



Impactful Prayer

Colossians 1:1-9 includes a life-changing prayer, written by Paul to the believers at Colossae. Here is what makes this prayer so powerful: Every request is in agreement with God's will.

In verse 9, Paul asked that the Colossians be filled with knowledge of what the Father desires from His children. The way this happens is by spending time with God—talking with Him, reading His Word, and seeking His will. It includes His general purposes for all believers—such as loving Him and people (Luke 10:27)—as well as His specific plan for each one of us (Ephesians 2:10).

Paul knew that to apply what we learn, we need insight and clarity, which come from the Holy Spirit (Hohn 16:13). So, he asked God to give the believers at Colossae spiritual wisdom and understanding. But this is also a request we can make for those who don't know yet know Christ. After all, it's not God's desire for any to perish (2 Peter 3:9), and people need spiritual understanding in order to come to faith.

Our heavenly Father has promised that those who pray in agreement with His purposes will receive what they ask. Therefore, it

is important to start by discovering what His plans are. Try incorporating scriptural prayers into your conversations with the Lord.

As we seen in Colossians 1:10-14, Paul fervently desired that the body of Christ—individually and corporately—become spiritually mature. The apostle aske that we believers would know God's will and then:

- **Live a godly life (Colossians 1:10).** Paul prayed for our character, conversation, and conduct to be consistent with the Lord's. Our lives ought to be an extension of His—with eyes that look compassionately at others, hands that offer help, and mouths that speak forgiveness and love. A believer's character, while imperfect, should reflect Christ's righteousness.
- **Make life count (Colossians 1:10).** God cares deeply about what's done in obedience to Him. Jesus spoke about the importance of bearing much fruit, which is possible only when we stay connected with Him (John 15:5).
- **Experience God's power (Colossians 1:11).** Through the Holy Spirit's presence, we have all we need in order to do our Father's will.
- **Remain committed and grateful (Colossians 1:12).** God answers in His perfect timing. In the meantime, we should be steadfast in prayer and thankful for everything He's already done.

Whenever we pray these verses, our petitions are in accordance with God's will. And 1 John 5:14-15 tells us our Father responds affirmatively to prayers that align with His purposes.



Please join us on Sunday, April 14, for our Ministry Fair on the patio. Find out about everything that goes on around Abiding Savior and how you can be a part of the excitement.

There's a lot more happening than you just see on Sunday morning. Everything from mission opportunities and music to fellowship events... there is something for everyone.

Take your next step forward in faith and come learn more about opportunities for your own spiritual growth or to give your time and talent. Also, take note of the ministries that might benefit a friend or relative.



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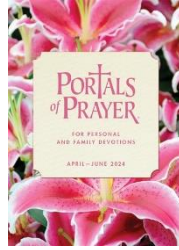


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Portals of Prayer



The April, May, June 2024 edition of Portals of Prayer is now available. Pick up your copy at either the 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.



Alleluias Resound!

An Easter Hymn Festival with guest organist Karissa Raebel

Sunday, May 5, 3:00 p.m.
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Free admission; donations accepted

Please join us on Sunday, May 5, for an exuberant afternoon of music and congregational singing! Abiding Savior music ministries are led by guest organist Karissa Raebel in a program focused on Lutheran song.



Free Income Tax Service

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING TAXES FOR 2023

There is no extension for submitting state or federal income taxes for the current tax year. Taxes are due no later than April 15, otherwise, if any tax that is due, and is not paid by this date, will incur both a penalty and interest. The interest amount will grow until paid.

Encourage your friends and relatives to prepare them and submit them by this date. Tell them they can have them prepared, free of any charge, here at the church. And of course, church members are especially welcome to have them done here. They will receive benefits not offered to the general public. Online registration can be easily completed at the following church website:

<https://www.abidingsavior.com/vita>



Women's Fellowship Ladies Night Out presents BUNCO night on Monday, April 1 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room! It will be great fun! Kids are on Easter break but it's a great night to get out. Bring a friend and join the fun! Potluck: A-L main dish, M-Z salad.



Looking for a Christian community to be a part of and meet some new people? Contact DCE intern Alexis Wood to get more information on Bible studies, fellowship, and recreational activities! She can be reached at awood@abidingsavior.com.



ASLC Ladies Guild

Sheila Grossman

Ladies Guild continues this spring to be a blossom of blessings at ASLC. And we are always blessed in return.

We spent a lovely afternoon at our annual Prayer Partner Tea. Our preschool staff were able to join us for tea, dessert and fellowship with their prayer partners. It was a nice opportunity to continue to show God's love.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18



Our final meeting for spring is April 10. Contact Sheila Grossman if you have any questions at: aslc.sheila.grossman@gmail.com

Flower Donations



The 2024 Flower Calendar has open dates for you to select. Select the dates for your contributions in honor of special people and events. Use the envelope provided and place it in the offering basket or note the Flower Fund using the online giving options. Thank you for your support!



Club 56 and JHM Youth Group will be every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the gym! Join us for fellowship, a devotional, games, and a snack! I hope to see you there! Anyone 5th-8th grade is welcome so bring a friend whether they go to Abiding Savior or not! If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Alexis Wood at awood@abidingsavior.com.



YOUTH X 2024 JUNIOR HIGH DISTRICT EVENT

On Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. we will be heading to Orange for the second annual Youth X event! This event is for Junior High students (5th-8th) from churches all around our district to come together, worship with some AMAZING music and speakers, play games, do a service project, and go to some great breakout sessions!

Theme: Sinner & Saint
Location: St. John's Lutheran Church
Date: April 13, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. (lunch & dinner provided)
Price: \$45 (t-shirts \$15)

Buy tickets and check out the website at: YOUTH X OC

Youth X Instagram: @youthx.oc

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Alexis Wood at awood@abidingsavior.com

Follow our Instagram @ASLC_youth for updates and check out all things Youth Ministry on our LinkTree: www.linktr.ee/aslcyouth

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

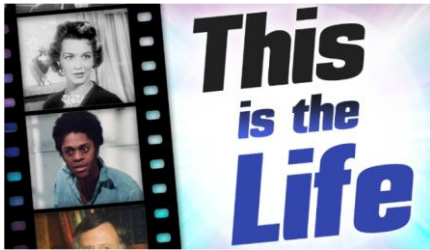
We are currently in a series titled "Noah, the Man, the Ark, the Flood". You will find it very interesting as it reveals many little-known facts about the flood and its impact on the world we see today. We meet in the Adult Ed Room off of the narthex at 9:15 a.m. between worship services.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

Please join us Wednesdays in the Adult Ed room at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the book of Micah.

Lutheran Layman's League

Lou Marting



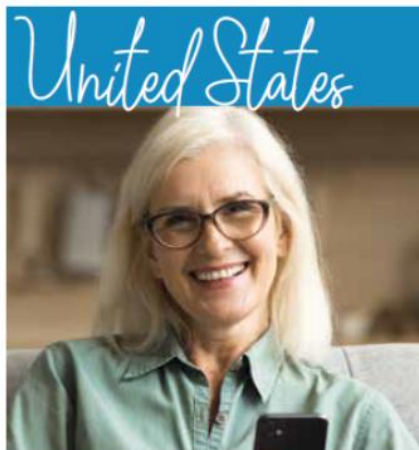
You are invited to a Life Group gathering to show a video from the historic *This is the Life* series.

It's on Sunday April 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. featuring the showing of *The Missing Ingredient* with Jack Nicolson from the early 50s!

Location: Abiding Savior Small Conference Room

Beverages will be provided. If you would like, bring your own food. Please RSVP to Lou Marting at (818) 404-6447.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT



When Donna was growing up in the early 1960s, she remembers sitting on her father's lap and listening to Dr. Oswald Hoffmann preach during **The Lutheran Hour** broadcasts on the radio. When the program concluded, she dashed out the door with her parents and siblings to attend worship services at their local church. At the start of the pandemic when Donna and her

husband could not attend church services in person, they started listening to **The Lutheran Hour** again. Now they continue to listen every Sunday morning before going to church. She says she also loves the app where she can listen to archived messages of the program. "Every Speaker through the years has been awesome, and their powerful and inspirational messages have had a tremendous impact on my spiritual life during difficult times," she says. "We praise God for your continued outreach into all the world."

The Lutheran Hour is the flagship radio program for Lutheran Hour Ministries. This 30-minute broadcast is the world's oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program.



You can access **The Lutheran Hour**:

- On local radio stations by way of the Broadcast Guide by zip code: <https://www.lhm.org/broadcastinformation.asp>
- Via email subscription: <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/default.asp>
- On the LHM Daily Devotions app.
- Wherever you listen to podcasts.



In today's increasingly polarized society, it is often easy to feel discouraged and disconnected from others, even those closest to us. We may feel divided by politics, race, or religion. What if every Christian saw his or her neighbor as a gift from God with gifts to share? How would

that change how we view, interact with, and serve our neighbors?

During a time when people are searching for hope, community is more important than ever. Lutheran Hour Ministries is answering the question, "How can I bring hope to my neighborhood?" We can use our individual gifts to make a real difference right where we are, among the neighbors we know and those we have not yet met but see every day. Our faith, put into action on a local level, can make an immediate and personal impact in our neighborhood and beyond.

It starts with one person in their place, and spreads one by one, until it blankets first neighborhoods, then communities, towns, and regions, and then the whole world is covered in personal connections and meaningful actions that bear witness to the love our God has for His people and the good He wants for the world. Can you imagine what would happen if Christians rediscovered this call to share the Gospel in deeds?

If history is an indicator, God could use our good deeds to gain a hearing for the Gospel and, according to His will, draw our non-Christian neighbors to the faith. This concept is really nothing new for us at LHM. Gathering at the local level and building genuine relationships with people close to us have been in the DNA of our organization since we were founded more than a century ago. This 21st century approach will allow us to bring people together in an age of division while sharing the Gospel both in word and deed.

Visit

<https://www.lhm.org/together/> to find valuable resources that help us as Christians be a welcome influence in our neighborhoods.



American Red Cross Blood Drive **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**

Located in the Gym
23262 El Toro Rd
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Sunday, May 5, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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Preschool

Celeste Cisna
Preschool Director



Spring gives us rich reminders of God's love, care, forgiveness and grace as we learn about butterflies and eggs, hallelujahs and sunrises, rocks and lilies. He has risen! He has risen indeed! Allelujah!

Our garden is thriving, and we have been harvesting all the fresh veggies and gifting them to our families. We plan on replanting new seedlings in April that will thrive in the upcoming months.

We will be having "He is Risen" parties during Holy Week. We will also be hosting an Easter Camp during spring break with multiple activities a day. Tanaka Farms will be visiting us with rabbits, goats, and chickens to provide a hands-on learning experience for the children, teaching them about the needs of these animals. Furthermore, we are also planning to open registration for our 8-week summer camp on April 8th and look forward to sharing God's love with the children all summer long!



We are currently full for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year and have a waitlist of over 50 people! We are so blessed that so many people want to come here and learn about Jesus and hope to be able to welcome more families in the future!

Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



School is on Easter Break from April 1 through April 5. Classes resume on Monday, April 8.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

The new format for Sunday School continues with classes being held between Sunday services. Many parents join their children, especially the younger folks, for class. Parents have the option also to attend a class intended for them.

Children busied themselves with coloring projects, as seen in the picture with the student focusing intently on his coloring sheet.



The children practiced their care for the home bound by crafting Easter cards, which were delivered to the recipients.

The older ones had a treat by learning about matzo bread and its possible relation to the Lord's Last Supper. They were offered samples, and some wanted seconds.



Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE | July 29 - August 2



At SCUBA (Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure) kids will take a deep dive into an amazing underwater world to experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word as they learn about building friendships with God and discover what "living water" is all about! For kids ages 5 through Grade 5th. Volunteers and donations are needed too! Registration coming soon!

Another way to splash into the fun of VBS is by volunteering! Sign up today at vbs.aslc.church.

VBS also needs donations - Amazon, Walmart, and Visa gift cards are helpful for purchasing supplies.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Campus Closed Easter Monday 6p-Women's Fellowship Night 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	2 4p-VITA Income Tax Preparation 5p-Pickleball	3 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 6p-5/6 & 7/8 Grade Youth Group 7:45p-AA	4 7p-Young Adults Ministry	5 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	6 9a-Altar Guild Prep 9a-VITA Income Tax Preparation 10a-Sew and Sews 5p-Praise Worship 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



NURSERY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



LOVE WORKING WITH LITTLE KIDS?

We need volunteers both teens and adults willing to serve the Lord monthly/bi-monthly in the church nursery during the 10:15 am service on Sundays.



*Any questions, contact: Mrs. Morgan
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AGES: 6 MONTHS - FOUR YEARS