



A Gift of Spiritual Legacy

The greatest gift a mother can give her children is her example of love and obedience to God. Our sons and daughters need to see godly precepts lived out each day in our words and choices, since we are their first spiritual teachers and advisors. Each child comes into the world with a moldable mind. As we teach and model godly conduct, attitudes, and words, a belief system bent toward God can develop within them. It's like a sieve that filters everything coming into the mind. A child who has been prayed over and taught God's ways is more likely to see the world from a biblical perspective. But one who's been programmed by secular culture, or another religion, will view life through a distorted lens.

Pastors and Sunday school teachers can help in this process of training a child to know and love the Lord. However, it is primarily the responsibility of parents to invest whatever time, patience, instruction, and love are necessary to grow boys and girls into godly men and women.

Sending a child into the world without a biblical foundation is like throwing him into a lion's den without weapons or armor. Since children cannot discern truth from error, parents must guard young minds against the world's onslaught

until they are ready to take over the challenge themselves.

The training of children is carried out through the daily activities of life. Use every opportunity to teach them about the Lord and His Word and show them what a righteous life looks like by living one. In other words, be the kind of believer that you hope your child will become.

Passing down your legacy of faith is the most valuable gift you can give your children.

Paul admired the faith heritage that was passed down to Timothy by his mother and grandmother. Although Eunice and Lois could not bestow salvation on Timothy, they modeled their faith in God and His Word. Timothy's greatest inheritance was spiritual instruction and godly examples from these influential women. Parents who desire to pass along a faith legacy need to make the following values part of their life:

- *Principles:* Know and practice biblical principles.
- *Pattern:* Apply scriptural principles to your life and live them out in front of your children. A consistent pattern of obedience to God inspires children to seek Him.
- *Persistence:* Never give up in your attempts to impart spiritual knowledge.

It's never too late to begin crafting a faith heritage. Like Timothy's mother and grandmother, let's not settle for merely raising our children to adulthood. Instead, our goal should be to become godly examples who inspire and teach them to love and follow Jesus.

Unity Service



UNITY SERVICE AND ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

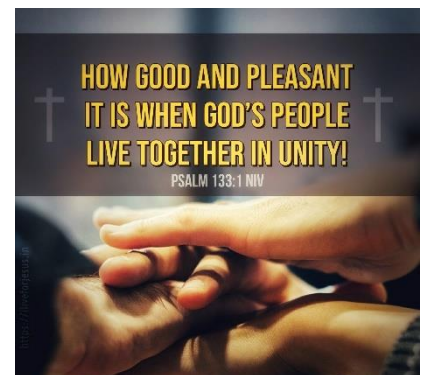
There will be a Unity Service on Sunday, May 29 at 10:15 a.m. Please note that there will be no service on Saturday, May 28.

Annual Board Meeting



Abiding Savior's Annual Meeting will be held May 29 after the unity service at 11:30 a.m. At this meeting, we will be passing next year's budget for our church. We will also be electing new officers.

Please plan on attending this very important meeting.



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Monday through Friday
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School Office Hours

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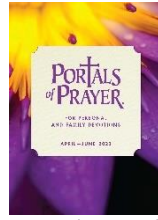


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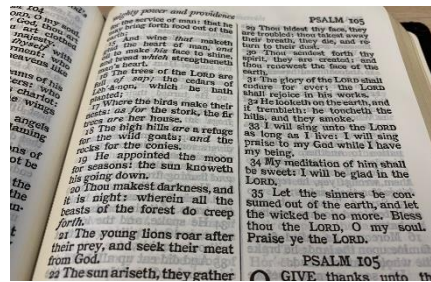
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Portals of Prayer



The April, May, June 2022 edition of Portals of Prayer is now available. Pick up your copy at either desk in the Narthex or in the Gathering Grounds. Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies.

Large Print Bibles and Devotionals



Did you know that Abiding Savior supports the Lutheran Braille Workers in their ministry of proclaiming God's Word throughout the country and the world?

On the second floor of Building C in Room 200, there is a Large Print Work Center that produces six different publications every month for distribution. This center is operated by a handful of volunteers (newcomers welcome) who meet Monday through Thursday mornings, printing, binding and mailing two different forms of the Bible, a complete Bible and the Lutheran Service Book specifically for prisons as well as two different monthly devotionals. Their output amounts to more than 100,000 pages a month. These publications are provided at no cost to the recipients. They are also available to you. We invite you to visit us and see this ministry in action or contact Margaret DeLaCruz or Jim Ryan at lpwc135@gmail.com.



Women's Fellowship presents Ladies Night Out, Monday, May 2 at 6:00 PM in the Adult Ed Room. Ever made a hat? Want to have fun - and make a hat? Come join us and go home with a hat of your own design. We'll provide the basic supplies. If you have any tulle, netting, costume jewelry, silk flowers, feathers or anything to share that could embellish a hat bring it to the meeting. PLEASE RSVP! There will be some samples to give you inspiration. Mother's Day will be soon! It's potluck dinner; A-L appetizer and M-Z salad. Questions and/or RSVP, contact Janice Trumbauer at 949.609.9766.

Memorial Service for Jim Grovom



Jim Grovom entered the Church Triumphant and received his crown. Jim passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 12, in his sleep. We are grateful for the many years of service Jim provided at Abiding Savior as an Elder, choir member, Rock-of-Aging minister, and many other leadership positions over the years. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service celebrating Jim's life in Christ will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 AM. With a reception following in the gym.

From the Kitchen



Celebrate Mom this Mother's Day with this homemade breakfast casserole to start the morning off right.

CROISSANT BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- 2 (5-oz.) country ham steaks, trimmed, bone discarded
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 ½ pounds Vidalia onions or other sweet onions (2 medium onions), chopped (4 cups)
- 3 ounces baby spinach, roughly chopped (3 cups)
- 6 large eggs
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 ounces fontina cheese, shredded (about 1 1/2 cups), divided
- 1 pound (about 15) day-old mini croissants

Directions:

1. Coarsely chop ham. (You should have 1 ½ cups.) Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium. Add ham; cook, stirring occasionally, until fat is rendered, about 4 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer ham to a large bowl, reserving drippings in skillet. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to skillet; stir in onions. Cook, stirring occasionally, until deeply browned, about 30 minutes. Add spinach; cook, stirring often, until wilted, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer onion mixture to bowl with ham; let cool 10 minutes.

2. Whisk together eggs, milk, mustard, salt, and pepper. Add egg mixture and 1 cup of the cheese to bowl with onion mixture and stir to combine. Arrange croissants, slightly overlapping, in 2 rows in a lightly greased 11x7 baking dish. Pour mixture over croissants. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheese. Cover with aluminum foil, and chill 8 hours or up to overnight.
3. Preheat oven to 375°F. Uncover casserole, and place on a large, rimmed baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until golden brown and center is set, about 1 hour. Shield with foil after 25 minutes, if needed to prevent excess browning.

Rock of Aging Ministry



Rock of Aging is a very special ministry to members who can no longer attend church. Volunteers in this ministry keep in touch with one or two of our homebound members either by in-person visits or by phone, depending on the senior's preference.

We have many more members that have become homebound in the last two years.

People are very lonely, and a friendly phone call a couple times a month or a monthly visit can make a great deal of difference in these people's lives.

During April, our team distributed Easter gifts made by the Ladies Guild to several of our homebound members.

To learn more about Rock of Aging ministry contact Laura Lyons by email at silvercreek5@cox.net or by calling the church office at 949.830.1460 during her working days, which are Monday through Wednesday.



Chapel Choir

The Chapel Choir is seeking more singers! The reminder of this year's season is short (until mid-May), then we resume in September. Rehearsals are on most Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. We sing at select 8:00 AM services and special services (Good Friday, Easter, etc.) Please consider joining us! Contact Dr. Christian Guebert at cguebert@abidingsavior.com.

An Interpretation of the 23 Psalm

Author Unknown

"The Lord is my pace-setter. I shall not rush. He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity. He leads me in the ways of efficiency through calmness of mind, and His guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to do each day, I will not fret – for His presence is here. His timelessness, His all-importance, will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshments and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with His oils of peacefulness. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house forever."

Sharing God's Word With People Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired: Bringing Christ To The Nations



"I know when I read Jesus' name because I can feel His love travel up my arm and to my heart," says Tim, a 13-year-old from India.

"I was born blind and have never seen a person's face, not even my own parents' faces. But now I know, when I get to heaven, Jesus is the first face I will see," says Lucy, a 14-year-old from Mexico.

Working with individual Christians, congregations, and like-minded organizations are vital to expanding ministry. They allow Lutheran Hour Ministries to share the Gospel around the world with all who need to hear it by widening the networks through which we can share our programs and resources.

One of these ongoing relationships is with Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW), an organization founded in 1943 in response to a shortage of Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany. What initially was thought to be a one-off request for the development of a single German Braille Bible has turned into the world's largest non-profit producer of Braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials.

When LBW founder Helene Loewe Koehler received a letter from someone who had benefitted from the initial German Braille Bible, she wrote in her journal, "I think about how much time and effort went into producing one Braille Bible. How in the world can we keep up with demand? But if people are asking for the Gospel, how can we ever say no?"

Through the creation of a modern Braille press and the support of family and friends, local Ladies Aid Societies, and volunteers from various Lutheran churches, Koehler began expanding production of materials into other languages and titles. As production grew, demand also grew. Several years later, through the encouragement of The Lutheran Hour Speaker at the time, Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Koehler expanded into large print production.

LBW currently produces approximately 150,000 volumes a year through the dedication of 3,000 volunteers in 115 production centers throughout the United States. To date, LBW has shipped more than 15 million volumes and millions of other pamphlets, calendars, and other materials, in almost 40 languages, to 164 countries. Thanks to the generosity of their volunteers and donors, every single volume of material has been distributed free of charge—leading to millions of people being reached with the Gospel through their efforts.

"Our mission is to provide all people in the world who are blind or visually impaired with free access to the Good News of Jesus Christ," says LBW Vice President of Ministry Advancement Daniel Jenkins. More than 253 million people today are blind or visually impaired, of which 241 million of them are unchurched. This makes our materials a great resource for individuals who are often disconnected from God's Word.

Jenkins adds, "Our longstanding association with Lutheran Hour Ministries is extremely valuable since there is a close alignment between our organizations in wanting to share the Word of God with people in ways they can

understand without it being a financial burden."

One of the popular LHM resources available through LBW are the weekly sermons from The Lutheran Hour. LBW began producing the sermons in Braille in 1951 and today produces and distributes almost 8,000 Braille sermons each month. One recipient from England wrote, "You have been supplying me with wonderful Braille materials for more than twenty years and I have used them to spread the story of God's love. Now my wife has gone to be with Jesus, and I am eighty years old, but that's not too old to work for the Lord. Moses started his work at eighty and Aaron at eighty-three, so I will keep working if you keep supplying. God bless you for making this possible."

In 1959, LBW expanded into large print production due to the substantial number of requests that LHM was receiving from elderly listeners who had poor vision but did not read Braille. These efforts continue today with more than 12,000 specialized large print sermons of The Lutheran Hour being produced and shipped each month on 14-point, glare reducing paper.

The Lutheran Hour sermons transcribed to Braille or available in large print are not only requested by individuals of all ages, but are often used by orphanages, schools, and churches around the world as Bible studies or worship services for people who are blind or visually impaired.

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Other popular LHM resources offered by LBW are the library of Project Connect booklets in Braille, large print, and audio and The Journey Home Bible study lessons available in large print for prison inmates. LBW is also working with LHM to offer the seasonal devotions for Advent and Lent from the past five years.

"We are grateful for this ongoing relationship with LHM and look forward to exploring additional opportunities for working together to share the Gospel with even more people who are blind or visually impaired," says Jenkins.

To learn more about Lutheran Braille Workers, visit <https://www.lbwloveworks.org/>



FINAL DETAILS FOR THE 2023 LHMFC ROSE PARADE FLOAT



On March 26, 2022, the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee (LHMFC) voted to move ahead to the point of final details for the Petal Pushers® 2023 Tournament of Roses Parade entry.

This followed the wonderful news of being accepted for their 72nd entry of witnessing the Gospel Message in the famed parade.

The design is consistent with the LHMFC's mission: "To provide a Christian witness and hope in Jesus Christ to the unchurched, who view the float in person and through the media."



For more than 100 years, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has been blessed to bring the hope of Jesus to individuals around the world, especially during unprecedented times.

LHM has ministered in times of war, disaster and now through an ongoing pandemic. While challenges change, the message of the Gospel stays the same: No matter what we experience on earth, we can all have HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It's amazing to see how hope has abounded, even in times of trial, as LHM constituents have recently shared. We hope these personal reflections inspire you to see hope in your daily life.

- Hope abounds when there is reconciliation and forgiveness in a family. —*Darlene from Minnesota*
- Hope abounds when my husband and I do the LHM Daily Devotions together. It brings us closer to God and to each other when we share this time and faith. —*Jeri from Kansas*
- Hope abounds daily with my sharing the LHM Daily Devotions and The Lutheran Hour sermons. Some of my recipients share these emails with others who really enjoy them. —*Kenneth from Texas*
- Hope abounds as my siblings and I are comforted at the loss

of our dad by the kind words of love and support from our friends and neighbors. —*Susy from Missouri*

- Hope abounds for me when I can be outside in the sunshine, working with my gardens. We can count on the seasons to change because God is in control! —*Elaine from Iowa*
- Stay connected with LHM to see how hope continues to spread around the world.

We pray for God to bless you with peace and joy this spring. Thank you for connecting with LHM along the way.



The third year of the successful Gospel Adventures program visited the southeast Asia country of Thailand. Just like previous adventures, Thailand Trek offered elementary and middle school students a five-day curriculum, videos, interactive website, theme music, optional game and snack activities, and an overarching biblical theme. This virtual experience also offered a challenge to participants to help raise funds to create LHM goody bags for the LHM—Thailand team to distribute during their school visits throughout the year. More than 1,000 teachers, parents, and other educators registered for Gospel Adventures: Thailand Trek—giving more than 30,000 students a firsthand look at how God so loves the world.

Preschool

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



Each year through our National Lutheran School Accreditation process, we are able to celebrate all of the wonderful things that God has done at our preschool. Some of the highlights this year include:

- Our continued partnership with the "Talking about Jesus" group who supports our families as greeters at half-day pickup. They have also given our children the Lutheran Hour Ministry books for Christmas and Easter.
- Our continued partnerships with Start Well, a community organization that assists with mental health and behavior, and Quality Start Orange County.
- Our new app, Kaymbu, that is used for parent engagement, child portfolios and assessment.
- The opportunity to have the preschool children sing in church again and the wonderful cookie reception that was hosted after the service.
- Our new partnership with Grace Speech, who are able to provide pull-out speech services to our children, and our continued partnership with Elks, who provide free vision screenings for our students.
- The additional Ages and Stages Social Emotional Questionnaire that we are able to partner on with parents in order to identify early intervention needs earlier in the school year.
- Adding Mrs. Thompson to our weekly music program and continuing our Spanish program with Miss Wood.
- Our amazing Girl Scouts who created a mud kitchen for the back playground.

- Opportunities for continued staff development at the Lutheran Educator's Conference and Early Childhood Equipping Conference.
- Hiring a new teacher and preparing to open the nursery as a sixth classroom in the fall of 2022.
- Winning the Orange County Parenting Magazine Award for Best Faith Based School.
- Updating our facility with roman shades, a new water heater, pour in place ground covering, additional lighting, and replenishing our wood chips.

We have a loving, gifted, Christ-centered staff this year without whom none of this would be possible. We thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Registration for the 2022-23 school year has begun. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our Christ-centered developmentally appropriate program, please have them contact our Director, Mary Wolfinbarger, for more information on the center or to schedule an appointment for a tour, at 949.837.4292 or mwolfinbarger@abidingsavior.com. You can also visit our website at www.abidingsavior.com.

Upcoming May dates include:
3 Evening with Mom
30 Memorial Day – No School or Extended Care

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Our Sunday School children experienced the Easter tradition of celebrating new life via an Easter Egg Hunt. More importantly, they read, watched, and solved (a jigsaw puzzle) the glorious narrative of the resurrection of Jesus.



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

The lies and inconsistent reports of Jesus in the kangaroo court by Jesus' accusers during His trial were mimicked by the children. Whispering a sentence to a child it would be whispered to another, and another. The sentence stated by the last child did not match the original. Just like made-up accusations at the trial, a student announced three things about themselves...two were true, one a falsehood. Example: Favorite animal of one of the girls was an elephant. True or false? TRUE!

The lessons before the glorious resurrection were sad and dark in the life of Christ. The children heard in a video that the grounds considered by Biblical scholars to be the Garden of Gethsemane contain olive trees that were there at the time of Christ. "Why did the disciple cut off the ear of the soldier," one inquisitive boy asked. Children began to assemble a storybook containing, in chronological order, the events in the Garden and the arrest.

What would you serve Jesus if He came to your house for dinner? The item that probably garnered the most choices was...pizza! For a hands-on experience regarding the lesson on the Last Supper the children got to see and feel a real Communion wafer (not one from the altar). Some were curious about the impression on the wafer and how it tasted.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 7p-Young Adults Fellowship	2 6p-Women's Fellowship Night 7p-Elders Bible Study 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	3 7:15p-Praises Ring Rehearsal	4 9a-Wed Bible Study 2p-Kingdom Ringers Rehearsal 6p-Youth Group Grades 5-8 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA	5 5p-Pickleball 21-22 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	6 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	7 9a-Altar Guild Prep 11a-Jim Grovum Memorial Service 5p-Saturday Service
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29 10:15a-Unity Service 11:30a-Annual Meeting and Election of Officers 7p-Youth Adults Fellowship	30 Memorial Day Offices and School Closed 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	31 7:15p-Praises Ring Rehearsal				

WORSHIP | COMMUNION SCHEDULE

In Person Informal Worship – Saturday 5:00 PM

In Person Classic Worship – Sunday 8:00 AM

In Person Abiding Praise Worship – Sunday 10:15 AM

Live Stream Abiding Praise Worship Via You Tube – Sunday 10:15 AM

Communion Offered Weekly

Communion Offered 1st and 3rd Weeks

Communion Offered 2nd and 4th Weeks



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Adult Bible Studies

**Sunday @ 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM
Adult Ed. Room**

**Wednesday @ 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Gathering Grounds**



*Sunday, May 15
10:15 a.m. service*

