



# Day by Day

## It Is Good That We Are Here!



Friends, on Sunday, March 3, I had the great blessing of being installed as Senior Pastor at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School. I am grateful for your encouragement and support as we grow forward in and through Jesus in the mission to which God has called us.

During the weekend, we had the fun of having The Rev. Dr. Victor J. Belton proclaim the good news on Saturday evening as he called us to focus on God's presence through Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives and congregation as we grow forward individually as faithful disciples and as a congregation doing the same. We then enjoyed Pastor Belton as he enthusiastically led our liturgy during the installation service.

And, as if that wasn't enough The Rev. Dr. Michael Gibson, the Pacific Southwest District President, proclaimed a wonderful message, *It Is Good That We Are Here!* based on the account of Jesus' Transfiguration. He spoke to me as I was being installed as Senior Pastor and to our congregation to encourage us to grow forward together. He encouraged us with five words as we enter this new era of mission and ministry:

- Place
- Together
- Foundation
- Focus
- Engage

**Place:** President Gibson reminded us that just as Peter exclaimed, "Master, it is good that we are here," when he saw all that was happening on the mountain top as Jesus was transfigured, so it is for us as a congregation placed in the immediate context of 23262 El Toro Road, Lake Forest, California. We are not here by mistake or as a remnant of a former glory as a church. We are here as an intentional church plant by God to bring to bear the gospel of Jesus and the salvation he has won for all people. We join Peter in saying, "Master, it is good that we are here." We are called to figure out how best to be "here" in this time of our congregation's life.

**Together:** Jesus took with him three of his disciples to the mountain top, Peter, James, and John. On top of the mountain they were joined by Moses and Elijah representing the Law and the Prophets. President Gibson reminded us that Jesus came to fulfill "the law and the prophets" for our salvation. Our calling as pastor and congregation together is to make known why God sent His Son into human flesh. He was sent to for us what no other human being could do, pay the price of sin and bear God's full judgment and wrath, so that we would never have to do so individually. I dare not attempt to fulfill this calling by myself. You dare not allow me to try to do so. The scripture is very clear. My call is to equip you, the saints God has placed at Abiding Savior, for ministry. We're in this together.

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### Wednesday *Lenten Services*

April 3 and April 10  
3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.



### HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday  
Worship Service  
3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Easter Vigil  
5:00 p.m.



Easter Sunrise Service  
6:30 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Easter Brunch on the Patio**  
Join us between services for an Easter Brunch on the patio and in the coffee shop. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with each other. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you on Easter Sunday...and join them for brunch!



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**Foundation:** We are reminded that the ONLY foundation upon which we can build successfully is the gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaim Christ crucified which was established at the beginning of the planting of this congregation over 50 years ago. Several pastors and people have come before us and by the grace of God Abiding Savior has been effective in mission and ministry. We especially honor those who are still amongst us, Pastors Charles Birner, Jim Kuntz, Tom Rogers and those who assisted, all of whom laid the good foundation on which we build today.

**Focus:** Peter became so excited on the mountain top when he saw Jesus transfigured and Moses and Elijah, he decided the best thing they could do was build three tents so that they could hang out on the mountain top enjoying all that the experience entailed and hoping to prolong it. We've all had exceptional occasions we wanted to never end so Peter's response is understandable. It can be tempting in our ministry to attempt to focus on the high places and even attempt to recreate them. The reality is that it is dangerous to try to maintain such a "high" or even recreate it because it is in evadible that we end up chasing the past rather than the future. We want to do what we did that got us the previous positive results and in so doing we lose focus on what is essential. We lose focus on Jesus and the gospel we are called to proclaim today. After Peter's focus on tents the Father spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him." The gospel goes on to tell us that after the voice had spoken, "Jesus was found alone." The focus of our mission, ministry, being is about Jesus.

**Engage:** President Gibson reminded us that when Jesus and the disciples came down from the mountain the next day they were immediately engaged in down to earth, real, and today ministry as Jesus intervened in the life of a family where the devil and his evil minions were at work. During this Lenten Season, we have focused on *A Lenten Journey Beyond Self* and part of that journey involved the lesson *Beyond Self, Engage*. The calling we have individually and as a congregation is to engage the culture and community in the place where God has placed with the transforming work of Jesus in both word and deed.

As we celebrate Easter, may we keep in mind and live out the hope and power of Easter as we follow Jesus' example of *Place*, the cross and the empty tomb, *Together*, the upper room and the road to Emmaus, *Foundation*, "Peace I leave with you," *Focus*, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth," and *Engage*, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Peace in Jesus,

Philippians 3:12



## Festive Installation Day for Pastor Glenn Lucas



The Reverend Dr. Mike Gibson, President of the Pacific Southwest LCMS District was present at Abiding Savior on March 3, 2019 for our festive Worship Service. He delivered an inspiring Transfiguration Day message prior to installing Pastor Glenn Lucas as our new Senior Pastor. The church was filled to capacity, including families with many children. Following the service, a delicious lunch provided further opportunity to enjoy a perfect day!

## Health Ministry



What's the Difference between "Assisted Living", "Skilled Nursing Care", and "Board and Care?" Have you ever wondered about this? Please join us on Thursday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Ed Room where Kerri Wasylenko, an Elder Care Advisor with Grayson Solutions, will answer all our questions. Come early for the Seniors Luncheon and listen to what Kerri has to say!

## ASLC Seniors



ASLC Seniors will meet Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Adult Education Room.

We look forward to welcome 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.

We give thanks to Dan for his willingness to share his story and recovery. We give thanks to God for answering the many prayers of his faithful family, prayers by church members and friends. The power of God is at work. We have to have faith to use this power in Christian outreach. After Dan's presentation, there will be an open forum. We encourage attendees that are willing to share comments of personal stories of power of prayer in their lives.

### MAY LUNCHEON

Next Month, the Seniors will meet on May 2 at the usual time and place. Because our "first Thursday" date is so early in May, the monthly mailing of Day by Day will barely arrive before reservations are due. So, please watch the Sunday Bulletins for details, or call Vi Flum at 949.859.3512 for more information.



*Steve Leinhos, Ministry Consultant,  
Bethesda Lutheran Communities*



### **Help Requested for Meals and Blessings Event Sunday, April 14**

The Abiding Savior Meals and Blessings Ministry (M&B) serves the residents and staff of Bethesda homes with a seasonal-themed luncheon and fun activities. Family, friends, and guests are welcome. The next M&B event, on April 14, will be an Easter theme with an art project, games, 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, Financial donations or gifts in kind.

Contact Joni Terens, [joni@abt-tax.com](mailto:joni@abt-tax.com) or 949.212.1378, to volunteer or for more information.

## Portals of Prayer



Pick up your copy of Portals of Prayer for the April, May, and June months located in the Narthex on the counters next to the mailboxes.

# ASLC Stained Glass Windows

The “Eyes” Have it (excerpts from *The Stained-Glass Windows at Abiding Savior* by David Ramirez)

Have you noticed the 12 stained glass windows that grace the Sanctuary of Abiding Savior?

They each commemorate the life of one of the Apostles. Pastor Tom Rogers conceived the project and prepared the resource material and symbols depicting events in the lives of each apostle who walked with Jesus Christ as described in the Holy Scriptures. The design was created by David Ramirez, a member of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. The completed project shows how the prism of light showers the sanctuary with warm and cool colors that seemingly shout and whisper in harmony with melodious hymns worshipping God.

The spectacular quality of stained glass is manifested when the light of the day truly becomes light divine as it passes through the prism of glass, enveloping the interior of the church in sparkling colors. The phenomenal effect is overwhelming to the senses and inspirational to the soul.

Each month we will examine each of the windows and the apostle they represent. Have fun identifying the window and noting it’s intended meaning.

**SAINT PHILIP.** His day is May 1. The cross and two loaves are assigned to Saint Philip because of his answers to the Lord in St. John 6:7: ‘Philip answered him, “Eight months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”’ (Can you remember what story this came

from?) Other emblems delegated to him are a basket filled with bread, a spear and a patriarchal cross, and cross and a carpenter’s square. See if you can figure out which window is St. Philip’s. We will print a picture of it next month along with the next apostle.

## Way to Go!!!



April 4 is National Reading a Roadmap Day. So, you’re on a trip with your family and sitting in the backseat of the car. Overhearing the conversation between your mom and dad, you sense that you may be lost – their frustration level is rising. Soon you see your mother pull out a map, point to it, and say something like, “I guess we should have turned there!”

Whenever we travel, it’s good to have directions. Otherwise, we’ll go the wrong way and be lost. Even if we think we know the right way and are very sincere about it, we should probably check a map to make sure. We could be sincerely wrong!

Life is like that. People travel along, heading in a certain direction. Kids go to school, go to college, get jobs, get married, have children . . . they make a lot of decisions and turns. Wouldn’t it be great to have a guidebook or map to show us the right way to travel through life?

We have one. It doesn’t look like a map, but it’s a guidebook all right. And you probably have one in your room.

It’s the Bible – God’s Word.

Look at what the verse for today promises. It says that Scripture teaches us what is true and right. In other words, the Bible puts us on the right road in life and keeps us there.

That’s why reading and studying the Bible is so important. When we read a passage and then ask, “What’s the point here? What does God want me to know and to do?” we will find our directions.

Don’t get lost. Check God’s map.

**Scripture – 2 Timothy 3:16:** “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.”

**To Do** – If you haven’t already started a regular Bible reading program, it is not too late to start.

## Rock of Aging



Rock of Aging will meet on **Tuesday, April 9 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.

## Petal Pushers® Make Plans for 2020



Laura Farber, President of the 2020 Tournament of Roses, has announced the Parade theme to be The Power of Hope...and the Petal Pushers® have once again been invited to be in the parade, making this their 70th year of participation!



Chairman of the LHM Float Committee, Dick Gast, reviewed our mission: *To provide a Christian witness and hope in Jesus Christ to the unchurched, who view the float in person and through the media.* Pastoral Advisor Christopher Schaar in his opening devotion was confident that we will have another perfect theme for our float, based on the **hope** we have in Christ.



Representing our float builder, Phoenix Decorating, was their President Chris Lofthouse along with

Designer Michelle Lofthouse, who helped get design discussion started.



Jesus, our Anchor and **Hope** based on Hebrews 6:18-19 references are sure to play a part in the final design.

## Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon



### SAVE THE DATE!

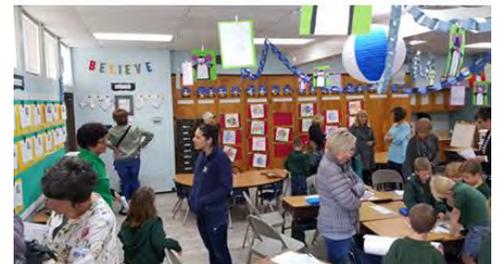
ASLC Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon is Saturday, May 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The theme for the luncheon is *"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"*

A silent auction of "treasures" will benefit *Kathy's House*, a shelter for persons with addictions. Tickets are \$20, and may be purchased from Keigh Lee Horn in the School Office, the church office, Common Grounds on Sundays, or from Jeanne Grovom (jgrovom@cox.net or 949.582.0748). Sunday, May 12, will be the last day to purchase tickets.

You don't want to miss this!

## Grandparents/V.I.P. Day a Big Hit!

On March 8 it was a big hit for all in attendance at Grandparents/V.I.P. Day! Breakfast featured plenty of pancakes, with activities for both the children and adults at the tables. There were visit to beautifully prepared classrooms, presentations by the children in the sanctuary and much more. It was a great day!



**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](http://abidingsavior.com/vbs)

# Elementary School



*Donna Lucas,  
School Principal*

## COLOR RUN HUGE SUCCESS

On March 14, the school held its first Color Run. The Parent Teacher League sponsored this event to raise money for school projects. The students and teachers had a blast as they blasted each other with color packets as they ran a course on the grass field. The event raised \$5,000. We plan to use the money for new athletic team uniforms and start raising money for a new surface around the playground equipment.



Our one-day midcycle WASC accreditation visit happened on March 20. It is always a blessing to share our amazing program with the WASC

accreditation team as we grow forward in ministry.

We are in the midst of enrollment season for the next school year. Please remember to share the news of our amazing school with your friends, neighbors and family members. A strong Christian education is possible.



## 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 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.

In addition, we are currently registering for our Preschool Summer Camp. It will be centered on the theme, “Growing Forward In and Through Jesus” based on Philippians 3:12-14. Camp runs from June 12 through August 9 and is open for children 3 years old by June 1, 2019 and full potty-trained to children going into kindergarten. Please contact the preschool office at 949.837.4292 for more information or a camp packet.

Toward the end of this month we will be learning about Jesus’ death and resurrection. During Holy week, April 15-19, the children will have Easter celebrations, hunt Easter Eggs, dye eggs, and learn about how much Jesus loves us by dying and rising for us.

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!  
Alleluia!!



Gospel Adventures helps kids and adults alike know His love for them!

Where are we going? This year’s Gospel Adventures will explore the rich culture of Peru! With remarkable landscapes from the Amazon River, Machu Picchu, and more, Gospel Adventures: Passport to Peru is sure to be a journey to remember! Kids will be introduced to kids just like them living in Peru who carry their faith with them through day-to-day life. Teach your kids about the foods, animals, people and places of Peru with Gospel Adventures.

Gospel Adventures (formerly Online Mission Trips) is going to South America! Lutheran Hour Ministries, in partnership with Group Publishing, is giving kids a five-day passport to Peru to explore this fascinating country along South America’s western coast. Through activities, video and discussion, kids in the United States will learn about Peruvian culture, the country’s amazing history, and what it’s like to be a kid living in Peru today. Better yet, kids will see more clearly the love God has for the whole world as they bridge into a place many thousands of miles away. To sign up for Gospel Adventures: Passport to Peru, go to [gospeladventures.org](http://gospeladventures.org).

# April 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 6:45p-Boy Scout troop 4321	<b>2</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 5p-VITA income tax preparation 7p-Praises Ring	<b>3</b> 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 3p-Girl Scout Troop 3123 3:30p-Midweek Lent Service 5:30p-Youth Group 7p-Midweek Lent Service	<b>4</b> 10a-First Thursday presentation 11:30a-ASLC Seniors 3:15p-Kingdom Kids Rehearsal 7:15p-Chapel Choir 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 8a-VITA income tax Preparation 9a-Altar Guild 9a-German School 9a-The Summit - 4-6 grades 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
<b>7</b> Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 5p-Youth Group	<b>8</b> 6:45pm-Boy Scout Troop 4321 7p-Guide Dog Raisers Training Meeting	<b>9</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center 5p-VITA income tax preparation 6p-Rock of Aging 7p-Praises Ring	<b>10</b> 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 12p-Ladies Guild 3:30p-Midweek Lent Service 5:30p-Youth Group 7p-Midweek Lent Service	<b>11</b> 3:15p-Kingdom Kids Rehearsal 6p-Elders Meeting 7:15p-Chapel Choir 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 8a-VITA Income Tax Preparation 9a-Altar Guild 9a-German School 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
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<b>21</b> Easter Sunday 6:30a-Easter Sunrise Service 8:00a-Easter Festival Worship 9:30a-Easter Festival Worship 11:00a-Easter Festival Worship	<b>22</b> Church and School Offices Closed – Easter Monday 6p-Cub Scouts Pack 4321	<b>23</b> 8:30a-Large Print Center	<b>24</b> 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi	<b>25</b> 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	<b>26</b> 10 a – Dean Schwartz memorial service	<b>27</b> 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 8a-VITA Income Tax 9a-Altar Guild 9a-German School 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weeks

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

# GOD IS GREAT! CONCERT

By Nashville, TN Christian Recording Artist  
**JENNIE WILLIAMSON**



## ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

23262 EL TORO RD, LAKE FOREST, CA

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

1:30PM SCHOOL CONCERT



### Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail.....

Bring your camera and kids for the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. Meet the Easter bunny and hunt for eggs on the lawn this year! Hunting for eggs will be divided by age group. The egg hunt will be open for children through age 10. Don't miss the fun!