



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



**God's work.
Our hands.**



Four Churches, One Goal: Feeding Local Families

How powerful it is when we come together as a community to do something purely for the good of our neighbor. It not only helps our neighbor in need, but feeds us as we volunteer and donate knowing that we are living out what it means to be a community by sharing and caring for one another. That is what "God's Work, Our Hands" day is all about.

On Rally Sunday, September 11, 2016, Abiding Savior will join with three other Lutheran congregations (Atonement, Christ the King and Cross of Glory) to help the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf with a food drive and hot dog fundraiser, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Cub Foods in New Brighton. The goal of the event is to collect as many of the "Top 10 food shelf items" as possible and to collect monetary donations for the food shelf. We will also have the opportunity to gather that day at Atonement Lutheran Church to make over 500 sandwiches that will be distributed to the homeless in Minneapolis through *The Sandwich Project*.

The event is being held as part of a nationwide service day sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America called "God's Work, Our Hands." Thousands of volunteers in hundreds of congregations across the country will be holding service events in their communities this same day.

September 11, 2016, will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. Local first responders will be at Cub Foods participating in this community event. You will have the opportunity to thank them in person and to sign a banner thanking them for their service. The banners will be delivered to the local police and fire departments.

You are invited to volunteer to be a part of this exciting day of service. Sign up sheets are found in the Narthex area. What a great way to celebrate Rally Sunday and to live out our calling to share God's love in the world! God's blessings! Pastor Ryan

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Sunday, September 11th is RALLY SUNDAY!

9:00 am - Worship Service

10:05 am - Sunday School Children - stop in and "Meet your Teachers"
- Brunch Served

11:00 am - Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 am - 3:00 pm - "God's Work, Our Hands" at Cub Foods or Atonement Church

Sign Up on our bulletin board in the Narthex or visit the website -

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4EAAA62BA5FC1-gods



September 2016
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Adult Forums

September 11 Rally Day Brunch and Festivities



September 18 Freed and Renewed in Christ: 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly by Colin Owens, Voting Member of the Assembly

Colin Owens, a member of Abiding Savior, was elected to represent the St. Paul Area Synod at the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which took place in New Orleans August 8-13. The Churchwide Assembly is the highest governing body in the ELCA. Colin will share with us the highlights, decisions, and initiatives that came from this exciting event linking us at Abiding Savior to the work of the larger church.



September 25 Justice for the Oppressed: A Christian Response to #BlackLivesMatter

How are we called to join in God's mission to secure justice for the oppressed? What can we do to make a difference in our community? Finally, why should this deeply matter to us as ELCA Lutherans? Join us on September 25 as Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers shares with us some of her personal reflections on the #blacklivesmatter movement. Pastor Yolanda holds a bachelor's degree in African American Studies and is completing a doctoral degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary. Join us at 10:05am to learn more!



October 2 Christians in the Birthplace of Jesus: The state of Christianity in Palestine. By Micheal Zoughbi, Palestinian Christian

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.

Help Board Coming Soon!

The Abiding Savior Help 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.

ASLC Women's Circles

**Second Tuesday of the Month
September 13th**

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

Lydia Circle at 6:00 pm at Church
Hostess for September:
Ruby Bennett



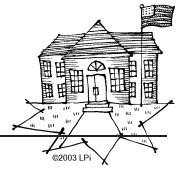
Women's Bible Study

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, September 20th!



Stewardship Corner

with Pastor Ryan Brodin

Generosity: We “Get it”!

For my research for my Doctorate of Ministry Degree, I have been interviewing pastors and their Church Council's about generosity. One of the things I learned is that churches have different approaches to their understanding and practice of generosity. Some churches do not understand generosity and do not have strong practices in the area of generosity. Of these churches, there are some that sadly have little interest or desire to change their understanding and practice of generosity. But there are some who realize the need to improve their understanding and practice of generosity and want to work to make those improvements.

There is also another kind of congregation. One that understands generosity and has healthy practices surrounding their sharing in the church and beyond. These congregations “get it” when it comes to supporting the work of God in the world. These churches spend very little time worrying or arguing about finances and focus instead on the work God has called them to do in the world.

Over the past seven years, Abiding Savior has become one of these congregations. We are forward looking, always ready to discern God calling us into new ministries, partnerships and initiatives. We do not argue about money because we have learned to share abundantly and live within our means as we carry out the will of God.

God is calling us to do great things in the lives of individuals, in this community, and beyond. In order to carry out these ministries, we need to continue to share abundantly. As we head into this new programming year, we find ourselves behind financially. The good news is we have time to turn things around before the end of the year! If you have fallen behind in your giving over the summer, please work to catch up. If you are able to give more to help us end the year strong, please do so. All sharing in needed and appreciated!

We are a congregation that will continue to look forward and to respond to God's calling. Being on a strong financial footing allows us to use our time and energy focusing on God's calling as we live together in God's Love. Besides, there is a joy in giving that can never be found in keeping for ourselves!

God's blessings!

Pastor Ryan

Pre-School News

It's time for preschool to be back in session! The classroom is ready, the teachers are recharged, now it's time to bring in the students. We have space in both our T/Th class and M/W/F class. Know of a 3-5 year old that wants to attend? We are looking forward to another great school year!!!! Email or call to start the enrollment process:

763-784-5326, preschool@abidingsavior.org

Denise Lewandowski, Program Director
Abiding Savior Preschool

Children's Choir



WELCOME BACK TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHOIR!!!! You all have been missed!!! Choir starts Wednesday, September 14th!!! 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.

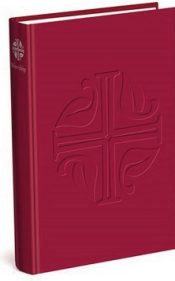
You are **always invited** to join one of our musical groups! Any of the directors would welcome your participation – talk to any of us if you have questions.

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.



Starting on Sunday, September 11, the congregation will be given the opportunity to 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!

New Seminarian Scholarship Policy

Abiding Savior has a long history of supporting and encouraging members to become ordained leaders in the church and to attend seminary. Prospective and active seminarians in good standing will be provided with spiritual guidance, counseling, and financial support to help them be successful in their pursuit of the ministry. The Council has just approved a Seminary Scholarship Policy. If you would like to see the policy, please stop by the church office. If you are a current seminarian, or considering seminary, please talk to one of the pastors and fill out the appropriate seminary scholarship forms.

Garden of Grace



What's Happening in the Garden?

The Garden of Grace has taken over **100 pounds** of fresh vegetables to the food shelf already - and the harvest will last almost 2 more months!

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, September 14th
at 5:00 pm in the Coffee House**

DOUBLE DOG DARE
By Lisa Graff

This is a humorous story about two 4th graders who start out as enemies, but in their battles to outdo each other they find out they have a lot in common. The book deals with friendship, divorce, and dares. Would you lick a lizard to get what you desperately want?

Read this fun and insightful book and join the discussion at church.

Everyone is welcome!

Plymouth Playhouse

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



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

Inspired by the best-seller "Growing Up Lutheran"

Join us October 13th at 1:00 pm for this great new show at the Plymouth Playhouse. We have 54 tickets reserved. The cost is \$30 for tickets, box lunch and the bus ride. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin board outside of the office.



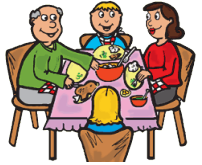
Giving to the Mission Endowment Fund of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church is Simple and Joyful!

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.*

Wednesday Night Suppers

We have a lot of things to look forward to when fall starts - and one that the whole community waits for --- Wednesday night suppers!!



Sept. 14 - Tacos - Spanish rice
Sept. 21 - Tator tot hotdish
Sept. 28 - Pork chow mein
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

**** The Cooks reserve the right to change their menu!

Please consider helping when you can to make this wonderful outreach/fellowship time possible! Many hands make light work!



September is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

This devastating disease impairs memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. There is no cure for Alzheimer's. Sunday, September 4th and 11th you will have the opportunity to make a donation to help fund research for this disease.

Saturday, September 17th is the Walk to End Alzheimer's. We will start at Target Field and walk through downtown Minneapolis. Please consider donating to their research effort and then walk with us on September 17th! Thank you so much.

Any questions, please call Linda Weiner Herman at 763-607-3833

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. 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 5:30-7:00pm Set-up tables, sort coats by size and gender.
2. Saturday, Oct. 15 9:30am-12:15pm Distribution - entrance table, hallway supervision, assist neighbors, straighten up.
3. Saturday, Oct. 15 12:00-2:30pm 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!

Community Support Center --- Helping Neighbors:

Natasha came to CSC two months behind with rent, and all of her other bills were piling up. She said she was afraid to ask for help and had hoped she could come up with a solution on her own. So she just ignored the problem until she couldn't any longer. She had never used public assistance before and did not know how it worked. CSC informed her of all of her options and worked with her through many appointment times until she solved her rent crisis. Because they identified other resources for her, CSC did not help her financially but gave her a lot of support as she searched for aid. Natasha kept coming to the CSC for appointments, feeling safe to share her problems knowing she had a team of people on her side. Right now, Natasha is working on a long-term incentive contract with the CSC. She said, "It is nice to know someone has my back if another crisis comes up."

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 let the office know if you can help. Thank you.

Sharing and Caring Hands



Our next opportunity to help serve the evening meal at Sharing and Caring Hands is **Thursday, September 15th. 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!**

Volunteers Needed at 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.

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

Walk A Mile for Our Neighbors results:

518 walkers from 11 area churches plus a few other organizations walked 932 miles and raised a total of \$12,919 for the Community Support Center! (2015 had 400 walkers, 777 miles, \$12,327.) Abiding Savior contributed \$500 to challenge grant, 21 walkers, 40 miles, and 3 door prize winners. **Thanks everyone for supporting our neighbors!**

*Thank
you*

We welcomed over 130 children to ASL for “SHOUT,” our community VBS 2016. There were so many happy faces, joyful voices singing (and shouting), and a whole lot of fun. We pray that these children will boldly carry Christ out into the world, inspired by what they learned and thought about during their week here.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all volunteers, to all who donated supplies and funds, and to all who supported our program with your kindness, encouraging words and prayers.

We are blessed to be surrounded by people whose lives shout out God's love loud and clear.

- **Patty Mesenbring and the Children's Ministry Committee**

Part Time Director of Youth Ministries

Abiding Savior is looking for a fun, energetic, faith filled person to help grow faith in our middle school and high school students as our Director of Youth Ministries. This position is perfect for someone who wants to work with youth, but has another “full time” calling in the world as this position is 10 to 15 hours per week. Please submit a cover letter and résumé by September 30 to Pastor Ryan Brodin.



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



BACK TO SCHOOL ALSO MEANS

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children age 3 (by September 1) 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.

Open House Event: Rally Sunday, September 11 - Families can get familiar with classrooms, meet teachers and helpers, and meet other families immediately following the 9:00 worship service.

First Sunday School Session: September 18.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer as a **TEACHER, HELPER or SUBSTITUTE** for our Sunday school program. Please see the separate item in this month's newsletter for more details. If you are interested in these or any other volunteer opportunities, please contact Patty Mesenbring or Linda Weiner-Herman.

We would also be happy to talk to you if you have ideas for something special you could share with the children as a one-time presentation or activity, or if you have other suggestions on how your special gifts or talents could contribute to our program.

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 beginning **September 18**, children will 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM HELP NEEDED

It's that time of year again, and we are looking *for some* more valuable volunteers. Listed below are opportunities for you to serve (and be blessed by) our children.



Small Group Guides
(no prep work):

- **2 needed for 2nd-5th Grade groups**

Helpers for Classrooms

Substitutes

Please contact Patty Mesenbring or Linda Weiner-Herman to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Youth News

Thank You Brad!



Brad Mills, our Director of Youth Ministries for the past three and a half years, is being called by God back into full time ministry. He will be working at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stillwater working with kids from age three through high school. We are excited for Brad, Karen, Helena and Iva as they begin this new journey together. We will miss you!

Join us to say thank you and God's blessings to Brad and his family at a small reception in the Coffee House on September 4th between services.

Be Part of the Fun Team

It's time to start planning another year of fun family events - our Fall Festival, 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.



***Do you have a CD player you no longer use?
DONATE IT!***

Our Children's Ministries programs are in need of **two CD players**, one for the nursery and one for program use. If you've got an extra one just gathering dust, we can use it. Please drop it off in the office or contact Patty. Thanks!!



Facebook Youth Event Page/ Master Calendar

Make sure to update your calendar from the Facebook "Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Youth and Families" site which is where the master calendar of all youth events is posted.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abidingsavior> and join the group to have full access

Reminder: We will be selling Cinnamon Rolls again on September 25th - 10:05 am

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

P WER Up! Begins September 14th

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.

Monthly Financial Highlights



July 2016	Monthly	YTD
Current Gifts and Giving	\$36,715	\$260,391
Festival Giving	(\$25)	\$17,093
Subtotal	\$36,690	\$277,484
Other Income	\$6,277	\$35,841
Total Income	\$42,967	\$313,325
Total Expenses	\$51,636	\$340,348
Net Income Over Expense	(\$8,669)	(\$27,023)
Benevolences Paid	\$2,891	\$20,336

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 August:

- Vacation Bible School with over 130 neighborhood children attending
- A beautiful night with lots of fun and great food for all at the 3rd Annual Family Fun Night!
- 60 kids and adults from Abiding Savior who packed nearly 15,000 Meals at Feed My Starving children
- A great time of Fellowship - but a rained out Mounds View Festival Parade
- Guatemala Mission Trip Sharing
- Our Gospel Singers at Benedictine Care Center for the Lutheran Worship Service led by Pastor Lisa each month. Standing room only - 50+ people in attendance and televised.

Get the VineBranch Electronically

The VineBranch, Abiding Savior's monthly newsletter, provides information on all upcoming happenings, important information, and reminders. Typically, the VineBranch arrives to your mailing address prior to the beginning of the month; however, the delivery of the newsletter can be dependent on the mail delivery for bulk mail. To ensure timely communication, the VineBranch can be submitted to your household electronically!!! **Should you be interested in receiving the VineBranch via email in place of the mailing, please notify the church office.**

Thank you so much for marrying us. The service was wonderful and beautiful. We feel so blessed to belong to Abiding Savior. Pastor Ryan, Pastor Lisa, and the members of Abiding Savior surround us with so much love. God Bless, Ivan and GiGi

Thank you to all who prayed for us. Les is in radiation and chemo - those prayers are keeping him strong. Hugh is getting better. Dutch is doing well with pain medication and pain patches. Julie VanHatten

Dear Abiding Savior Lutheran Church,
I would like to thank the entire congregation for this scholarship opportunity. I am so grateful that I was given this money to help further my education. I have cherished growing up in this church which has nurtured my spiritual growth, has welcomed and cared for my family, allowed me to share my faith which has enabled me to serve God. I thank you all, for you all have touched my life. A thousand times thanks!!! Joy Anderson

I would like to take the time to personally thank the Pastors and all the staff that helped make Dad's memorial service such a wonderful celebration. You are Mom's angel Lisa. I know my whole family feels the same way. From the singing of the Lord's Prayer and giving such a wonderful service, to the music selection and the wonderful lunch following the service. All the wonderful friends and fellow teachers attending was a blessing. Abiding Savior is a first class church and I am so glad Mom is back worshipping, full time, with the wonderful congregation. Thank you, once again, so very much for making Dad's memorial such a wonderful event. Hans Vinge

Thank you for helping prepare leaders for Christian Communities by providing tuition support for Rebecca Holland and Ryan Brodin during the 2015-2016 academic year at Luther Seminary. Robin J. Steinke, President and Gus Blanchard, Chair, Board of Directors

Dear Friends at Abiding Savior,
I want to thank you for celebrating a special birthday with me on July 18th. It was a great day to celebrate together at our outdoor service and picnic! Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards, kind words, thoughtfulness, and the many special gifts. Not everyone wants to celebrate their birthday by going to church. I Loved it!!! Pastor Lisa

Thank you to Curt Johnson and Charlie Munsterman for recycling the aluminum cans from the large trailer. This trip the youth programs received \$240! We have received about \$1,000 so far this year - so please continue to bring your cans to be recycled!!

Thank you for your important donation to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf this July. We received 25 pounds of food and 6 pounds of produce. Lisa Baker, Food Shelf Program Supervisor

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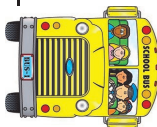
Materials must be received by Friday, September 12th for the October issue.

Our next "Committee Meetings" are Tuesday, September 6th



September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 - Women's Bible Study	2	3
4 Communion 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Reception for Brad Mills in Coffee House 11:00 - Contemporary Worship Service	5 LABOR DAY Office Closed	6  10:15 Staff Meeting 6:30 - Committee Meetings	7 6:30 - Confirmation Orientation (6-8 grades) 7:00 - Senior Choir Practice	8 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers 	9	10 Sanctuary and FH being used
11 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - SS Meet your teacher 10:05 - BRUNCH 11:00 - Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 - 3:00 - God's Work, Our Hands	12	13 10:15 - Staff Meeting 1:00 - Priscilla/Rebecca Circle at Oakcrest 6:00 - Lydia Circle in CH 7:00 - Preschool Committee	14 4:30 - Wed. Night Activities 4:30 - Wed. Night Supper!! 5:00 - Book Club in Coffee House 6:30 - Confirmation - All - 9th grade Orientation	15 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 2:30 - Sharing and Caring Hands 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	16	17
18 Communion 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Sunday School Starts 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship Service	19 12:00 - Quilting Setup 6:00 - Reigning Grace 6:30 - Troup 267	20 8:30 - Men's Bible Study 9:00 - Quilting 10:15 - Staff Meeting 	21 4:30 - Wed. Night Activities 4:30 - Wed. Night Supper 6:30 - Confirmation	22 9:00 - Work Crew 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	23	24
25 9:00 - Worship Service 10:05 - Youth/Cinnamon Rolls 10:05 - Sunday School 10:05 - Adult Forum 11:00 - Contemporary Worship Service	26 6:00 - Reigning Grace	27 10:15 - Staff Meeting 11:45 - Benedictine CC	28 4:30 - Wed. Night Activities 4:30 - Wed. Night Supper 6:30 - Confirmation	29 6:15 - Jubilation Ringers	30 	

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Upcoming Events in September

Sept. 1 - Women's Bible Study
Sept. 4 - Reception for Brad Mills between services in CH
Sept. 5 - Labor Day - Office Closed
Sept. 6 - Committee Meetings
Sept. 7 - Confirmation Orientation for 6-8 grades
Sept. 8 - Work Crew
Sept. 8 - Women's Bible Study
Sept. 8 - Jubilation Ringers
Sept. 11 - RALLY SUNDAY!
- Sunday School Meet your Teachers / Brunch
Sept. 11 - God's Work, Our Hands
Sept. 13 - Women's Circles
Sept. 13 - Preschool Committee Meeting
Sept. 14 - Wednesday Night Activities Begin!
- Wed. Night Supper / Choirs / Confirmation
Sept. 14 - Book Club in Coffee House
Sept. 15 - Women's Bible Study
Sept. 15 - Sharing and Caring Hands
Sept. 15 - Jubilation Ringers
Sept. 18 - Sunday School Starts / Adult Forums Start
Sept. 19 - Quilting Set-Up
Sept. 20 - Men's Bible Study
Sept. 20 - Quilting
Sept. 20 - Council Meeting
Sept. 21 - Wednesday Night Supper / Activities
Sept. 22 - Work Crew
Sept. 22 - Women's Bible Study
Sept. 22 - Jubilation Ringers
Sept. 27 - Benedictine Care Center
Sept. 28 - Wednesday Night Supper / Activities

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