. Quincy House's mantra is – you're loveable, capable and worthwhile, loved without strings and not alone. Ask Pastor Lisa how to help.

### Irondale Food Shelf

Irondale High School has a small in-school food shelf for students in need. Sadly, some teens are nearly on their own, often couch hopping or relying on the kindness of friends and their families for support. If you would like to help out you can drop your donations anytime at church. Thank you.

## Sharing and Caring Hands



Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is Thursday, January 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!**  
**It is a blessing to serve God's children!**

### New! Garden Catalog Swap!

'Tis the time you will be receiving your Seed Catalogs... leave any you don't need in the box under the Garden of Grace white board and take what you will use!!

## Wednesday Night Supper

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

Join us on Wednesday nights for a fabulous supper.

Served 4:30—6:30 pm. \$3.00

Bring your whole family and invite your neighbors.

**January 6 - Pork Chow Mein**

**January 13 - Beef Stroganoff**

**January 20 - Tator Tot Hotdish**

**January 27 - Chicken Ala King**

**February 3 - Goulash**

**February 10 - Ash Wednesday - Soup Supper**

**WANTED: Help** is always needed at Wednesday night suppers. If you can cook, chop, shop, stir, wash, wipe or dry you could become part of this tasty and much appreciated outreach effort. **JOIN US** in the kitchen if you are interested!



## Wednesday Night Soup Suppers Start in February

Please sign up your group to make a soup during Lent. It is a great fundraiser for a cause of your choice. Examples: Camperships, Youth, Meals on Wheels, Feed My Starving Children, etc. You can always ask for help from others too. If you have questions about this please talk to someone in the office.



## Sunday School



### Coming Up:

**Sunday, January 3** – Sunday school resumes for second semester. Teachers, small group leaders and helpers will be ready to welcome you all back. In addition, 2nd-5th graders can look forward to celebrating with a **Happy New Year Party**, so don't miss the fun!

**Sunday, January 17** – Children sing at the 9:00 worship service. Please have all children meet in the chapel at 8:45 to warm up their voices.

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.

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



## 2nd – 5th Grade Ministry



**2nd-5th Grade Ministry**  
**MLK Day Service Activity**  
**Monday, January 18**  
**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

2nd-5th graders are invited to come together for a day of service.

- Learn about the Humane Society of Ramsey County
- Make toys for the dogs and cats waiting for adoption
- Make your own stuffed Puppy Pal
- Play some animal-themed games
- Try a tasty dog biscuit snack (!)

A sign-up sheet is located on the Children's Ministry bulletin board near the second mod. Please sign up any friends you plan to bring, as well. Questions? Contact Patty: 763-784-5120; [patty@abidingsavior.org](mailto:patty@abidingsavior.org)

## **POWER 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.*

### **WHAT'S UP IN JANUARY:**

We will resume our sessions on **January 6**



*Blast Away Cabin Fever!*

**Family Ministry Winter Blast**

**Saturday, Jan. 30, 10-noon**

Minute-to-Win-It Games for Elementary-Age Kids  
 Activities for Preschoolers  
 A Craft for All

## **Parents' Group Continues in January**

Parents of children in Sunday school or younger are invited to gather in the Youth Room during the Sunday school hour. Some of us met in early December to kick around ideas about how to structure this group, and decided to start with a mix of:

- Fellowship (just having a place to hang out and connect)
- Discussion of scripture, faith, parenting, etc., led by one of the Pastors
- Group-led open discussion after viewing short videos from an adult curriculum called "Animate: Faith"
- Possible service opportunities (perhaps exciting things like stuffing plastic eggs for the Egg Hunt ☺)
- Other interests that will be determined as the group develops

### **The January plan:**

**January 3** - Fellowship (Patty will check in with you briefly)

**January 10** - Enjoy brunch in the Fellowship Hall

**January 17** - Special visit by Paul Hill, from Camp Wapo. Dr. Hill has many years of experience in faith formation education and ministry. Gather in the Fellowship Hall and hear his inspiring thoughts and ideas.

**January 24** - One of the Pastors will check in with the group briefly with an idea for discussion.

**January 31** - Another visit from Pastor Ryan or Pastor Lisa.

Please join us (babies and toddlers are welcome). Contact Patty with questions or if you want to offer any suggestions or other input: 763-784-5120; [patty@abidingsavior.org](mailto:patty@abidingsavior.org)

## Youth News

### 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!

### Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser

Middle and High school volunteers are needed to help sell cinnamon rolls in between services on the last Sunday of every month. **January 31** will be the next time we do this. Please be at church at 8:30 to help out with the baking and prep work and stay until 10:30 for cleanup in the kitchen.



**January 24, 2015**

**Central Park Ice Skating in Maple Grove 4:00 - 7:00 pm**

JUST OPENED BRAND NEW RINK! Drastically different than a traditional ice rink, Central Park's skating trail is a meandering, 800' loop that winds its way through the park landscape (for comparison, a lap around a traditional hockey rink is 570'). This design offers a more sensory experience and a very welcome change in scenery while skating; the feeling is less like skating laps and more like a stroll through the park. However, like a rink, the skating loop is refrigerated and maintained by a Zamboni.

Bring your Ice Skates as we head over to Central Park for free open skating! Bring a few dollars and we will stop over to the coffee shop across the street and get something warm to drink after skating. We will be outside most of the whole time so dress accordingly. We need parents to help drive for this event. Please RSVP if you can help drive!

Where: Meet at Abiding Savior and travel down to Central Park in Maple Grove, MN.

Website: <http://www.maplegrovern.mn.gov/parks-and-recreation/central-park-maple-grove/central-park-ice-skating-loop-trail/>

Cost: No cost if you bring your own skates. Skate rental is available for \$6 per pair, with sizes ranging from children's Size 8 up to adult Size 13. There is no admission charge for skating.

## Can Recycling

Thank you for all your donations. We can still keep filling up our trailer during the winter months. So bring in your cans after your holiday parties. Thanks!!!



## Winter WAPO Retreat

**When: February 14th - 15th**

**Put it on your Calendar!  
More details to come.**



## High School Youth Group

Join your friends and Brad every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come for discussion, games, bible reading, meditation, prayer and more!

**Remember!**

**Youth Sunday is February 21**

# Monthly Financial Highlights



November 2015	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	46,194	417,404
Festival Giving	708	22,092
Subtotal	46,902	439,496
Other Income	11,697	92,807
Total Income	58,599	532,303
Total Expenses	47,310	562,227
Net Income Over Expense	11,289	(29,924)
Benevolences Paid	2,713	32,324

## Things to Celebrate

*These are just some of the awesome things we celebrated at Abiding Savior in December. 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.*

- Sunday Advent Services - preparing for our Savior's birth
- Children's Sunday School Christmas Program was wonderful. The Christmas Story complete with angels!!
- Abiding Savior sent 80 boxes to the Operation Christmas Child for children around the world!
- Fun evening at the Pajama Party
- Confirmation and Youth Christmas party. Lots of UGLY sweaters.
- Service of Comfort and Healing was held here - a peaceful service for those needing tranquility at this busy time of year
- Joyous Christmas Eve Services. The animals were so special and the candlelight made the service magical.
- Jesus is born for all of us!

## 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 Tuesday, January 12 for the February issue.**

To My Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Family,  
Thank you is not adequate enough to say for all the prayers, thoughts and cards I received during my recent valve replacement surgery, hospitalizations, and rehab. Everyone was and is still so supportive of me. It's a wonderful feeling to be back again to church services on Sunday, Women's Bible Study and Wednesday night suppers. I am so grateful for all of you. God's blessings to all of you. Love, Gloria Pettis

Dear Abiding Savior Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for the flower and certificate. It has been my privilege to help with Counting money at church. I did enjoy it. Things are getting harder but then age does that to you. Thank you again, Joyce Christianson

Dear Friends at Abiding Savior,  
Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$500.00 at our Coon Rapids site. This gift will provide 2,273 lifesaving meals packed by Feed My Starving Children volunteers. Be sure to check out stories of hope at [fmscblog.com](http://fmscblog.com) to see the impact your gift has on children around the world. You are champions for children needing hope today. Until all are fed, Judy

Thank you for your generous donation of 14 quilts. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks again! The Staff at Southern Anoka Community Assistance

Abiding Savior,  
During this time of year we reflect on all that we are thankful for, but Abiding Savior, we want you to know that all through out the year we are thankful for everything you do. Thanks for ALL the ways you show love to us. We appreciate your opening your doors, loving us with your time and giving from your hearts. Abundantly Thankful, CPY Staff and Kids

Abiding Savior Members,  
Thank you so much for all the Operation Christmas Child boxes you packed. We were able to send 80 boxes to children around the world. Thank you to those who donated money to have them shipped too. It is greatly appreciated.

We are so thankful for all you do to support Quincy Tree-house! Your church has been an incredible blessing to us. You mean so much to all of our kiddos. Thank you for helping us pursue these kids and reminding them that they are lovable, capable, and worthwhile!  
Love Tami Moberg and all the Quincy Kids!




From Quincy kids:  
Thank you for everything you do for us we appreciate it a lot. Bri E.

You are such a blessing to the Quincy House! Thank you for all of the support, whether it's food, blankets, or prayers! God bless you all! Thank you for doing life with us! Ashley S.

Thanks for the warm blankets you gave us. Kayla  
Thanks for the amazing meals. Shauna  
May God bless each of every one of you. You've touched all of our hearts with love and hope. Have a Merry Christmas! Kali



# January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3 COMMUNION</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Fellowship Hour 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	<b>4</b>  6:30 - Scouts 167 7:00 - Sons of Norway	<b>5</b> 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible	<b>6</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting  4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Confirmation 6:30 - HS Youth Group	<b>7</b>  10:00 - Women's Bible Study 1:30 - Blood Drive  6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Office Closed	<b>2</b> 9:00 Un-Decorating the Church 1:00 - Althea Tremewan's 90th Birthday Party
<b>10 BAPTISM of Our Lord</b> 9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Brunch 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	<b>11</b>  6:30 - Scouts 267	<b>12</b> 11:00 - Gospel Singers 1:00 - Priscilla/Rebecca Circle  7:00 - Lydia Circle 7:00 - Preschool Committee	<b>13</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Book Club 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Confirmation 6:30 - HS Youth Group	<b>14</b> 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study  6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 COMMUNION</b> 9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	<b>18</b> 12:00 - Quilting Setup  6:30 - Scouts 267	<b>19</b> 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 9:00 - Quilting 11:00 - Gospel Singers  6:30 - Council Meeting	<b>20</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting  4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Confirmation 6:30 - HS Youth Group	<b>21</b> 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 2:45 - Sharing/Caring Hands  6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship 4:00 - Youth Skating Party	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:45—Benedictine Nursing	<b>27</b> 10:00 - Staff Meeting  4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Confirmation 6:30 - HS Youth Group	<b>28</b> 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study  6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Family Ministry Winter Blast 10:00 - noon
<b>31</b> 9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School & Parent's Group 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship <b>12:00 - ANNUAL MEETING</b>		<b>MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY WEEK OF JANUARY 18th - 22nd</b>				

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When moving, changing addresses and/  
or phone, please notify the church office.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Happy New Year!

## Join us for Worship!

Every Sunday Morning at 9:00 and 11:00

## Upcoming Events in January ...

January 1 - Happy New Year!!  
January 2 - "Un-decorating" the Church  
January 2 - Althea Tremewan's Birthday party  
January 3 - Sunday School starts  
January 5 - Committee Meetings  
January 7 - Blood Drive  
January 10 - Baptism of our Lord / Baptism Celebration  
January 12 - Women's Circle  
January 13 - Book Club  
January 17 - Camp Sunday  
January 18-22 Meals on Wheels delivery this week  
January 18 - MLK Service Activity for 2nd - 5th Grade  
January 19 - Quilting  
January 19 - Council Meeting  
January 21 - Sharing and Caring Hands  
January 24 - Youth Skating Party  
January 30 - Family Ministry Winter Blast  
January 31 - Annual Meeting



## Upcoming Events in February ...

February 2 - Young at Heart featuring the Above Average Tuba Quartet  
February 10 - Lent Starts, Ash Wednesday  
February 14-15 WAPO Retreat  
February 21 - Youth Sunday

## 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 and  
King's Messengers Choir Director

**Cheryl Bornhorst**, Parish Nurse

**Verlinda Plath**, Office Manager

**Amy Haugen**, Office Assistant

**Denise Lewandowski**, Preschool  
Director

**Stan Haugen**, Custodian