



*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 Lisa Richardson

On Sunday November 6, we celebrate "All Saints Day." We remember with love those who have died. We give thanks to God for their lives, for their love, for their faith, their witness. We give thanks to God that death is not the last word for their lives or ours. In the midst of the deep pain in loss of a loved one, we hold on in faith to the good news that because Jesus lives we shall live also! Death can't win for God's promise for our lives is deeper still. In our deepest grief and tears we know the One who is waiting for us on the other side. We know the One who carries us even now to give us life. We know the One who was there to hear our bawling cry - the One who went to the cross and died in our place to give us life! We know Jesus the resurrection and the life! Because He lives, we too shall live! We are saints because Jesus made it so! We are sinners for sure - - we know that all too well by the cracks and brokenness of our lives. We are also saints! In the waters of Baptism, we are made saints in Christ. Our sins are forgiven and we are given life, salvation and a glorious inheritance among the saints. We are saints not because we are so great but because God's grace, mercy and love is so great!



On this "All Saints Sunday", we give thanks to God for all the saints. We will remember those who have died from our congregation during this past year by lighting a candle in their memory as their names are read. Before the service and after communion, the congregation will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory or in honor of dear saints in our lives.

All of our lives have been touched by the saints who have gone before us. We remember and give thanks to God for all those who have fought the good fight of faith, who have run with perseverance the race set before them, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of their faith. We give thanks to God for their witness among us, their gentle caring, visiting those in need, serving where they were needed with a servant heart, years of teaching and guiding children, years of leadership and providing vision for the church and the ministry of our Abiding Savior congregation. We give thanks for all who have gone before us in faith as they lived in faith, hope, love and service. They cheer for us from the other side to run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus who is our help and strength. We give thanks to God also for the dear saints who surround us as we live each day. For all who live in faith, hope and love and service to God. They remind us that we are not alone - that Christ is with us and for us and nothing in all creation can separate us from His love!

With thanks to God who holds us in life and faith and will never let us go.  
Pastor Lisa Richardson

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**Join us for our Annual Smorgasbord  
Tuesday, November 8th  
4:30 - 6:30 pm**

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## Adult Forums in November

### 6 Working Our Way Through Grief

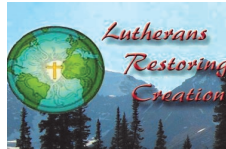


**Marian Eisenmann**, a retired Lutheran pastor, chaplain and former nurse, uses her parish ministry, nursing experience, and hospital chaplaincy to help shape her inspirational programs. Drawing from her own experiences in life and ministry, she offers an overview of the grieving process as well as helpful insights for finding hope in the midst of one's grief.

### 13 Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

### 20 Care of the Earth: The Human Vocation and Christian Witness

By Pastor Dennis Ormseth from  
Lutherans Restoring Creation



Scripture is concerned with our relationship to natural habitat from beginning to end. Orientation to earth is of equal importance as orientation to God. What does this mean for a Lutheran congregation living out its witness in our time and place? Pastor Ormseth will be our guest both preaching in worship and at the Adult Forum.

### 27 Fellowship Hour in the Coffee House

.....and in December .....

### 4 Holidays and Everyday: Facing Losses, Finding Hope By Ted Bowman

Pressures influence holidays. Personal, family, media, even cultural and religious messages get intertwined. Ted is an educator, author, and consultant who specializes in change and transition, speaking throughout Minnesota and around the world. Ted will present perspectives and tools for addressing the pulls and pressures of the holidays, especially when facing loss.

### 11 When Plans, Expectations, and Dreams Are Shattered By Ted Bowman

Life rarely happens as desired or planned. Detours and surprises are the stuff of living. In order to move forward, many must grieve lost expectations in order to dream new dreams and create new plans. Ted will present frameworks and tools for understanding and responding to shattered dreams, and connecting to honest hope.

### 18 Brunch and Children's Christmas Program

### 27 Fellowship Hour in the Coffee House

## Keep Making a Difference by Making up the Difference

As we head toward the end of the year, our giving is behind where it needs to be to support the ways Abiding Savior is making a difference in the lives of so many. God is using our worship services, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, caring ministries, fellowship events, Confirmation and Youth Group, fabulous music ministries and so much more to grow faith within the walls of our congregation. And God is also using us to make a difference in the lives of those in our community and around the world through the Snackpack program, Shobi's Table, Ralph Reeder Foodshelf, Quincy Treehouse, Garden of Grace, Community Support Center, Community Partners with Youth (CPY), Sharing and Caring Hands, our partner congregation in Makungu, Tanzania, and so many other ways God is using us to bring love and healing to others.

God is able to use our congregation to make a difference in the lives of others because of the continued financial support of our congregation. As we enter these last weeks of 2016, we ask you to prayerfully consider making an extra gift to Abiding Savior in the yellow *Keep Making a Difference* envelopes coming to you in the mail and available in worship November 13 and November 20.

Thank you for your continued generosity as together we *Keep Making a Difference by Making up the Difference!*  
Abiding Savior Church Council



### ASLC Women's Circles

November 15<sup>th</sup>

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

**Lydia Circle** at 6:00 pm at Church  
Hostess - Jill Hatch

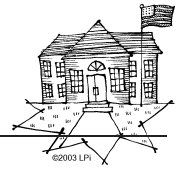
## Women's Bible Study

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 Tuesday, November 1, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Preschool News

### Wondrous Wednesdays

Wednesday Evenings 5:45 - 6:45 pm

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> meet in the Choir Room

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> meet in the Coffee House

### DISCOVERING.... AND TELLING .... YOUR FAMILY STORY

This series of three Wednesday evenings (Nov. 2/9/16) is designed to help families discover their family history and tell the stories and memories of their life journeys to the next generation. The series will be led by Vickie Wendel and Byron Schmid, both Abiding Savior members.

#### Session 1, November 2:

Vickie and Byron will share their experiences of how family stories have been important in the lives of relatives and friends. Every family story is different -- and important for succeeding generations. This is also true of *your* family story.

#### Session 2, November 9:

Byron, who has completed seven family histories over the past 30 years, will tell how he gathered family information and the personal meaning it has had for family members. He will describe some very simple ways to begin the gathering process.

#### Session 3, November 16:

Vickie has helped several Abiding Savior members tell their personal stories, some in preparation for Abiding Savior Congregation's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Vickie is the program manager for the Anoka County Historical Society. Vickie creates and oversees their public programs, creates exhibitions, and is the resident Anoka County Historian. She will describe practical ways that older family members can use to record their personal stories and memories.



The season of conscious thanks is here this month. The preschool is so thankful for your support of our wreath and poinsettia fundraiser. Your continued support of the preschool program is a blessing! We will talk about being thankful and practice being thankful this month. We are hoping to fill our window with donations to the SnackPack program. The preschoolers will have their own thanksgiving feasts with all their friends. Please enjoy your wreaths and poinsettias. Delivery to the church is on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

## Children's Choir



Please share the word with friends, neighbors, family or anyone you know who would love to be apart of a fun, energy filled time to share God's LOVE through music!!! All are welcome!! Please contact Tanna Hoffman, 651-214-1073 should there be any questions!

Practice times are as follows:

Kings Messenger 6:00 - 6:30 (3 year olds - 1st graders)

WWJD 6:30 - 7:15 (2nd grade - 5th grade)

Looking forward to our time to sing, pray, and have FUN!!



## Notes From the Music Dept.

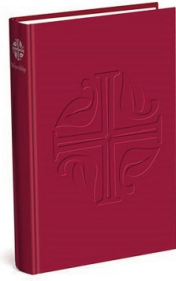
You are **always invited** to join one of our musical groups! Any of the directors would welcome your participation – talk to any of us if you have questions.

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

- **Senior Choir:** Gary Peterson – Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- **Gospel Singers:** Nadine Standfield or Janelle Anderson – 4th Tuesday at Benedictine Nursing Home
- **Jubilation Ringers:** Paul Weller - Thursdays, 6:15 -7:30
- **Reigning Grace Band:** Gary Peterson - Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- **WWJD Choir (grades 2-5):** Tanna Hoffman – Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- **King's Messengers (3 year olds – grade 1):** Tanna Hoffman –  
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 6:30 pm
- **Celebration Ringers (grades 3-12):** Paul Weller – Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:45

## Donate a New Evangelical Worship Hymnal

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has a new hymnal called the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal. The ELW was created to both incorporate the green Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and blue With One-Voice (WOV), and to offer new liturgies, hymns and worship helps. More comprehensive than previous worship books, the ELW is still compact and easy to handle. It introduces a rich and broad selection of new songs and prayers—yet it includes much that churches know, cherish, and use from existing resources. The pastors, music staff, Worship Committee, and Reimagining Worship Task Force are all recommending we move to the new hymnal to enhance our worship experience. **You can donate a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one. The hymnals cost \$25 each and this includes shipping and a label on the inside acknowledging both the donor and the person being honored or remembered. We hope to start using the new hymnals for worship in December!**



## “Needs Board”



The Abiding Savior Needs Board is a way for people within our congregation to lift up needs and for others to volunteer to meet those needs.

If you have a need, such as gutter cleaning, or raking, or other help, you can post your need on the Needs Board. Others in the congregation can see the needs and, if they choose, can volunteer to help meet those needs by contacting the church office, or calling you directly.

## Garden of Grace



### What's Happening in the Garden?

The Garden of Grace has donated **456 pounds** of fresh vegetables to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf this season!!

Thanks to everyone who tilled, planted, weeded, watered, picked, washed, and delivered all of the delicious bounty of the harvest from the Garden of Grace. It is a true labor of Love. **Sharing the Harvest!!**

**It's that time of year again**  
.....**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS ....**



**Please join us for a festive time -  
decorating our church home for  
the Holidays!**

**Saturday, NOVEMBER 26th**

**9:00 am**

## Open Arms Campaign Update



Thank you to all who have given or pledged to the Open Arms Campaign this past year.

We are finishing the revised designs with the architect and structural engineer for our new drive under canopy. The are securing bids before we begin construction. We are stretching our budget for the canopy so any and all gifts that continue to come in are needed and welcomed!

## Book Club



**The Book Club meets Wednesday, November 9th  
at 4:00 pm in the Coffee House**

**BUDDY**  
By M. H. Herlong



This is a story of a boy and a dog. Lil' T meets Buddy when he is accidentally hit by the car Lil' T is riding in. They become fast friends. Then Hurricane Katrina strikes and Lil' T has to leave without Buddy. Once they return home Lil' T never gives up searching for his friend. Read this book to see if they do get reunited.

**Everyone is welcome!**

## Smorgasbord 2016



**Tuesday, November 8th  
from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.**

**The event includes food, music, fellowship and shopping!**

Plenty of food will be served: Swedish meatballs, lefse, rommegrot, fruit soup, Swedish sausage, rice pudding, deviled eggs, herring, cranberries, coleslaw, cottage cheese, ham, turkey, stuffing, scalloped potatoes, honey carrots, pickled beets, relish tray, rolls and home made cookies.

If you have a wait before you eat, you can listen to the band, "4 Plus", in the Sanctuary, shop at the Craft and Bake Shop, at Grandma's Attic in the Worship Center, or visit Gloria's Card Shop. Volunteers will be able to sign-up on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Most members of Abiding Savior will receive a call, from a volunteer, asking for a donation of \$10.00 or more or 2 dozen home made Christmas cookies.

Tickets can be purchased on the night of the Smorgasbord but can be purchased in the church office on Sunday, November 6th. Prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5-11, children 4 and under are free. If you have any comments or questions, contact Fern Fisher, 763-786-1044 or Cindy Swenson, 763-242-4000.



**Attention all Crafters and Bakers!**

Get ready, get set, "start your ovens"!!! Along with the tradition of Smorgasbord is the craft/bake sale and Grandma's Attic!!! If you are a baker, a crafter, and/or a "knick-knack" collector, we would LOVE your donations!!! We will also need your hands and feet to help set up the shops, cashier them, and help take them down.

You can begin bringing crafts and knick knock donations in any time now. Donations of baked goods for the sale can be brought to church any time Tuesday morning, Nov 8. Please mark that it is for the BAKE SALE so they are not confused with the smorgasbord cookie donations.

Any questions, please contact Marilyn Quarberg, at [763-784-5126](tel:763-784-5126). Thank you!!!

## The First Smorgasbord in 1940

The first Smorgasbord at this church was held in 1940 and was designed as a fund raiser. The church building was nearing completion and funds were short, but the Ladies Guild (as they were known then) were confident they could host a successful fundraiser smorgasbord.

Florence Gustafson and Peggy Gilbertson were the chairs and they worked hard to get local merchants to donate food to the event, but there were still equipment items they needed to buy. Shopping in the neighborhood was limited due to the lack of stores, so George Gustafson, Florence's husband, drove the ladies to the downtown Minneapolis Woolworths store on November 11, 1940. The day was bright and beautiful, such a nice fall day that Florence had not even bothered to take a coat. While she and the ladies shopped for the large scale cooking equipment they needed, George waited in the car. The beautiful day quickly clouded over and the wind turned cold as rain and then snowflakes began to swirl around George's car. The snow grew thicker and George was about ready to go into the store to find his wife and her shopping companions when they finally came out to see the dramatic change in the weather. The drive back to the Spring Lake Park neighborhood was slow, cold and treacherous with ice covered roads and viciously blowing snow, but George was able to get them all home safely and they forever after had a great story to tell about how they got caught in what became known as the Armistice Day Blizzard.

And the dinner? The weather was far better that day and ladies sold some 300 tickets—adult tickets were 35 cents and children's were 15 cents. After more than 30 pounds of meatballs, 14 pans of scalloped potatoes, eight pounds of pickled herring, and all the trimmings, the dinner made a profit of \$90.46.

The event was a wonderful success in terms of fellowship, community outreach and economics, and it as destined to become a tradition at SLP Lutheran. The date as eventually settled as being on Election Day each year and continues as a community outreach and fellowship event **76 years later**.

## Wednesday Night Suppers

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

- Nov. 2 - Beef Noodle Soup
- Nov. 9 - Goulash
- Nov. 16 - Beef Stroganoff
- Nov. 30 - Egg Bake
- Dec. 7 - Turkey ala King with biscuits
- Dec. 14 - Pizza Casserole



**Please consider helping when you can to make this wonderful outreach/fellowship time possible! If you can chop, slice, mix, help with dishes, we welcome the help! Talk to Fern Fisher or Cindy Swenson. Many hands make light work!**

Warm Neighbors Thank you!

This year's coat drive numbers are in: **We contributed 58 coats to the total of 625 collected.** 425 were distributed to neighbors at the Oct. 15th give-away, along with collected snow pants, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots. The remaining 200 coats were given to St. Vincent de Paul, Hmong Center, and CEAP to warm others in need. **Many thanks to all who contributed and volunteered for this collaborative effort!**

Community Support Center - CSC  
Supporting those on the margins!

Abiding Savior is one of the Founding Churches for the Community Support Center, which delivers services to our neighbors in Mounds View, New Brighton, Shoreview, and Arden Hills. It was organized to help prevent homelessness in our local communities.

On Monday, October 17th, the CSC began operating as an independent non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Until that date the Community Support Center coordinated with the Community Emergency Assistance Program, CEAP, to the area that roughly corresponds to the Mounds View School District.

The main function is to provide services to our neighbors, families and individuals who are at risk of eviction because of the inability to pay rent or bills for other essentials such as utilities. CSC services try to secure financial aid from other agencies when people are in a time of crisis. Once the crisis is resolved, staff and volunteers continue in relationship with them to promote increased financial and social stability to avoid similar crisis in the future.

(CSC - continued)

A survey of neighbors who have had long-term relationships with the CSC revealed the following:

- 95% said they were referred to other sources for aid.
- 74% said they received direct aid from the CSC.
- 100% said they felt supported and encouraged to work towards goals they wanted to achieve.

*From a neighbor: "Support I got from them gave me the push and support I needed to do better. Encouraged me to keep working and not feel that I had to do them alone. Glad to meet them, Gave me hope when I had no hope. Grateful I had their support."*

Sharing and Caring Hands

Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!!**

Meal on Wheels

Our next time to deliver Meals on Wheels is the week of **November 28 - Dec 2.**

Please contact Fern Fisher at 763-786-1044 if you are able to help out!



## We Welcome New Members!!



We welcome anyone who would like to become a member of the Abiding Savior family to please join us on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Coffee House for a new member gathering. We will have time to get acquainted with one another and learn more about Abiding Savior.

Wednesday night supper is being served from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to eat before we meet or bring your dinner in, that's great too! If you need babysitting, please let us know.

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 20 at both services. Please call the church to RSVP for the gathering on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We would be honored if you would make your church home here!

## Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

with Abiding Savior Lutheran, Atonement Lutheran, and Cross of Glory Lutheran Churches



**Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm**  
(the evening before Thanksgiving Day)

This year the service will be held at Cross of Glory (5472 Adams Street in Mounds View - east on County Road I - before you get to Pinewood Elementary.)

The theme for the service is "In Every Situation". In every situation we pray and petition to the Lord with Thanksgiving. ***"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayers of supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."*** **Philippians 4:6**

There will be a choir from all 3 congregations singing two songs and an opportunity for everyone in attendance to sing the Hallelujah Chorus (music will be available). There will be a Children's Sermon and an opportunity for the children to sing a song from the Community Bible School "SHOUT", "Praise the Lord". There will be offering envelopes for each congregation and a special offering to go to the Community Support Center, whose mission is to help prevent homelessness in our local community.

Following the service there will be a variety of wonderful pies and fellowship with our neighbors. If you would like to bring a pie, you can drop it off before the service at Cross of Glory.

## Ushers Training with CPR Training



Attention Ushers --- and those interested!!

There will be an Usher Training session held on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Experienced or new, learn more about the duties of ushering. There will be CPR training as well, with a Mounds View Police instructor.

Ushering is a great way to be a part of the Sunday morning Worship, greeting our members with a smile, lending a hand if needed. It is only 3 times a year, one month at a time. Ushers are needed for the February, June, and October teams. If you are interested, please contact Warren Woods at 763-571-2970.

## Welcome Pastor Nordphrey Mlangali

We welcome Pastor Nordphrey Milangali from Tanzania to Abiding Savior. Pastor Nordphrey is in the Masters Program in Missions at Luther Seminary. He has requested to do his contextual learning here at Abiding Savior during this year. He will be involved with worship, teaching, visiting, and other areas of ministry at Abiding Savior. Pastor Nordphrey knows about the Makungu Parish, our companion congregation and is a friend of Pastor Theoplides Mkwama and many of the pastors from Tanzania who are part of the Bega Kwe Bega companionship with the St. Paul Area Synod.

Pastor Nordphrey is a husband to Sarah and a father to three daughters, Catherine (20), Glory (13), and Preach (2). He is an honorary Norwegian as he was named Nordphrey after a Norwegian minister in the town where he was born!

The congregation he serves Njombe Cathedral has 3,000 people who come to worship on a Sunday. One Sunday he baptized 300 people of all ages. We look forward to having Pastor Nordphrey with us at Abiding Savior and getting to know him.

**We say welcome! Karibu! Thank you Asante Sana!**

## 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.**

## Sunday School

*Please note that the Sunday school children will not be singing on November 6 as previously scheduled. Other schedule notes:*



**Sunday, November 13-** Grandparents/Special Adult Friend Morning

*Children are encouraged to invite grandparents or another special adult friend to Sunday school.*

**Sunday, December 4** – Family Sunday school Advent Celebration  
*Families are invited to join their children during the Sunday school hour for a story experience and family craft. This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.*

**Sunday, November 27** – Deadline for returning requests for children who would like a costumed or speaking part in the Christmas program. Forms will be sent home through Sunday school and will be available in the church office. Please understand that children who wish to have such a part must be able to attend at least two of the three rehearsals.

**Saturday, December 3** – Christmas program rehearsal (grades 2-5 and those with costumed or speaking parts), 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, December 10** – Christmas program rehearsal (all children), 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, December 17** – Christmas program rehearsal (all children), 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, December 18** – Children's Christmas program during the 9:00 worship service, followed by brunch.

**Sunday December 25 & Sunday, January 1** –  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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 together. Your child's teacher is a wonderful resource for you, and I am happy to hear your comments or suggestions, as well as answer any questions whenever they arise. - *Patty*

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

*And always remember,*  
**You are WELCOME**  
**You are VALUED**  
**You are LOVED**  
**You BELONG**



## Kids' Time Comes to 9:00 Worship

Kids' Time has been a part of the 11:00 worship service for an number of years, and now children have the opportunity to leave the 9:00 service during the sermon time, as well. Patty or another adult volunteer will accompany them to the preschool room for a story or short activity that usually relates to the week's scripture. They return when the sermon concludes. Children in the nursery will also be invited to participate.

We hope this new option will serve the needs of both children and their parents as they explore the morning's message in different ways. If your family prefers to spend the entire service together, however, please continue to do so.

**Children are always welcome in worship.**



## Operation Christmas Child

Abiding Savior is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. You can pick up a special shoebox in the library and fill it for a boy or girl, 2-4 years old; 5-9 years old; or 10-14 years old. (There are labels to fill out for your box too.)

**Gift suggestions:** School supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, paper, coloring books, etc.); small toys (cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, etc.); hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, wash cloth, etc.), other small items. **DO NOT INCLUDE:** war related items, chocolate, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items.

Monetary items are also accepted. It costs \$7 in shipping for each box. Make checks payable to Abiding Savior and we will write one check when we turn the boxes in. Please be sure to drop off your gift boxes by **Friday, December 2nd.**



## Brad is Back!!

Dear Abiding Savior,

It is with great joy that I resume my role here as Director of Youth Ministries! As you may know, I left briefly to explore full-time ministry, and while it was an amazing opportunity the evening and weekend demands were so great that I wasn't able to be a functional father and spouse. I have been asked and am excited to resume my part-time role here at Abiding Savior working with Confirmation and High School youth. My wife Karen and two daughters Helena and Iva are also excited to continue to be involved in the life and community here in Mounds View at Abiding. Feel free to contact me at [brad@abidingsavior.org](mailto:brad@abidingsavior.org) or 612.242.7250.

God's Blessings,  
Brad



**Connecting = Support + Fellowship**

### Parents' Group

Parents of children in Sunday school or younger are invited to gather in the Youth Room during the Sunday school hour for fellowship. The group is also viewing a small-group video study/discussion called "Animate: Faith" on select Sundays. Babies and toddlers are welcome - you can take your fellowship to the nursery, if you wish. Please join us.

Contact Patty with questions or if you want to offer suggestions or other input: 763-784-5120; or [patty@abidingsavior.org](mailto:patty@abidingsavior.org)

## Congratulations to our Newest Members - Confirmed on October 30th

Elizabeth Bourassa  
Adam Clausen  
Jack Crooks  
Morgan DuFrane  
Noah Granby  
Jordan Gullickson  
Sophia Hanson  
Jonathan Kemp  
Dirk Kuiken  
Preston Kuiken

Ryan Melin  
Jill Taduran  
Brett Sonderman  
Simon Tewalt  
Allison Wilson



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!

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

**What:** Kids 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet to explore God's word and the powerful ways He is present (omnipresent – that's power!) in our lives. We play, experiment, sing, cook, craft, dance, concoct, create . . . come join us.

**When:** Wednesdays: 5:45-6:30 2nd through 5th grade  
6:30-7:15 – 4-year-olds through 1st grade

These times are coordinated with children's choir & bell choir times, so it's convenient (and fun) to be a part of both POWER Up and music programs if you'd like. Try it. You'll like it.

### NOVEMBER NOTES

What's the secret to joy? A thankful heart! November is a special time to think about thankfulness. We'll add fun projects like autumn-scented play clay (cinnamon, gingerbread, pumpkin pie) and learn a turkey dance. Come be thankful (and have fun) with us.

**POWER Up will not meet on November 23  
(Thanksgiving)**

# Monthly Financial Highlights



Sept. 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$34,139	\$330,938
Festival Giving	-	\$17,093
Subtotal	\$34,139	\$348,031
Other Income	\$8,690	\$86,458
Total Income	\$42,829	\$434,489
Total Expenses	\$47,923	\$470,040
Net Income Over Expense	(\$5,094)	(\$35,551)
Benevolences Paid	\$3,139	\$34,878

Thank you to everyone at Abiding Savior for their prayers and well wishes on my hip replacement surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Lisa for visiting me in the hospital. Ellen Zimmerman

Dear Friends,  
Thank you all so much for the cards, prayers, food and visits during my recovery from my knee surgery. I have had no complications and I am so thankful for that. Abiding Savior is so much a part of our lives.  
Love, Bonnie and Ken Fletcher

A note from Pinewood:  
Dear Friends! Abiding Savior rocks the Panda!! Thank you for being a part of the Pinewood Community! The SnackPacks and School Supplies help our kids feel the Love! Love, Pinewood!

Thank you for your important donation to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. We are currently serving an average of 560 households each and every month. In addition to food, it is our mission to connect people with other resources so they are able to get back up on their feet faster. Thank you again for your support and for donating locally. We really appreciate it and can assure you that your donations are being put to good use! Received in September: Food: 125 lbs. Produce: 156 lbs. Check/cash: \$105  
Sincerely, Lisa Baker, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf Program Supervisor

Thank you for including our food shelf in your day of service at Cub Foods again this year. Received: Food: 298 lbs. Additional Contributions from others: \$849.33 Lisa Baker, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf Supervisor

## 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 October:*

“Share the Harvest” Stewardship Campaign with wonderful messages from our members

The beautiful Sharing Tree (crafted by our own Richard Hanson)

60 attended the Plymouth Playhouse --- a fun trip to see the Church Basement Men and Ladies in “Rise Up O Men!”

15 Youth Confirmed - blessings to them!

## VineBranch

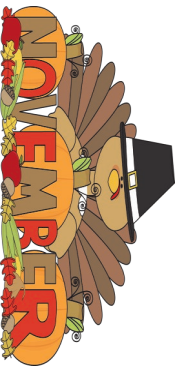
The VineBranch is published monthly by the staff of Abiding Savior. Members are encouraged to submit story ideas, articles and comments to the office.

**Materials must be received by Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for the December issue.**

## 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.**

**Our next “Committee Meetings” are Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**



# November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 10:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Committee Mtgs.	<b>2</b> 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Wondrous Wednesdays 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:00 - New Member Gathering 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>3</b> 10:00 - Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 - Usher Training
<b>6 COMMUNION ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	<b>7</b> 6:00 - Reliving Grace	<b>8</b>  <b>SMORGASBORD 4:30 - 6:30 pm</b> 	<b>9</b> 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Wondrous Wednesdays 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>10</b> 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 6:30 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>11</b> <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b> 	<b>12</b>
<b>13 SS Grandparents Special Adult Day</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Brunch 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	<b>14</b> 12:00 - Quilting Setup  6:00 - Reliving Grace 6:30 - Scouts 267 6:30 - Preschool Committee	<b>15</b> 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 9:00 - Quilting 10:15 - Staff Meeting 1:00 - Priscilla/Rebecca Circle 6:00 - Lydia Circle 6:30 - Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 4:00 - Book Club 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Wondrous Wednesdays 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 6:30 - Choir Practice at Cross of Glory 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>17</b> 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 2:45 - Sharing/Caring Hands 6:30 - Jubilation Ringers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 COMMUNION NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 - Worship Service/ Healing Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship / Healing Service 2:30 - Girl Scouts	<b>21</b> 6:00 - Reliving Grace 6:30 - Scouts 267	<b>22</b> 10:15 - Staff Meeting 11:15 - Gospel Singers Rehearsal 11:45 - Benedictine Nursing	<b>23</b> <b>THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE</b> <b>7:00 - At Cross of Glory</b>	<b>24</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>	<b>25</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 - <b>CHRISTMAS DECORATING</b> 
<b>27 ADVENT</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Fellowship Hour 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible	<b>30</b> 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	<b>MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY 11/28 THRU 12/2</b>		

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## Upcoming Events in November

- Nov 1 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
  - Committee Meetings
- Nov 2 - Wednesday Night Supper and Activities
  - Wondrous Wednesdays
  - New Member Gathering
- Nov 3 - Women's Bible Study
- Nov 5 - Usher's Training and CPR
- Nov 6 - All Saints Sunday
- Nov 8 - SMORGASBORD
- Nov 9 - Book Club
  - Wednesday Night Supper and Activities
  - Wondrous Wednesdays
- Nov 10 - Work Crew
  - Women's Bible Study
- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day
- Nov 13 - Brunch
- Nov 14 - Quilting Set Up
- Nov 15 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
  - Quilting
  - Women's Circles
  - Council Meeting
- Nov 16 - Wednesday Night Supper and Activities
  - Wondrous Wednesdays
- Nov 17 - Women's Bible Study
  - Sharing and Caring Hands
- Nov 20 - New Member Sunday
  - Healing Service (9:00 and 11:00)
- Nov 22 - Benedictine Care Center Service
- Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Eve Service With Pie Social at Cross of Glory Church
- Nov 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Nov 25 - Office Closed
- Nov 26 - Christmas Decorating the Church
- Nov 28 - Meals on Wheels Delivered this week
- Nov 29 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
- Nov 30 - Wednesday Night Supper and Activities

## Pastors & Staff

**Ryan Brodin**, Senior Pastor

**Lisa Richardson**, Associate Pastor

**Patty Mesenbring**, Director of Children's Ministry

**Brad Mills**, Director of Youth Ministry

**Gary Peterson**, Senior Choir Director

**Paul Weller**, Bell Choir Director

**Janelle Anderson**, Organist

**Tanna Hoffman**, Children's Choir Director

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