



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

Lent 2017: 500 Years of Reform

This year the Lutheran Reformation of the church celebrates its 500th anniversary! The leader of that reformation was Martin Luther. Luther was a pastor and a professor in Wittenberg, Germany. He saw many problems with the way the church leaders were abusing the people at his time doing things such as selling forgiveness, buying ecclesiastical positions of power such as archbishop or cardinal, and keeping the Bible out of the hands of the people. Martin Luther did not set out to start a new church, but to try to reform the church from the inside. However, powerful people resisted those reforms and Luther and his followers broke away from the church.

Luther was a passionate pastor and teacher. He saw that the people did not have even a basic knowledge of the Bible or theology. So Luther decided to write the Small Catechism with the idea that this small book could be used in people's homes to teach the basic principles of the faith such as the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, Baptism, and Communion. This Small Catechism is still used today with our youth as they are learning about what it means to be a Christian.

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, our mid-week Wednesday Lenten worship services at 4:00 and 6:30 will offer a series of teachings and stories from Luther's Small Catechism beginning on March 8. There is always something new to learn whether you have been a Lutheran all your life or are new to our faith tradition. Along with these Wednesday services, there will also be available a Lenten devotional focused on the Small Catechism and teachings of Martin Luther. Pick yours up in the Narthex after worship. I look forward to seeing you in worship this season of Lent!

God's blessings!

Pastor Ryan



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SERVICES AT 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

March 1	Ash Wednesday
March 8	The Ten Commandments
March 15	The Apostle's Creed
March 22	The Lord's Prayer
March 29	Baptism
April 5	Communion

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Adult Forums



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

26 Luther and his Reformation Theology, by Gary Simpson, Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary

"500 years ago Martin Luther's Scriptural understanding of "the promising God" transformed how everyday people engaged who God is and what God is up to in the world. Back then people received this promising God in their lives "by faith alone" and "by love alone." Join in on discovering in what ways Luther's transformations have a future in our lives, in our society, and in our world today."

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Growing Through Loss



April 17th - May 22nd

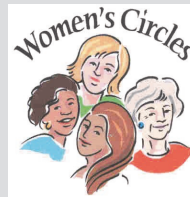
Abiding Savior will be hosting the Spring Grief Support Series beginning on April 17th. The series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

Time:	Mondays	6:45 - 9 pm.
Agenda:	Registration	6:45 - 7 pm.
	Speaker	7 - 7:45 pm.
	Small Groups	8- 9:00 pm.

You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. Each session is complete in itself. Donations are accepted. Child care is provided free of charge. For more information call Nancy Jahnke at 763-755-5335. Brochures are located on the Library Literature Wall.

ASLC Women's Circles

March 14th



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

Lydia Circle at 6:00 pm at Church
Hostess - Donna Kluck

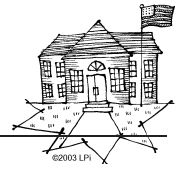
Women's Bible Study

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, March 7th and 21st.



Preschool News

March is here! We're not sure if we're looking at spring or the end of winter but we will enjoy it either way. We have so much to do yet this year and it's time to start planning for next year too.

We are now taking registrations for the 2017-18 school year. Please pass on the word to any 3, 4, or 5 year olds you may know. There's still time to order Butter Braids. Get your order in by March 9th. Delivery is on 3/29, in time for Easter.

Denise Lewandowski, Program Director
Abiding Savior Preschool
[763-784-5326](tel:763-784-5326)

Stewardship Corner

By Pastor Ryan

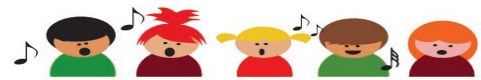
Generosity and Relationships

Have you ever connected the power of relationships when it comes to our generosity? If we stop to think about it, the more we know someone, the more likely we are to truly understand that person and their needs. The more we understand their needs, the more we want to do what we can to help meet those needs.

Shane Claiborne is a minister working in inner city Philadelphia. He has also spent time working in wealthy suburban congregations. In his book, *The Irresistible Revolution*, he writes about the lack of understanding and empathy that exists in wealthy congregations. He believes this is because of a lack of effort to build relationships with those in need. He writes, "I had come to see that the great tragedy in the church is not that rich Christians do not care about the poor but that rich Christians do not know the poor."

When we take the time to get to know our neighbors, the more likely we are to share abundantly to try to meet the needs of others. At Abiding Savior, we have only just begun to reach out into our community and beyond to build lasting relationships. God calls us to love one another and to share abundantly with those who do not have enough. What other neighbors can we get to know? What new partners in ministry are out there? How can we help to relieve their grief, their illness, their hunger, their need? How can we live our lives faithfully sharing from our abundance to spread the love of God with others? We can begin by breaking down walls to build new partnerships and relationships that lead us to new ways of being generous with the resources God has entrusted to us of our time, our talents, and our resources.

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 FOR LENT: ALTERNATING with POWER UP - check the schedule on the Children's Ministry Page!

Wednesday, April 5th: We are scheduled to volunteer for the SOUP SUPPER!!!! Children, get ready to serve and help with the Wednesday evening programming!!! This will take the place of Choir and Power UP - The more hands to help the merrier!!! Such a fun night to be able to serve!!!



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. *****LENT SCHEDULES ARE IN PLACE*****

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

- **Senior Choir:** Gary Peterson – Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 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, 5:30 - 6:15 pm
- **King's Messengers (3 year olds – grade 1):** Tanna Hoffman –
Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:15 pm
- **Celebration Ringers (grades 3-12):** Paul Weller – Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:30

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.



Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday night, **March 8th at 5:00 pm in the Church Library.**

MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN by Jean Craighead George

Sam is unhappy and tired of living in New York City so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains. There he lives by himself and struggles with survival; depending on nature and animal friends, and the few items that he brought with him. He learns about courage, danger, and independence. In the end will he find surviving in the wilderness to be the answer, and what does he learn from his experiences?

Regular Church Office Hours Resume

Office Hours:

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

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.



Wednesday Night Soup Suppers



Give the “cook” at your house a break.
Bring your whole family and invite your neighbors!

Served 4:30 - 6:30 pm. \$3.00 to cover costs or
Free Will Offering for the Fundraiser

- Mar. 1 - Ground Beef Vegetable - SnackPack
- Mar. 8 - Vivian’s Vegetable Beef
- Mar. 15 - Tomato Basil Bisque
- Mar. 22 - Chili
- Mar. 29 - Brad’s Youth - TBD
- Apr. 5 - Chicken Noodle
- Apr. 13 - Maundy Thursday - Split Pea

The groups who have so generously offered to serve us with a warm meal on Wednesday nights in Lent will give all proceeds to a charity of their choice.

Please give generously!!

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!

Lenten Services

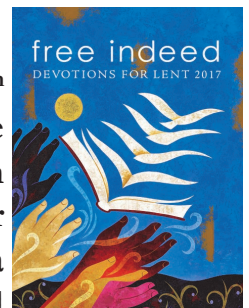
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- March 15 The Apostle’s Creed
- March 22 The Lord’s Prayer
- March 29 Baptism
- April 5 Communion

Pick up your free Lenten Devotional Booklet --

As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation this Lenten Season, Abiding Savior has made available a Lenten devotional called



“Free Indeed.” This devotional brings Luther’s Small Catechism into your home or devotional time. Each day features a reading from the catechism, accompanied by an evocative image, a quotation to ponder, a reflection and a prayer.

May this Lenten journey through the Small Catechism strengthen your faith as you move toward the Easter feast!

March is Food Share Month

Please remember your hungry neighbors this month. Pick up a grocery bag and list in the entry. Bring food donations to church or designate offerings (indicate Food Shelf on checks to ASLC) during March. **Portions of both food and cash donations made in March are matched by Minnesota Food Share.**

The Mission Outreach committee challenges the congregation to raise at least \$500 for the food shelf and we will match with \$500 from our budget. Let's do it! *Together we can help alleviate hunger right in our community.*

Community Support Center

The CSC is hosting a luncheon April 27th to celebrate the combined efforts of the CSC, area churches, and local organizations in supporting our neighbors needing help staying in their homes. As a founding church, ASLC will be looking to fill a table of eight. More information coming soon.

Free Money for Thrivent Members!

Did you know Thrivent offers one or two Thrivent Action Team **grants up to \$250 per member per year?** This money can be used for charitable/service projects right in our neighborhood. There is some planning ahead and paperwork involved, so don't wait until the last minute. Log in to Thrivent for details, or ask in the office.

Thrivent Grant Writers Needed

Have you used a Thrivent Action Team grant to make a difference in our community? Would you be willing to help others with the application process and follow-up? Abiding Savior is looking for a small team to help us make use of these available grants to stretch our sharing of God's love. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you.

A Note from Quincy Treehouse

Dear Abiding Savior,
Shawna, one of our recent graduates said recently, "When I am at Quincy I feel I am where I belong. Quincy saved my life."

Thank you for partnering with Shawna and all our Quincy kids. Through your support you are offering hope to the youth we serve. Words can not begin to express how thankful we are for your generous gifts. Since we met you - your church has felt like family to us. You have reached out and wrapped us up in your arms.

You love others well. You serve others with such deep love that they know they are loved the minute they walk through the door. I see that every Wednesday night when I come to pick up the wonderful food and see the people lined up to eat and have community with one another.

I am truly in awe. With every meal on Wednesday nights, hand knit hats for our kids, beautiful quilted blankets the kids use weekly, to every little bottle of shampoo, your love is lavish. You are the body of Christ and you are the hands and feet of Jesus in your community.

You live like there is no such thing as other people's children. You love our kids like they are your own. That they belong to you. Your hearts are huge! Thank you for all your support and prayers and incredible love!

Tami Moberg and the rest of the Quincy family

Sharing and Caring Hands



Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, March 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



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

LEAFs

There will be LEAFs in the Spring!

**LEAFs =
Life Enrichment Addult Forums**

**April 10th & 24th at Christ the
King Lutheran Church**

**May 8th & 22nd at Abiding
Savior Lutheran Church**

Here are some of the presenters and topics coming this Spring: Rev. Dr. Margaret Guelker – Holy Land and Jordan, Rev. John Kerr – Ruth, Joe Kimball – Congdon Murders, J.B. Anderson - Memorial Day, Steve Marking, a musical presentation on The Mighty Mississippi, and Doug Ohman – State Parks

Registration forms will be mailed in March to participating churches and to all individuals who have attended LEAFs events in the past four years.

If LEAFs is new to you, contact your Church Office for more information and registration forms or go to the LEAFs Website: www.leafsforums.org

—The Leafs Planning Committee



Meals on Wheels - Dine to Donate

Our fourth annual fund raiser will be **all the month of March and April at the Perkins Restaurant in Fridley. 10% of your bill will be donated** to the Meals on Wheels Program in Southern Anoka County. The area covers Spring Lake Park, Fridley, and Columbia Heights. The 10% off coupons can be picked up at the bulletin board outside the office.

Abiding Savior Lutheran has 26 people who deliver every ninth week. We are always looking for new drivers. We pick up at 11:00 and 11:30 at Unity Hospital. It takes less than 2 hours to deliver.

We will deliver again April 3 - 7. If you can help, please call Fern Fisher at 763-786-1044.

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.*

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 OVERLOOK section on Tuesday evening, **August 8th.**

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

Sunday School



Special Lenten Offering Focus—Light the Fire!

Sunday school children and the congregation are invited to participate in an effort to raise funds to purchase energy-saving wood cook stoves for families in developing nations through the ELCA Good Gifts program. Donations can be brought to your child's Sunday school classroom, deposited in the bank in the narthex, or dropped off in the church office during the week. (Please see separate article for more information.)

— Schedule Notes —

• **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 children's video of the events of Holy Week and the opportunity to explore prayer station activities. 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!**

We pray that this school year will nurture your child in his or her faith and encourage you as a family on your faith journey



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.

MARCH/APRIL NOTES

Special Schedule During Lent: Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, the POWER Up and choir schedules will change to accommodate the 6:30 Lenten service. Groups will meet from 5:30-6:15 just one activity each week, either POWER Up or choir, as follows:

<u>POWER Up</u>	<u>Choir</u>
March 1 2nd-5th Grade	4-yr-olds—1st Grade
March 8 4-yr-olds—1st Grade	2nd-5th Grade
March 15 2nd-5th Grade	4-yr-olds—1st Grade

March 22 — No children's programs (SPRING BREAK)

March 29 4-yr-olds—1st Grade 2nd-5th Grade
April 5 Both groups will help serve the evening's soup supper

April 12 — No children's programs (HOLY WEEK)

April 19 Back to regular schedule

Special Sunday School Lenten Offering Focus Begins March 5 --- *Light the Fire*



Help a cook in a developing nation shave hours off her to-do list. Finding fuel for cooking is no easy task. Women endure long walks to gather firewood. And what's more, the destruction of trees leads to deforestation and burning wood in the home exposes a family to deadly fumes. Energy-saving cook stoves get the job done with half as much wood, providing dozens of time-saving, environmental and health benefits to women and their families.

Sunday school students and members of the congregation are invited to join in an effort to raise funds to purchase cook stoves through the ELCA Good Gifts program. Sunday school children are encouraged to bring their donations to their classrooms. A bank will be located in the narthex for congregational donations, or you can drop them off in the church office during the week.

Each stove costs just \$50, but can impact lives immeasurably. Thank you for your generosity in helping us to Light the Fire!

—Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive.
Serve the Lord...Share with God's people who are in need.
Romans 12:11,13 (NIRV)—

Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

Saturday, April 1st
10:00-noon

Crafts & Activities



Snacks



Face-Painting



Egg hunt

Goody-bag to take home



Suggested donation: \$3/child; maximum of \$10/family

Are you interested in helping with this event?
Help children with activities, take photos, be a face-painter, help with set-up or clean-up, etc.
Please contact Patty if you can lend a hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

March 1 - Lent Services begin, High School Youth Group still meets from 7:15 - 8 pm

March 16 - 2nd Harvest Food Packing Service Event 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Contact Celena Monn for details

March 29 - Youth serve Soup Supper on Wed. night

April 16 - Youth serve Easter Brunch

May 5 - Cinco De Mayo (5th of May) Taco Dinner at church 6:00 pm
\$5 /person \$20 family maximum

May 7 - Graduation Recognition Sunday

June 14 - August 30 ---- Summer Youth Group
- Summer Youth Group Wednesdays at 6:30 - 8 pm
- Combined Middle and High School Events
- Disc Golfing, bonfires, swimming, beach, bike trips, and more!



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!

August 10 -14 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip

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 required. TBD - around \$200.

Who: The most important part right? Current 8th graders through college /early 20's are invited to join us. 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, Ron Huesman,.. that's right we got all the seasoned pros (Jim S. is like guru status!)

Where: Entry #24 Fall Lake

Why: Ask me why. Ask Gary, Ron, Maren, Curt...better yet ask Jim - he has been there more times than all of us put together! Just trust me on this one. You will want to be on this trip most def!

Monthly Financial Highlights

*****Due to System Conversion, numbers are not available at this time******



2017	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving		
Festival Giving		
Subtotal		
Other Income		
Total Income		
Total Expenses		
Net Income Over Expense		
Benevolences Paid		

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 February at Abiding Savior:

- Mission Endowment Sunday and great information from our member Brad Reiners
- Share the Love Family Ministry Valentine's event and all the beautiful baskets for our shut ins!
- Tanzania Sunday with Pastor Nordfrey Mlangali
- Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wapogasset
- Youth Sunday - services led by our Youth complete with a skit!
- The St. Olaf Handbell Choir Concert here at Abiding gave a great performance with outstanding talent!!
- Council Town Hall Meeting - well attended and lots of good discussion!

Greetings from sunny Florida!

I wish I could send some of this warmth and sunshine up there for all of you to enjoy! But all of you are "sunshine" unto your own selves and others! You are such prayer warriors! And believe me I felt every one of them! All the cards you sent (and sometimes twice!) with words of encouragement, faith, and just letting me know you are thinking of me! I read them over and over again - they just make my day! I am the luckiest and most blessed girl because of you - the Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study! Also my whole Abiding Savior family! (which includes Lydia Circle!) I just don't know how to thank you enough for all your prayers, cards, thoughts, maybe some tears and smiles! My healing has been so good and fast because of the love I feel from all of you! (I've also had the best nurse and care giver in my wonderful husband! He'll be ready for a vacation when I'm all recovered.) Thank you dearest friends! Missing all of you "bunches"!!
Love and Hugs, Tonya

Thank you so much for remembering me while I have been recovering from my back surgery. I truly appreciate the abundant thoughts and prayers. I have received numerous beautiful cards and give special thanks to my ladies at Women's Bible Study, Pastor Lisa, Pastor Ryan, and all of my family at Abiding Savior. You have blessed me with your friendship and love, and I "Thank You". Marsha Peterson

Greetings from Wapo, Ox Lake, Luther Dell and Wilderness Canoe Base! Your generous gift supports a ministry that is making a difference in the lives of over **5,000 kids** each summer and **200 college age summer staff**. For the last 2 years we have been participating in a unique research project that centers on the effectiveness of camp. The results show that camp is **relational, participatory, different than home, a safe place and faith centered**. Thank you for recognizing the importance and impact of camp with your incredible gift of \$700! Heather Eggert, Executive Director

Happy New Year and Thank you for your important donations of 65 lbs. of food and \$75 cash in December, and 149 lbs. of food in January. We are grateful for your continued support!
Lisa Baker, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf Program Supervisor

Get the VineBranch Electronically

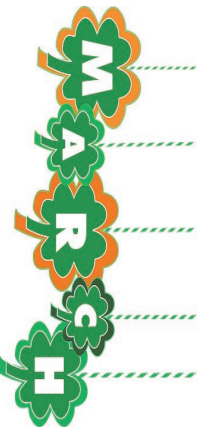
The VineBranch, Abiding Savior's monthly newsletter, provides information on all upcoming happenings, important information, and reminders. Typically, the VineBranch arrives to your mailing address prior to the beginning of the month; however, the delivery of the newsletter can be dependent on the mail 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, March 13th for the April issue.

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 COMMUNION 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Family Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	6 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Scout Troop 167 7:00 - Sons of Norway	7 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 10:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Committee Meetings	8 4:00 - Lenten Worship 4:30 - Soup Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:30 - Power Up for Kids 6:30 - Lenten Worship 7:00 - HS Youth Group	9 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	10	11
12  SPRING AHEAD Installation of Officers 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Brunch 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	13 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Scout Troop 267	14 10:15 - Staff Meeting 1:00 - Priscilla/Rebecca Circle 6:00 - Lydia Circle 6:30 - Preschool Committee	15 4:00 - Lenten Worship 4:30 - Soup Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:30 - Power Up for Kids 6:30 - Lenten Worship 7:00 - HS Youth Group	16 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 2:45 - Sharing/Caring Hands	17	18 
19 COMMUNION Volunteer Appreciation 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	20 First Day of Spring!! Mounds View 12:00 - Quilting Set Up 6:00 - Reigning Grace	21 Schools 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 9:00 - Quilting 10:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Council Meeting	22 Spring Break 4:00 - Lenten Worship 4:30 - Soup Supper 7:15 - Senior Choir 6:30 - Lenten Worship	23 Mounds View Schools Spring Break 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study	24 Preschool this week	25
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Upcoming Events in March

- Mar 1 - Ash Wednesday
 - Lenten Services 4:00 and 6:30
 - Soup Supper
- Mar 2 - Women's Bible Study
 - Red Cross Blood Drive
- Mar 5 - Family Sunday School
- Mar 7 - Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
 - Committee Meetings
- Mar 8 - Lenten Services 4:00 and 6:30
 - Soup Supper
- Mar 9 - Work Crew
 - Women's Bible Study
- Mar 12 - Spring Ahead!!
 - Installation of Officers
 - Brunch
- Mar 14 - Women's Circles
- Mar 15 - Lenten Services 4:00 and 6:30
 - Soup Supper
- Mar 16 - Women's Bible Study
 - Sharing and Caring Hands
- Mar 19 - Volunteer Appreciation
- Mar 20 - First Day of Spring
 - Quilting Set Up
- Mar 21 - Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
 - Quilting
 - Council Meeting
- Mar 22 - Lenten Services 4:00 and 6:30
 - Soup Supper
- Mar 23 - Work Crew
 - Women's Bible Study
- Mar 28 - Benedictine Service
- Mar 29 - Lenten Services 4:00 and 6:30
 - Soup Supper
- Mar 30 - Women's Bible Study



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Ryan Brodin, Senior Pastor

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