



ABIDING SAVIOR
Lutheran Church and School

JANUARY 2020

Day By Day



I am excited to invite you to join us for The Rooted Experience at Abiding Savior. The Rooted

Experience will launch on Saturday, February 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Registration will open on the weekend of January 4-5, 2020.

You may be asking yourself, "What is Rooted?"

Think of Rooted as a journey designed to deepen your *Connection with God, His Church, and Your Purpose*. Rooted is more than a program, seminar, or small group. In a world that is fragmented, isolated, and empty, Rooted offers group experiences designed to help you see God and hear His voice in new and surprising ways. Rooted is a catalyst for life-change.

The Rooted Experience is a ten week faith journey that is personally transformational. We are planning to offer several groups. One will meet on Saturday mornings, a second will meet on Sunday evenings, and a third will meet on Wednesday evenings.

Look for more details in our service folders and weekly emails. Come and grow as a disciple of Jesus.

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



Welcome New Members



Joining our Abiding Savior Family on December 8, 2019 are:

Gary Abke
Cathy Abke
Avery Abke
Kaden Abke
Glenn Amick
Debby Amick
Jan Froelich
Ken Graves
Nicole Graves
Jonathan Harmon
Stephanie Harmon
Ellerie Harmon
Brett Helmreich
Sara Helmreich
Rorik Melberg
Julie Melberg
Evan Mills



Scholarships from the Ladies Guild Scholarship Fund will be available for member students studying for church related careers at LCMS colleges or Universities. Applications can be picked up in the church office. Money from the Holiday Boutique goes into the scholarship fund. The Ladies Guild would like to thank the congregation for their participation in the boutique which helped to make scholarships available.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Grovom at jgrovom@cox.net. **The deadline for applying for a scholarship is March 8, 2020.**

Ray Onorato
Dana Onorato
Evan Onorato
Peyton Onorato
Michael Stroube
Patricia Stroube
Caleb Stroube
Cooper Stroube
Mark Wolfenbarger
Mary Wolfenbarger
Adam Wolfenbarger
Evan Wolfenbarger
Ryan Wolfenbarger



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Mary Wolfenbarger, Preschool Director

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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HEY!
You in the Pew . . .

We need your help. You don't even have to get up very far out of that pew to help out!



Did you know that with the new privacy laws, churches are no longer notified when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital? That's where you come in. Please let us know if you, or someone you know is admitted. You can even tell us that they really don't want any visitors, but we can add them to the prayer chain. We want to care for our church family, but it is hard to do if we don't know about events in their lives.

Make this part of your New Year's resolution. A new exercise program that you can really get into. Don't worry, this won't take much time. Get ready and reach! Grab that phone.

Dial the church office at 949.830.1460 and let us know who may need some extra care.

Wanna up your exercise program? Plan to save the second Tuesday of every month and join Rock of Aging.

We visit seniors that are no longer able to attend church on a regular basis. We meet at 6:00 p.m. and eat a light meal, have a devotion, share our experiences with each other and throw in a prayer or two by Pastor Kuntz. In December, we also decorated trees and delivered them to our folks to help them enjoy the Christmas spirit.



The whole family is welcome, or if you just want to get out and meet some really interesting people with great stories, this is for you. Feel free to just check us out and see if this might be something tugging at your heart to get involved in.



I will warn you; this is a really happy, fun group. So, if you don't like to laugh and really feel welcomed as a part of a group, this may not be for you. But if you enjoy fellowship and feeling cared for, while you care for a senior, come on out on January 14th at 6:00 p.m. and join us for a great evening.

*Blessed to be in service,
Robin DeLong-Hanrath*



ASLC Seniors

The seniors will start the new year with our usual "first Thursday" meeting on January 2, 2020. We meet in the Adult Education Room at 11:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation, followed with a catered lunch at noon.



Afterwards, Laura Lyons will present "Journey to Alaska", a narrated slide show of her cruise and land tour last fall. See marvelous pictures of Denali, Alaskan animals and rugged scenery.

The cost of the catered lunch is now \$10 per person. Please call Vi Flum at 949.859.3512 for reservations.



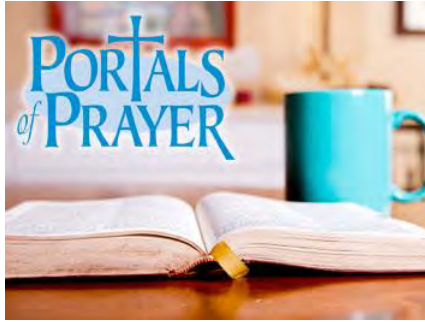
Steve Leinhos, Ministry Consultant,
Bethesda Lutheran Communities



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

Angel Tree project! Thank you, Lori, and "elves" who helped in wrapping gifts. God bless you all!



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.



New Year's Day is one of the world's oldest holidays. In fact, it was first observed nearly 4,000 years ago by the ancient Babylonians (that's a lot of New Year's Day celebrations!). But it was not always celebrated on the first of January. The Babylonians observed the start of the new year on the first day of spring, as did many other cultures. It wasn't until much later when the Romans came to power that

January 1 was set as the official start of the new year.

The date may have changed, but one New Year's Day tradition has remained the same – making New Year's resolutions. Even the early Babylonians marked the start of a new year with making resolutions. But while our modern resolutions tend to be about losing weight or exercising more, the most popular ancient Babylonian resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment!

Almost everyone makes resolutions. Maybe you promise to finish all of your homework before you go online or watch television. Perhaps your resolution is to be nicer to your family and friends. Or maybe you have something borrowed that needs to be returned!

New Year's resolutions are fun to make; sometimes we even keep them. But more often than not, our resolve weakens after a few days. By the time February rolls around, those promises are long forgotten. But before you get too discouraged, there is good news. There is one whose Word you can count on, day in and day out. God's promises will never change. His resolutions will stay strong from January 1 through December 31, each and every year. Depend on his promises to help you keep yours.

Scripture – Hebrews 10:23:

"Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."

To Do – Go ahead and make a resolution on this New Year's Day. Write it down in your Bible and ask God every day to help you keep it.





For 2020, Gospel Adventures is heading to the other side of the globe. Gospel Adventures: Go Mongolia! promises to be an exercise in exotic intrigue. This landlocked Asian country, sandwiched between Russia and China, is vast in size and few in people. (It's the world's least densely populated country!) But that doesn't mean it's without a rich history and a fascinating future.

"... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is."

With Go Mongolia! students and teachers get five days of online exploration that touches on numerous aspects of this captivating region. The student adventure of Mongolia takes place through short articles, videos, maps, colorful graphs, hands-on activities, eye-catching charts, identification boxes, questions for discussion, and more. All these pieces work together to highlight the country's ethnic groups, ways of living, religion, economy, culture and customs, government, language, arts, history, and other features that make Mongolia so vast and diverse.

Drawing inspiration from Ephesians 3:17-19 and letting the immensity of Mongolia illustrate it, students will learn about God and "how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is." For instance, day one of Go Mongolia! opens with a video that captures the breadth of this country. Then there's a look at the population, ethnic groups, languages spoken, and examples of Mongolian script. The country's huge, open spaces are noted in its geography, climate, and topography. Students will love learning about the Gobi Desert, Bactrian camels, and fossilized dinosaur eggs! The day is then capped with a look at how God's love goes beyond even the extremes of Mongolia's unique qualities, with discussion questions directed to the many points learned from the day.

In a country that has a 500,000 square-mile desert (Gobi), the warrior Genghis Khan, the Golden Eagle Festival, and temperatures that can range from 40 degrees below zero to more than 110 degrees above, you know it has a lot to offer! Student takeaways will be a new appreciation for Mongolian culture and its citizens. By the end of their journey, students will possess a deeper understanding of the work of the Gospel in their own lives and how God is at work in people's lives in this exciting—and remote—part of the world.

This is just a glimpse of what this FREE five-day online experience holds for students. If you are a teacher, you can access our grade school curriculum sample now at gospeladventures.org. The full curriculum will be available in January 2020. †



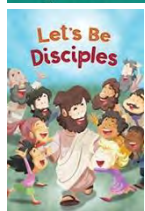
GO MONGOLIA! HOW VAST IS GOD'S LOVE!

Kids Booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries

These children's booklets are ideal to use for Vacation Bible School, fairs and festivals, classrooms, holidays, outreach and more! Give one to a neighbor or friend. Anyone can use these fun and colorful booklets to discuss prayer, how to share their faith, and more – each in a way kids will understand and remember. Visit us at: <https://www.lhm.org/kids/>



The Bible Tells Me So. Parents and kids alike will enjoy this little volume on the Bible and what God's Word means for each of us. Creatively illustrated pages feature Scripture paired with verses in rhyme that help amplify the texts and the life-changing truths they contain. The Bible is a treasure for us all, and *The Bible Tells Me So* reminds us that God speaks to us through His Word—no matter how old or young we are.



Let's Be Disciples. Jesus' first disciples were ordinary people like you and me. He called and they followed. He taught and they listened and learned. As God loved the world through His Son, He loves the world now through us. We can all be His disciples and spread the Good News of Jesus.

Turning A Vision Into Reality

Did you know that the Lutheran Hour Ministries float continues to be the only Christian float in the Tournament of Roses Parade?

This long-standing tradition is made possible by the Southern California District of the Lutheran Laymen's League, as well as the volunteers who bring our float to life.

Last year's Lutheran Hour Ministries Float "The Melody of Life" was well received by the one million people on the parade route as they cheered and pointed one way. The LHM Float Committee would like to thank all of you who have generously supported our efforts through prayer and gifts of love.

The Petal Pushers® are now beginning the process of turning a vision into reality for the 1/1/2020 Rose Parade!

2020 Lutheran Hour Ministries | Anchored In Jesus



In the public square the Lutheran Hour Ministries float, entitled **Anchored in Jesus**, will be raising high the cross of Jesus in this time honored event.

This will mark our 70th year of witnessing the Gospel message in this way. You'll note that Jesus is always kept at the fore.

2019 Lutheran Hour Ministries | Joy to the World



2018 Lutheran Hour Ministries | Bringing Christ to the Nations



2017 Lutheran Hour Ministries | Celebrate Jesus



The Petal Pushers® working hard for the float's debut at the Rose Parade on January 1.

Preschool

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



Happy New Year and Blessed Epiphany!

This month we have the opportunity to celebrate our Lutheran School where each year we are able to teach His love and forgiveness and share His light with the children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our Christ-centered developmentally appropriate program, please have them contact our Admissions Director, Yesi Naber, for more information on the center or to schedule an appointment for a tour, at 949.830.1460 x 2113 or ynaber@abidingsavior.com. You can also visit our website at www.abidingsavior.com.

Upcoming January dates include:

- 9, 10 Pajama Days - Wear your pajamas to school
- 16, 17 Wear Yellow Days

- 16, 17 Chancy & Bruce Testing
- 20 MLK Day – NO School or Extended Care
- 21, 22 Snow Days
- 23, 24 Preschool Picture Days
- 26-31 **NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**
- 30 School Information Evening – 6-7 p.m.



Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



HELP NEEDED

During the month of January, we will be host to 30 plus International Students from Korea. These students will be part of our classes. This is an amazing opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus with children across the world. We would love to have members of our congregation help in the classroom. Teachers could use help with reading to the students, tutoring the students and classroom paperwork. If you are able to help during the month of January from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Monday to Friday mornings, please contact the school office at 949.830.1461.

Abiding Savior Youth Ministries



Abiding Savior's Club 56 is our youth ministry for

grade 5 and 6 students. We meet in the Adult Education Room in the church building on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Our Junior High Ministry (JHM) is for grade 7 and 8 students. We meet Wednesdays from

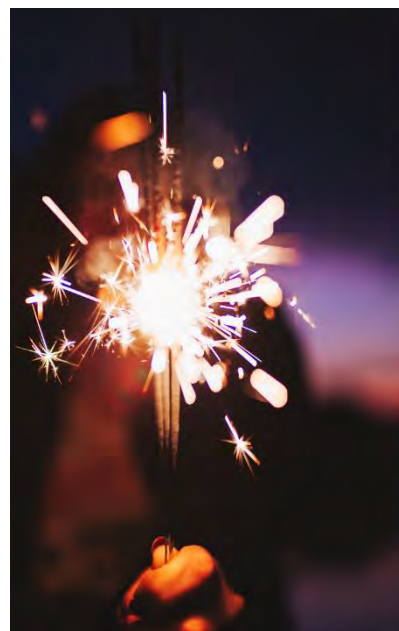
6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Room in the church building.



The High School Ministry (HSM) is for students in high school. HSM meets on Wednesdays from

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the gym. We meet each week for Bible study, games, snacks, and fellowship.

For the complete youth schedule, visit abidingsavior.com/youth




save the date! JANUARY 2020

- MONDAY, JAN. 13 | PTL MEETING | 8:15AM
- MONDAY, JAN. 13 - FRIDAY, JAN. 17 | BOOK FAIR
- FRIDAY, JAN. 17 | VIP DAY | 8AM
- SATURDAY, JAN. 18 | FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE | 6PM
- SUNDAY JAN. 26 - SATURDAY, FEB. 1 | NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
- THURSDAY, JAN. 30 | OPEN HOUSE | 5:30PM

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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day Offices closed	2 11:30a-ASLC Seniors 5p-Sports Fellowship 7:30p-Abiding Praise	3	4 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Contemporary Worship Service
	5 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar	6 8:30a-Large Print Center 10a-Prayer Group 3p-Junior Girl Scouts Meeting 6:45p-BSA Troops 4321	7 8:30a-Large Print Center 5p-Sports Fellowship 7p-Praises Ring Rehearsal	8 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 12p-Ladies Guild 2:45p-Daisy Girl Scouts 3p-Brownie GS Meeting 6p-Youth Group 7:15p-Chapel Choir	9 5p-Sports Fellowship 6p-Elders Meeting 7:30p-Abiding Praise	10 6p-Girl Scout Indoor Camp Out
12 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar	13 10a-Prayer Group 6p-Women's Fellowship Night 6:45p-Cub Scout Pack 321 Meeting 6:45p-BSA Troop 4321	14 8:30a-Large Print Center 5p-Sports Fellowship 6p-Rock of Aging 7p-Praises Ring Rehearsal	15 9:30a-Senior Bible Study 10:30a-Tai Chi 6p-Youth Group 6:30p-Bible Study 7:15p-Chapel Choir	16 5p-Sports Fellowship 7:30p-Abiding Praise	17 8a-VIP/Grandparents Day	18 8a-AI Anon Parent Focused 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Contemporary Worship Service 6p-Father Daughter Dance
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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

Sunday Morning **BIBLE** Study

*Meets each Sunday
morning at 9:15 a.m. in the
Adult Education Room.*

COME AND SPEND SOME
TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD



DESIGNATE ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
AS YOUR NON-PROFIT
OF CHOICE AND AMAZON WILL DONATE TO US!