



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

Share the Harvest

As any farmer can tell you, no matter how hard they work, it is really God who provides the harvest. From a seemingly dead seed comes new and abundant life! God certainly provides for us over and over again. All that we need and more! Our friends, our family, our homes, everything we call our own, this is all from God!

We truly reap a harvest of blessings from God, and in return, God asks us to share. God asks us to share so that others can know the love of God, God asks us to share so that those who do not have enough will not go without food, without shelter, or without feeling safe and secure.

One of the ways you can *Share the Harvest* from God is through Abiding Savior. Here we provide weekly worship, Sunday school, Confirmation, caring ministries, hospitality and fellowship. We share the love of God with one another as we grow in faith together.

But we also look beyond ourselves. We are a part of something bigger through our support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the St. Paul Area Synod as they start new churches and share God's love in the world. We work with local feeding ministries through Shobi's Table food truck, Wednesday night community dinners, Quincy Treehouse for at risk youth in our community, and the SnackPack program at Pinewood Elementary School where we feed fifty-five kids every weekend. We also reach across the globe partnering with the Makungu Parish in the Iringa Diocese of Tanzania as they start new preaching points bringing the love of God to others.

God has blessed us with a rich harvest and calls us to share with others. I invite you to share abundantly in and through Abiding Savior. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and every dollar is used wisely. I invite you and your family to pray about your financial support for 2017. We can all grow closer to God, and we can help others to know the love of God in their lives, as together we *Share the Harvest* of God's blessings!

Blessings! Pastor Ryan



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SHARE *the* HARVEST

October 9 - Fall Campaign Kick Off -

Watch for your copy of the Share the Harvest Newspaper!

October 16 - Adult Forum "Share the Harvest: How Abiding Savior Shares in this Community and Beyond" by Pastor Ryan Brodin

October 23 - Celebration of Sharing Sunday: Processional Offering of Pledge Cards and Envelopes

Join us for a free Celebration of Sharing Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

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Adult Forums in October

2 Christians in the Birthplace of Jesus: The state of Christianity in Palestine



Micheal Zoughbi, a Christian Palestinian from Bethlehem, will share with us about the current situation facing Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem. Bethlehem is located in the Israeli occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank. Michael also travels to promote The Olivewood Project which supports Christian woodcarvers in Bethlehem, many of whom cannot travel, conduct business or see their families because of the current political tensions and challenges that they face. Micheal was at Abiding Savior last year to speak to the Women's Bible Study and is returning from Bethlehem to share at our Adult Forum and in other congregations. Pastor Byron Schmid from our congregation has known Michael for many years. Come and learn more about life as a Christian in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus.

9 Making Sense of the Presidential Campaign



The 2016 presidential campaign has been unlike any other in our lifetime. It's almost like a huge *uffdah!* This session will examine the fundamental values and policy directions involved in the campaign. Byron Schmid, a member of Abiding Savior will be leading this forum. Byron is a retired Lutheran pastor with a Ph.D. in Political Science.



16 Share the Harvest: How Abiding Savior Shares in this Community and Beyond

God blesses us in so many ways! All that we call our own, those who love us and those we love, and even our very lives are a blessing from God. We receive a bountiful harvest from God, and in turn, we are called to share abundantly with others. Join Pastor Ryan to find out how you can get involved in the many ways that Abiding Savior is sharing the harvest within our walls, out into the community, and even across the world!

23 Stewardship Celebration Sunday and Brunch



Continued...

30 Martin Luther: The Preacher



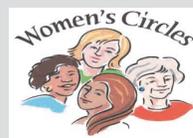
Martin Luther was a theologian, teacher, minister, but above all he was a preacher. As we begin the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, come hear how Martin Luther changed worship and reformed the church by preaching the Gospel from his pulpit. Becca Holland, a member of Abiding Savior and a second year student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, will lead this Forum.

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.



ASLC Women's Circles

Second Tuesday of the Month
October 11th

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

Lydia Circle at 6:00 pm at Church

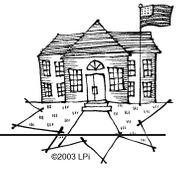
Women's Bible Study

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, October 4th and 18th.



Preschool News

Wondrous Wednesdays

Wednesday Evenings 5:45 - 6:45 pm
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 50th Anniversary. She will describe practical ways that older family members can use to record their personal stories and memories.



Preschool is in full swing and Fall is here. The preschoolers have settled into their routines and are enjoying their time at preschool. We will venture out on our first field trip this month to visit a pumpkin patch where we will pick a pumpkin and some corn to take home. It is time to order evergreen wreaths and poinsettias. We will deliver them in November so they will be ready for your holiday season. Check your Sunday Bulletin for an order form or contact us and we will get your order. We appreciate your support of our preschool at Abiding Savior. Happy Fall!!

Denise Lewandowski, Program Director
763-784-5326
preschool@abidingsavior.org

Children's Choir



WELCOME BACK TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHOIR!!!! Choir has already started! 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.

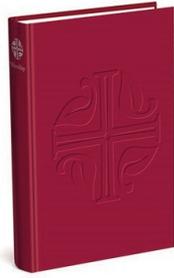
You are **always invited** to join one of our musical groups! Any of the directors would welcome your participation – talk to any of us if you have questions.

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 OneVoice (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!

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 next step is to secure 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!

“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 clean out, or raking, or other needs, you can let the office know and they will 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.

The needs will also be listed in the weekly yellow insert. The church staff does not actively seek volunteers to meet the needs, but simply puts the needs out to the congregation and then connects volunteers with those who are requesting help.

Garden of Grace



What's Happening in the Garden?

The Garden of Grace has taken over **360 pounds** of fresh vegetables to the food shelf already - a new record! And the harvest will last another month!

We are looking to expand our garden this fall by adding a rhubarb patch. If you have any rhubarb roots to thin and share this fall, we would love to plant them in our garden for the benefit of the food shelf. Thanks!!



Book Club

The Book Club meets **Wednesday, October 12th**
at 4:00 pm in the Coffee House

THE LIONS OF LITTLE ROCK by Kristin Levine

Place? Little Rock

Time? 1958

Situation? Marlee, 12, is starting Middle School. Things are not going well, until she meets Liz. They become great friends. Liz is brave, confident, and always knows what to say. Then one day Liz leaves school with not even a good-bye. Marlee heard that Liz was passing for white. In order to stay friends they are both willing to take on the whole segregation issue. But what dangers lie in wait for them and their families? Read the book to find out what it might have been like for middle school youngsters during this time in history. **Everyone is welcome!**

Smorgasbord



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

The event will include 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, October 23rd, 30th and 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 giving hands and feet to help set up the shops, cashier them, and help take them down. *All proceeds of these two great sales go to help those in need throughout the world and in our own community.* Please prayerfully think about what you can do to contribute to these two great sales! Watch for more information to come!!! Questions? Contact Marilyn Quarberg, [763-784-5126](tel:763-784-5126). Thank you!!!

Wednesday Night Suppers

Our wonderful Wednesday Night Suppers are back

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

- Oct. 5 - Chicken Rice Hotdish
- Oct. 12 - Spaghetti
- Oct. 19 - Tator Tot Hotdish
- Oct. 26 - Carl's Hotdish
- 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! Sign up on the HELP sheet or talk to Fern Fisher or Cindy Swenson. It's a fun evening!

Many hands make light work!

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.**

Warm Weather Shopping --- for Cold Weather Gear

The 19th annual Social Concerns Network of area churches winter coat give-away takes place Saturday, Oct 15th at Christ the King Lutheran Church from 10 am - 2 pm. We are off to a great start collecting, but please keep dropping them off in the social concerns trunk. Most needed are warm winter jackets, new or gently used with working zippers, especially in sizes for school children. Also accepted are new or used boots, snow pants and mittens/gloves. **Donated hats MUST BE NEW**, however. Bless you for caring for your neighbors.

Coat Distribution Volunteers Needed: Oct. 14 & 15

Easy opportunity to help neighbors stay warm this winter - help sort coats, provide assistance to those looking for coats, offer smiles and hallway supervision, bag leftovers and put away tables, and free lunch besides. Anyone from 12 to 112 is most welcome to sign-up for any or all 3 shifts.

1. Friday, Oct. 14 5:30-7:00 pm Set-up tables, sort coats by size and gender.

2. Saturday, Oct. 15 9:30 am-12:15 pm Distribution - entrance table, hallway supervision, assist neighbors, straighten up.

3. Saturday, Oct. 15 12:00-2:30 pm Distribution and Clean-up - assist neighbors, straighten up, bag leftovers, put tables away. **** Clean-up only option from 1:35-2:30pm. Bring your muscles. ****

It's amazing to see how many coats our area churches collect together and how many neighbors are helped!

Volunteers Needed at the Community Support Center:

The Community Support Center (located in Faith Christian Reformed Church at 16th Street NW and Silver Lake Road) is looking for a few caring individuals to assist in working with neighbors in need. Help is needed weekdays, on an on-call basis, or as you are available. Volunteers sit in on initial meetings with neighbors and listen and care. If you are able, you may wish to partner with a person or family for longer-term guidance and encouragement.

Call the Community Support Center at 651-387-8050, or email cscnewbrighton@gmail.com, with questions or to volunteer. Everyone needs a friend and you may be that person.

Free Money for Thrivent Members!

Did you know Thrivent offers one or two Thrivent Action Team grants up to \$250 each 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

Sharing and Caring Hands



Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, October 20th**. **Please meet at ASLC at 2:30 pm** (you don't need to drive) and arrive back by 5:30 or sooner.

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

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

Blood Drive

Be a life saver. Donate Blood

**Tuesday, October 18th
1:30 pm - 6:30 pm**



**Sign-up in the office.
Walk-ins also welcome!**

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYERS

The Bible makes many references to the healing works of Jesus during His earthly ministry. The methods of healing varied but word, touch, prayer and the faith of others were common threads. Jesus focused on the specific need of the person he encountered (Matt. 20:32 – “What do you want me to do for you?”) and connected body and mind to the spirit and faith.

James 5:14-16a refers to the church as a resource for healing prayer and anointing. While Abiding Savior has many faithful prayers flowing for those in need of healing we would like to broaden this ministry by offering a more focused and intentional opportunity for healing prayers. Starting September 18th we are going to offer a time for prayer during communion. There will be a pastor stationed at the railing behind the altar. Those desiring healing or other prayers can proceed to the that area. Following the prayer there will be an option for a blessing with anointing with oil by a trained lay person.

The plan is to offer this specific time for healing prayer and blessing on the third Sunday of the month during communion. If you have questions please speak to one of the pastors for more information.

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.....The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5: 14, 16a

Gluten Free Communion Procedures

We provide Gluten Free Wafers and now are preparing the Wine and Grape Juice with special care to not contaminate what we offer our members suffering from celiac disease, which can be debilitating.



If you wish to have Gluten Free Communion, please see a Pastor, and the Gluten Free items will be on the organ side on a separate tray.

FLU SHOTS: COMMUNITY RESOURCES 2016

Due to declining numbers of participants and the widespread availability of flu shot resources in the community we have decided not to hold a flu shot clinic here at Abiding Savior this fall.

In addition to your own clinic here are some other pharmacy locations you can obtain a flu shot:

- Walgreens
- Costco (Mon.-Sat.)
- CVS
- Cub
- Sam’s Club
- Fairview pharmacies (Mon.-Fri., ages 6 and up), don’t have to be a clinic patient



If you don’t have insurance or your insurance doesn’t cover immunizations there are some Metro Public Health Immunization Clinics available in your county. Please check with Cheryl Bornhorst, Parish Nurse for information regarding these resources.

*Note that the latest recommendation is that nasal spray flu vaccines should NOT be used during the 2016-2017 flu season as that route has been shown to be largely ineffective in children. Everyone over the age of 6 months should be vaccinated.



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. 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



Sunday School

It's great to start a fresh new year with new and returning faces (both children and teachers), and the excitement that comes with being together once again. Some dates you'll want to be aware of:

Sunday, October 2 – Sunday school classes sing for the 9:00 worship service. Warm-up in the chapel at 8:45.

Sunday, October 16 – Bring-a-Friend Morning
Children are encouraged to invite one of their friends (classmate, neighborhood friend, etc.) to Sunday school.

Sunday, November 6 – Sunday school classes sing for the 9:00 worship service. Warm-up in the chapel at 8:45.

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.

Saturday, December 3 – Christmas program rehearsal (grades 2-5), 9:00-11:30 a.m.

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

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

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.



We Need You:

Operation Christmas Child Project Leader

This annual project to help bring smiles to children around the world with a shoebox full of gifts at Christmas time. We need an individual or team to oversee collections and ensure the contents of boxes meet guidelines, etc. You will have the guidance and support of the Children's Ministry Committee, so don't be afraid to dive in and serve through this wonderful outreach opportunity. Contact the church office or Patty Mesenbring with any questions, or if you would like to volunteer.





Nursery Staffed for 9:00 Service

Our church nursery will be staffed for the 9:00 service September - June. Please remember that you must sign your child in and out of the nursery.

If you would like to become a part of the nursery team to provide care for our young members and visitors (a commitment of one out of six Sundays at most), please contact Patty Mesenbring.

Be Part of the Fun Team

It's time to start planning another year of fun family events - Advent Celebration, Winter or Valentines Day fun day, Egg Hunt, and whatever fabulous ideas you can think up.



Please join us part of the Family Ministry Planning team. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board.



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!

9th Grade Confirmation Students!!

October 24th - 6:00 pm
Banquet, Rehearsal and Pictures

October 20th - 9:00 am
Confirmation Sunday



Remember to get your requirements done!

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

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

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

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

———— SCHEDULE NOTES ————
POWER Up will not meet on the following dates:
October 19 (MEA week)
November 23 (Thanksgiving)
December 21 & 28 (Christmas break)

-Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12 -

Monthly Financial Highlights



August 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$36,408	\$296,799
Festival Giving	-	\$17,093
Subtotal	\$36,408	\$313,892
Other Income	\$41,927	\$77,768**
Total Income	\$78,335	\$391,660
Total Expenses	\$81,769	\$422,117**
Net Income Over Expense	(\$3,434)	(\$30,457)
Benevolences Paid	\$11,403	\$31,739*

*Includes expenses and supporting gifts to Guatemala Trip
 ** Includes expenses and supporting grant for Rain Garden

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 September:

- Brad Mills found a full time job in Youth Ministry
- Rally Sunday! Great to see Sunday School and other programs start back up!
- God's Work, Our Hands on Sept. 11 raised money and food for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf
- Big crowds for our Wednesday Night Suppers!
- Healing prayer opportunity on 3rd Sundays
- Installation of our dedicated Sunday School teachers

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.**

Abiding Savior Parish,
 Thank you for the wonderful quilt! We greatly appreciate it so very much and it will be a wonderful comfort to residents and families when they need comfort!

Bel Rae Senior Living Executive Staff

Thank you for your important donation to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. Summer is an extra busy time where demand is often at its highest and donations are few and far between. With support like yours, we are continuing to meet the rising needs in this community. Last year alone we served over 17,000 individuals, assisting them with basic needs and connecting them to other resources to help stabilize their situations.

The **Good Neighbor Back to School Project** is winding down and to date we have given out backpacks and supplies to nearly 850 students in our school district. Thanks to community donations and our wonderful volunteers, these students are able to go back to school prepared and ready to learn! Thank you again for your recent support and for making hunger a priority right here in our own community.

Received in August - Food: 174 lbs. Produce: 189 lbs.
 Sincerely, Lisa Baker, Ralph Reeder Food Shelf Program Supervisor

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, October 12th for the November issue.

Our next "Committee Meetings" are Tuesday, October 4th



October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 COMMUNION 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship	3 6:00 - Reigning Grace 7:00 - Sons of Norway	4 8:30 - Men's Breakfast/Bible 10:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Committee Mgs.	5 4:30 - Wed. Supper 5-8 - Music Rehearsals 5:45 - Power Up/Kids 6:30 - Confirmation 7:00 - HS Youth Group	6 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	7	8
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Upcoming Events in October

- Oct 4 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
 - Committee Meetings
- Oct 5 - Wed. Night Supper / Activities
- Oct 6 - Women's Bible Study
- Oct 11 - Women's Circles
- Oct 12 - Book Club
 - Wed. Night Supper / Activities
- Oct 13 - Work Crew
 - Women's Bible Study
- Oct 16 - Bring a Friend Day
- Oct 17 - Quilting Set Up
- Oct 18 - Men's Breakfast / Bible Study
 - Quilting
 - Red Cross Blood Drive
 - Council Meeting
- Oct 19 - 21 MEA School Out
- Oct 19 - Wed. Night Supper
 - No youth activities
- Oct 20 - Women's Bible Study
 - Sharing and Caring Hands
- Oct 23 - Stewardship Sunday / Brunch
- Oct 24 - Confirmation Banquet and Pictures
- Oct 25 - Benedictine Care Center
- Oct 26 - Wed. Night Supper / Activities
- Oct 27 - Work Crew
 - Women's Bible Study
- Oct 30 - Confirmation Sunday
- Oct 31 - Happy Halloween!

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