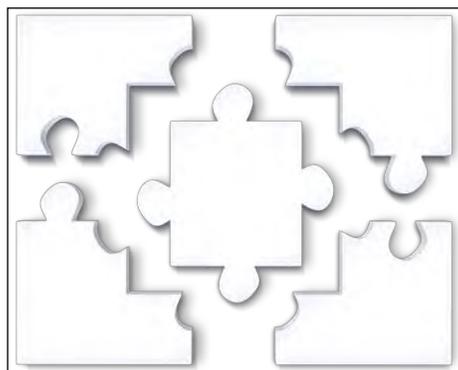




Day by Day

Where Do You Fit?



I've had the fun of casting a vision for our mission and ministry over the last few months. Recently, I shared how Donna and I like to do jigsaw puzzles. She is passionate about them. I like to swoop in and find a piece for which she's been searching and drop it into place.

Jigsaw puzzles are fun because they only fit together one way. Each piece is unique and interlocks with the pieces around it to form a picture. Usually, the pieces are shaped differently even though many share a common appearance at first glance. Figuring out where each piece fits based on its unique shape and visual clues is what makes the puzzle fun. Pieces may share nearly the same shape and visual clues but not fit where one thinks it belongs.

We as individual members of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School are very much the same as the pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. We are very similar in our faith, values, passions, and desires to see our church and school succeed in fulfilling God's mission for us to joyfully and

intentionally make disciples who make disciples of Jesus, yet we are also unique in our calling and giftedness. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul reminds us that each believer in Jesus has the Holy Spirit who gives each of us gifts for the common good of the church. We do not all have or receive the same gift(s). The Holy Spirit apportions the gifts for the sake of the church fulfilling God's mission of making disciples in the context in which he has placed it. Paul reminds us that a body made up of only one part is dysfunctional, but a body made up of many parts working together is functional to the glory of God.

Consider our puzzle analogy. Each piece is unique and fits in only one spot of the puzzle to complete the image as intended. The challenge is figuring out where each piece fits and then putting it where it fits. As Jesus' church in our context of ministry we are a body made up of many parts with many differing gifts and the challenge is for each of us to discern how we fit in the body. We all fit because God wouldn't put us together in this time, in this location, with our unique gifts if we didn't fit together for the sake of the gospel.

Recently, while we were putting a puzzle together I took a piece and hid it from Donna so that the puzzle couldn't be completed without it. She was very aggravated because a piece was missing. I admitted that I had taken the piece and hidden it to see her reaction when the puzzle was incomplete. She wasn't happy. She was even less happy when I forgot where I put the missing piece! We searched for it but didn't find it until the next day when I looked at my desk and saw it sitting in plain sight!

We all have a place in our common ministry as God's church in this place. Each of us is vital to completing the picture of who God intends for us to be together in and through Jesus in our shared mission and ministry.

Where do you fit? Sometimes our fit is hidden in plain sight. How has God gifted you in the Spirit? What do you love to do? What makes you feel fulfilled when you have done it? How can you use your gift, passion, and joy to fulfill Jesus's mission for our church? I'd love to help you discern where you fit into God's design for our mission.

*Growing Forward In
& Through Jesus Together,
Pastor Glenn*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

ALIVE

Life has a way of throwing us curve balls and unexpected events. Sometimes those circumstances are things that we never thought would happen to us or we thought we would never be able to get through them.

We will explore a Bible study by Carol Kent called, "When I Lay My Isaac Down." We will learn together that God gives joy and peace in the most desperate experiences. Join Donna Lucas in the Staff Room (next to the school office) each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.



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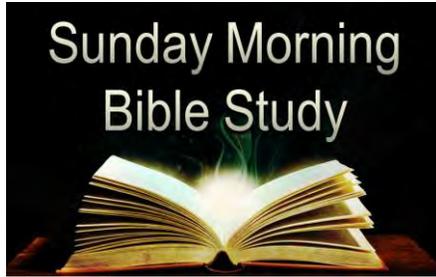
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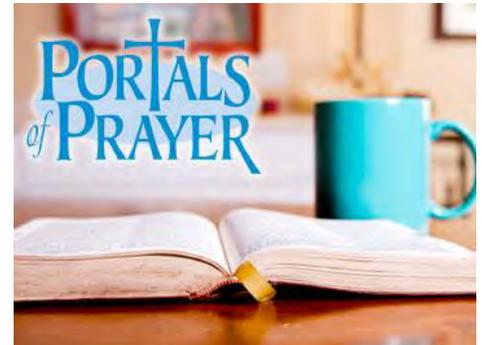
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Sunday Morning Bible Study meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Adult Ed Room. Come and spend some time in the Word of God with one of our pastors.

Angus Day Bible Passage

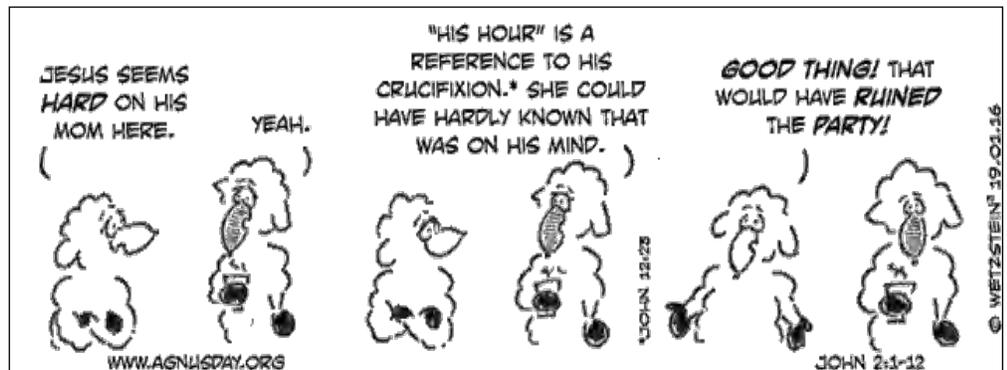
BIBLE PASSAGE — John 2:1-11 —
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them,



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 January, February, and March months located in the Narthex on the counters next to the mailboxes.

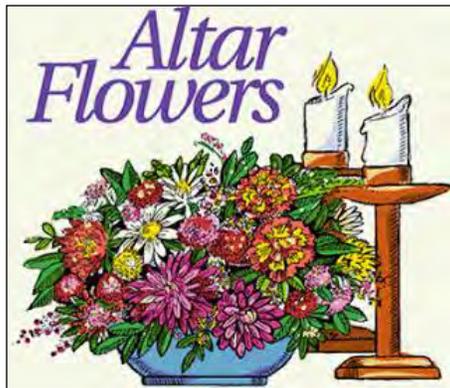
“Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.





VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Abiding Savior will be serving for the fourth year as a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site through the IRS, and OC United Way this year. Abiding Savior’s VITA site will be open every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. from February 2 through April 13. It’s too late to sign up to volunteer for VITA this year, however, if you or anyone you know needs assistance on their income taxes, and makes less than \$60k per year, you may qualify for assistance from our site. You can register online today at abidingsavior.com/vita or call 949.830.1001 to make a reservation.



Our 2019 Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex and there are still many Sundays which need to be filled. This is a time when you can remember an anniversary or birthday, honor a special person in your life, or just thank God for the many blessings we have. It also defrays the cost of providing flowers for the altar during the church year. The cost is only \$40 per bouquet. (2 bouquets are bought each Sunday.)

Please remember that when you purchase flowers for the altar, they are yours to take home after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday.



*Steve Leinhos, Ministry Consultant,
Bethesda Lutheran Communities*

ANGEL TREE GIFTS APPRECIATED!

Thank you to all who purchased Christmas gifts for Bethesda residents of Ferrocarril, Hartog, Mithra and Mosquero homes! All residents were excited to receive their gifts! A special thank-you to Lori Beniche who coordinated the 2017 Angel Tree project! Thank you, Lori, and “elves” who helped in wrapping gifts. God bless you all!



Abiding Praise Welcomes Student Musicians!

We are seeking a few passionate students to join Abiding Praise, our contemporary worship band.

Students will join Abiding Praise for two songs the first weekend of each month. We will rehearse from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the third and fourth Thursdays of each month in the sanctuary. There will be a very brief (and painless, I promise!) audition process. If interested, please contact Shawna Newman, Director of Contemporary Music at snewman@abidingsavior.com

ASLC Seniors



A BUCKETLIST ADVENTURE

When you’ve wanted to do something for most of your life, you say it’s on your “bucket list”. Well, Audrey Henry was blessed to be able to do that: not only to tour Scandinavia, but to go to the island to the North Sea from which her ancestors immigrated, and she would love to share the adventure with you. Come to the Seniors’ Luncheon on Thursday, February 7 at 11:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship then enjoy a delicious catered meal and hear her tale. The cost of the lunch is \$9 per person. Please call Vi Flum at 949.859.3512 for reservations. We welcome all ASLC members and friends.



The church and school offices will be closed on Monday, February 18 for observance of President’s Day.



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.**



The Shadow



On February 2, the crowds will grow larger and more excited by the minute. And as the time draws near, they push forward, each person trying to get a good look. Then the creature emerges – it’s dark and furry, bigger than a squirrel, about the size of a small dog,

and built close to the earth. Taking a few hesitant steps on this cloudy morning, it seems bold and in no hurry to return to its hole. And the crowd cheers.

The place? Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The occasion? Groundhog Day. Tradition holds that if the groundhog sees its shadow and is frightened back into its hole, then we’ll have six more weeks of winter. But if it doesn’t run scared, we’ll have an early spring. At least that’s the idea – the hope.

By February, people who have to struggle with the cold, ice, and snow of winter are tired of it all. They want spring to come early, the sooner the better. So, they celebrate with Punxsutawney Phil (that’s the name they have given the groundhog) and hope for the best.

Everyone needs hope. Imagine winter without spring, night without morning, school with no vacation, or sickness without the possibility of getting well. People without hope become *very discouraged*.

The Bible talks a lot about hope because God offers hope to everyone who believes – hope for forgiveness and for eternal life. And because God is the one offering the hope, we know it’s true and real.

So, when you feel like you’re in an endless winter, remember God. Look up to him and hope. You can do this anytime – he’s always available – and you don’t have to wait for a furry animal to make its move.

Scripture – Romans 15:4: “Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. They give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises.”

To Do – Draw an arrow on a piece of paper. Make it about 2-inches wide

and 8-inches long. Write hope on the arrow and pin it to your bulletin board in your room. Pointing up. Use it to remind you to look up to God for hope.



Rock of Aging



Rock of Aging will meet on **Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m.** We serve a light dinner and then share about seniors that we visit. Come join us and see what we are about. Families are welcome. This small group is dedicated to visiting the elderly shut-ins that are not able to make it to church on a regular basis. We bring our church family to them. Meetings are just once a month, and we ask you visit for about 1/2 hour each month, and perhaps make a phone call or two.

“A new commandment I give you that you LOVE ONE ANOTHER just as I HAVE LOVED YOU.” John 13:34



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The Rose Parade Petal Pushers® Ministry Booth participants distributed a total of 9,000 *Joy to the World the Lord is Come!* post cards. Along with hundreds of face-to-face witnessing conversations during decorating, on the parade route staging area and post parade, over 1,700 of the post cards were addressed and sent to destinations all around the country, even to a dozen international locations. This provided a way to spread the message of the float. Postage stamps were placed on the post cards as a volunteer effort by those of a local churches' men's group. We pray that the seeds that have been planted will provide an abundant harvest. To God be the glory!



Email Updates

Do we have your current email address? While we try not to inundate you with emails, it is the fastest way to keep you apprised of events that are happening in the near future. Remember you can always “opt out” of the official Abiding Savior email list. If you need to update your email information, please contact the church office at 949.830.1460.

CUI Events



**Concordia University Irvine
1530 Concordia West
Irvine, CA 92612**

Fine Arts Day

Saturday, February 9 @ 8:00 AM
CU Center
Free Admission

Future students, families and guests: Join us for a fun and exciting day of fine arts activities! Meet with faculty, admissions counselors and current students. Experience amazing performances by our dynamic music and theatre groups. Attend chapel and hear our talented worship bands. Show your talent and audition for a music or theatre scholarship. Enjoy a complimentary lunch. Take a tour and see what Concordia University Irvine has to offer you as a future student! There is no charge to attend this event and parking is complimentary. This event is open to all prospective students; however, auditions are open to incoming transfers and high school seniors only (of any major) and considering enrollment in Fall 2019.

A Night for Valentines

Saturday, February 16 @ 7:30 PM
CU Center
Adults \$10 | Seniors \$8

An evening of heart-warming love songs presented by Concordia Donne di Canto and Men's chorus with festive decor and refreshments. Admission is free for Students with ID. This concert also offers 16 seats of “bistro/café” style seating (\$15/each). Call the CUI box office to book at 949.214.3418. Subject to availability.

Bethesda

Meals and Blessings



Help Requested for Meals and Blessings Event on Sunday, February 3

The Meals and Blessings Ministry (M&B) serves the residents and staff of Bethesda Homs with a seasonal-themed luncheon and fun activities. Family, friends, and guests are welcome.

The next M&B event will be a Valentine's Day theme with an art project, games, singing, sweets and treats, and lots of hugs. Set-up begins at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served about 12:15 p.m.

M&B Volunteer and Support Opportunities:

- Tables and chairs set-up/storage;
- Decorating;
- Kitchen Assistance;
- Craft Preparation;
- Activities Assistance;
- Meals Service; and
- Financial donations or gifts in-kind.

Please contact Joni Terens at 949-212-1378 or joni@abt-tax.com to volunteer or for more information.



Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool and School celebrated the third annual Donuts with Dad on January 18th. It was great to see all the dads and grandpas coming and supporting their students. The donuts were great, but the fellowship was the best.



The service elective class went to visit Pastor Birner on January 16th. They had a great visit and enjoyed talking with Pastor Birner. The service elective is led by Mrs. Loranger and Mr. Salesky.

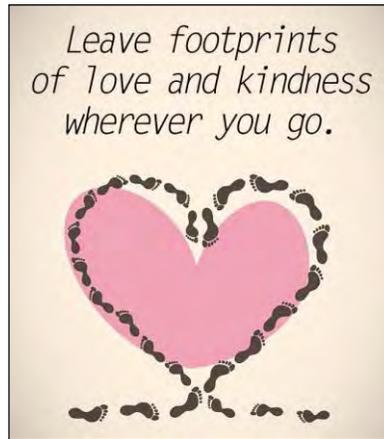


Registration for the 2019-2020 academic year opens February 1. Please share our school's information with neighbors, relatives and friend. A quality Christian education is possible and available because of our scholarship program.



Preschool

Pam Howard
Preschool Director



February is our month to focus on and show love and kindness towards others. Each classroom focuses on acts of kindness to do at school and at home. Our Fruit of the Spirit this month is Love. We will be collecting food for our food pantry as an act of kindness to the needy. Our Valentine Day celebrations and annual Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held this month.

Preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins this month. 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 for more information and a tour.

We are blessed to share Christ's Love to you and your child now and in the future.



We have changed the timing of our Sunday School to better accommodate families who want their children to attend Sunday School but find that the hour before or after church and church make the day too long for their children. We now offer Children's Church during the 10:15 a.m. service after the Children's Message. Children will be dismissed to go to an age appropriate gathering and lesson.



The National Youth Gathering takes place this July in Minneapolis. Please consider supporting this wonderful ministry. They are currently at \$5,552.46 of our \$13,855 fund rising goal, and we have 4 kids and 5 adults attending The Gathering.



Mark your calendars and save the date for ASLS's annual Grandparents and VIP Day on March 8. The students are very excited and have a lot to show you. It is an event you don't want to miss!



February 2019

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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 1st and 3rd Weeks

Communion Offered 2nd and 4th Weeks



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Growing Forward

We are having the fun of **Growing Forward In And Through Jesus** at this time in the life of our congregation. We invite you to come join in the fun and grow with us as we learn more about what it means to follow Jesus and put that knowledge into action through various ministries within the congregation and in service out in our community and the world.

You can learn more about our day-to-day activities by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

If there is some way that we can be of service to you please let us know by contacting our office.