



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



Being Fed in and through Abiding Savior (literally)

Certainly we have experienced the many ways that we are fed spiritually through Abiding Savior. There are meaningful worship services, Bible studies, Sunday school, Confirmation, youth group, adult education opportunities, circles, caring ministries, and so much more happening that feed our souls in and through this congregation.

But are you aware of the many ways we are feeding people literally as well? We often joke with one another about how we gather so often around food for meetings or classes or fellowship here at Abiding Savior. But we are also taking that passion for food outside the walls of our congregation as well. There are people in our community who are hungry, and we are working to live out our calling to love our neighbor through feeding ministries.

Here are just some of the ways we are feeding people (literally) in this congregation:

- Wednesday Night Dinners** - we feed many seniors and others that otherwise might not have a hot and nutritious meal including meals delivered to shut-ins
- Pinewood SnackPack Program** - We send home 53 backpacks a weekend for kids who otherwise might not have enough to eat
- Shobi's Table** - We partner with this food truck ministry feeding people on St. Paul's East Side
- CPY** - Through our kitchen in the summer months, over one hundred elementary aged kids from our community receive a hot and nutritious meal.
- Quincy Treehouse** - Providing a weekly evening meal to at risk youth in our community
- Wednesday Bread** - Through a partnership with Cub Foods, we provide seniors and others with bread products every Wednesday free of charge.
- Garden of Grace** - This Community Garden on our property provides over three hundred pounds of fresh produce to the local **Ralph Reeder Food Shelf**
- Other feeding ministries: Meals on Wheels, Feed My Starving Children, Sharing and Caring Hands, Sunday brunches, love fund, food shelf donations...**

These are just some of the ways that we are feeding people (literally) in and through our congregation. All of these ministries happen only because of your generosity and the generosity of others. What a blessing it is to be able to share abundantly and to live out our calling from God to love our neighbors!

God's blessings!
Pastor Ryan

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SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016
There is only one Service at 10:00 am

Followed by our Lutheran Luau and Potluck
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

May 2016

Adult Forums in May

May Schedule:

1st - Reimagining Worship Listening Session
In the Coffee House with the Abiding Savior
Reimagining Worship Task Force

Thank you for taking the Reimagining Worship Survey here at Abiding Savior. As a follow up to the survey you are invited to attend a forum with members of the Abiding Savior Reimagining Worship Task Force to share your hopes, dreams, and opinions about worship at Abiding Savior. The Reimagining Worship Task Force has been asked to look at our current worship services and to begin to think about how worship can be even better in our congregation. Your opinions are valued and important in this process.

8th - Mother's Day
Coffee and Fellowship in Coffee House

15th - Graduation Recognition
Open House in the Coffee House
Join us in congratulating our graduates and enjoy a piece of graduation cake!

- **Reimagining Worship Listening Session**
In the Preschool Room

22nd - LUTHERAN LUAU
Join us for our Potluck after the 10:00 service

29th - Coffee Hour Fellowship
In the Coffee House

ASLC Women's Circles

May Meetings - Tuesday, May 10th

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

Lydia Circle at 6:00 pm at Church
Hostess: Lois Hansen

Lutheran Luau



Sunday, May 22, at 11:00
(after the worship service)

Dreaming of warm breezes off the ocean? Want a reason to wear that Hawaiian shirt in your closet?

It's that time of year again! Our annual Lutheran Luau / Potluck will once again feature the pork, BBQ sauce, buns, lemonade, coffee and ice water, furnished. The "potluck" will be the side dishes. Please bring a dish to contribute if your last name starts with:

A-E Salads F-K Fruit
L-P Hot dishes Q-Z Desserts

All are welcome to eat even if you don't bring anything to share. A free will basket will be put out to help cover the price of the pork, etc.



Leis to be provided!!

Thank you and look forward to seeing you all!!
Fellowship Committee

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

Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Ryan, will meet on May 3rd, 17th, and 31st. You are invited to join us these Tuesday mornings at 8:30. A hot breakfast is served.

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



Pre-School News

Stewardship Corner

with Pastor Ryan

We live in suburban America and are privileged to be among the most wealthy people not only in the United States, but also the entire world. It can be tempting for us to believe that we have earned everything that we call our own. This puts us in danger of not feeling gratitude toward God.

Herbert Mather in his book *That's What My Mother Taught Me: And Other Ways Generous Givers Develop*, writes:

"From the Christian perspective, until we recognize and affirm the gift of God's love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, we cannot respond in gratitude. There is no basis for gratitude when we are convinced that we earned everything we have that is worthwhile. Where there is generosity, there is conviction. Where there is generosity, there is enthusiasm. Conviction and enthusiasm emerge from what God has done and is doing in the life of the giver."

Gratitude causes us to react in passionate ways to the blessings we have received and one of the main ways we express this gratitude is through acts of generosity. When we truly know and believe that everything we call our own really and truly belongs to God, then we cannot help but to be grateful and to respond in acts of generosity in our lives as well.



April showers have turned into May flowers. We have a very busy month. Both classes are preparing for their spring programs. Both classes will also head out together on our farm field trip. Add in 3 wheel day and we have a full schedule. May also means the end of another preschool year. It's a bittersweet time as we send our older children off to their next school adventure with well wishes. We are very blessed to have gotten to know the preschoolers and their families, sometimes for only a single school year sometimes for many, either way they all leave their mark on our hearts. We are always looking ahead. **Registration for next year is going on now. Please stop into the preschool, call, or email.** Spring Blessings!!!!

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

May Children's Choir Reminders!!



Our last night of Programming will be Wednesday, May 18th from 6-7! A brief rehearsal will be held and then time for fun with the Power Up/Choir groups!!! Let's have some fun!!!

Choir will sing Sunday, May 22nd at the 10:00 service!! 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.

- **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
- **Celebration Ringers (grades 3-12):** Paul Weller – Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:45

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 are holding listening sessions to dig deeper into ways to make worship even better here at Abiding Savior. There are three sessions planned for you to join the conversation:

**Sunday, May 1, 10:05 AM (between services)
in the Coffee House**

**Wednesday, May 4, 5:45 PM
in the Coffee House**

**Sunday, May 15, 10:05 AM (between services)
in the Pre-school room**

“Many Hands Make Light Work”



**Spring Clean Up will be on
Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 am.**

**If you have a rake, leaf blower, or an
extension cord, please bring it along.**

Open Arms Campaign Update



Thank you to all who have given or pledged to the Open Arms Campaign this past year. **We are in the last month of our campaign** and are getting closer to our goal of \$99,000 pledged or given. If you have not already done so, please pray about your participation in this campaign or increasing your donation to help us reach our goals. If you would like more information about the campaign, please ask a member of the Church Council or one of the pastors. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

Mission Endowment

Meet with a Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation for FREE!

Abiding Savior is excited to have over \$100,000 in our Mission Endowment Fund! Those funds that are invested in the ELCA Foundation will provide funding for ministries for generations to come. Becky Palmgren is the Gift Planner for the Foundation.

Becky shared information at our March 6th Forum about how she can serve our members. She has agreed to meet one on one with families to answer questions on how to develop a plan so you are able to give gifts to your family *and* to ministry. **If you would like to meet with Becky, please sign up for a time in the church office. Becky will be here again on 5/12.**

Growing Through Loss

Thursdays, April 7th Thru May 12th

Growing Through Loss provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. This Spring the series will be hosted at St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church in Lino Lakes.

Each session is complete in itself, attend any or all sessions. There are no fees but donations are accepted. For a complete schedule please pick up a brochure on the Library literature wall.



Book Club

CAMO GIRL by Kekla Magoon

This story takes place just outside modern-day Las Vegas. There are three main characters. Ella and Z are two middle school outsiders who have become best friends because they don't fit in. Z is fine with that, but Ella would like to become part of the popular crowd. Then Bailey moves in, and is the only other black student in the school besides Ella. He befriends Ella, and she sees this as a way to become popular, but wonders about her friendship with Z. What path will she take, and how will her choices affect the people involved? Read this story to find out and plan to join the discussion of this book. **We will meet in the Library on Wednesday, May 18th at 5:00 pm.**

Vacation Bible School



**Summer is on its way.
Get set for VBS 2016**

**August 8 - 12
9:00 - Noon**

- Set aside the dates in your summer calendar
- Give your children an experience to remember
- Volunteer !

This year's theme: SHOUT!!

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.

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.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Give the "cook" at your house a break.

Served 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

For only \$3.00

Bring your whole family and invite your neighbors.

- May 4 - Beef Stroganoff
- May 11 - Tacos and Spanish Rice
- May 18 - Tator Tot Hotdish



Thank you to the cooks, servers, dishwashers - all that make this special time of fellowship possible!!
See you in the Fall for more food for the soul!



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.

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. 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.

Thank You for Thinking of Others!

Thank you to everyone who contributed hygiene products for the Lent collection. It was a blessed success! Shobi's Table received 51 personal care bags plus four boxes of women's products to use in their ministry to St. Paul's homeless children of God, Pinewood Elementary, Irondale High School, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, Alexander House (women's shelter), and Quincy Tree House all received much-needed hygiene items as the result of your generosity. Thank you for sharing.

Walk A Mile For Our Neighbors

Mark your calendars for July 31st, 2016, 10:00 - 2:00 at Silverwood Park. Walk with members of other area churches to earn funds for the Community Support Center that works to prevent homelessness in the Mounds View/New Brighton area.

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!

Snackpack for Pinewood



Thank you notes from SnackPack kids:

Thank you for the SnackPack. The reason I like the SnackPack is because it helps kids get their nutrients. The treats are really nice! My family doesn't have much money so it really helps us. It's really nice that you help people. 3rd grader

I like the SnackPacks a lot! I share with a friend that doesn't get one. I'm thankful that the church wants to take care of other people. My mom only makes \$9/hour so it helps that she doesn't have to buy as much food. Thank you. 4th grader

Thank you. I like the food they put in the SnackPacks. It helps people so they don't starve. We don't go shopping on the weekends so it helps to get food on Friday. Thank you for giving me food, it really helps our family. 4th grader



Sharing and Caring Hands

Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, May 19**. 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! Join Us!!
It is a blessing to serve God's children!**

Meals on Wheels



Thanks to all who ate at the Fridley Perkins in the month of March. The Meals on Wheels program at Unity Hospital received \$1,216.26!

We will deliver Meals on Wheels the week of May 23-27. Anyone who would like to help deliver please call Fern Fisher at 763-786-1044.

The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf thanks Abiding Savior for our donation to the food shelf of 561 lbs. and \$750.00 during the 2016 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign. Over the past month, they reached their goal by taking in nearly 73,000 pounds of food and dollars combined and a portion of each donation will be matched throughout the year by Minnesota FoodShare! Thank you all again!!

LEAFs - Life Enrichment Addult Forums

**Mondays, May 2nd & 16th
at Christ the King**



Life Enrichment Adult Forums (LEAFs) is an ecumenical endeavor started by a group of lay and clergy leaders from the North Metropolitan area congregations. The forums provide life enrichment experiences for adults in the community. Enrollment and participation is open to anyone who has interest. The purpose of these forums is to provide opportunities to enjoy lifelong learning, creative expression and interfaith relationships. Each series of forums consists of four alternate Monday mornings from 9:00 - 1:00 pm with lunch served at noon.

The last two sessions will be held at Christ the King in New Brighton on May 2nd and 16th.

For a complete schedule please see more information on the Bulletin Board.



Young At Heart

Join us on Tuesday, May 3rd for the Young at Heart Pot Luck from 11:30 - 1:30.

The Above Average Tuba Quartet

Roger Gomoll, (Irene Gomoll's Son), joined by Eric Anderson, Jerry Greupner, and Jim Blood, will entertain us with their lively tunes.

Bring a neighbor or a friend, and a dish to pass if you are able. See you on the 3rd!!

New Members



We welcomed these new members to our Abiding Savior Family on Sunday, April 10th.

**Jeanine Fischer
Randie Mattson
Jason, Jessica, and Josie Nelson
Ricardo Mendoza
Brad and Aggie Reiners
Gregg and Cindy Smith
Scott and Erin Sturm
Sandra Vinge**

So glad to have you join us!!

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

Mark your calendars now for 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 summer approaches. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ryan.



Sunday School



Sunday, May 1 - 5th grade students will be presented with their confirmation Bibles during worship services. A special class will also be held for these students and their parents in the chapel.

Sunday, May 15 - Last Sunday school session

Sunday, May 22 - Sunday school children sing as part of the worship service (Music Sunday). Please stay for food and fellowship at our annual Lutheran Luau afterward!



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

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

THANK YOU!

Children's Ministry would like to extend a huge thank-you to all who have contributed to a wonderful programming year. Thank you to the **kitchen workers, event volunteers, committee members**, and our exceptional **Sunday school teachers and helpers:**

Beth Grashorn
Kelly Herschman
Curt Johnson
Jackie Peterson
Lisa Schlotterback
Denise Syverson
Jill Tadurin
Barb Wolter

Julene Hawkins
Tanna Hoffman
Jennifer Kaden
Katelyn Sangren
Brea Schultes
Kaytlyn Syverson
Linda Weiner

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

We are wrapping up our school year, and it's been POWERful fun! We have had so much energy in the groups this year, met and welcomed many new people and have been blessed with more than our share of smiles, hugs and eruptions of spontaneous joy and excitement. Thanks to you all for taking part.

Wednesday, May 18 will be our last session until September. Party plans are in the works, so look for information coming home and showing up in your email box!

2nd-5th Graders—Wanna make some DOUGH

Friday, May 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

No, you won't go home with your pockets overflowing with cash, but you will leave richer in spirit, knowing that you've done something good for others. We will be making Play-doh for



The Family Partnership
 Counseling Education Advocacy

an organization that serves families and children through counseling, education and advocacy (that means they do stuff to stick up for them). The children who are in therapy or attending one of the Family Partnership's two preschools use play-doh almost every day, so they go through dozens of batches a month. With just a few ingredients and a little effort that's more fun than work, we can provide them with a gift they really need. And yes, you'll be able to take a bag home, too.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board nearest the 2nd-5th grade Sunday school space. There is no cost for this activity, but supply donation is appreciated (flour, salt, Kool-Aid) - there is a sign-up for that, as well.

So—think it would be great to do something to help other kids be all they can be?

Just DO(h) It!

Youth News



Mother's Day Flower Sale Fundraiser for Casa Por Cristos

When: May 4th - May 8th

Wednesday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday / Sunday 9am - 12:00 noon

What: Come get some flowers for your garden or for your Mom as a Mother's Day present! All proceeds go to the Abiding Savior Youth Ministry.

Eat at Applebee's and bring in a flyer from Church

When: May 12th

Time: TBD

What: 10% of proceeds go to our Guatemala mission trip!!

Guatemala Dinner

When: May 14th 5:30 pm

What: Come for a taco feast and support our group going to Guatemala this summer!!

Senior Recognition

When: Sunday, May 15th at both services

Seniors should have received a letter inviting them to worship services to be recognized, and be part of the service if they would like. There will be a reception Open House in the Coffee House at 10:05 am.

Bike Ride and Picnic Trip

Who: Middle and High School Students

When: May 28th from 11am - 2:00 pm

What: Bike ride on Rice Creek Trail in Shoreview

Where: Meet at church and we will head out to the trails from there

Why: Enjoy God's beautiful creation and exercise together. Pack a bag lunch to eat.



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

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

Applications for the Brian Peter Hansen and the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Scholarships are in the office. They need to be returned by May 4th.

Thank you! Thank you!



Thank you to all the children, youth, leaders, readers, organizers, helpers, parents, Lisa Schlotterback, Patty, Jackie Peterson, Michael Tippler, Eric Pothen, and many additional hands to help make the *Salt and Light* musical a wonderful experience!!! All your hard work, time, prayers and encouragement helped make the musical possible!!!!
YOU ARE ALL SO AWESOME!!!!

Thank you!!! Tanna Hoffman

Monthly Financial Highlights



March 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$41,525	\$115,525
Festival Giving	\$12,328	\$15,504
Subtotal	\$53,853	\$131,029
Other Income	\$4,157	\$14,038
Total Income	\$58,010	\$145,067
Total Expenses	\$48,761	\$148,894
Net Income Over Expense	9,249	(\$3,827)
Benevolences Paid	\$2,774	\$8,962

Things to Celebrate

These are some of the awesome things we celebrated at Abiding Savior in April. 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.

- Jesus Is Risen!
- LEAFs held here with great attendance
- Parade of Ministries and Stories of Abiding Savior
- New Members!!
- Confirmation Service Night - raking for some of our members in need
- Women's Brunch and great guest speaker
- Children's Musical - Salt and Light was awesome

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 Thursday, May 12 for the June issue.

Thank you so much for the beautiful funeral service for our mother. Special music played by Janelle, CD recording of the service and the wonderful ladies and gentlemen for the luncheon. We received so many compliments on how beautiful the church and service were and the delicious lunch served. Thank you Pastor Ryan for the special visits you had with mom during her hospital and transitional care. Special thank you for Pastor Lisa, we were deeply touched by the funeral message you delivered for our mother. Thank you for honoring and capturing her spirit with such heartfelt words. Mom loved you and it meant so much for her wishes to have you sing the Lord's Prayer at her service. Thank you so much. Suzanne Thompson Family

I wish to say thank you everyone who said prayers and for the gifts and cards and visits while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Pastor Lisa for her visits and prayers. May God be with you. Marianne Peterson

To our Abiding Savior Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, encouragement, good wishes, cards, and phone calls before, during and after my hip replacement. All were so very appreciated. Thank you also to Pastor Lisa for her before surgery prayers, and visits with me and my family. God Bless You All.
Love in Christ, Cheri Wagner

We would like to take this time to thank Pastor Lisa for her kind words, home visits, and prayers when we lost our precious grandson who was like a son to us. Nicholas James Turner was lost to depression and could no longer hang on. Depression is an illness we don't understand. He now has joined his mother who we lost in 2002. They are now together. We are now trying to understand. Thanks everyone for their prayers. Betty and Gordy Boen Family

I miss all of you so much - your smiles, laughter, hugs... I am so fortunate to have this wonderful group of friends supporting me. I am working with my therapists to get stronger and move steady on my feet. It is a struggle for me to not be active, and I want to be back to normal NOW! That is what frustrates me so much! I hope that I will be able to join you all soon. You are such a blessing. Thank you for your cards, and your love!! Love, Gloria Wilcox

Thank you for the prayer shawl. I'm at Oakcrest recovering from my stroke. I was happy to go to Easter Church at your church! Elma Blomberg Oakcrest #426

Dear Abiding Savior Congregation, Thank you very much for your gift to the Norman and Evangeline Hagfors Center for Science, Business, and Religion for Christ Commons. As a benefactor of Augsburg College, you are an important part of a network of supporters who make our mission possible. Thank you for your engagement with this meaningful work. We hope you take joy in the learning and achievement that your involvement makes possible, Heather Riddle, VP of Advancement

Our next "Committee Meetings" are Tuesday, May 3rd



May 2016



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 COMMUNION</p> <p>9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - R Worship Session 11:00 - Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 - LEAFs (Christ the King)</p> <p>6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Scout Troop 167</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 11:30 - Young at Heart Potluck 1:30 - Blood Drive 6:30 - Committee Meetings</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 5:45 - R Worship Session 6:30 - Confirmation/Youth Group (Last night)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 - Preschool Program/Tea 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 11:30 - Healthy Moves 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Mother's Day</p> <p>9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Pack SnackPack 10:05 - Fellowship in CH 11:00 - Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Scout Troop 267</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 - Priscilla/Rebecca Circle 6:00 - Lydia Circle</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 11:30 - Healthy Moves 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30 - GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP DINNER</p>
<p>Last day of Plant Sale</p>	<p>6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Scout Troop 267</p>	<p>6:00 - Lydia Circle</p>	<p>18 Last Night of Wed Activities</p> <p>8:00-Noon - Preschool Grad 10:00 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5:00 - Book Club 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 - Women's Bible Study 11:00 - Preschool Picnic 11:30 - Healthy Moves 2:45 - Sharing/Caring Hands 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 - Spring Clean Up Day</p>
<p>15 COMMUNION</p> <p>Graduation Recognition</p> <p>9:00 - Traditional Worship 10:05 - Grad Open House 10:05 - Last day of SS 10:05 - R Worship Session 11:00 - Contemporary Worship 4:00 - Senior Recital</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 - LEAFs (Christ the King) 12:00 - Quilting Setup 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Scout Troop 267</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible (Last one for summer) 9:00 - Quilting 6:30 - Council Meeting 6:30 - Preschool Comm.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 - Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study Pack SnackPack 11:30 - Healthy Moves 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers Last Night of Practices</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00 am - Youth Bike Ride Rice Creek Trail</p>
<p>22 Music Sunday</p> <p>10:00 - Worship Service 11:00 - Lutheran Luau - Church Picnic</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 - Reigning Grace</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:15 - Benedictine Nursing</p>	<p>30</p> <p>HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Deliver Meals on Wheels this week</p>	

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Plant / Flower Sale Fundraiser May 4th - May 8th



Wednesday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday / Sunday 9am - 12:00 noon

All proceeds go to the Casa Por Cristos Mission Trip

Upcoming Events in May ...

May 1 - Reimagining Worship Listening Sessions
May 2 - LEAFs at Christ the King
May 3 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
May 3 - Young at Heart Potluck
May 3 - Blood Drive
May 3 - Committee Meetings
May 4 - 8 Plant/Flower Sale for Guatemala Trip
May 4 - Wednesday Night Supper and Programs
May 4 - Reimagining Worship Listening Session
May 4 - Last night of Confirmation / Youth Group for Summer
May 5 - Preschool Program / Tea
May 5 - Women's Bible Study
May 8 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
May 8 - Pack SnackPacks between services
May 10 - Women's Circles
May 11 - Wednesday Night Supper and Programs
May 12 - Work Crew
May 12 - Women's Bible Study
May 14 - Guatemala Mission Trip Dinner
May 15 - Graduation Recognition and Open House in Coffee House
May 15 - Last day of Sunday School
May 15 - Reimagining Worship Listening Session
May 15 - Senior Recital
May 16 - LEAFs at Christ the King
May 16 - Quilting Set Up
May 17 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study (last one for Summer)
May 17 - Quilting
May 17 - Council Meeting
May 17 - Preschool Meeting
May 18 - Preschool Graduation
May 18 - Last night of Wed. Night Suppers and Programs for Summer
May 19 - Women's Bible Study
May 19 - Preschool Picnic
May 19 - Sharing and Caring Hands
May 21 - Spring Clean Up Day (9:00 - please come!)
May 22 - Music Sunday and Lutheran Luau / Potluck
May 23 -27 Deliver Meals on Wheels
May 24 - Benedictine Care Center
May 26 - Women's Bible Study / Pack SnackPacks
May 26 - Jubilation Ringers (last night of practice for Summer)
May 28 - Youth Bike Ride
May 30 - Happy Memorial Day! Office Closed

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