



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

Abiding Summers!

In Minnesota, we make sure we enjoy our summers! For many, the past month has been one of finishing up school, winding down activities, and putting aside the “normal” routine to get ready for summer. We have the same patterns here in our church as summer approaches. However, we do not shut off the lights and shut the doors waiting for September. Instead, Abiding Savior continues to live out its mission in the summer as well.

Have you been by the church any weekday afternoon in June or July? If so, you will have heard and seen over 100 kids from Community Partner's with Youth (CPY) using our kitchen, Fellowship Hall, classrooms, and outside play area. What excitement and joy! August 8-12 there will be over 150 kids here for Vacation Bible School. This July we will be sending eighteen people to Guatemala for a week of building homes and learning. And on July 27, we will have a picnic and then head to the Twins Game with over 160 people for Lutheran Night at Target Field.

These are just some of the many activities that will happen this summer. But know that we are also here for weekly worship, we continue to visit the sick and homebound, to provide activities for kids and youth, and to celebrate together. As you read through this addition of the *Vinebranch*, see all the ways you can remain active in your congregation over these summer months and join us for worship, for ministry, for service, and for the fun!

Pastor Ryan



June

9:00 Traditional Service / 11:00 Contemporary Service

July only

One service Sundays at 10:00 AM

August

9:00 Traditional Service / 11:00 Contemporary Service

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June 2016



Worship Service Schedule:

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Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - noon

CONGRATULATIONS!!



The recipient of the Brian Peter Hansen Memorial Scholarship Award goes to Julene Hawkins.

Julene has been accepted to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND. She will be looking into Nursing/Pre-Med and /or Business.

The recipients of the Abiding Savior Holberg Memorial Scholarship Award goes to Joy Anderson and Katelyn Sangren.

Joy Anderson has been accepted to Anoka-Ramsey Community College for 1 year and then will transfer to St. Catherine's University. She will be studying American Sign Language to be an Interpreter.

Katelyn Sangren has been accepted to Winona State University. She will major in Education with an emphasis on Early Childhood.

Best wishes to all of our Graduates!!

ASLC Women's Circles

The Women's Circles do not meet during the Summer

September - May Schedule

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

Lydia Circle at 6:00 pm at Church

(Lydia Circle will meet August 9th at 5:00 for a Potluck in the Fellowship Hall to plan for the next season)

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 through May. You are invited to join us at 8:30. A hot breakfast is served. **Come join us again in September!**

Stewardship Corner

with Pastor Ryan

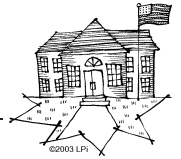
Living Our Gratitude

God is the giver of all things, including life itself. Everything we call our own is truly from God. The reality is that everything we call our own actually *still* belongs to God, we just get to use it while we are here. We should be grateful to God for all God has done for us. Gratitude fits perfectly with Christians and their understanding of God. The grace, or undeserved forgiveness that we receive from God, is a positive outcome for us that we have done nothing to deserve. This grace which comes to us in the form of Jesus causes us to feel appreciation and goodwill toward God. This appreciation and goodwill pushes us to want to do something in return. That means living our lives as Christians according to the will of God and not according to our own selfish will.

David Steindl-Rast writes, "The more I allow my gratitude to take hold of me, the more I come to understand the gift. The more I understand the gift, the more also the volitional aspect grows: I want to acknowledge my appreciation by giving recognition for the gratuitousness of the gift." This concept of gratitude applies to us when we think about all that God has done for us. The more grateful we are, the more out of our own volition we want to reciprocate that gratitude through acts of service, love, and generosity. The way we live out that gratitude is by sharing, loving others, and participating with God to help carry out the mission of God in the world.

*Start
each day
with a
grateful
heart*

Pre-School News



The preschool classroom is quiet for the summer. It's time for summer fun and family vacations. Even so we are always planning for our new group of preschoolers in the fall. Space is still available in either class. We are also searching for new teachers. If yourself or anyone you know has a passion for kids please let us know. To register or job inquiries please call:

763-784-5326 or email: preschool@abidinsavior.org

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

Children's Choir



Thank you all so much for a wonderful year and all your participation!!! Continue shining and sharing God's light with the world!!! Blessings to you this summer!!!



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.

Choirs are on their Summer Breaks or Schedules. Feel free to talk to 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, 6:15-7:00
- **Reigning Grace Band:** Gary Peterson - Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- **WWJD Choir (grades 2-5):** Tanna Hoffman – Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- **King's Messengers (3 year olds – grade 1):** Tanna Hoffman –
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Reimagining Worship

Task Force Update



Thank you to all who took the Abiding Savior Reimagining Worship Survey! Your opinions, comments, hopes and dreams for worship were greatly appreciated! Following up on the Survey, the members of the Reimagining Worship Task Force held listening sessions to dig deeper into ways to make worship even better here at Abiding Savior. The Task Force is using your feedback to consider new and exciting ideas for worship at Abiding Savior.

Open Arms Campaign Update



Thank you to all who have given or pledged to the Open Arms Campaign this past year. Thanks to your generosity, we have already installed a new sound system in the Sanctuary and are in the process of designing a canopy over the front entrance.

The campaign is officially over at this point, but we are still welcoming donations as we make the final plans for the front entrance canopy. Every gift matters as together we live in God's love!

Garden of Grace



What's new in the Garden?

By the time the VineBranch reaches you, the Garden of Grace will be well underway. We invite you to stop by throughout the summer and take a look at the bounty with which God blesses us.

This year, Malmberg's Nursery has donated a big beautiful tomato plant to our garden. We especially thank Barb Harlan and her daughter Kris Busch for helping facilitate this generous donation.

If you are interested in helping with the garden, just call the church office for information. We would love to have you!

Book Club



**June Book Club meets Wednesday, June 15th
Baker's Square by Northtown at 5:00 pm**

PERFECT GAME by Fred Bowen

Isaac has an idea of what a perfect game should look like. As a pitcher, it means no hits, no runs, no walks, and no errors. As he strives for his perfect game, he meets an interesting basketball player who gets him thinking differently about a "perfect" game. Read this book to find out what Isaac's perfect game looks like.

**Join the ASLC book club to discuss this book.
Everyone is welcome!**

July Worship Services 10:00 am



During the month of July we will have one combined worship service at 10:00 am.

Please mark your calendars now and join us for these fun and meaningful services.

July 3 - Pastor Ryan preaches
Theme: Sending! What is our mission from God?

July 10 - Pastor Ryan preaches
Theme: Who is my neighbor?
Send off for Guatemala Mission Trip members.

July 17 - Pastor Lisa preaches
Outdoor service on "Brad's Pad" with Reigning Grace leading us in Worship. Church picnic to follow

July 24 - Pastor Ryan preaches

July 31 - Bless the Years Sunday
We give thanks to God for the blessing of years and recognize and honor the wisdom God has given you in your journey through life. Music will be provided by the 4 Plus Band.

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.***

Nursery Team



We have been fortunate to have six volunteers offer to be part of a nursery team to provide coverage for the 9:00 worship services from September through May. They will be brainstorming possible improvements and changes to the way we serve our youngest members and visitors. If you would like to be a part of this team, or offer suggestions as plans are being made, please contact Patty Mesenbring.



It's Lutheran Night at the Twins Wednesday, July 27 Minnesota Twins vs. Atlanta Braves

Fun times just ahead! Please sign up and pay for your tickets today!!! The sign up is on the Bulletin Board.

The cost is \$35, for the ticket, hotdog tailgate party at church before the game, bus transportation and treats for the game.

We would love for you to join Abiding Savior and your friends at the Twins game. We have wonderful seats, a great hotdog supper before the game, easy bus transportation, and fun fellowship watching the Minnesota Twins take on the Atlanta Braves with your family and friends.

4:30 - Tailgate Party
5:45 - Buses leave ASLC
7:00 - Game



Let's Cheer for the Minnesota Twins Today!!

CPY - Community Partners with Youth

Community Partners with Youth will once again be filling Abiding Savior with children for summer enrichment activities. Have a smile ready for our guests and their youthful joy and enthusiasm!

Calling All Garage Sale Shoppers

It's not too early to start collecting winter coats for the October coat giveaway and garage sales can be a fun and thrifty way to do so. **Warm**, clean, new or gently used jackets with working zippers are most needed, especially in sizes for school children. Imagine what you would like to wear while waiting for a bus in January. Also accepted are new or used boots, snow pants and mittens/gloves. Donated hats MUST BE NEW, however. These items can be placed in the social concerns trunk anytime. Thank you for caring for your neighbors.

Walk A Mile For Our Neighbors

Mark **July 31st** on your calendars for the **annual fund raiser for the Community Support Center at Silverwood Park from 10-2**. You do not need to raise money or get pledges. Just show up for a walk in the park and each lap you make moves available donated funds to the earned column. Of course, donations are always welcome - each \$5 gets you a chance at many great door prizes from dining gift cards to massages. This is a great way to work with other local churches to raise funds to help neighbors in our area who risk eviction from their homes. **Look for more information in July.**

Door Prize Collection

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

Food Shelf Needs

Ralph Reeder and all food shelves see an increased demand when students are out of school for the summer. Canned fruit is always in short supply for the 500 families (1,500 - 2,000 people) Ralph Reeder Serves each month.

Donations of cash, food, hygiene products or household items are always appreciated and can be brought to church anytime. Thank you for thinking of your neighbors.



Sharing and Caring Hands

Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, June 16**. Please meet at ASLC at **2:30 pm** (you don't need to drive) and arrive back by 5:30 or sooner.

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

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

Meals on Wheels



Thanks to all the volunteers who made deliveries for Meals on Wheels the week of May 23-27. If you would like to help deliver in the future, please call Fern Fisher at 763-786-1044.

Our Graduating Seniors

We are very proud of our High School Seniors:

Joy Catherine Anderson - will be attending Anoka Ramsey Community College first year and transferring to St. Catherine's

Danielle Rose Franke - will be attending St. Mary's University in Winona

Cameron Gullickson - will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Madison

Julene Rose Hawkins - will be attending the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Travaustin Jerde - will be continuing his education

Aaron Monn - will be attending Century College for generals and then proceed to University

Shannon Rebecca Owens - will be attending Hamline University

Katelyn Sangren - will be attending Winona State University

And College Graduate:

Chance Berg - graduated from Steven's Point in Wisconsin and is now enlisted in the Air Force

And Post Graduates:

Beth LaCroix - graduated from George Washington University with a Master's Degree in Public Health. She is currently working as a researcher at the University and is beginning to look at potential PhD programs for 2017. Beth and her husband Peter plan to stay in DC for another year.

Ryan Schlotterback - graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Ryan will be teaching percussion groups and private lessons at several schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young men and women. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. Amen.

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



There is still room for you on the Seventh Annual Men's Fishing Trip to be held on **June 24-26**. Invite your friends and neighbors, sons and sons-in-law for a weekend of fishing and fellowship at Luther Dell Camp in Remer, MN on the shores of Boy Lake. We will leave Friday morning and be back Sunday evening. The cost, including housing in cabins, all of our meals while at camp, bait, and gas for our boats and cars will be \$155 per person (\$140 for those under 18).

We will be bringing our own boats to use over the weekend so if you have a boat, bring it along. If you don't have a boat don't worry, others will share! Watch for more details as the time approaches. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ryan.

Those who are going, please attend the **planning meeting at 10:05 am on Sunday, June 12, in the Fellowship Hall.**



You've met the Ladies - now, meet the Men!!



The Church Basement Ladies invite the MEN of the church into the kitchen. See what happens when you let the roosters in the hen house!!

Join us October 13th at 1:00 pm for this great new show at the Plymouth Playhouse. We have 54 tickets reserved. Approximate cost \$30 for tickets, box lunch and bus. More details to come!!

Sunday School**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

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; Children's Ministry page), or in the church office.

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

**LET YOUR LIFE****Community VBS 2016:**

August 8-12, 9-noon

Give your children an Experience to remember:

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

• Be a VBS Volunteer:

Lead a group activity (games, crafts, themed center)

Assist with group activities

Guide children to activities

Help with snack

Run the sound system

Be a photographer

Help with registration

Help behind the scenes

Anyone entering 6th grade or older this fall is encouraged to volunteer. Parents, grandparents, teens — we have a place for you! Interested volunteers can sign up in the church narthex or contact Patty Mesebring or Linda Weiner-Herman.

If you can't help every day, or if you are not available that week and still want to be involved, please indicate your interest in volunteering on your child's registration form, call the church or contact Patty: patty@abidingsavior.org

• Donate:

- **Needed items** will be listed on Post-It notes near the volunteer sign-up board in the narthex. Take the Post-It note for any item(s) you wish to donate and bring them to church by August 3rd.
- **Monetary donations** are very welcome, and can be dropped off, or sent to the church office.

Youth News

Mother's Day Flower Sale Fundraiser for Casa Por Cristos

We raised around **\$2,100** during the flower sale this year! A big thanks to all those who helped out and to Cindy and John Swenson for helping lead this fundraiser.



Summer Youth Group

Who: Combined Middle/High School Youth

Bring: Snacks to share and swimsuits for pool days.

Where: Church and at families homes/various locations TBD.

When: 6:30-8pm starting June 8th through August 24th 2016.

What: We will have campfire, swim at pools, go boating, meet at long lake beach, play Frisbee, and have a great summer of staying connected to our community of faith. Wednesday, June 15 and July 13 meet at the Hawkins Home in New Brighton for a pool party - bring a swimsuit and a dessert/snack to share.

Wednesday Night Breakdown:

All dates are 6:30-8:00p.m. unless otherwise noted



June 8 – Summer Kick Off Bonfire/Outdoor games at church

June 15 - Hawkins Home/ Pool Party

June 22 - Hiking @ Spring Brook Nature Center

June 29 - Rollerblade/Bike to Long Lake Beach (Come wearing a suit if you want to jump in)

July 6 - Disc Golfing @ Silver View Park (Bring your own discs)

July 13 - Hawkins Home/ Pool Party

July 20 - NO Youth Group (Guatemala Trip)

July 27 - Biking (bring bike/meet at church) with stop at Lexington, MN Dairy Queen, bring \$4 for a treat.

August 3 - Tubing and Speed boating (Long Lake)

August 10 – Block party @ Church

August 17 - Tubing and Speed boating (Long Lake)

August 24 – End of Summer bonfire/outdoor games at church

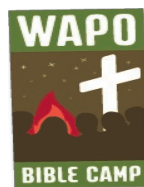


Facebook Youth Event Page/ Master Calendar

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

Reminder: No Cinnamon Roll Sales during June, July and August. We will resume on the last Sunday in September.



CAMP WAPOGASSET

*"God Listens:
An Adventure in Prayer"*

July 15-17 (Seeds, 2nd and 3rd graders)

July 17-22 (4th-9th graders)

You can register on line at
<http://lwlbc.com/abidingsavior>

We would love to have you come with us!

Monthly Financial Highlights

April 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$33,365	\$148,890
Festival Giving	\$757	\$16,261
Subtotal	\$34,122	\$165,151
Other Income	\$4,849	\$18,887
Total Income	\$38,971	\$184,038
Total Expenses	\$48,104	\$196,998
Net Income Over Expense	(9,133)	(\$12,960)
Benevolences Paid	\$2,555	\$11,517

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 May:

- Very successful Plant Sale - lots of people have beautiful plants and flowers
- The proceeds of the Plant Sale were \$2,100!!
- 28 Units of Blood donated at our Blood Drive
- Four new Befrienders/Caring Visitors were trained and ready to work with members of our church
- Senior Recognition and Open House for our graduates
- Another great year of Sunday School and Confirmation!
- Wonderful Music Sunday!
- A special music event by Joy, Danielle, Julene, and Shannon
- The always popular Lutheran Luau full of fun and great food!

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.**



Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help with Spring Clean Up Day. Now with the completion of the plantings around the church building, the rain gardens, and the addition of the Butterfly Gardens, our church home is looking beautiful!

I want to thank all of the ladies that brought treats for the Spring Clean Up crew. And a special thanks to Fern for doing her "special" kitchen thing!
Bill Ekstrom

Dear Abiding Savior Ladies Group,
Thank you so much for the generous gift we received on Sunday, April 24th. We are using your gift towards our boys t-shirts! The boys are planning on wearing them on Thursdays, the day they meet together for Real Men in the evening. Without your huge hearts we would not be able to do what we do with these teens! We love you! You are such a blessing and a gift to our Quincy Tree House Family. Love, Tami and the Quincy TH



Dear Friends of the Mounds View School District,
Thank you for your donation of \$750 and 561 pounds of food for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. Gifts like yours make it possible for the District to provide services to many members of our community. We are grateful to you for making the Mounds View Public Schools a priority. We appreciate your contribution. Sincerely,
Amy Jones, Chair, Mounds View School Board

Thank you for your important donation this past month of 83 pounds of food. Without your support, we would not be able to meet the needs of the 500 households that visit our food shelf each month. It is estimated that 1 in 10 people suffer from food insecurity in our state and 1 in 5 families with children experience hunger on a regular basis and half of the individuals we serve are children. These families are making tough decisions between paying for their heat, keeping a roof over their heads or buying food. With your help, we are able to make a difference. Thank you again for your donation, and we look forward to your important and continued support! Sincerely,
Lisa Baker, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf Program Supvr.

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,
June 13 for the July issue.**

**Our next "Committee Meetings"
are Tuesday, June 7th**

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phone, please notify the church office.

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Upcoming Events in June ...

June 2 - Women's Bible Study
June 7 - Committee Meetings
June 8 - Staff Meeting
June 9 - Work Crew
June 9 - Women's Bible Study
June 12 - Fishing trip meeting
June 13 - CPY starts
June 14 - Council Meeting
June 15 - Staff Meeting
June 15 - Book Club at Baker's Square
June 16 - Women's Bible Study
June 16 - Sharing and Caring Hands
June 19 - Happy Father's Day!
June 20 - Quilting Set Up
June 21 - Quilting
June 22 - Staff Meeting
June 23 - Work Crew
June 23 - Women's Bible Study
June 24 - 26 - Men's Fishing Trip
June 28 - Benedictine Care Center
June 29 - Staff Meeting

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Janelle Anderson, Organist

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