



Day by Day

RENDER

My life seems to rotate to a certain degree around seasons; not so much Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, but Baseball, Football, Basketball and Tax! Tax season is a period of time that almost none of us can ignore. By virtue of our citizenship in these United States, we are obligated to pay and file income tax.

Few of us happily pay our taxes. I have never had someone come to me and say; "Pastor, I'm so praising God to have income to be taxed on and I feel good about being able to participate in all the things and places where my tax dollars go." Instead, I've heard complaining about tax rates and concerns about what our taxes do and don't support. We can spend a lot of time complaining about our government and those who lead it. But Jesus seems to have a completely different notion of government and the taxes they impose.

When his adversaries tried to make him odious to the people of his time, they asked him whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes. Jesus doesn't launch into a diatribe about the right or wrong of taxes. Instead, he assumes that they are a part of life that takes its place next to things like breathing, sleeping, and eating. It just needs to happen, so render to Caesar what is Caesar's and then render to God the things that are God's.

Jesus wants us to know that he has ordained a kingdom of the "Left hand" that is to take care of our physical needs. And what a blessing that is. Isn't it wonderful that we don't have to be responsible for finding our own water or caring for our own trash and recyclables.

I'm so grateful we don't have to draft, train, and deploy our own military here in South Orange County; instead, our Federal government recruits, equips and trains our armed forces and we get to sit back and enjoy the protection they provide.

Instead of bringing a very negative attitude to our nation, God uses His Church to speak well of all government because in Romans 13 we are instructed that "everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

We may not feel comfortable with our leadership at any given time, but then we recall the declaration from the book of Revelation which declares that Jesus is "the first born of the dead and the ruler of the kings on earth." When all is said and done, Jesus is leading and guiding the world, standing ready to provide healing and help after we have ignored his leadership and plunged ourselves into war or other tragedies.

When we are tempted to spend a lot of time just complaining about taxes and those who spend them, Jesus calls us just to stop and live in hope, looking always to the cross that reminds us how much God loves us and promises that he will never leave us alone but instead is and will always be the ruler of the Kings on earth that will provide us with the services we need.

It would be great for us to be the faithful army of God being grateful for the privilege of paying taxes as an act of worship to him who destroyed death and uses his power to control our world.

*Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THEME FOR 2018

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in **God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go.** Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be Pray for America - UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize **unified public prayer for America**, "*Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*"

Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

The Sanctuary will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. There will be suggested prayers for you to lift up, as well as specific requests, as well as those petitions that are on your heart. Prayer Partners will also be available to assist you and to pray with/for you at your request. Together, we can mobilize unified public prayer for America! Help make a difference.

"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people."

Dr. Ronnie Floyd



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**Children of the World
International Choir Concert
Wednesday, May 2 @ 7:00 p.m.**

You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear children from far away share the love of Jesus with us. The choir is made up of incredible children from Uganda, Nepal, the Philippines, and Honduras.



Transition Team

On Sunday, April 22, the Congregation was informed that the Transition Team will be calling a special meeting to vote on calling an Intentional Interim Minister (IIM). This Pastor will not be eligible to be called as our next Senior Pastor, but will fill in the duties until a Senior Pastor is called, or the decision is made not to call another Pastor.

The Transition Team asked the congregation to provide comments with reasons to the Transition Team if you support an IIM.

Please continue to pray for the Transition Team, and as always,

share your thoughts with anyone on the committee:

Frank Beniche, Robin DeLong-Hanrath, Karen Freund, Shawna Newman, John Randall, Kyle Salesky, Michael Vick, Lou Marting, and Hank Hellfeld.



**Angus Day
Bible Passage**

BIBLE PASSAGE — John 10:11-18.
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

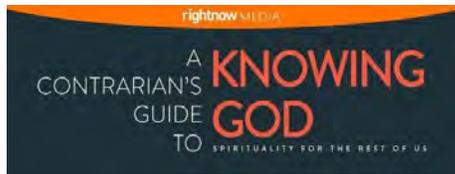
Wednesday: the day of the week before Thursday and following Tuesday.

Sounds pretty boring, doesn't it? Let's look at Wednesday a little different. How about the first night of the rest of your week. We call it "Wednesday Nite ALIVE!"

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for both children and adult Bible Study.



We have three Wednesday Night Alive children's groups. Kids in Preschool, JK, and Kindergarten meet in the Preschool Extended Care Room (A107). Kids in 1st and 2nd grade meet in the JK Classroom (C112). Kids in 3rd or 4th grade meet in the Extended Care Room (C110).



Sometimes what we believe about the Christian life comes from a single but prominent point of view—an older Christian we look up to, a preacher, or a parent. But is there only one way of living the life of a Jesus follower?

The Christian life—even one centered on grace—can still feel like a long list of dos and don'ts. But what if there's more (and less) to our faith than we typically believe? In this series based on his book *A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God*, pastor Larry Osborne tackles popular assumptions about

Christian living that create stress and failure rather than growth and joy.

View the trailer and get more information here: http://bit.ly/ascls_rightnow042016

Adults will meet for Bible study in Mrs. Wood's classroom (E123) and will be led by Pastor and Mrs. Lucas.

At 7:00 p.m., join Ed Stelling in the Gathering Grounds (the new Coffee Shop) for a study on the Gospel of Luke.



Kyle Salesky, DCE
Director of Family & Youth Ministry

Some of Abiding Savior's JHM students attended the Jr High District Youth Gathering Camp at the Irvine Regional Park Outdoor Education Center in the City of Orange. The theme of the DYG was "Follow" based on the stories of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Esther. Our three guest speakers shared with our youth how our Bible stories highlighted the lives of ordinary people who were trying to remain faithful to God while living in a different country, and a different culture that did not follow or honor God. These ordinary people watched God do extraordinary things in their lives and in their world, and were obedient to Him when things got tough. Our kids today are living in a culture that is often opposed to what Jesus has to offer the world, and we want to encourage our kids to remain firm in their faith, be obedient to God, and watch Him do amazing things in their lives and the lives of others through them.

JR. HIGH DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING CAMP



ASLC Seniors

The Seniors will meet on Thursday, May 3, in the Adult Education Room. We start with coffee and conversation at 11:30 a.m., and then enjoy a catered lunch by Yolanda at 12 noon. The lunch costs \$9; please call Vi Flum at 949.859.3512 for reservations.

After lunch, our soon-to-retire Senior Pastor Tom Rogers will tell us about “The Life and Times of Pastor Tom.” Pastor Tom has served the church for 37 years, the last 28 years here at Abiding Savior. He will give a synopsis of his life, sharing stories of turmoil and triumph over polio and other obstacles. Come and listen to how Jesus has led him from birth to retirement.



Please note that this will be our last meeting before our annual summer break; we will resume our meetings on September 6.

AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING
1 MILLION
PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

THE SEW ‘N SEWS

The Sew ‘N Sews still need your help! We have 60 pillowcases; our goal is 100 by the end of May. All are going to CHOC Hospital. We need cotton fabric!! Next sewing night is Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Room E125. Please call Janice at 949-609-9766 or email krafter@cox.net for information or if you need donations picked up. There is also a donation box in the Narthex for fabric.

Ladies Guild Scholarships

Haley Babineau and Samuel Fluegge are the recipients for Abiding Savior Ladies Guild Scholarships to attend Concordia Irvine for the school year 2018-2019.

Haley is in her third year at Concordia and is studying to be a Lutheran teacher. She currently is teaching Sunday School and leads the 5th & 6th grade youth group as well as tutoring at Concordia.



Samuel will be a fourth-year student at Concordia and is majoring in Historical Political thought and minoring in Secondary Education with emphasis in Lutheran teaching and Global Studies. He is currently a youth leader.



Rock of Aging



Join us on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room for a light dinner, devotion and then a brief meeting where we share ideas and

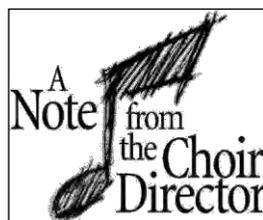
visits to help each other and to try to care for and support our seniors. See if becoming involved in this ministry is for you and/or your family. Singles, couples and families are all welcome to participate.

Worship Music Camp 2018



Worship Music camp is back! Save the dates from July 30th through August 3rd! Do you sing or play a contemporary instrument? Would you like to lead Sunday worship and be in a band with your friends? Then be sure to save the dates for this year’s Worship Music Camp.

Camp is open to grades 1st through 8th. High School and Adult volunteers are also needed. Sign-ups will begin soon! For more information, please contact Mike Giron at mikegiron@att.net.



On Sunday, July 1 at 4:00 p.m. we will hold our Patriotic concert followed by the church picnic. If you have a musical talent that you would be willing to share, please contact Chris Rogers at CRogers@AbidingSavior.com and share your talent with friends and family. Individuals, as well as groups, are encouraged to participate.

Petal Pusher®/ Float Memories

Lorri Hackett, Associate Director,
Public Affairs Lutheran Hour
Ministries



I was completely unprepared for the reaction of the crowd to seeing Jesus on the float.

I was going to get a behind-the-scenes look at how the thousands of dedicated Petal Pusher® volunteers get the immense job done before parade day.

The first thing that hit me when I walked into the warehouse was the enormity of the task at hand. Seeing the skeleton floats with less than a week and their massive structures looming among the smell of flowers - amazing. Already working diligently were many volunteers completing detail work applying tiny seeds under leaves and drawing pictures that looked like photographs using toothpicks and spices.... I was stunned to find out that shifts for the Petal Pushers® run for eight hours at a time - long days with lots of work to be done. Yet, as I was able to interview the volunteers, I was overwhelmed with the sense of joy they had. For

many, this was a bucket list item - planned for many years; for others it was fulfillment of a childhood dream as they had watched the parade on television each year. For others it was the opportunity to witness as they shared their faith as they worked side-by-side for days carrying out their tasks. No matter what brought them together, it was clear they all had the same end goal - to be part of creating the magic that would roll down Colorado Boulevard on January 1st.

I was honored to get to place the flowers on the cross on the front of the LHM float. Never having “petal-pushed” before, I was a bit nervous handling the tiny button mums. But I had an excellent teacher in Jennifer Madsen to help me complete the task.

Fast forward to parade day. I was excitedly nervous as we made our way to the float staging area at 5:00 a.m. The excitement was palpable as many people took the time to check out each of the floats as we waited for the parade to begin. I was completely unprepared for the reaction of the crowd to seeing Jesus on the float. Children and adults alike were quick to wave and yell “Jesus!” Several groups held up signs rating the floats and I was pleased to see that the LHM float with Jesus on board scored a perfect 10!

In a world that seems to be ever more filled with violence and hatred, it was wonderful to have this opportunity to see people coming together for a common purpose and celebrating the joy that comes with knowing Jesus. In that moment, I knew what a true testimony the float and all of the work that went into it truly was. An overwhelming opportunity to share the message of Christ with a world that desperately needs to hear it.



Joy to the World the Lord is Come



Construction begins for the 2019 Rose Parade Lutheran Hour Ministries Float entitled Joy to the World the Lord is Come!



Once again, Jesus will be depicted on the float - this time as the Babe of Bethlehem.

This is our 69th year of participation in this public square event. The float is a project of the Southern California District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League.

CHANGE THEIR WORLD.
CHANGE YOURS.
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



Abiding Savior Lutheran School is committed to providing the best possible Christian education. We are committed to developing a growth mindset and providing opportunities to explore God’s wondrous creation and explore each student’s God-given talents.

The following pictures show just a small sampling of what happens in our school. We are in the enrollment process, tell family and friends you know about our amazing school.



7th and 8th Graders enjoying Surf Camp!



1st Graders playing brain games--Q-bits!



2nd Graders digging for fossils!



Preschool

Pam Howard
Preschool Director



We only have 6 weeks of school left. Where has the time gone? We are looking forward to our Preschool Summer Camp starting on June 13. If you need information about camp, please call the preschool office at 949.837-4292.

Our annual Mommy and Me event is taking place on Thursday, May 3rd. The moms and children will be making Jabber Jars and having pizza dinner. Happy Mother’s Day!!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. We are so blessed and thankful to have such dedicated, caring, and wonderful teachers and assistants to teach the children about all of God’s marvelous creations.

Next year’s classes are starting to fill up. If you have any family and/or friends looking for a preschool, please have them contact Yesi Naber at 949.830.1460 x 2113 or ynaber@abidingsavior.com or the preschool office at 949.837.4292 for more information and a tour.



Sonshine Camp

Deana Gonzales, *Director*
School Age Care

“EXCELLING IN CHRIST!” is the theme for this year’s Sonshine Camp. Our key verse that we will focus each week’s theme around comes from 2 Cor. 8:7 – *But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in the grace of giving.*

Summer is approaching quickly and it is time to start planning all your child’s activities. Hopefully, your plans will include sending your son or daughter to our Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School’s Sonshine Summer Camp. This summer promises to be full of exciting, entertaining, and inspirational experiences for your child.

Sonshine Day Camp will be offered for 9 weeks beginning June 13 and ending August 10, 2018. Our camp is open to all children entering 1st – 6th grade in the fall. Through exciting, creative and educational activities all campers will explore nature, science, arts, self-esteem, values and more in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

You can count on our summer program to be a high quality, excellent program, with fully trained staff ready to care for your children. The registration packets for Sonshine Day Camp are available. You can pick one up in the Extended Care room, School Office, online at abidingsavior.com, or simply give us a call and we will be happy to mail one to you.

We pray you will take advantage of our wonderful program this summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 949.837.4289.

May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:30a-Large Print Center 3:15p-Kids of the Kingdom 6p-Stone Soup Play 7p-Praises Ring	2 9a-Senior Bible St 10:30a-Tai Chi 6p-Confirmation 7p-Children of the World Concert 7:15p-Chapel Choir	3 National Day of Prayer 10a-First Thursday Presentation 11:30a-ASLC Seniors 3:15p-Bells for Jesus 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	4	5 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 9a-Altar Guild Prep
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13 Mother's Day Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 5p-Music Concert	14 9a-Large Print Center 10a-Prayer Group 6:30p-Cub Scout Pack 321 Meeting	15 8:30a-Large Print Center 3:15p-Kids of the Kingdom 6p-Leadership Board Meeting 7p-Praises Ring	16 9:30a-Senior Bible St 10:30a-Tai Chi 6p-Wed Night Alive! 6p-Confirmation 7p-Youth Group 7:15p-Chapel Choir	17 3:15p-Bells for Jesus 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	18 7p-Faith Affirmation Papers read	19 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 9a-Altar Guild Prep
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemporary - Saturday 5:00 PM / Contemporary - Sunday 9:30 AM
 Traditional - Sunday 8:00 AM / Traditional - Sunday 10:45 AM
 Sunday School - Sunday 9:15 AM
 Bible Classes - Sunday 9:15 AM

Communion Offered 2nd and 4th Weeks
 Communion Offered 1st and 3rd Weeks
 Praise and Nurture – Sundays at 11:00 AM



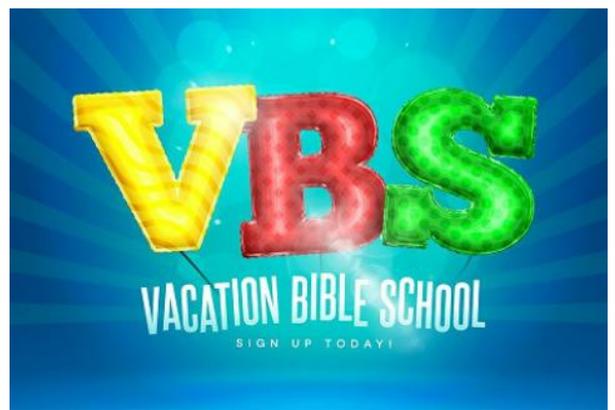
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Time Dated Materials



Abiding Savior Lutheran School presents:
“Nic at Night” by Kathie Hill

It is the story of Nicodemus and Jesus.
It will be performed by the 1st through 5th graders on
Thursday, May 24th, at 7:00 pm in the gym.
Everyone is invited!



Sign up to volunteer as a leader or helper online at:
www.AbidingSavior.com.

Please contact Kyle Salesky at
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