



# DAY BY DAY

## Thanksgiving and Praise

On October 3, 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Proclamation establishing the last Thursday of November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

For what do you have to be thankful this year?

It may seem challenging to pause and give thanks in this year of 2020, with the ongoing pandemic and the challenges it has brought with stay-at-home orders, the closing of businesses, schools, and even places of worship. Jobs have been lost. We have gotten so used to wearing masks that many people driving in their vehicles alone wear their masks unconsciously. Visiting with family and friends in senior care homes and facilities is limited to outside visits with social distancing in place. Perhaps someone you know has had Covid-19. You may even know someone who has died of the virus.

Of course, that is only pandemic related. Other challenges and blessings did not stop when the pandemic started. People are still getting sick, being afflicted with various other health challenges personally or in their families. All of these challenges and more have happened in 2020.

So why celebrate Thanksgiving this year?

God is still in control. We have also experienced an outpouring of blessings in 2020 as well. Families have been brought together again around the dinner table. They worship together in-person or online. Marriages are still taking place. Babies have been born. Most families in our fellowship have food on their tables and a shelter over their heads. We are free to worship God as we choose and even tell other people about His love for them.

Personally, I've been blessed to serve at Abiding Savior for over seven years. I am grateful to God for you and our mission together as we Love, Serve, and Connect our faith to God, one another, and those in our larger community of school and neighborhood families.

This year, that date is November 26th and we at Abiding Savior will pause on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 PM and Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 AM to offer thanks to God for the blessings he has thus far afforded us.

I pray that you will be blessed this year as you pause and give thanks and praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens.



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

**Love      Serve      Connect**



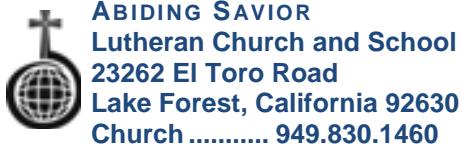
***Please join us  
for worship  
this Thanksgiving:***

**Wednesday  
November 25  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Thursday  
November 26  
at 10:00 a.m.  
Thanksgiving Day Service**





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#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### **School Office Hours**

Monday through Friday | 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

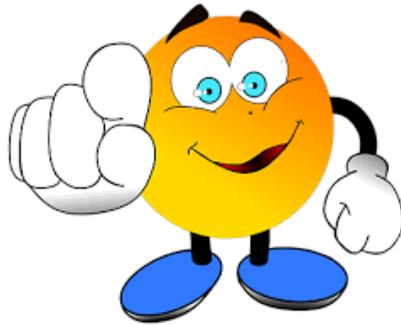
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[www.abidingsavior.com](http://www.abidingsavior.com)



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**HEY!**  
**You in the Pew . . .**

We're baaaccckkkk!

Seems like it has been forever since we've been able to worship in the sanctuary, hear the organ or the piano. How wonderful it is to raise praise together again! For that I am so thankful, how about you?

Thanksgiving is soon upon us. Seems like we missed Easter, Spring, Summer (oh yeah, the hot weather did finally appear...), and Fall, and yet here it is, just about Thanksgiving.

The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated less than a year after the Christian Plymouth colonists had settled in the new land of America. The first Thanksgiving Day, set aside for the special purpose of prayer as well as celebration, was decreed by Governor William Bradford on July 30, 1623. There were harvest festivals, or days of thanking God for plentiful crops. During the Revolutionary War, eight special days of thanks were observed for victories and for being saved from dangers. On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks. Our national day of thanksgiving was proclaimed by President Lincoln in 1863 with these words, "a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

As one of the main national holidays in the US, are we celebrating as Jesus would want us to? Have we shifted the emphasis on lots of food, drink and the football games? Do we go around the table and declare what we are thankful for, but not recognizing who it is from? God does want us to enjoy the gifts He has given us; our family, friends, and wonderful food, but let's not forget Him. Remember He is the one who we should give thanks to. Let us not just be thankful, let's be thankful to God, from whom all blessings flow.

Happy, healthy Thanksgiving to you all.

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

**COVID-19**  
*precautions*

ASLC Seniors will not be meeting in November or December since it is too difficult to predict when it will be right to start our monthly meetings again due to COVID-19. Please wait for an announcement and/or telephone call in the new year. Until we meet again, God be with all of you and be safe.





Thank you to my Abiding Savior Family who have supported me during Mike's hospitalization and passing. You have overwhelmed me with your prayers, loving care and support. It means so much to know you've been there for Mike and me.

Thanks, Karen O'Brien



## Attention All Ministry Leaders!

We thank God that our ministries are resuming here at Abiding Savior. We can get together as a church family for worship, study of the Word, and fellowship. Please be reminded to be sure that the church office has a reservation for your event on file. We want to get you the space you need and avoid unexpected conflicts!

Please visit our church office during the week and fill out a yellow reservation form.

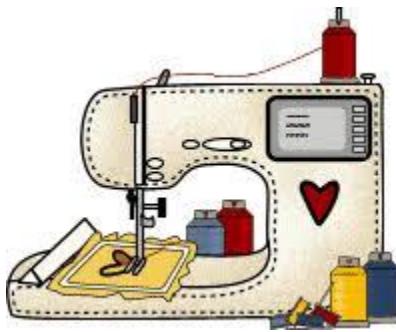
If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Kranawetter or Laura Lyons at 949.830.1460.



## LWML Mites



Mite Boxes are used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants. Its name comes from the lesson of the widow's mite. Mite Boxes are available from the church office. Place your Mite Box in an obvious place so you can "feed" it. Return your filled Mite Box to the church office and exchange it for an empty box and start filling again! As we continue to support Mite Box projects, may God bless our efforts to spread the good news.



## Sew 'n Sews

The Sew 'n Sews are meeting again on *Saturday, November 7*, in room E125 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please contact Janice Trumbauer for more information at [krafter@cox.net](mailto:krafter@cox.net). We would love to have you join us. Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained.



## Honoring Our Veterans

Abiding Savior will be honoring our Veteran's during our Saturday and Sunday services November 7th & 8th. The service will feature a special video honoring our veterans and members currently serving.



Beginning Sunday, November 22nd our Angel Tree will be in the narthex, just in time for Black Friday shopping. Please stop by and pick up a name of someone in our community and help make Christmas a little brighter. If shopping isn't for you, feel free to donate gift cards or checks and we will do the shopping for you!



## IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY

If you have a pastoral emergency when the church office is not open, you can call **661.505.8152** to be connected to the pastor's emergency line.



In particular, we ask you to notify the church office if you or anyone in your family is hospitalized.

# Rock of Aging



Rock of Aging will meet on **Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.** with a Zoom Meeting, so watch your email for the information. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving in this ministry. 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 let those that have served the church for many years (but cannot participate the way they once did) know that they are still a part of our church family and they are loved. 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. Join us and see what we are about.



On November 4, 1846, the patent for the artificial leg was granted to Dr. Benjamin Franklin Palmer.

Dr. Palmer had lost a leg in an accident. Determined not to let this tragedy hinder him from living a full life, Palmer looked for solutions. Failing to find any type of device that would help him walk as

normally as possible, Palmer did the next best thing – he invented an artificial leg.

Palmer's design included springs and hidden joints that gave the appearance of natural movement. For his efforts, Palmer received an award at the first World's Fair at the Crystal Palace in London in 1851.

Palmer's response to his situation was different from the man in the Bible who spent his days lying by the pool of Bethesda. His story appears in John 5:1-14. Although the man had been lying there for 38 years, no one was able to help him, until Jesus came upon the scene.

Jesus took one look at the man and asked him, "Would you like to get well?" The man replied, "I can't, sir." Then after the man had explained all the problems he faced, Jesus simply told him, "Stand up, pick up your sleeping mat, and walk." And the man did so.

We have a choice when facing difficult and hopeless situations. We can give up, feeling hopeless and trapped like the man at the pool before he met Jesus. Or we can respond like Palmer and look for solutions to our problems. A positive attitude is necessary to overcome obstacles.

**Scripture – John 5:8:** Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your sleeping mat, and walk!"

**To Do:** What difficulty are you facing today? How would you describe your attitude in this situation? What could you do to take that first step toward a solution?



The Tournament of Roses will have a two-hour television special during their normal televised time on New Year's Day 2021.

The Petal Pushers are expected to be included in the segment on volunteering - we have provided a video to be used in this regard.

Lutheran Hour Ministries and the LHM Float Committee are developing numerous ways to additionally publicize their Rose Parade Float Project.

Petal Pushers clothing and other merchandise continues to be available online at:

<https://petalpushers.donorshops.com/products/ppclothing>



Tee Shirt \$15.00 - \$18.00



Sweatshirt \$20.00 - \$33.00

Our invitation to have a float entry in the 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade is signed and turned in!

## Preschool

Mary Wolfinbarger  
Preschool Director



We have so much to be thankful for at the preschool this year. We are thankful for our wonderful staff, students and families and our adopted families in the congregation. At preschool we spend time learning how to have an attitude of gratitude for all that God has done for us each day. In response to all that God has done for us, we are happy to share our gifts with others and will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child project again this year as a service project.

Our staff is grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Pacific Southwest District All Workers Conference which will be held virtually this year. We are glad to have the opportunity to be together for fellowship and professional development.

We are currently looking for congregational volunteers who would be willing to assist us in letting our half-day families into the church narthex from the church parking lot to pick up their children between 11:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our preschool families. If you are interested, please contact Glenn Amick at amick.glen@gmail.com.

Fall classes for children ages 2 through 5 have begun. Due to COVID-19, we are limiting our class sizes to 12 children each day. Please contact the Director, Mary Wolfinbarger, for more information on the center or to schedule an appointment for a Zoom tour, at

949.837.4292 or mwolfinbarger@abidingsavior.com. You can also visit our website at [www.abidingsavior.com](http://www.abidingsavior.com).

### Upcoming Dates at Preschool:

Wednesday, November 11 - Preschool Closed for Veterans Day  
Saturday, November 14 - PTL Fall Festival  
November 23-27 - Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving Week



The Abiding Savior Parent Teacher League is sponsoring the Fall Carnival. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event taking place on Saturday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.



Scrip is a fundraiser offered throughout the year for Abiding Savior families, friends and church members. Scrip is a gift certificate program that provides a variety of gift cards for families to purchase. The gift certificates are purchased by the Abiding Savior scrip program at a discount and sold to participants at face value. The difference is profit. This profit is split (50/50) between the preschool and the family purchasing the scrip. We use these funds for non-budgeted items, and preschool

families will receive a tuition credit for the following school year.

We are so excited to be nominated for: Best Preschool, Best Private Elementary and Best Faith-Based School in the OC Parenting Readers' Choice Contest. Please take a moment to vote for us at:

[https://parentingoc.com/  
readers-choice/](https://parentingoc.com/readers-choice/)

You can vote every day!  
Thank you for your continued partnership and support!



There are tart apples, sweet apples, crunchy and juicy apples. There are pie apples, eating apples, bobbing and drying apples.

There are about 2,500 varieties of apples grown in the United States and about 7,500 worldwide, each distinct enough to be given its own name. God loves variety and that's why He created you and me ~ similar in some ways but very different in others. God made us each unique individuals so that we would bear fruit to meet different needs. Don't ever try to be like someone else . . . the world needs all of us, just the way we are!

## Elementary School

Donna Lucas,  
School Principal



On September 25, the PTL sponsored its first activity for the year. They hosted Muffins with Mom. This event was a huge success and used our campus to spread out and create an environment for responsible social distancing. The moms thoroughly enjoyed it and so did the students.



The school and church will actively participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. We encourage everyone to take part in this event and pick-up a box or two and fill it for a child in need. We kicked off this event on October 28th. Boxes are due by November 18 when we will have our Service Day Event.



Thank you to everyone that has picked up a child to pray for and we ask that you continue to pray for that child.

**Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool**  
GROWING MINDS AND KIND HEARTS

# WE'RE HIRING!

ABIDING SAVIOR IS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANTS!

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- A MINIMUM OF 12 ECE UNITS. MUST HAVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD, FAMILY, COMMUNITY AS WELL AS 2 CURRICULUM CLASSES.
- PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND DEGREES IN ECE.
- HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, INCLUDING PRAYER, STUDY OF THE BIBLE AND REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE, PREFERABLY AS MEMBERS OF ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH.
- HOURS OF OPERATION ARE 7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- ✓ HELP PRESCHOOL CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAY, AT THEIR DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL, IN A VARIETY OF LEARNING CENTERS.
- ✓ REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN.
- ✓ ASSIST THE LEAD TEACHER IN MAINTAINING A CLEAN, SAFE, CHILD-FRIENDLY EDUCATIONALLY APPEALING, COZY ROOM, AND ENVIRONMENT.
- ✓ ALWAYS SUPERVISE THE CHILDREN. POSITION YOURSELF TO HANDLE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN OR PARENT WHILE VISUALLY SCANNING THE PLAYGROUND OR CLASSROOM AS NEEDED.
- ✓ SALARY: \$14/H.R.

**CONTACT**  
MARY WOLFINBARGER | PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR  
[MWOLFINBARGER@ABIDINGSAVIOR.COM](mailto:MWOLFINBARGER@ABIDINGSAVIOR.COM)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**HSM**

We have re-launched our High School Ministry, which meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Masks are required.

We are working on re-launching Jr High Ministries and Club 56 soon as well, but we are not quite ready yet. Check the Abiding Savior website for more information about JHM and Club 56 re-launch.



Confirmation Instruction Classes for 7th or 8th graders meets at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening in the Adult Education room. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Pastor Glenn at [glucas@abidingsavior.com](mailto:glucas@abidingsavior.com) or call the church office at 949.830.1460 ext. 2112.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                           | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                               | FRIDAY | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--------|--|
| 1<br>Worship Schedule-<br>See chart at<br>bottom of<br>Calendar<br><br>11:45a-Rooted  | 2<br>11a-Prayer Group on<br>Zoom                                  | 3<br>8:30a-Large Print<br>Center  | 4<br>8:15a-PTL Meeting<br>9:30a-Adult Bible<br>Study<br>3p-Girl Scout Meeting<br>6p-Youth Group<br>7p-Adult Choirs<br>Rehearsal | 5<br>7:30p-Abiding Praise<br>Practice  | 6      | 7<br>9a-Altar Guild Prep<br>5p-Church Service                      |
| 8<br>Worship Schedule-<br>See chart at<br>bottom of<br>Calendar<br><br>11:45a-Rooted  | 9<br>11a-Prayer Group on<br>Zoom<br>5:30p-Women's Bible<br>Study  | 10<br>6p-Rock of Aging on<br>Zoom | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>School closed<br>Church offices closed<br>7p-Adult Choirs<br>Rehearsal                                    | 12<br>7:30p-Abiding Praise<br>Practice | 13     | 14<br>9a-Altar Guild Prep<br>1p-Fall Carnival<br>5p-Church Service |
| 15<br>Worship Schedule-<br>See chart at<br>bottom of<br>Calendar<br><br>11:45a-Rooted | 16<br>11a-Prayer Group on<br>Zoom                                 | 17<br>8:30a-Large Print<br>Center | 18<br>9:30a-Adult Bible<br>Study<br>3p-Girl Scout Meeting<br>6p-Youth Group<br>7p-Adult Choirs<br>Rehearsal                     | 19<br>7:30p-Abiding Praise<br>Practice | 20     | 21<br>9a-Altar Guild Prep<br>5p-Church Service                     |
| 22<br>Worship Schedule-<br>See chart at<br>bottom of<br>Calendar                      | 23<br>11a-Prayer Group on<br>Zoom<br>5:30p-Women's Bible<br>Study | 24                                | 25<br>9:30a-Adult Bible<br>Study<br>7p-Thanksgiving Eve<br>Service  | 26<br>10a-Thanksgiving<br>Day Service  | 27     | 28<br>9a-Altar Guild Prep<br>5p-Church Service                     |
| 29<br>Worship Schedule-<br>See chart at<br>bottom of<br>Calendar                      | 30<br>11a-Prayer Group on<br>Zoom                                 |                                   |   |  |        |  |

#### WORSHIP | COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Informal Worship – Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM

Abiding Praise Worship Service – Sunday 10:15 AM.

Live Streamed Worship – Sunday 10:15 AM Service

<https://abidingsavior.com/church/worship/videos/>



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

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# *Wednesday Morning*

# **BIBLE STUDY**

*Led by Ed Stelling*

WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM | ADULT ED ROOM



 **Abiding Savior**  
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 **Athletics**

## **RECYCLE**



## **SODA BOTTLES & CANS**

Proceeds will benefit  
Abiding Savior School's  
Athletic Program!

