



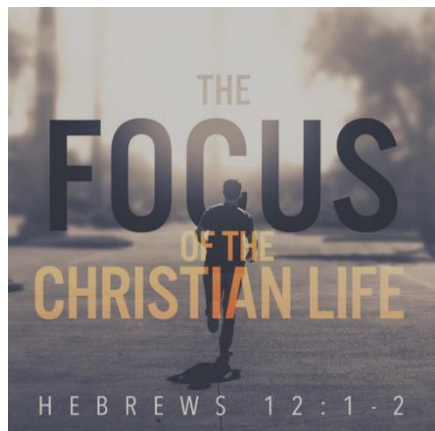
ABIDING SAVIOR

Lutheran Church and School

July 2021

Day By Day

FOCUSING ON THE COURSE



The Christian life can be likened to a race with a finish line in eternity. Our goal is to stay on track and run with endurance, but we won't know the way forward unless we focus on Jesus. Because He ran the race perfectly, He can show us the way.

In the Christian life, we run the race of faith. We don't strive for the crown that only one can receive. We strive to finish strong in our faith. God makes us all winners when we cross the line. We get Him! Forever! Thus, we all win God by persevering in faith and getting to the finish line. But we, like runners, must lay aside hindrances of our endurance. Hebrews 12:1-2 says:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Runners not only properly nourish their body and recover well, but they also work hard to build endurance. They endure long runs. They do speed workouts. They lift weights. They stretch. They push through pain. They have sore muscles and tired lungs.

Likewise, as Christians, we work hard to strengthen our faith to endure the race of faith. We must seek Him daily in His word and in prayer. We must seek fellowship among other believers and let our fellow church members encourage us in the faith. We must welcome rebuke and embrace trials. Personal discipline is essential if we are to keep our eyes focused on Jesus.

Although sins are the most obvious threat, anything that takes precedence over our relationship with the Lord can send us down the wrong path. It's easy to let our families, jobs, and pleasures distract us from a wholehearted pursuit of Christ. Surprisingly, even God's blessings can hinder us if we start to prioritize them over the Lord.

For us as believers, the goal isn't to focus on the path or find our own way. We're to fix our eyes on Jesus—He's our guide and destination, and He will welcome us home when we cross the finish line into eternity.

Love Serve Connect

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



Vacation Bible School this year is from July 19 through July 23
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers of any age, 6th grade through senior citizens, to help with VBS this summer! Volunteers are needed the week of July 19-23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There are lots of positions open from crew leaders, to activity leaders, crafts, and preschool helpers.

Our VBS is full with kids this summer, and we need about 90 volunteers to make it a success. Please consider helping out, you can head to abidingsavior.com/vbs to browse the open positions and sign up!

Please call or email Kyle Salesky, DCE, Director of Family & Youth Ministry with any questions.
Phone: 949.830.1460 ext. 2114
Email: ksalesky@abidingsavior.com

Remember that volunteering connects you to others and brings fun and fulfillment to your life!



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Reverend Glenn Lucas, Senior Pastor
Kyle Salesky, Family/Youth Ministries Director
Chris Vick, IT Specialist
Janet Calhoun, Church Secretary
Robin DeLong-Hanrath, HR/Office Manager
Karen Galas, Accountant
Laura Lyons and Jennifer Kranawetter, Admin Assistants to Pastors
Lori Beniche, Director of Communications
Linda Bo, Editor of Day by Day

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Samantha Fitt, School Secretary
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Deana Hicks, Extended Care Director

Preschool Staff

Preschool Center 949.837.4292
Mary Wolfenbarger, Preschool Director

Church Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Preschool Office Hours

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

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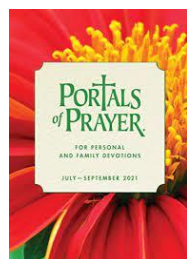
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HEY! YOU IN THE PEW...

Please beware of phishing and other email scams. Twice someone has spoofed Pastor Glenn's email as part of a scam to get individuals to purchase gift cards and then send images of the card's front and back with the activation code showing. They make it sound like an appeal either to assist someone else or to assist the person whose email has been spoofed. Please remember that all emails from Abiding Savior staff end with @abidingsavior.com. Any other email with the name of the individual and Abiding Savior in the address, e.g., glennlucas_abidingsavior@gmail.com, is a scam. Please contact the church or school office if you receive such an email or have questions about such a request.

Finally, our Abiding Savior Coffee Shop, "Gathering Grounds" will re-open on Sunday, July 4, between services! Please join us for coffee, treats and fellowship!



Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies. Pick up your copy from the church office during office hours during the week.

Share one with your friends!!



Our School Office summer hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through August 15.

Our Church Office hours will remain the same.



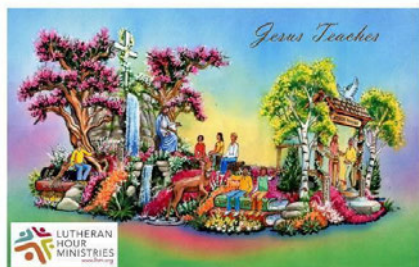
Mark your calendars! Our Fall Rooted Experience will begin on Sunday, September 12 at 11:45 a.m.

Rooted is more than a Bible study, program, seminar, or small group. In a world that is experiencing a pandemic, racial tensions, political discord, anxiety, isolation, mental health challenges, and emptiness, Rooted offers group experiences designed to help you see God and hear His voice in new and surprising ways and connect with other people on a similar journey through life. Rooted is a catalyst for life-change.

Rooted is a 10-week experience that is most effective if every participant attends weekly and misses no more than two meetings. The registration fee for Rooted is \$20 per person.

This is one of the most important experiences that we do here at Abiding Savior, so you do not want to miss it, especially if you are new to Abiding Savior or new to your relationship with God.

To learn more about Rooted at Abiding Savior church and school visit our Rooted website at abidingsavior.com/rooted.



Now in our 71st year, the Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) float continues to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of parade viewers around the world.

Themed ***Jesus Teaches*** and built by Phoenix Decorating Company, the float features Jesus with 12 modern day disciples in a lush, woodland setting. They are surrounded by books of Jesus' teachings; trail markers noting attributes that guide our daily lives including joy, peace, love, and kindness; and a cross firmly fixed to solid rock.

LHM invites viewers to experience the hope and love found in Jesus, as well as join the Petal Pushers®, a volunteer group that decorates 8 to 10 Rose Parade floats annually.

Watch for signups for decorating Rose Parade floats according to this schedule:

DRY DECORATION

Saturday, 12/4/21: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 12/11/21: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 12/18/21: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FLORAL DECORATION

December 26, 2021 – Sunday
Shift 1: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Shift 2: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
December 27, 2021 – Monday
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm
December 28, 2021– Tuesday
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

December 29, 2021 – Wednesday
Shift 1: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Shift 2: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
December 30, 2021 – Thursday
Shift 1: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Shift 2: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
December 30, 2021 – Thursday
Shift 1: 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lunch breaks 12 pm – 12:30 pm
Dinner breaks 6 pm to 6:30 pm



As people around the world continue to struggle with severe stress due to ill-health, job loss, financial issues, and isolation from family and friends, they need to hear messages of hope, peace, love, healing, restoration, and redemption in and through Christ.

Lutheran Hour Ministries has been able to boldly move forward in our mission of sharing the Gospel.

Over the last several months, the Lord has opened exciting new opportunities for us to reach people seeking comfort in the Gospel:

- The "From Despair to Hope" radio broadcast launched in Southeast Asia, in collaboration with Trans World Radio Asia.
- New media partnerships are sharing the Gospel in Pakistan, Iceland, and other previously unreached countries.
- Expansion of the THRED.asia website to include culturally relevant content in multiple languages is reaching more people throughout Central Asia.

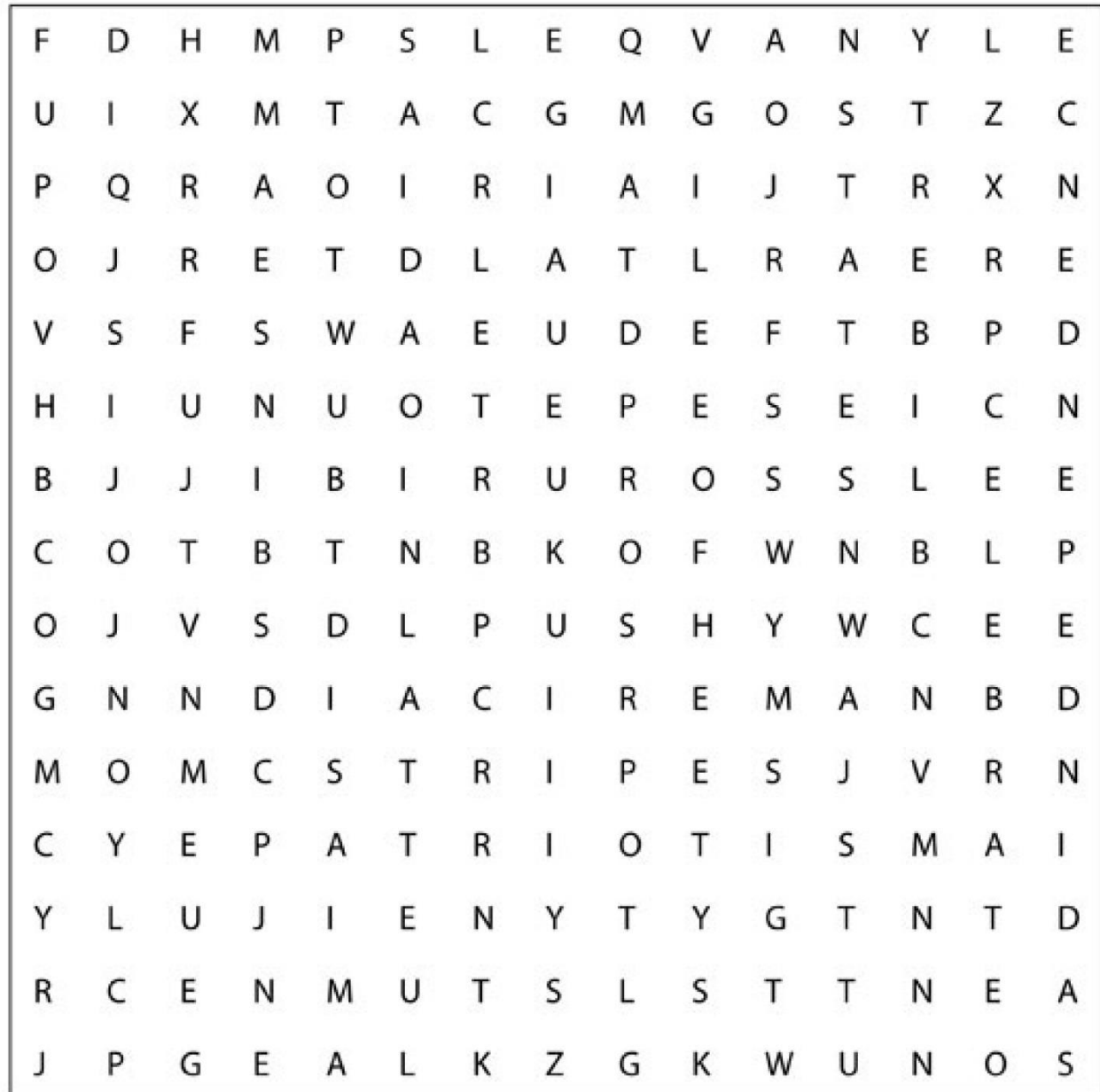
- Our Latin America Vivenciar.net platform will expand to reach the 40+ million Latinos in the United States.
 - Support of an additional Farsi-language television broadcast in conjunction with SAT-7 PARS allows us to reach older children and youth in the Middle East and North Africa.
 - A new prime-time television program in India shares Christ with the millions of people who speak the Malayalam language.
- See how #HOPEABOUNDS around the world: <https://www.lhm.org/hopeabounds/>



Our next young adult event takes place on Friday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a Trivia Event. Please watch your email for Church News update for the location.



Independence Day Word Search



AMERICA, CELEBRATE, CONSTITUTION, FIREWORKS, FLAG, FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, JULY, JUSTICE, LIBERTY, PARADE, PATRIOTISM, REPUBLIC, STARS, STATES, STRIPES

PRESCHOOL

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



Our summer session began on June 9. Mrs. Rivers, Mrs. Hardt, and Miss Cherry are leading our 2-3 year old classes and Miss Jennifer, Miss Ashley, and Miss Hailey are leading our Kindergarten Readiness Class. We are continuing to take extra safety precautions to keep all of our children, families, and staff safe and healthy.

Registration for the 2021-22 school year has begun. 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 x2113 or ynaber@abidingsavior.com. You can also visit our website at: www.abidingsavior.com.

Upcoming dates at the preschool:

- July 5 Preschool closed in observance of Independence Day
- August 9-25 Preschool closed for cleaning and training
- August 25 Meet the Teacher Open House
- August 26 First day of the 2021-22 school year

Have you ever considered a part-time career in Early Childhood? It does not take much to get started. Please contact Mary Wolfinbarger for more information at 949.837.4292. We are expecting to hire two additional teacher assistants this fall.



Scrip is a gift certificate program that provides a variety of gift cards for purchase. The gift certificates are purchased by the scrip program at a discount and sold to participants at face value. The difference is profit. This profit is split (50/50) between the school and the family purchasing the scrip. We use these funds for non-budgeted items, and families will receive a tuition credit for the following school year.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



We finished our school year with an amazing End of the Year Celebration. We celebrated being able to be in-person throughout the entire year without any need to quarantine. We thank God that He provided safety and provision to our school community. We did have to put on hold many of our fun events and field trips, so we treated our students to a very fun end of the year event. We had numerous interactive blow-ups, team building games, water games, Kona Ice Truck, Cotton Candy, and T-K Burger Truck.



The students said, "It was the best day ever!" We thank our teachers and staff for putting in the hard work to make this a great day for the students.

We continue to enroll students for the 2021-2022 school year, but a couple of our classes have a waiting list at this time. The first day of school is August 26. If you know of any families looking for a Christian education for their children have them, contact Yesi Naber in the school office.

HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!

GOSPEL ADVENTURES

THAILAND TREK

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TAKE A THAILAND TREK Without Leaving Your Home or School!

by MEGAN MCDANIEL



For 2021, *Gospel Adventures* is heading on a *Thailand Trek* with the country's national symbol, the elephant. Just like *Passport to Peru* and *Go Mongolia*, *Gospel Adventures: Thailand Trek* will be a free resource available to Christian schools, churches, homeschools, and individuals across the United States, filled with fun activities and an interactive website.

Gospel Adventures gives kids, and even some adults, an inside look into the day-to-day lives of people like them around the world through music, videos, and fun characters. Children can see, through the engaging videos, that there are children who share the same faith as them who are located all around the world.

Not only do participants get to see how people live and work in other countries, but they get to see God's work in action with examples of how they can share the Gospel with people in these areas through prayer and designated chapel offerings.

As a way to support children's ministry around the world, schools and churches can choose to collect donations through chapel offerings or change drives. These donations will go toward LHM's Global Kids Fund that supports ministries that are similar to the one they saw during the Gospel Adventures program.

Since 2012, these activities have led to more than \$200,000 being donated to LHM's Global

Kids Fund. Gifts given to the Global Kids Fund during *Thailand Trek* will go directly toward LHM's ministry work in Thailand. Every year for the holidays, including Christmas, National Children's Day, and Valentine's Day, **LHM-Thailand** conducts school outreach programs that reach between 3,000 and 5,000 children in schools throughout Thailand. During these events, LHM-Thailand staff shares the

Good News with students and teachers who have not yet heard the saving Gospel message. In addition, each student who attends the event receives a gift package filled with LHM children's bilingual booklets, a Bible story coloring book with a crayon or colored pencil, LHM mementos, and a sweet treat or cookie. A gift of \$5 will provide a special gift package to one child. Donations can be made online at lhm.org/give (and selecting Global Kids Fund from the dropdown menu) or mailed to the LHM office in St. Louis, MO.

Are you interested in using *Gospel Adventures* in your church or school, or even at home with your kids or grandkids? Visit gospeladventures.org to register, or to download the sample containing the Day 1

curriculum to see what this program is all about. The full week of curriculum will be available in January 2021. We look forward to going on a *Thailand Trek* with you, beginning in 2021! †

Megan McDaniel reports on the impact of LHM's ministry work around the world.

DID YOU KNOW:

- "Thailand" means land of the free
- About 70 million people live in Thailand today
- There are more than 60 languages spoken in Thailand
- Thailand has 1,430 islands
- Some areas can get up to 15 feet of rain
- The elephant is the national symbol
- Houses are built on stilts, five or six feet off the ground
- Nearly 40 million tourists visit Thailand each year
- Thailand does not have an official religion

... they get to see God's work in action.

JULY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | | | | 1 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice | 2 | 3 9a-Altar Guild 5p-Informal Worship Service |
| 4 Independence Day Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar | 5 Church and School offices closed | 6 | 7 | 8 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice | 9 | 10 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Informal Worship Service |
| 11 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 11:30a-Life Group, Glenn and Debbie Amick 11:45a-John Taylor Life Group | 12 6:30p-Julie Taylor Bible Study | 13 | 14 | 15 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice | 16 | 17 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Informal Worship Service |
| 18 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar | 19 9a-Vacation Bible School | 20 9a-Vacation Bible School | 21 9a-Vacation Bible School | 22 9a-Vacation Bible School 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice | 23 9a-Vacation Bible School | 24 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Informal Worship Service |
| 25 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 11:45a-John Taylor Life Group | 26 6:30p-Julie Taylor Bible Study | 27 | 28 | 29 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice | 30 | 31 9a-Altar Guild Prep 12 p – Filling backpacks for SCO 5p-Informal Worship Service |

WORSHIP | COMMUNION SCHEDULE

In Person Classic Worship – Sunday 8:00 AM

In Person Informal Worship – Saturday 5:00 PM

In Person Abiding Praise Worship – Sunday 10:15 AM

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

Communion Offered 1st and 3rd Weeks

Communion Offered Weekly

Communion Offered 2nd and 4th Weeks



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