



Dying in Order to Serve

Imagine two grains of wheat lying on the floor of a warm and cozy barn. One day, the farmer comes in and tells them, "I want to take you out of this comfortable barn and plant you in the earth. I'm going to place you in the cold ground and cover you with soil. It will be dark, and you will die. But I promise that you will multiply and become very fruitful."

The first grain of wheat turns down the suggestion. "No way! I'm fine right where I am!" he says. "Count me out. I like my comfort, and I don't want to die." But the second one, after carefully considering the pain and discomfort of dying, decides the promise of a future harvest is worth the sacrifice. So, the farmer takes him outside and plants him in the ground, while allowing the first grain of wheat to remain inside the barn.

A few days later, a small green sprout begins to appear over where the seed has been planted. Then it grows and becomes a tall stalk of wheat that produces one hundred more grains. For the next 45 years, the farmer plants all the seeds that originated from that first grain of wheat, and year after year the harvest multiplies. Meanwhile, the

grain of wheat that stayed in the barn remains there all alone, never growing or multiplying, but he has stayed very comfortable.

In John 12:24-26, Jesus says *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."*

For a seed to germinate and grow to become a crop it must 'die'. Death leads to life. When we "die" to ourselves, we "rise" to new life in Jesus Christ. What does it mean to "die" to oneself? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "crucified" or "put to death". God gives us grace to say "yes" to His will and to reject whatever is contrary to His loving plan for our lives. Jesus also promises that we will bear much "fruit" for Him if we choose to deny ourselves for His sake.

Jesus knew that the only way to victory over the power of sin and death was through the cross. His cross frees us from the tyranny of sin and death and shows us the way of perfect love.

So, which grain of wheat are you? Are you playing it safe, or have you let Christ plant you in the world? The only way you will become useful and fruitful in God's kingdom is by abiding in Him and trusting that His desires for your life are worthwhile.



A New Bible Study is Coming: Join us for Mission in Motion

Have you ever wondered what God has called you to do in His kingdom? I mean you as an individual that He has redeemed as a member of His church, you know, baptized, and made you an heir of eternal life. Not the person sitting next to you, but YOU.

In a few weeks, we plan to start a new 4-week series that will help you discover what exact purpose God has redeemed you for a role in His mission to the people of the world. The study is titled "Mission in Motion" and I promise you that your life will be changed for the better as God works in your heart as a result of spending a few hours with us over 4 weeks. Keep watch for the announcement for the exact week that we will start.

Please plan on joining us for Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM in the Adult Education Room across from the Worship Center.



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, School & Preschool

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Lake Forest, California 92630
Church: 949.830.1460

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Reverend Glenn Lucas, Senior Pastor
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Deana Hicks, Extended Care Director

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Preschool Center..... 949.837.4292
Mary Wolfenbarger, Preschool Director

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

School Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Summer hours starting June 6
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Preschool Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Visit us on our website at
abidingsavior.com

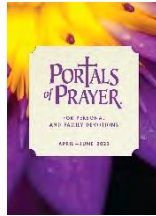


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Portals of Prayer



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.



Women's Fellowship is going on summer break. We will be returning with our program in October.

LWML Mites

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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 in the Narthex by both entrances. Place your Mite Box in an obvious place so you can "feed" it. Return your filled Mite Box to the large box in the Narthex 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 Jesus' love here and throughout the world.

Ladies Guild Scholarship Recipients

Jeanne Grovom

Ladies Guild is pleased to announce that the following individuals will receive scholarships to attend the 2022-2023 school year at Concordia University:



Stephanie Rivers is working towards her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and

a bachelor's degree in ECE Special Education at Grand Canyon University. She would like to be a mentor teacher. She has kept up her studies with excellence and offered to part of the KDP honor society in Education. She has been a preschool teacher at ASLS for sixteen years.



Rebekah Mehrley attends Concordia University Irvine. Her major is Liberal Studies

(Education) studying to be a Lutheran Elementary School Teacher/Resource Specialist. She has a minor in Pre-deaconess Studies and earning a Special Education credential.



Aine Molvik is attending Concordia University Irvine. Her major is Theology,

and she is in the Deaconess program. She has been doing ministry work on campus and in local churches.



thank
you

We want to thank all who attended Jim's Celebration of Life service. Your presence was very special to our family. Also thank you for all the beautiful cards, prayers, and thoughts for us.

*The Grovom, Herrera
and Vernotico families*

July 4th Parade is Back!



Abiding Savior will have a float in the Lake Forest July 4th parade again this year. This year, our float will feature a Lego church with the caption "Building Christ-Centered Leaders." We are looking for people that would like to help build and/or ride on the float or walk along side and hand out candy. If you would like to participate, please email Lori Beniche at:

LBeniche@abidingsavior.com

Lutheran Hour Ministries



Are you familiar with THRED? Paul Schreiber, who reports on the impact of LHM's ministry work in the United States, gives us an update.

THRED is LHM's five years and running social media ministry - a special blend of online videos,

topical blogs, conversational threads, in-depth articles, and several video series.

"Our experience at THRED is that people are seeking intelligent, provocative, spiritually-based social media interactions. They want to engage others in a real-life, real-time conversation where they can share their point of view and not be harshly judged or given pat answers to their complex questions," said Rachel Ticich, digital development manager for LHM.

"THRED's direction in 2022 and going forward will equip Christians for digital outreach in deep and meaningful ways. Applying what we have learned, we will continue to create fresh content that is timely and grounded in truth. Our goal is and always has been-to inspire and equip Christians to share their faith through winsome digital interactions that lead to vital spiritual conversations." Thich added.

As LHM worked with Barn Group to create and produce The Spiritual Conversation Curve, THRED shifted and grew to connect and align its content and strategies with this exciting philosophy of outreach. From the beginning, THRED's goal has been to connect church and non-church people in spiritual conversations. Using the Curve, THRED staff and volunteers began to realize this goal by employing the paradigm of "gaining a hearing," "giving good news," and "guiding towards faith" in their online exchanges.

Expanding on this approach is THRED's current work with Historic, a digital consulting firm which is reviewing THRED's layout and content arrangement.

THRED continues to be a vital component in LHM's goal of "Bringing Christ to the Nations." The world we live in now- and surely

many years to come-will contain the internet, or something like it. LHM's work to develop digital strategies to bring people together online is crucial. People are seeking; people are hurting; people are lost. Sometimes the only place they will go to connect with others is online. If their search takes them to THRED, there's an open and honest conversation about life, faith, and Jesus, waiting for them.

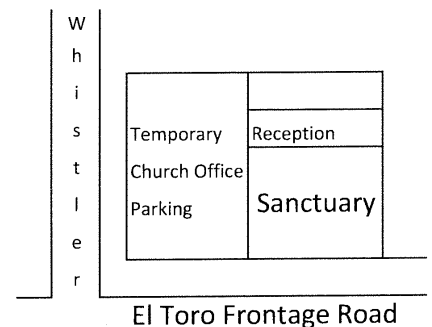
Church Office Closed June 6-10 Campus access that week through Church Narthex

During the week of June 6-10, the church office building will be undergoing urgently needed major repairs to its roof. The roof will be stripped down to the plywood base, and any damaged sheets replaced; then the roof will be reinstalled.

For safety reasons, staff cannot be in the church office during repairs. Reception will be moved to the church Narthex for that week. Church members and summer camp participants can park in the Whistler lot and enter campus through the Narthex. You can call the church office as normal during that week.

The church office parking lot will be closed, both for safety and to give the contractor an area for supplies.

The rest of the church office staff will be relocated elsewhere on campus or work remotely.



SUMMER Events



Sonshine Day Camp 2022

At Abiding Savior Sonshine Camp, we know that through faith we can accomplish anything. Through exciting and creative STEAM enrichment activities; all campers will explore science, technology, mathematics, arts, athletics, self-esteem, values, and more in a Christ-Centered atmosphere!

Sonshine Day Camp will be offered beginning June 8th and ending August 5th, 2022.

There will be no camp Monday, July 4th. Our camp is open to all children entering 1st – 6th grade in the fall.

Due to Covid-19, we are limiting our registration to church members, school families, and children that enrolled in our day school for the fall of 2022.

Download and fill out the registration forms using Adobe Acrobat, not in your web browser. Once completed, you can save the PDF, print, sign, scan, and submit it by email to Ms. Deana Hicks, Director of ESC at:

dhicks@abidingsavior.com or

contact the school office for a registration packet to be emailed or mailed.



2022

August 15th – 19th

1PM – 5PM

To sign up contact:

Mike Giron

mikegiron@att.net

Do you Sing or play
Guitar, Piano or Drums?

Play in a Worship Band
with your Friends!

Get guidance from
experienced musicians!

Learn to use your talent
for the glory of God!

Lead Sunday Worship!

Cost: \$110 per student



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 1 THRU AUGUST 5

Our 2022 VBS is "Monumental." Give kids a grand-new perspective! Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

We hope that you will be able to join us again this summer as we impact kids and families in our community. We have opened both student AND volunteer registration online if you wish to browse the positions or claim your role early, as they do go quickly! Join us for a MONUMENTAL Vacation Bible School by visiting:

vbspro.events/p/aslcs2022



Preschool

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



Congratulations to all of our graduates. We have enjoyed watching you grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, cognitively, and socially and we know that you will leave us knowing that wherever you go, Jesus loves you and so do we!

We have limited enrollment available for our summer session. Each week we have different secular and Biblical themes. We also are running a Kindergarten Readiness program for our older children. Call the office for more information.

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 June dates include:

- 1 Bubble Assembly
- 3 Last day of preschool with half day dismissal
- 3 Preschool Graduation 4 PM
- 8 First day of summer session

Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



Congratulations to the 2022 8th Grade graduates of Abiding Savior Lutheran School. They graduate on June 2, 2022 during a graduation ceremony held at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary. We pray that the Lord will

continue to guide their ways as they head on to high school. At least half of this class will be attending Crean Lutheran High School.



Christopher Bernal
Iliana Campos
Mackenzie Cordova
Olivia Grovert
Trent Harer
Xuanwen (Jerry) Huang
Mayden Jacobsson
Carolynn Keyes
Daniel Ku
Sadie Kusel
Vanessa Lang
Kaitlyn Loranger
Rebecca Njoroge
Rachel Paull
Marcus Santiago
Luke Thompson
Cooper Van Deusen
Katelynn Welch
Jinjiang (Robbie) Zhang

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah! Jesus' followers went to the tomb, only to find it empty. The Sunday School found an empty tomb. Actually, they crafted an empty tomb made of a paper plate with an angel overseeing the entrance, complete with a rolled-away stone.

The Resurrection story continues as the children review John Chapter 20, where Jesus appears to "Doubting" Thomas.

It is the afternoon of Jesus' Resurrection, and the children recollect the event of Luke 24, "Jesus appears on the Emmaus road." We read of two men headed from Jerusalem to Emmaus who are discussing the miracle of all time that took place that morning, when Jesus catches up to them and joins them on their journey. It is not until they all gathered together for an evening meal when Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and giving it to them that they at once recognized Him.

Not only did the children study the time that Jesus appeared to His disciples at the Sea of Galilee (John Chapter 21) but also to identify mothers to sons on Mother's Day. The photo below shows the children matching famous Biblical sons to their Biblical mothers on the white board and on individual handouts. They did a commendable job of matching eight sons to their mothers (do you know the name of Moses' mother)? Speaking of mothers, a new student correctly identified the specific connection between mothers and the Ten Commandments.



To cap off Mother's Day activities the children had the opportunity to color a basket of flowers for their mom and provide written responses to a list of five questions, such as: "I love my mom because," and "My mom is special because." Hopefully all the children presented their handiwork for their moms to cherish and enjoy.



Summer Counseling for Individuals (all ages)

Starting June 6th

\$75
Per Session

Our therapists can provide support in areas like:

- Self esteem
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Phobias
- Grief and Loss
- Relationship Concerns
- Trauma Attachment
- Life's Transitions
- Body Image
- Identifying Substance Abuse
- Screen/Gaming Addiction
- Self Harm

Individual sessions held at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church & School
23262 El Toro Road, Lake Forest, CA 92630



To register
or for more info:

rebecca@seedstherapy.org

☎ **949-243-7600**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 3p-Junior Girl Scouts Meeting 6p-Youth Group Grades 5-8 7:45p-AA	2 5p-Pickleball 21-22 7p-8th Grade Graduation 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice 8p-8th Grade Grad Night/Lock In	3 8a-8th Grade Grad Night/Lock In 4p-Preschool Graduation 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	4 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Saturday Service
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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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Return Service Requested
Time Dated Materials

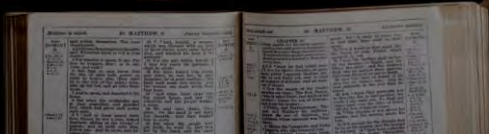


Abiding Savior
Lutheran Church

Adult Bible Studies

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

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



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