



Day by Day

Mercy Instead of Misery

A man was driving down the freeway going faster than was legal. A patrolman saw him and pulled him over. When the patrolman reached his window, he asked the man if he knew how fast he was traveling. The man said, "Yes indeed officer; I was traveling 55 mph. I had my cruise control set at 55 mph." His wife, who was sitting next to him, responded quickly saying, "George, you know that's not true; you were traveling over 70 mph." George responded to his wife by saying, "You sit there and be quiet; we don't need to hear from you." The officer then asked George why he wasn't wearing his seat belt. George responded, "I was wearing my seat belt until you pulled me over. I then took it off so I could reach into my back pocket and retrieve my wallet." George's wife once again chimed in and said, "George you know that's not true. You never wear your seat belt, and you weren't wearing it just now." George once again responded to his wife by saying, "I told you to sit there and be quiet; we don't need to hear from you." At that point, the officer decided to go to the other side of the automobile and speak with the wife. When he arrived at her window he asked the wife, "Is he always this abusive to you?" The wife responded, "Oh no; this only happens when he's been drinking heavily!"

George's wife was a "just judge." Most of us are happy when other offenders stand before a just judge, but when we ourselves must stand before a judge, we pray that the judge will be merciful. This story reminds

us that God our Father and Judge is in fact a merciful judge. Even though the Gentile world was for years His enemy by being the enemy of His chosen people Israel, God did not abandon the Gentiles. Instead, He reached out to them in love. He gave them a "second chance." Most of us are in that Gentile "number." We have found God to be a merciful Judge. The Scripture is clear; "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8b)." Jesus death and resurrection ushers us into the kingdom of God now and forever.

Such grace begets grace. All of us have been saved from our sins and so none of us wants to sit next to people who stand before a judge and, in an impassioned manner, recite their sins. Instead, we put the best construction on everything as God, in Christ, has put the best construction on us.

Many times in life, people will ask the question; "Why did they do it that way?" Such investigation could result in conflicts and schisms. It would be easy to find fault. None of us are perfect. Therefore, let's all covenant with each other to posture ourselves in such a way as to be merciful judges with each other, just as God in Christ has been and is now a merciful judge for us. In a setting where mercy rules, love grows, enthusiasm grows, peace grows, and people grow.

May God enable us all to grow in mercy and in grace!

*Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom*



**FILL A BACKPACK,
FILL A NEED**

Do you remember that end-of-summer feeling with "Back to School" signs on every store window? Having those new supplies in your hand on the first day made it fun to go back.

This summer, Abiding Savior is partnering with South County Outreach to supply 1,200 filled backpacks to kids in need in our area. We will be collecting backpacks and supplies through Sunday, August 5th.

Just bring your donation to the narthex and drop it in the bins.

Then join us on Wednesday, August 8th at 9:00 a.m. as we fill the backpacks!

BACKPACK BBQ

On Monday, August 13, we will be making dinner for the South County Outreach families picking up their backpacks. This event will be held at South County Outreach. We are in need of people to help set up, cook and serve at this event. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, please call the church office or email Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abidingsavior.com



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Saturday

5:00 p.m. – Contemporary Worship

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Growing Disciples Activities

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

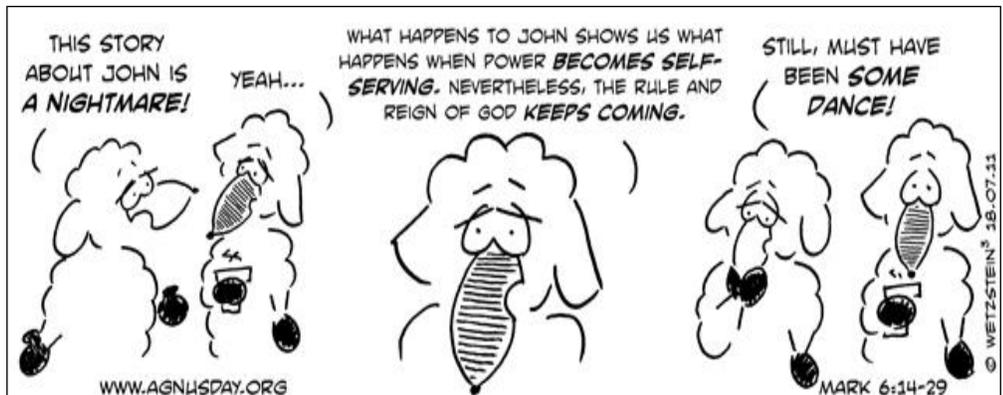


Angus Day Bible Passage

BIBLE PASSAGE — Mark 6:14-29.
King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod

had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.





2018 District Conventions

The Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson of Huntington Beach, California, was elected to his first term as president of the LCMS Pacific Southwest District at the district’s 45th convention, June 27–29 in Irvine, CA.



Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson

Gibson, who was elected on the second ballot, succeeds the Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau, who announced his retirement before the convention. Stoterau had been district president since 2000.

Gibson has served as senior pastor of Christ Lutheran Church and School in Costa Mesa, CA since 2006.

Also elected were:

- Rev. John R. Koczman, senior pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Santa Clarita, CA, vice-president for Region 1;
- Rev. Kevin Austin, senior pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran

Church, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, vice-president for Region 2;

- Rev. Tim Eaton, planting pastor at Edgewater Lutheran Church, Eastvale, CA, vice-president for Region 3; and
- Rev. Vince Harman, senior pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, Yuma, AZ, vice-president for Region 4.

The vice-presidents were installed during the convention’s closing service. The president will be installed August 26 at Christ Lutheran Church, Costa Mesa.

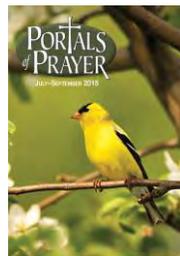
Delegates approved resolutions to:

- Ensure timely and transparent financial reporting in the Synod.
- Propose commissioned ministers as voting members at LCMS district and Synod conventions.
- Overrule 2016 Convention Resolution 12-14 and the LCMS Board of Directors May 2017 bylaw changes regarding ecclesiastical supervision.

The convention theme was “Rejoicing with the Nations,” based on Rev. 7:9–10.

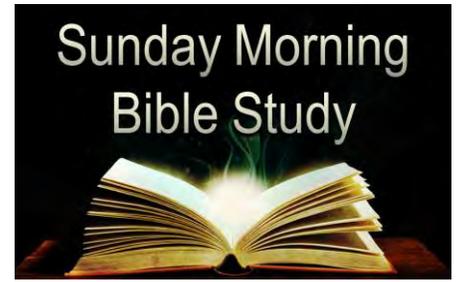


Portals of Prayer



Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies. Published quarterly, authors change each month.

Pick up your copy of Portals of Prayer for July, August, and September months located in the Narthex on the counters next to the mailboxes.



Sunday Morning Bible Study meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Adult Ed Room. Come and spend some time in the Word of God with one of our pastors.



Listen Sundays
8:00 a.m. Costa Mesa KBRT 740 AM
Listen 24/7 www.lutheranhour.org



ASLC Seniors

The Seniors are on their usual Summer break and will not meet during June, July and August.

Be sure to watch for announcements about our September 6 meeting in the Fall.



We have had a couple of people in the church office seeking assistance and in need of gently used backpacks. If you have one from last year that is still in good shape please consider donating it at the church office. Many of these folks keep their entire life's possessions in their backpack, but unfortunately sometimes they are stolen or wear out. Larger sizes are preferred, but we will accept any you care to donate.



Many members and friends of Abiding Savior visited LifeWay Christian Store to pick up a free Bible as we joined in *Share The Word. Together.* last month. One member was surprised when immediately given the opportunity to share the Bible with a neighbor. It was picked up at LifeWay on the first day, Monday, July 9th, of our participation with LifeWay in *Share The Word. Together.* Here's the testimony shared with Pastor Glenn on that Monday afternoon.

After finding the bookstore today near Lowes at the Tustin Market Place, I was ready to go to my community. I prayed that the Lord would lead me to the one who needed the Bible, which I had received at no cost. Knowing that visits on the elevator in my apartment building were the most frequent conversations which I had with my neighbors, I thought that might be a logical place to start. But just pushing a Bible into someone's hands could not be what was needed.

I prayed that there might be a brief and friendly elevator exchange with the person who was to get the Bible. My first few trips on the elevator ended up with me alone and then just one person who with whom I did not seem to connect.

What followed later was an exchange with a person who had been very expressive a while back, explaining all the reasons to have moved to a different apartment in the building. I asked: "how is your day going?" and

the friendly response established the rapport which seemed to be needed. As we were exiting the elevator, I explained "I have this for you" and opened the Bible to John 1, where I had placed a bookmark. The response was "Oh it's a Bible." It was received with thanksgiving.

I pray that the seed has fallen on fertile ground and that a visit in the future will provide opportunity for follow up.

Pastor Glenn adds, "I am grateful that so many of our congregation members and friends embraced this opportunity to share the good news of salvation through Jesus with others by visiting LifeWay and picking up a Bible. I believe this is just the beginning of our opportunities to take the gospel beyond our walls together and individually. Let's pray that God through His Word brings many to faith through our sharing and that of millions of other Christians in the United States. Let's be light and salt in the world as we Love, Serve, Connect in sharing the Word together."



We will be including the Shalom, our monthly health newsletter that is produced by Audrey Henry our Parish Nurse, each month in our email blast. This allows you more access to this informative publication. There will also be copies available to pick up in the Narthex if you prefer.

If you have not been receiving these emails, we probably don't have your current email address. Contact the church office or email Robin at robindelong@abidingsavior.com to assure you don't miss out on the latest news and events.



ETHIOPIAN, NAMED DEKO, RECEIVES LIFE CHANGING INSIGHT ABOUT THE BIBLE

Acts 8:27: *And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship.*

Another Ethiopian named Deko - Addis Ababa writes to express his gratitude:

"I first would like to thank the Lord our God for making me able to complete the lesson successfully. Secondly, I would like to thank those of you at LHM office who are preparing, distributing, and marking this Bible Correspondence Course lesson.

Since I received the Lord, I haven't had this type edifying lesson. But these lessons have given me a good insight about the Bible and have found it to be life-changing. It has made me to sit and learn, pray and study my Bible. If you have any continuation of this lesson, I appreciate and want to follow."

Around the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries provides **Bible Correspondence Courses**. Last year, 63,104 new students enrolled in the program.

Your prayers and support make an eternal difference for Deko and many others like him.



VBS

Kyle Salesky, DCE
Director of Family & Youth Ministry



Abiding Savior’s VBS was the week of July 9-13. Our VBS this year involved 306 people total. We had 213 children in attendance, and 93 volunteers, including church members, school parents, junior high youth, and high school and college students who served in some sort of capacity during the week of VBS. Our theme was “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus” where our children learned that during times in their lives where they are challenged, hurting, or scared, “Jesus Rescues” and He is always there to guide and protect them. It was amazing to see our campus bustling all week with kids, parents, and volunteers, and to witness our kids and adults worshipping Jesus together, and getting to know each other.

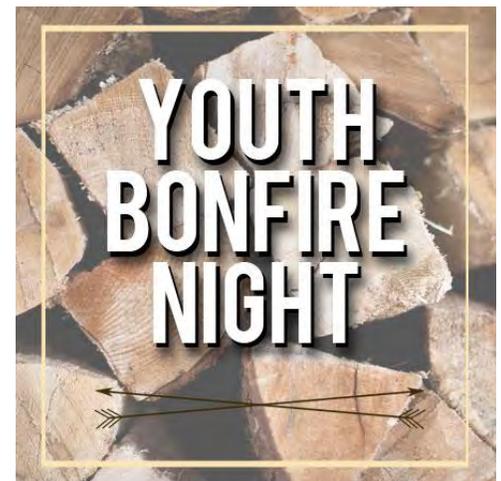


Over half of the children who were enrolled in our VBS were not affiliated with Abiding Savior church or school in any way. Many were

friends or neighbors of school families or church families, and many simply heard about our VBS online, or within the community. We have the reputation of putting on one of the best VBS programs in the area, evidenced by how quickly we fill up each year, and the comments we receive each year about how much the kids enjoyed their time with us. VBS continues to be a great outreach opportunity for our church each year. This year, we also had a few new families join us on Sunday morning for worship to sing VBS songs in church.



I would like to give a huge “**thank you**” to all of the volunteers who gave up their time during VBS week to spend each day with kids from our church, our school, and our community to share the love of Jesus with them and their families, as well as the volunteers who spent a huge amount of time and energy building our set and setting up for VBS the weekend before. This amazing week would not have been possible without each and every one of you, and I am thankful for your commitment to spreading the gospel as we “Love, Serve, and Connect” with our community and with each other.



All three youth groups will meet at Abiding Savior on Wednesday, August 15 at 4:45 p.m. for our Bonfire Night. For more information on the event, please contact Kyle Salesky at: ksalesky@abidingsavior.com.

For more information on Abiding Savior’s three youth groups:

- Club 56 (5th and 6th Grades)
- JHM (7th and 8th Grades)
- HSM (9th to 12th Grades)

Visit our website at:
<https://abidingsavior.com/church/fellowship/youth>, to learn about each group, meeting times and activities.

Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



The first day of the 2018-2019 school year is August 28, 2018. Please be in prayer for our faculty, staff and families as we begin this school year under the theme of “Growing Forward In and Through Jesus.” We are blessed to serve families from our community and across the world with the powerful message of Jesus!

As we get ready for this school year, we want to get our campus looking its best! Our PTL is leading the charge and redecorating our Teacher’s Lounge. Please be watching for ways you can help. I am looking for volunteers to help on a work day scheduled for August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - noon. I have jobs for men and women, young and experienced. Jobs like moving chairs, desks and tables, washing walls and lockers, etc. Please contact Mrs. Lucas or the School Office if you can help.



Preschool

Pam Howard
Preschool Director



We are almost done with preschool summer camp, which ends on Friday, August 10. We have learned about the life of Jesus from his birth to His ascension while “Excelling in Christ.” We have played in the pool, gone down water slides, participated in VBS, had the opportunity to dance with Showtime Dance, and learn different sport skills with Amazing Athletes. It has been a fun-filled summer!!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND VISITATION DAY

The 2018-19 school year begins on August 27 with our visitation day and parent orientation. Then on August 28 & 29, we start our first days of school.



We still have openings for the school year. If you have any questions or would like a tour, please contact Yesi Naber at 949.830.1460, ext. 2113 or ynaber@abiding savior.com. Reminder, we have a referral program. For every family you refer and they register, you will receive a \$100 gift card from our scrip program.



The 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade theme is *The Melody of Life* and the Lutheran Hour Ministries float is entitled: *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!*

This hymn proclaims the greatest of life's melodies, the sweet song of salvation – victory over sin, death, and the evil one - and the eternal reign of Christ. Let trumpets sound, let choirs in heaven and on earth rejoice and “repeat the sounding joy!” This treasured hymn is a summary of the overarching narrative of salvation.

In the birth of Jesus, which is prominently displayed in the center of the float, we meet the Promised One of God who comes to undo sins curse and, by His resurrection, gives us hope of eternal life. For these reasons, we sing with the diverse multi-generational choir, “No more shall sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings known far as the curse is found.”

For float decorating information, watch here:
<http://volunteer.petalpushers.org/>.

CHANGE THEIR WORLD.
CHANGE YOURS.
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.



August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1p-School of Worship Rock 6p-Youth Group	2 1p-School of Worship Rock 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	3 1p-School of Worship Rock 7p-School of Worship Rock Concert	4 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 9a-Altar Guild Prep
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WORSHIP | COMMUNION SCHEDULE

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

Communion Offered 2nd and 4th Weeks
Communion Offered 1st and 3rd Weeks



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Return Service Requested
Time Dated Materials

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Vendors

Holiday Boutique

The ASLC Holiday Boutique is
November 3rd and 4th.

We are looking for crafters and vendors
interested in selling their items at the boutique.
Applications are available at the church office
or by emailing Lori Beniche at
LBeniche@abidingsavior.com.

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