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Join us for an
Election Night
SMORGASBORD
Tues., Nov. 3
4:30 - 7:00PM
Tickets on sale now!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wed., Nov. 25
6:30PM
followed by a pie social

Living in God's love,
Abiding Savior
Lutheran Church
is a *welcoming*
and *caring* family
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and *serves* all creation.

Give Thanks to the Lord



This is the time of year when we remember to say "Thank you" to God. Gratitude is how we as Christians see the world. We first recognize God's presence, God's generosity, and God's faithfulness in every part of life. When we take the time to examine our lives, we discover that we are surrounded by God's blessings.

"Thank you God" is one of the first and most important prayers we can lift up to God. Psalm 136 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Thank you, God, for always loving us. Thank you, God, for creating us and for creating the marvelous and amazing beauty of our earth. Every breath we take is a reminder that we are sustained by a God who delights in giving life. The crisp autumn air and the colorful leaves remind us that God is the artist behind all the wonders of creation.

Thank you, God, for all that we call our own. Food on our tables, warm homes, work that gives us purpose, and rest that renews us. Gratitude turns the ordinary into holy reminders of God's generosity.

Thank you, God, for those we love and for those who love us. family members who support us, friends who listen, children who remind us how to laugh are all to be treasured. Thank you, God, for Abiding Savior. A place of caring where we offer our worship and praise to you, and we serve the world, grow in faith, and share one another's burdens. A place from which we are privileged to be sent out into the world to work for justice and share the love of God.

Thank you, God, for the hope we have in Jesus. In Christ we find forgiveness that restores, and love that embraces all people. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection give us hope for this life and for the next.

As we move through this season of thankfulness, let us open our eyes to God's blessings, open our hearts to God's presence, and open our hands to share God's love and generosity with the world.

Thanks be to God, whose steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor Ryan



Facesof Hope: El Salvador Worship Service
Sunday, November 8 @10AM

Bienvenidos a El Salvador! During worship on Sunday, November 8, you will be transported to EL Salvador! We know not everyone can go on a mission trip, so we are bringing El Salvador to Abiding Savior. The theme of this worship service is "Faces of Hope". You will learn about the faith, the culture, the history, the struggles, and the stories of our friends and partners in ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of El Salvador. Participants from the August mission trip will share through music, pictures, videos, stories, and heartfelt greetings from our brothers and sisters in Christ in El Salvador. You won't want to miss this inspiring and moving worship service as the "Faces of Hope" in El Salvador come to Mounds View.








Adult Education Series
The Power of Forgiveness Received and Forgiveness Given
Wednesdays, November 4, 11 and 18
5:30 to 6:30 in the Coffee House



Join Pastor Ryan to explore the power of forgiveness. This study will visit how we are forgiven freely by God through the power of grace in our lives. But this forgiveness is not to be taken for granted. We are also commanded to forgive others (and ourselves) just as we have been forgiven by God. Sometimes, it is hard to forgive someone. Maybe you carry the heavy weight of past hurts, regrets, or unresolved conflict.

Explore what forgiveness is and does as well as what forgiveness is not. Explore the psychological and physical benefits of letting go of resentment to embrace forgiveness. Experience the joy of sharing love with others through forgiveness just as God has shared love with us. No experience necessary to come to this class, and no homework will be assigned! You are invited to this exciting and relevant class.

You're Invited! Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Ryan, will meet on Tuesdays, November 3 and 17, at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a hot breakfast and a time of fellowship and learning. We will be studying the Reformation and Lutheran Theology. No Bible experience necessary! This Bible study is non-threatening, enjoyable, and informative. Men's Bible Study meets the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month through May. Come and join us!

All Saints Sunday
November 1 | 10AM



During worship on Sunday, November 1, we will remember all the saints in our lives who have gone before us. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in honor or in memory of those special saints in your life before worship begins. Please join us for this special time of remembrance.



Wenesday, November 25 | 6:30PM
PIE SOCIAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

You're invited to worship on Thanksgiving Eve and to stay after for a pie social! Come enjoy a time of fellowship and giving thanks! If you'd like to bring a pie, please sign up at church or click here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ACAA2EA1FF2-66929188-2026



If you ordered Christmas wreaths from Preschool they will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 18!

Wednesday Night Schedule



4:30 - 6:15: Dinner served
- Nov. 04: Goulash
- Nov. 11: Tator tot hot dish
- Nov. 18: Spaghetti

5:30 - 6:30: ASK Kids' Activities (11/04)
5:30 - 6:30: Adult Ed (11/04 thru 11/18)
6:30 - 8:00: Confirmation
7:00 - 8:00: Adult Choir practice
8:00 - 9:00: Reigning Grace practice

Election Night SMORGASBORD
Tuesday, November 3
4:30 - 7:00PM

Get out and vote and then join us for our Election Night Smorgasbord! We have a limited number of tickets available, so you're encouraged to purchase your tickets ahead of time!

- Scandinavian meal: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, sliced turkey, gravy, dressing, cranberries, sweet corn, beet pickles, olives, dill pickles, herring, lefse, rice pudding, fruit soup, and cookies!

Advanced tickets are $20/adult, $6 for youth ages 6 - 12 years, and children 5 & under are FREE. Tickets will not be guaranteed at the door.

Invite your friends and get your tickets in the church office or before/after church on Sunday!



NERF NIGHT
Saturday, November 7
5:30 - 8PM



Bring your own NERF equipment and come for live action battles! Pizza and snacks provided.
This is a FREE event! Invite your friends!



Preschool Peak

We are in full swing here at Preschool. The kids are busy learning, making new friends, and having fun!

Please welcome our new director, Danielle Mills, who started in October. If you see her in the building any weekday morning, please be sure to introduce yourself and say "hi"!

Thank you to everyone who purchased something from our Mickman Wreath fundraiser! The wreaths and other items should be ready for pickup the afternoon and evening of Wednesday , November 18.

We have some openings in all of our classrooms and would love to fill those spots with new friends! If you know of anyone who is looking for an amazing half-day program, please send them our way!

Thank you for your continued support of our program!



www.abidingsaviorpreschool.com

CYF Committee



We are thrilled to introduce a brand new committee for all things related to Children, Youth, and Family ministry! The CYF Committee will focus on brainstorming ideas and events, supporting volunteers, pastors, and church staff, giving feedback on events and processes, and helping execute larger events in conjunction with a new events committee (coming soon!) As we kick off the program year, this committee will meet monthly as we work to reestablish and continue to grow our children, youth, and family programming. Questions regarding this committee can be directed to Pastor Katie, Alex, or Josh!

MS/HS Youth News

Sun., Nov. 1 | 8:30/11AM | Cinnamon Roll Sale



Youth arrive at 8:30 & meet us in the kitchen to bake, frost, & plate then help sell after church!

Tues., Nov. 3 | 4:30-7PM | Election Nite Dinner



Come help with our Annual Election Night Dinner - this is a huge event and the kitchen crew needs your help to refill drinks, collect trays, bus tables, etc. You will earn Confirmation service hours for participating and any youth who volunteer eat free!

Sat., Nov. 7 | 5:30-8PM | Nerf Nite



Bring your own Nerf equipment and come for live action battles! Pizza and drinks will be provided. This is a FREE event! Please invite your friends! Parents welcome!

Sat., Nov. 28 | 9AM-3PM | | Fall Craft Sale



Come volunteer to set up/tear down, sell concessions, help with kids' crafts, take Santa photos, etc. This craft sale benefits the group attending the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer so participants should prioritize this event. Confirmation students will earn service hours for participating.

ELCA Youth Gathering

Priority Registration OPEN until November 11th!

Current 8-12th Graders are eligible to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in Minneapolis! Priority registration is now open! If you are planning to attend The Gathering, please see Alex or Josh or stop by the church office to pick up a registration packet. The primary adult leader is responsible for registering everyone online and the information in the packet is used to help with that process. Our goal is to have our entire group registered by the priority deadline! If you have any questions about registration or The Gathering, please reach out to Josh and Alex for more information!

Mission

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Our School Friends: Irondale has been stocked with school supplies, personal hygiene items, sweatshirts and pants to provide a boost for students with limited resources. Many of us are blessed to have fond memories of our school days but we know many students face challenges we couldn't have imagined. It is good to care for our student neighbors.

Meals on Wheels: Our last delivery week for 2026 is November 16th. Please let Fern Fisher or the office know if you'd like to get in on the action of service with a smile.

Giving Tree: Around Thanksgiving time, look for opportunities to brighten the holidays for others by taking an ornament, buying the requested gift cards, and returning them to church, the earlier the better. These cards are used by local groups and schools to help fill unmet needs, or by the office to assist others with necessities when life throws curve balls. Thank you for your generosity and caring!

Blood Donation Thanks: Hugs, blessings, and thanks to everyone who donated blood or volunteered during our October 8th blood drive. You save lives! You are heroes!

Walk a Mile for Our Neighbors: The Community Support Center thanks everyone who walked, donated, volunteered and supported their efforts to prevent evictions and homelessness at the September 27th walk. It was a great, collaborative day with other local churches and organizations. The Golden Sneaker award for most miles walked remains with Grace Point Church, a very competitive group indeed. Nearly $20,000 was raised, half of that being a surprise, one-time estate donation. Your concern for our neighbors is heartwarming and greatly appreciated!

Stewardship Campaign: Thank you for your generosity!



As we wrap up our Fall Stewardship Campaign and enter this month of Thanksgiving, I want to say thank you for each one of you and for the ways you share with Abiding Savior what God has entrusted to you. God has a plan for us here at Abiding Savior and that plan starts with generous hearts looking to share God's love with others. Just as God has been good to us, when we work together, we are able to do so much good in our homes, our community, and out into God's world.

It is not too late to participate in our "*Choose to Love: Lifting up by Letting Go*" Stewardship Campaign by turning in your pledge card. Pledging not only helps the church plan for the coming year, pledging also helps you as the giver to have a plan and to be intentional about your giving for the upcoming year.

Thank you again for your continued generosity as together we *choose to love*!

Children's Ministry - Come be a part of it!

This fall, we are offering monthly programming for our preschool through 5th graders. *On the first Wednesday of each month, children are invited to join Pastor Katie from 5:30-6:30PM for games, crafts, stories, and more*. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we explore the ways to best serve our children at ASLC! *Our next monthly gathering will be on Wed., Nov. 4th - we will meet in the church library at 5:30PM.*

September 2026 Financial Highlights

2026	Monthly	YTD
INCOME		
Current giving	34,750	372,281
Festival giving	0	15,212
SUBTOTAL	34,750	387,493
Other income	14,604	105,861
TOTAL INCOME	49,354	493,354
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,137	519,540
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES	(12,784)	(26,186)
Benevolence Paid	4,131	46,161

Support the Endowment Fund

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.

Please talk to Pastor Ryan Brodin if you have questions about making a gift to the Endowment Fund.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Choice Dollars & Thrivent Action Teams



If you are a Thrivent member, you may receive Thrivent Choice dollars that you are able to direct to Abiding Savior each year. Directing your choice dollars is easy. Just log in to www.Thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice."

You can also apply for two Thrivent Action Team Grants up to $250 to be used for fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, educational events, or meals. The application is simple and quick. If you would like to apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to benefit one of the ministries of Abiding Savior, please contact the church office.

Usher Training

We will be holding an usher training for all current and new ushers on Wednesday, November 11, at 6:30 PM. This training will cover basic CPR and first aid treatment, building security including use of the new controlled access doors, the role of the usher at church, and of course, the important tasks ushers perform in order to make worship possible. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please talk to Pastor Katie or Pastor Ryan.

Join the Committee That Leaves a Mark on Every Corner of ASLC

The Property Committee is looking for a few new members to join their talented group which meets once a month (typically the 1st Tuesday at 2:45PM). Let the office know if you're interested or if you have any questions!



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 10:00 Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 Cinnamon Roll Sale ROA: 12 – 3PM (Mod 2)	**2**	**3** 8:30 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 Mission Otrch (CH) 2:45 Property Cmte (Lib) **Election Night Smorgasbord 4:30 – 7:00**	**4** 9:15 Cub Foods delivery 4:30 - Wed. Night Supper 5:30 – 6:30 ADULT ED 6:00 – 7:00 ASK Kids' Actvts 6:30 - 8:00 Confirmation 7:00 – 8:00 Adult Choir 8:00 – 9:00 Reigning Grace	**5** 10:00 Women's Bible Study	**6** OFFICE CLOSED TME: 6 – 8:30PM (Sanct) ROA: 6:30 – 9PM (Mod 2)	**7** TME: 9AM – 2PM (Sanctuary) Janelle – Sanctuary 3-5PM **Nerf Nite 5:30-8P**
8 NEW MBR SUNDAY **EL SALVADOR SUNDAY** 10:00 Worship **with Baptism of Josephine Joan Cline** 11:00 BRUNCH	**9** 12:30 Preschool Cmte (CH) 5:30 Women's Gathering at Moe's	**10** 10:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 Caring Visitors Meeting ROA: 6 – 8:30PM (Mod 2)	**11** 9:15 Cub Foods delivery 4:30 - Wed. Night Supper 5:30 – 6:30 ADULT ED 6:30 - 8:00 Confirmation 6:30 – 7:30 Usher Training 7:00 – 8:00 Adult Choir 8:00 – 9:00 Reigning Grace	**12 PR RYAN PTO** **ALEX OUT PM** 9:00 Work Crew 10:00 Women's Bible Study	**13 PR RYAN PTO** OFFICE CLOSED TME: 6 – 8:30PM (Sanctuary) ROA: 6:30 – 9PM (Mod 2)	**14** TME: 8AM – 4PM (Sanctuary) Janelle – Sanctuary 3-5PM ROA: 5:30 – 8:30PM (Mod 2)
15 PR RYAN PTO 10:00 Worship with Holy Communion ROA: 12 – 3PM (Mod 2)	**16 PR RYAN PTO** **MLS ON WHEELS**	**17 PR RYAN PTO** **MEALS ON WHEELS** 8:30 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting ROA: 6 – 8:30PM (Mod 2)	**18 MEALS ON WHEELS** 9:15 Cub Foods delivery 4:30 - Wed. Night Supper 5:30 – 6:30 ADULT ED 6:30 - 8:00 Confirmation 7:00 – 8:00 Adult Choir 8:00 – 9:00 Reigning Grace	**19 MLS ON WHLS** 10:00 Women's Bible Study	**20 MLS ON WHLS** OFFICE CLOSED TME: 6 – 8:30PM (Sanctuary) ROA: 6:30 – 9PM (Mod 2)	**21** TME: 9AM – 2PM (Sanctuary) Janelle – Sanctuary 3-5PM
22 10:00 Worship **with Baptism of Eleanor Louise Graham** ROA: 12 – 3PM (Mod 2)	**23**	**24** 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Benedictine Service ROA: 6 – 8:30PM (Mod 2)	**25** 9:15 Cub Foods delivery 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship followed by Pie Social	**26 THANKSGIVING** **Happy Thanksgiving!**	**27** OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Decorate for Christmas TME: 6 – 8:30PM (Sanctuary) ROA: 6:30 – 9PM (Mod 2)	**28** **Makers Market Craft Sale 9AM – 3PM** Janelle – Sanctuary 3-5PM
29 ADVENT 1 10:00 Worship ROA: 12 – 3PM (Mod 2)	**30**	**1 DECEMBER** 8:30 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 Staff Meeting ROA: 6 – 8:30PM (Mod 2)	**2 DECEMBER** 9:15 Cub Foods delivery 4:30 - Wed. Night Supper 6:30 - 8:00 Confirmation 7:00 – 8:00 Adult Choir 8:00 – 9:00 Reigning Grace	**3 DECEMBER** 10:00 Women's Bible Study	**4 DECEMBER** OFFICE CLOSED TME: 6 – 8:30PM (Sanctuary) ROA: 6:30 – 9PM (Mod 2)	**5 DECEMBER** TME: 9AM – 2PM (Sanctuary) Janelle – Sanctuary 3-5PM

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Upcoming Events in November

Nov. 1: All Saints Sunday worship with Communion
Cinnamon roll sale
Nov. 3: Men's breakfast and Bible study
Election Night Smorgasbord 4:30 - 7PM
Nov. 4: Wednesday evening programs (see pg. 3)
Nov. 5: Women's Bible study
Nov. 7: Youth NERF night
Nov. 8: New Member & El Salvador Sunday Brunch
Nov. 9: Women's gathering
Nov. 11: Wednesday evening programs (see pg. 3)
Nov. 12: Work crew & Women's Bible study
Nov. 15: Worship with Holy Communion
Nov. 16 - 20: Meals on Wheels delivery
Nov. 17: Men's breakfast and Bible study
Council meeting
Nov. 18: Wednesday evening programs (see pg. 3)
Nov. 19: Women's Bible study
Nov. 12: Worship with Baptism of Eleanor G.
Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Eve worship
Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 27: Decorate the church for Christmas
Nov. 28: Makers Market Craft Sale 9AM - 3PM
Nov. 29: Advent 1--Worship with Holy Communion

Pastors, Staff, and Hours

Ryan Brodin, Senior Pastor
Katie Hendrikson, Assoc. Pastor
Josh & Alex Ertz, Youth Directors
Janelle Schauer, Organist
Mary Larew, Vocal Choir Director
Paul Weller, Bell Choir Director
Alex Ertz, Office Manager
Connie Clausen, Office Assistant
Danielle Mills, Preschool Director
Steven Hill, Custodian

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday: 9AM - 4PM
Closed on Friday

Help keep our contact information up-to-date! If you have a new home phone, cell phone, or new email address, please call the church office at 763.784.5120.