



Day by Day

A Lenten Journey Beyond Self



We are entering a new era for our church as I step into the Senior Pastor position. My prayer for us is that we will grow forward in our effectiveness as disciple makers reaching our community and engaging friends and family through new efforts to connect with them in meaningful ways for the sake of God's kingdom. To make disciples, one has to already be a disciple of Jesus. Disciples of Jesus are active in their stewardship of all that God has given them and called them to do. As we enter this era in our church, I invite you to reflect on how you are growing and serving as a disciple of Jesus.

It is interesting and perhaps good timing that two days after my installation as Senior Pastor we enter into the season of Lent. Lent is a season of contemplation and anticipation for disciples of Jesus as we remember his journey to the cross and grave for our sake. We also anticipate the great festival day of Easter when we celebrate the victory the hope the resurrection brings to those who believe in Jesus. During the forty days of Lent we will focus on how we can more closely follow Jesus and engage in mission together.

We will have the fun of exploring and learning what it means to:

- Love Beyond Self
- Grow Beyond Self
- Hope Beyond Self
- Live Beyond Self
- Serve Beyond Self
- Engage Beyond Self
- Go Beyond Self

I invite you to pray for our Lenten journey beyond self. Ask God to encourage you first in this journey and then our congregation, families, friends, those whom we serve, and our community. Please pray for me as I step into my new role to lead our mission forward by equipping and releasing you for that which God has already called you beyond self.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Glenn
Philippians 3:12*



Special Unity Installation Service

of
Pastor Glenn Lucas
Sunday, March 3rd • 10:15am

Please worship with us at a special unity service on Sunday, March 3 at 10:15 a.m. The installation of our Senior Pastor, Rev. Glenn Lucas will take place during worship. Then celebrate his installation at a light luncheon immediately following the service.



The Lenten season is a time of prayer and fasting for Christians that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The purpose is for Christians to fast, pray and meditate, and to repent of sins in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Join us on Wednesday's for Lenten Services:

Ash Wednesday
March 6
at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lent Services
March 13, 20 and 27
at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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

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CONGRATULATIONS Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School!

Since 2010, over \$414 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits just like ours through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can make an impact by recommending where Thrivent donates its charitable outreach dollars each year.

We are excited to share, Abiding Savior Lutheran School received \$7,182 in charitable outreach funding in 2018 and Abiding Savior Lutheran Church received \$7,725 in charitable outreach funding in 2018.

All 2018 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct and 2018 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2019. If you have not yet designated your Choice Dollars please do so now. If you need help, please call Robin in the Church Office at 949.830.1460, ext. 2111, and I will be happy to assist you.

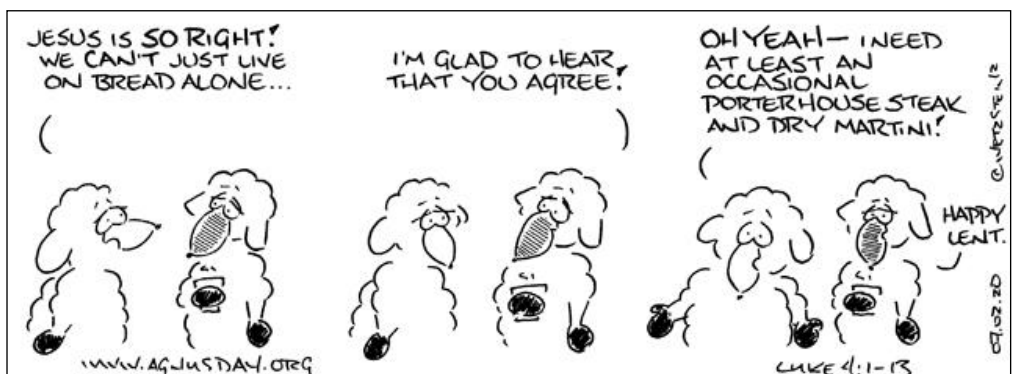
Thrivent Action Teams start with a simple question: “Who can I help and how?” Members support a community need and grab friends and family to form a volunteer team and implement ways to address it. Thrivent provides promotional resources and up to \$250 in seed money to jump-start a fundraiser, educational event or service project.

Members are eligible to lead up to two Thrivent Action Teams per year. If you have an idea for an Action Team, please contact the Church Office and we will help you get started.

Angus Day Bible Passage

BIBLE PASSAGE — Luke 4:1-13 —
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their

glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



ASLC Seniors

ASLC Seniors will meet Thursday, March 7, 2019, in the Adult Education Room. We start with coffee and conversation at 11:30 a.m. and then enjoy a catered lunch. The lunch costs \$9 per person. Please call Vi Flum at 949.859.3512 for reservations. We welcome all ASLC members and friends.

We welcome Randy Trumbauer, the chairman of the Board of Elders who will present us with their duties and responsibilities to support Pastor Glenn and the congregation. Church members may not always be aware of how the Elders are assisting with the worship service. We thank Randy for sharing these important activities.

APRIL LUNCHEON



ASLC Seniors will meet Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Adult Education Room. We look forward to welcoming Dan Babineau to the April Seniors' meeting.

Dan and his family have been members of our congregation for many years. Dan enjoyed good health and was faithful with diet and exercises. All this changed in a moment of time about a year ago. Dan was taken by ambulance to Mission Hospital where he spent four weeks. He will share his story of why he was hospitalized, his recovery, the power of prayer, and his personal faith in Jesus. After Dan's presentation, there will be an open forum. We encourage that attendees be willing to share comments of personal stories of the power of prayer in their lives.



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.



Abiding Savior Night With the Angels



Mark your calendars for Friday, April 5th and join us for Abiding Savior Night with the Angels. The game begins at 7:07 p.m. against the Texas Rangers. It is opening weekend and Mike Trout Bobblehead night!

Tickets are available in the church office, the school office and at church on Sunday. Don't miss this opportunity to take your family to the ballpark!



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.



Rock of Aging



Rock of Aging will meet on **Tuesday, March 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. 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.

70 Years Together and Counting!



Their journey together began November 27, 1948, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Engadine, Michigan. It was Thanksgiving weekend to allow family and friends from afar to attend, and there was just a dusting of snow on the ground – mild for November in the Upper Peninsula! But what came before and after for Gary and Ruth Flatt?

Ruth was born and raised in Detroit, which is also where she attended the School of Nursing at Deaconess Hospital. Gary called Engadine, home, and, with a brother, bought a dairy farm there. Ruth’s parents vacationed in the UP, and eventually retired to Engadine, where they were friends with Gary’s folks. Ruth and Gary met at a wedding there, while Ruth was visiting. Alas, Ruth had to return to her nursing job in Detroit. But Gary and his brother decided that it took just one of them to run the farm during the winter, and Gary had a sister and brother-in-law in Detroit, with whom he could live, so – for 5 months during winter, Gary moved to Detroit! Do you think Ruth figured in there somewhere?

Their first home was on that farm Gary owned. And that’s where their first two sons, David and Paul, were born. Since they had two sets of grandparents to babysit, Ruth worked part-time at the General Hospital. Then, three years later, they moved to Detroit. Ruth went back to Deaconess

to work, where she worked in just about every department of the hospital, from OB/GYN to the dialysis unit. After youngest son, Alan, was born, she left hospital nursing and worked for his pediatrician! Gary worked the first five years delivering milk for the Twin Pines Dairy in Fraser, a suburb of Detroit. Then he began a career as a salesman at Plumbers Wholesale Supplies, which lasted until his retirement in 1984.

The lure of the Upper Peninsula was strong. Vacations had been spent there for many years, so in retirement, they bought a home on Lake Millecoquins, not far from Engadine. Summers were spent there, but winters were in Englewood, FL. For 17 years, they made that 1200 mile drive twice a year. At least they could cross the Mackinaw Bridge, instead of timing the ferry! About the time they began to realize that the trip was just too much, all three sons were suggesting that they move closer to one of them. David and his family lived in New York City – not their “cup of tea.” Paul who had retired from the National Weather Service, lived in suburb of Boise, ID. Hmm. Did they want winter again? Alan, however, lived in Laguna Beach, was in the process of adopting a son (which turned out to be three brothers), and needed help, so here they came.

Laguna Woods provided friends and lots of things to do. Gary lawn bowled, gardened, and began spending a time at the woodshop, doing mostly lathe work (which is beautiful!). Ruth spent time with the ladies of the “dog group,” doing needlework, reading, cooking and baking. They both agree that since retirement, life has been “better than anticipated.” What has been the very best part of the last 70 years? “Oh, so many things,” Ruth said, “but mostly, the boys.” And the future? Well,

Ruth has become an expert on Uber; Gary still gardens; all three boys visit regularly, and the grandkids enjoy overnights with Gary and Ruth, so it doesn’t look like they’ve slowed down much. Besides, as Gary said: “You don’t live long after you sit down!”



Sign up now for your member directory photo session. We are online for you to schedule your photography appointment for our new ASLC photo directory.

You can do it in three easy steps: go to abidingsavior.com; click CHURCH; click PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGN UP. You can also sign up before or after services in the Narthex. Photo dates and times are below. Receive a free 8x10 photo and an opportunity to purchase more prints. Please contact Sheila Grossman at aslcshelagrossman@yahoo.com if you have questions. Be sure you’re part of the Abiding Savior Family Album!

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

March 21: 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 22: 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 23: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March 24: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March 25: 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 28: 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 29: 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 30: 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 31: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April 1: 12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

A True Superhero



On March 1, 1941, Captain America appeared for the first time in a comic book. One of Marvel’s biggest comic book successes and top-selling

superheroes was Captain America. He debuted just prior to America’s entry into World War II and was a symbol for the wave of public spirit and patriotism that followed Pearl Harbor. Captain America had agility, strength, speed, endurance, and reaction time superior to any human.

But the biggest attraction of this superhero was that Captain America wasn’t born with great power – it had been bestowed upon him as a gift. This champion of freedom started out as Steve Rogers, a scrawny young man who had been rejected by the army as unfit for service. Then he was given a “strange seething liquid” that turned him into a superhero with extraordinary strength and power. It could happen to anyone – even an ordinary person.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we’re much like Steve Rogers. Spiritually speaking, we’re scrawny, powerless, and unable to save ourselves. But God offers us salvation through his Son and the power of his Spirit living in us. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened and given all we need to accomplish what God has in store for us. And the best part is that this gift can be given to anyone.

So how can we have access to such a gift? All you need to do is make Jesus the Lord of your life. Becoming a Christian means that you can look forward to eternal life in Heaven.

That’s much easier than downing a glass of “strange seething liquid,” wouldn’t you agree?

Scripture – Luke 24:49: “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

To Do – Create your own superhero. Give him or her a name, spiritual powers, and a mission. Imagine that this superhero is you!!



Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is now our Large Print Center. They have expanded from making books of the Bible into a Large Print Devotional for those that have a hard time seeing the standard sized print.

They would like to expand even more and provide large print devotionals for a prison ministry. What’s stopping them? They have ordered the equipment and supplies thanks to an anonymous donor but now they just need willing hands and hearts to come on Mondays (1st and 3rd of each month), Tuesdays (everyday) or Wednesdays (as needed about 2 times per month).

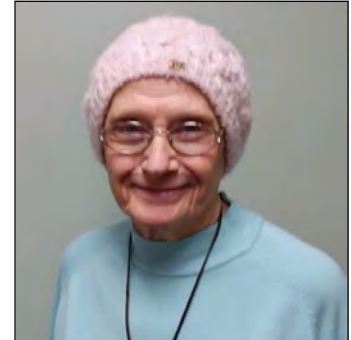
Would you be willing to give up about 2 hours at any of these times to lend a hand? It would be most appreciated, and you will see all that you are helping to do.

Several faithful workers have served for many years and they include:

Phyllis Burns serving 15 years this past January (unable to obtain her picture due to illness).



Gabriele Weidemann has been serving 10 years in March.



Marion Kuntz serving 15 years this coming April.



Chuck Van Liew serving 20 years in June.



Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies. We have the booklet in both English and Spanish. Published quarterly, authors change each month. Pick up your copy for January, February, and March month in the Narthex on the counters next to the mailboxes.

Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal




GRANDPARENTS/VIP DAY!
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019
IF A GRANDPARENT CANNOT COME, ANY ADULT WHO IS SPECIAL TO THE CHILD IS WELCOME. EACH ONE IS A VIP (VERY IMPORTANT PERSON)!



COLOR RUN

On March 14, we will host our first COLOR RUN event, our school's biggest fundraiser! The event is in lieu of the annual Jog-A-Thon as we feel the students will have a great time walking and running around the field being blasted in a rainbow of color while raising money for our school.



Abiding Savior Scholarship Fund
Creating a brighter tomorrow
GIVE A LITTLE. HELP A LOT. DONATE TO OUR MISSION!

HELP US BLESS MORE STUDENTS WITH AFFORDABLE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
\$200,000 in our scholarship fund sends at least 30 kids to our school. Thirty kids that will have a new relationship with Jesus as well receiving an education that is second to none.
If you would like to make a donation just place your gift in the Scholarship Fund Offering envelope available in the church office or in the pews.

Communicating Christ's Love and Our Love for Him

Preschool

Pam Howard
Preschool Director



We are continuing with preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions or would like a tour, please contact Yesi Naber at 949.830.1460, ext. 2113 or 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.

The preschool children will be singing in church on Saturday, March 2. We invite you to come and listen to them sing. Our annual Trike-a-thon will take place on Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22. Please feel free to join us and cheer the students on.

In preparation for the Easter season, we will be watching the life cycle of caterpillars becoming butterflies and we will be hatching ducks from eggs. The children are very excited to witness these creations from God.




Sunday School

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.




Ladies Guild
Scholarships

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.**






Save the Date!
VBS at Abiding Savior
July 29 - August 2, 2019
9am - 12pm
ROAR!
Life is wild - God is good
Registration opens April 21 at abidingsavior.com/vbs

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Each day at Roar VBS, kids travel through rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. Join us this summer!!

March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7p-Talent Show	2 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 8a-VITA Tax Prep 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
3 10a-Unity Worship; Installation of Pastor Glenn Lucas as Senior Pastor 5p-Youth Group	4 8:30a-Large Print Center	5 8:30a-Large Print Center 5p-VITA Tax Preparation 7p-Praises Ring	6 9:30a-Sr Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 3p-Girl Scout Troop 3123 3:30p-Ash Wed Worship 5:30p-Youth Group 7p-Ash Wednesday Worship	7 10a-First Thursday Presentation 11:30a-ASLC Seniors 3:15p-Kingdom Kids 7:15p-Chapel Choir 7:30p-Abiding Praise	8	9 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 8a-VITA Tax Prep 9a-Altar Guild Prep Worship Service 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
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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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Return Service Requested
Time Dated Materials

Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church



Tens of thousands packed public venues during the days of Dr. Walter A. Maier. Locations which included mammoth Soldiers Field Chicago, the St. Louis Arena and the Hollywood Bowl were packed when WAM came to town. Yes, those were the days when huge crowds were also the norm in cities such as Milwaukee, Cleveland and St. Paul.

So now here in the west, 70 years after packing the Hollywood Bowl with 16,000 persons on October 3, 1948, your Southern California LLL District elected a man who has a vision to fill the Concordia University – Irvine Center for a Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church type of rally. Yes, at the So CA LLL District Board meeting this past Saturday, President Martin Schramm shared his vision for such an event. Our own Pacific Southwest District President, Rev. Dr. Michael Gibson is to be the keynote speaker! **So please, do save the date: Saturday November 2, 2019!**