



# Day by Day

## Your Servant . . .



Since July of 1990, I've written over 300 Day by Day articles. Some months it seemed the article just wrote itself but most of the time, writing the article was hard. But none of the 300 plus articles was as difficult as this one was to write because this is the last one I'll ever get to write.

It is time for me to say good bye and I've never been good at saying good bye.

Probably because of my own life experiences, I've had a passion for telling people that God so loved the world that there is no such thing as a lost cause, or someone or something, out of the reach of Jesus. Thanks for giving me a place to share that.

The Lord, in His goodness, gave me a wife and four children and entrusted me with the responsibility of providing for them. You gave me the opportunity to do that in a wonderful place, through good times and difficult times. Thank you and God Bless you.

In December of 1992, I fell down in our old Sanctuary and broke my hip in five places. That would be the first of several times when I wasn't well, ending with a broken hip again in August of 2017. During each episode over 28 years, you have patiently waited for me to get well and have welcomed me back to work. Thank you for your love.

As a congregation made up of Christian families, we have experienced life and death, sickness and health, joy and sadness. You have allowed me into your lives and families, to walk along with you in trouble and suffering, hold your hands in pain and despair, and celebrate with you in days of victory and resurrection. I'll never be able to thank you for taking me into your confidence and letting me share Jesus with you.

I spent years in school wondering where the Lord would send me to serve. I had no idea He only had two places in store for me, the first one prepared me for the second and last one, where I would spend the majority of my ministry, and over forty percent of my life. You've been God's gift to me and I thank you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for being my place to serve in the best years of my life. God Bless you all for now and forever. God Be With You.

*Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Tom*



## Pastor Roger's Keepsake Book

Take a moment to share a special memory, thought and or picture with Pastor Tom.

We will be putting memories, pictures, and thoughts into a book for Pastor Tom to take with him to fill those long, lonely hours of retirement (ha-ha). Please be sure to submit what you would like to be included on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper and we will include it.

Remember, we will put in whatever you send, so please send a copy of that special picture as it will not be returned to you.

Thank you for helping to make the last 29 years at Abiding Savior memorable for the Rogers family.

## Pastor Tom's Retirement Luncheon

Tickets are now available on the church patio between services for Pastor Tom's retirement luncheon which will take place on Sunday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m. You can also purchase your tickets in the church office during the week. Tickets are \$20.00 each and must be purchased by Sunday, October 7th!

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**School Office Hours**

Monday through Friday | 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Preschool Office Hours**

Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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[www.abidingsavior.com](http://www.abidingsavior.com)

 [abidingsaviorlakeforest](https://www.facebook.com/abidingsaviorlakeforest)



# Celebration Service

Please join us for a Celebration Worship Service on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This will be Pastor Tom’s last sermon as our senior pastor. We will only have one service this Sunday for everyone to worship together.

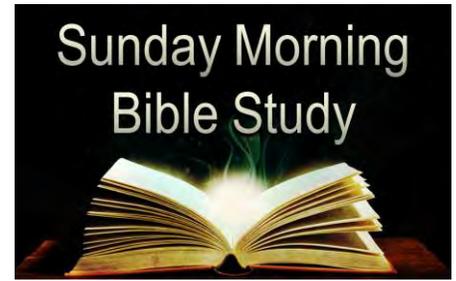


Are you interested in becoming a member here at Abiding Savior? Please come to the Staff Room (next to the School Office) Sunday, October 7 at 9:15 a.m. for the first class. Become a part of our Church Family!



# Angus Day Bible Passage

**BIBLE PASSAGE — MATTHEW 5:1-12** — When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came



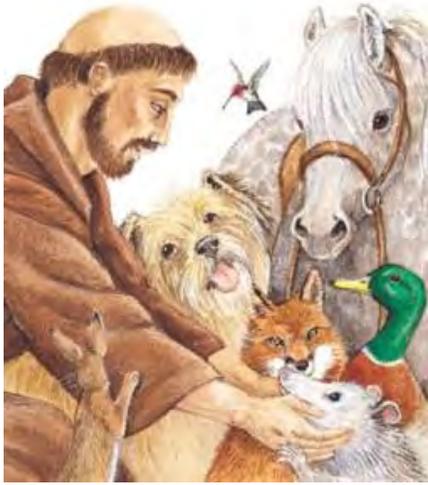
Sunday Morning Bible Study meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Adult Ed Room. Come and spend some time in the Word of God with one of our pastors.



to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



# The Blessing of the Animals

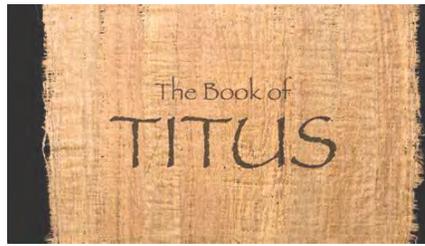


Bring your dogs, cats, birds, hamsters or whatever you have to our Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 7, at 2:00 p.m. on the church patio. Your animal is such a blessing in your life. Bring them to church and Pastor Tom will bless them. You can even bring a photo!

For more information please call Lori Beniche at the church office at 949.830.1460 or email her at [LBeniche@abidingsavior.com](mailto:LBeniche@abidingsavior.com).



Is prayer an important part of your life, or would you like it to be? Please come to our prayer group that meets Mondays at 10:00 a.m. right here at Abiding Savior in the Coffee Shop.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join Mrs. Lucas on a study of the Book of Titus on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Staff Room. We will continue to see how good works do not earn salvation, but rather express the life change that occurs when we experience the transformative power of God’s grace as we grow in and through Jesus.



If you served in the military and have pictures both past and present, we would like to include them in a video we are planning for Veteran’s Day. If your picture was in last year’s video there is no need to resubmit it. All new pictures need to be received by Sunday, October 21. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Beniche at [LBeniche@abidingsavior.com](mailto:LBeniche@abidingsavior.com).



## ASLC Seniors

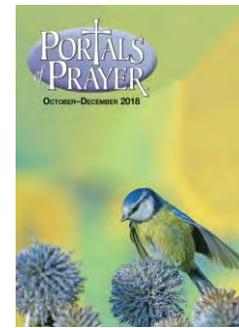
For October, the Seniors will be going to Musical Theatre Village in Irvine to see “Pirates of Penzance” and then to Din Ho Chinese restaurant in Lake Forest for dinner. For this event, advance reservations are required.

We will meet at ASLC parking lot on Sunday, October 7, about 1:00 p.m. to car pool and leave at 1:20 p.m.; the show starts at 2:00 p.m. After the show, we will car pool to Din Ho for some congenial, family style Chinese cuisine.

The cost for the show and dinner is \$25. See Paul Engelder, or call him at 949.581.5496, by September 23 to make your reservation or to get more information.



## 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 October, November, and December months located in the Narthex on the counters next to the mailboxes.



## Flu Shots



Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room and also on Sunday,

October 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Health Ministry Office.

The shots are free for all of those over the age of 8, except pregnant women and those with a cold or fever.

# From President Hank Hellfeld

We have signed the contract with Church Doctor Ministries and are preparing for their arrival. Per Church Doctor’s request, we have identified three leaders to help coordinate this program over the coming weeks. They are:

1. Internal Coordinator:  
*Karen Freund*
2. Statistical Research Coordinator:  
*Robin DeLong-Hanrath*
3. Head Host/Hostess:  
*Audrey Henry*

Don’t know what any of these titles mean? Please take the opportunity over the coming weeks to talk to each of coordinators. Feel left out? No worries, we’re about to fix that. In the narthex, you can find a two-page summary of key dates. There are four distinct time periods:

1. Surveys and Reports  
Items 01 - 09 | 09/07 - 10/12
2. On-site Visit & Diagnostics  
Items 10 - 13 | 10/27 - 11/09\*
3. Findings and Recommendations  
Items 14 - 17 | 12/01 - 12/04
4. Action Item Responses  
Item 18 | 12/05 – 03/01

Critically important dates are the days when the Church Doctors consultants are on-site (10/27 – 10/30), and when they are reporting their recommendation to us (12/1 - 12/4). Please mark the critical times on your calendar.

We will have 90 days to take their recommendations and write down how we would accomplish their recommendations in detail, including

who (by name) and when (by date). I’m looking forward to working with of ALL OF YOU in these exciting and challenging times. If you have not already done so, please fill out the spiritual gifts assessment, to help us identify ways you may be able to most effectively use your gifts during this process.

So, what about some of the other activities we talked about in the past? Provided below is a visual representation (Gantt chart) of our previous activities (summarized) and the new activities going forward.

1. Vision Teams and MSP Update ... Pastor Lucas is temporary placing this on-hold. The work performed to date will be provided to Church Doctors for them to incorporate into their overall recommendations.
2. Call Committee Selection ... I have received quite a few nominations and talked to several of you. I’m placing this temporarily on hold, until the Church Doctors have completed their assessment, and the congregation has reached a consensus on the path forward.
3. Here Am I, Send Me ... Continues as planned.
4. Transition Team ... Has completed its work as originally planned. Their findings will be forwarded both to the Church Doctors and the Call Committee. We thank them for their service. Praise the Lord.
5. Robin in the church office has 5 copies of the book “Who Broke My Church?” by Kent R. Hunter founder of Church Doctor Ministries. Come check out a book, feel free to underline, and write comments in the margins. Then sign the book and return it

so others may read it as well. It will give you a good look into what the Church Doctor Ministries is all about.



Church Doctor Ministries will be visiting our church and school October 27 through the 30th. They will be:

- Helping our congregation to be all that God has called us to be.
- Serving us as an objective third-party analyst.
- Helping us differentiate between symptoms and causative issues.
- Providing our congregation with an outside perspective and “a fresh set of eyes.”
- Challenging, directing, and motivating us to see our potential, identify opportunities and develop strategies for ministry.
- Serving us as an accountability partner for planning and reaching short-term and long-range goals.
- Stimulating Great Commission thinking and leading us to opportunities for help through resources and other services.
- Providing follow-up through various stages of the process.

Church Doctor Books are available to check out from the church office.

## Petal Pushers

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR  
THE PETAL PUSHER®  
OUTREACH BOOTH



Again, this year, *Petal Pusher® Outreach Booth* volunteers will distribute materials and share the meaning of *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!* - the title of our 2019 Lutheran Hour Ministries Rose Parade float

As opportunity presents itself, they will discuss how:

- This hymn proclaims the greatest of life's melodies;
- In the birth of Jesus, prominently portrayed in the center of the float, we meet the Promised One of God; and
- The coming of Christ marks the great step of fulfillment leading to His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection for our salvation.

It will be possible to do this in areas where:

- Decorating is taking place;
- Floats are staged on the morning of the parade; and
- Floats are viewed by the public after the parade.

Please go to <https://share.petalpushers.org/> and sign up now for the times you'll be able to serve.

## ASLC Weekly Email

Be sure you are signed up to receive our weekly email news blast which will keep you “in the know” here at Abiding Savior. Go to [www.abidingsavior.com](http://www.abidingsavior.com), then “Church.” Scroll towards the bottom of the page to enter your email address and name below “Church Weekly Email.”



We are once again in need of help in our Church Nursery. If you have a love of children and are available most Saturday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. please contact the church office. This is a paid position and is very helpful to young families that would like to worship. A team of workers would be an option as well. Please prayerfully consider, if this is a gift God has blessed you with in helping to grow His Kingdom.



## Volunteering Opportunities

There are still a lot of service opportunities at our school. Everything from grading papers, reading to students, greeting parents, painting, fixing things, etc. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Lucas at 949.830-1461.



The Ladies Guild Scholarship will again be offered for school year 2019-2020. Thanks to the November Boutique for providing money to supplement the scholarship fund. Students who will be studying to enter church careers at LCMS colleges, universities and seminaries and are members of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is March 3, 2019.



**HELP YOUR CHILD  
GROW IN FAITH  
JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We want to help our children develop a lifelong faith in Jesus and His love for them, so we offer Sunday School. Our Sunday School is designed for children preschool age through high school. The classes meet from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. using age appropriate materials for Bible study, activities, and crafts.

For more information or to help with Sunday School contact Sharon Simon at [ssimon@abidingsavior.com](mailto:ssimon@abidingsavior.com).

# Elementary School

Donna Lucas,  
School Principal



Abiding Savior Lutheran School remembers our First Responders on September 11 with a special opening assembly that was organized by our 4th Grade Class.



Join us for our Family Fun Night Carnival on October 5, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m. All are welcome to attend! A meal will be available to purchase. Watch Sunday bulletin for order form. Let's have a fun night fellowshiping together as a church and school community.

## SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please remember to support the Scholarship Fund and make a difference in a child's life. Yellow envelopes are available in the church pews for making a donation.

# Preschool

Pam Howard  
Preschool Director



As we enter the Fall season, we have lots of fun activities planned for October. At the beginning of the month, the children will have their pictures taken on a pony and then take a pony ride. This is a tradition and the children look forward to it every year. We have Pumpkin carving with Dad/VIP at the end of October. In addition, we will have our Harvest Celebrations at the end of the month and the children are encouraged to wear orange these days. Happy Reformation Day!!

If you are looking for a quality preschool, we still have openings for the school year. However, some of our classes are full or close to full, so please tell your family and friends. If you have any questions or would like a tour, contact Yesi Naber at 949.830.1460 x 2113 or [ynaber@abidingsavior.com](mailto:ynaber@abidingsavior.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.



# Confirmation

## CONFIRMATION CLASS IS BACK WITH SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

We have made significant changes to how we are doing confirmation instruction.

- We have changed the grade levels for confirmation instruction. Previously, instruction started in sixth grade

but now it will start in seventh grade and continue through eighth grade. We made this change because children in seventh and eighth grades are better equipped developmentally to grasp the important spiritual truths presented in confirmation classes. Our ultimate goal is to help your child develop a strong and life-long relationship with Jesus.

- We have integrated confirmation instruction into our Junior High Ministry (JHM) on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The lesson will be taught in the small group time each week which is from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- We have two small groups of seventh graders. Pastor Glenn is teaching those who were in confirmation class last year to complete their instruction.
- Confirmation Sunday will be May 19, 2019 for this year's seventh graders. This is a departure from the past tradition of having the young people confirm their faith on Pentecost Sunday. We decided to standardize the date to the third Sunday in May because Pentecost is a moveable feast day in the Church Calendar. It otherwise would have been on June 9, 2019 which is after our school ends its academic year.

If you have a seventh-grade student that you would like to participate in confirmation instruction, please speak with Pastor Lucas ([glucas@abidingsavior.com](mailto:glucas@abidingsavior.com)) or Kyle Salesky ([ksalesky@abidingsavior.com](mailto:ksalesky@abidingsavior.com)).



# October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center	<b>2</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 7p-Praises Ring	<b>3</b> 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 3p-Girl Scout Troop 3123 6p-Wednesday Night Alive! 7p-Youth Group 7p-Adult Bible Study	<b>4</b> 8:30a-Preschool Pony Pictures 10a-First Thursday Presentation 11:30a-ASLC Seniors 3:15p-Kingdom Kids 7:15p-Chapel Choir 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	<b>5</b> 8:30a-Preschool Pony Pictures 6p-Family Fun Night	<b>6</b> 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
<b>7</b> Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar  3p-Volleyball Ministry	<b>8</b> 6:30p-Cub Scout Pack 321	<b>9</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 6p-Rock of Aging 7p-Praises Ring	<b>10</b> 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 12p-Ladies Guild 6p-Wednesday Night Alive! 7p-Youth Group 7p-Adult Bible Study	<b>11</b> 3:15p-Kingdom Kids 6p-Elder's Meeting 7:15p-Chapel Choir 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
<b>14</b> Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar  3p-Volleyball Ministry	<b>15</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center	<b>16</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 6p-Leadership Board Meeting 7p-Praises Ring	<b>17</b> 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 3p-Girl Scout Troop 3123 6p-Wednesday Night Alive! 7p-Youth Group 7p-Adult Bible Study	<b>18</b> 3:15p-Kingdom Kids 7:15p-Chapel Choir 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 8a-Greeters and Welcomers Ministry 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
<b>21</b> Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar  3p-Volleyball Ministry	<b>22</b> 6:30p-Cub Scout Pack 321	<b>23</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 7p-Praises Ring	<b>24</b> 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 12p-Ladies Guild 6p-Wednesday Night Alive! 7p-Youth Group 7p-Adult Bible Study	<b>25</b> 3:15p-Kingdom Kids 7:15p-Chapel Choir 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
<b>28</b> Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar  3p-Volleyball Ministry	<b>29</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center	<b>30</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 6p-Church Doctor Meeting 7p-Praises Ring	<b>31</b> Reformation Day 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 3p-Girl Scout Troop 3123 6p-Trunk or Treat 6p-Wednesday Night Alive! 7p-Youth Group 7p-Adult Bible Study			

WORSHIP | COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Traditional - Sunday 8:00 AM

Contemporary - Saturday 5:00 PM | Contemporary Blended Praise - Sunday 10:15 AM

Growing Disciples Studies & Activities - 9:15 AM

Communion Offered 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weeks

Communion Offered 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Weeks



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**Return Service Requested**  
**Time Dated Materials**

*calling all*  
**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](mailto:LBeniche@abidingsavior.com).

**Trunk  
or  
Treat**



It is time to celebrate Trunk or Treat at Abiding Savior this Halloween on Wednesday, October 31. We would like you to decorate your car and pass out candy to eager trick-or-treaters. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in our parking lot. Just bring your car and your candy and come fellowship with all of us. Sign up on the church patio during October so that we can save you a space. There will be food, fun and fellowship for everyone!