



ABIDING SAVIOR
Lutheran Church and School

October 2021

Day By Day

The Significance of Discernment



Discernment can describe the process of determining God's desire in a situation or for one's life or identifying the true nature of a thing, such as discerning whether a thing is good, evil, or may even transcend the limiting notion of duality.

So, who couldn't use some discernment? There is so much in our world grappling for our attention. Because of this, discernment is more necessary now than ever before to protect against false teaching and to walk a path of holiness.

John the Baptist was a man of tremendous discernment. This rough and rugged preacher came thundering on the scene of staid orthodox Judaism, and he brought a message to the entire Jewish nation. John's job was to prepare the way for the Messiah's arrival. What he had to say was simple: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:3).

As the multitudes flocked to hear this unique prophet and repent of their sins, John discerned that some of them were frauds. The Pharisees and Sadducees had come to check him out, not to repent. They were hiding reality behind a religious exterior.

A discerning spirit is one that is in tune with the Spirit of God. As John lived in submission to the Lord, he gained insight beyond anything that could have originated from his own mind.

He saw the situation from God's perspective and delivered a strong rebuke to that "brood of vipers" (Matthew 3:7). Although we may never be as forthright as John, there will be times when a discerning spirit will lead to confrontation.

As Christians, we are all called to seek and utilize discernment. We are called to look at the good world God created and pursue His goodness and godliness. Proverbs 17:24 tells us that, "The discerning sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth."

The Father wants His children to develop spiritual discernment in order to guard against deception. We must know how to recognize invalid philosophies as well as false doctrines that sneak into the church. What's more, divine insight can also protect us in our relationships and even helps us see the truth about ourselves.

As we grow in our understanding of the gospel, we will grow in discernment. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are provided freedom unlike any other. The undiscerning will not experience this freedom.

When we put our faith and hope in Christ, we are saved out of our sin, and into relationship with the Lord. The more we come to understand this reality and its implications, the greater our spirit of discernment will be.



On Saturday, October 23, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Abiding Savior will be holding the 7th annual Great Giveaway in our church parking lot. We are looking for gently used items that you would like to donate that could find a home with someone else. We will in turn offer these items for free to all who attend the Great Giveaway. Please contact Samantha Fitt at SFitt@abidingsavior.com to schedule your items for drop off. Help us provide our community with a FREE garage sale.



It is time to celebrate Trunk or Treat at Abiding Savior this Halloween on Saturday, October 30. We would like you to decorate your car and pass out candy to eager trick-or-treaters. The event runs from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in our back parking lot this year. Just bring your car and your candy and come fellowship with all of us. Sign up on the church patio during October so that we can save you a space.



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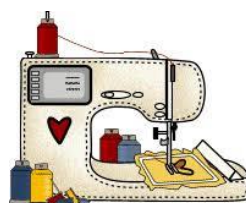
The 9th Annual Chili Cook Off was a success with eight entries competing for the 'Golden Ladle Award.'

First place winner was Ms. Deana Hicks taking home the 'Golden Ladle Award'.

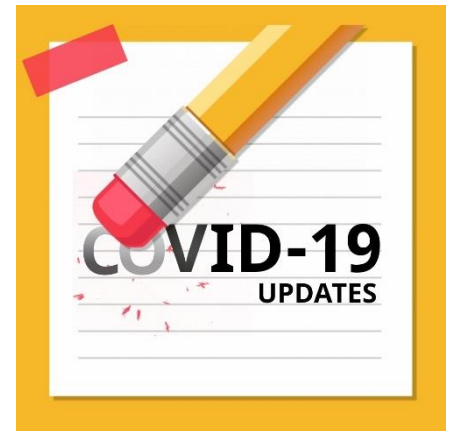
We thank all the people that entered the cook off and those who came out to sample and voted!



If you served in the military and have pictures both past and present, we would like to include them in a video we are planning for Veteran's Day. If your picture was in last year's video, there is no need to resubmit it. All new pictures need to be received by Sunday, October 23. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abidingsavior.com.



Sew 'n Sews will be meeting Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM in upstairs youth classroom (top of the stairs). We will be working on pillowcases for CHOC and recent fire victims through an organization called WE CARE. Please join us. Please contact Janice Trumbauer at krafter@cox.net or call 949-609-9766.



Abiding Savior follows these COVID-19 protocols for our worship service:

- Masks are optional and recommended for fully vaccinated attendees. Masks should be worn by unvaccinated attendees. We encourage you to use your best judgment.

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when you enter the worship center.

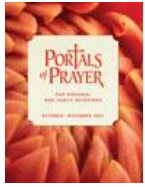
- If you have any of the symptoms related to COVID-19 stay home and enjoy the service via live stream.



Help keep our contact information up-to-date!

If you have a new home phone, cell phone or new email address, please call the church office at 949.830.1460 so we can update our records. Thanks!

Portals of Prayer



Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies. Published quarterly, authors change each month.

The October, November, December 2021 edition of Portals of Prayer has arrived. Pick up your copy from the church office during office hours during the week.

Pick-up an extra one and share with a friend!

Items Needed for the Great Giveaway

The date of the Great Giveaway is Saturday, October 23, 2021. Please bring any gently used items to the church office.

Items that we need are:

- Clothes for baby, child and adult
- Toys
- Household items
- Baby equipment
- Bicycles (must be in good working condition)
- Furniture that will fit in the trunk of a car

Goods not accepted are:

- No Mattresses
- No Books
- No furniture larger than the trunk of a car
- No Appliances

If in any doubt, please contact the church office. Volunteers are needed Friday, October 22, at 5:30 PM to set up and Saturday, October 23, at 6:00 AM.

For more details on the event or volunteering, please contact Samantha Fitt at sfitt@abiding Savior.com or at 949.830.1461.

Ladies Guild is Back!

Please join us for our first Ladies Guild meeting of the new season on Wednesday, October 6 at 12:00 PM in the Adult Education Room. Bring your lunch, but dessert will be provided. Our group meets monthly and throughout the year coordinates college scholarships, service projects, Pastors/Staff Appreciation Day, outreach to ASLC homebound, potlucks, and the annual Christmas party. A perfect opportunity to enjoy food, fun, fellowship and facilitation. Please contact Sheila Grossman at aslc.sheila.grossman@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Bringing Christ to the Nations

It's time to get together! Be blessed! Get engaged!

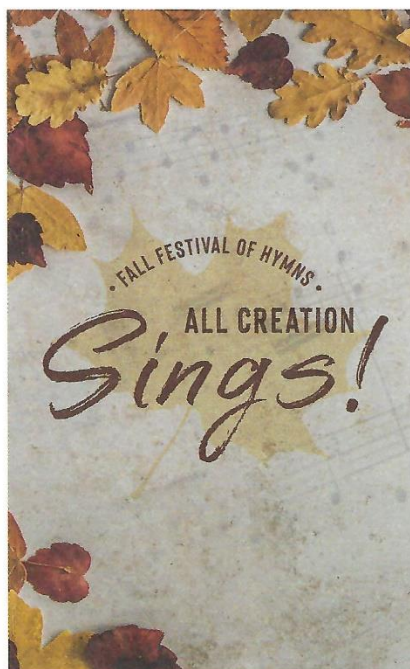
Bringing Christ to the Nations Conference Saturday October 9th 2021. Register at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Topics include Households of Faith, Neighborhood Outreach and the passion to maximize the connection between church and school ministry in an effort to develop dynamic disciples for Christ.

At Concordia University Irvine, our speakers include:



- Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson, PSD President
- Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour
- Rev. Dr. Norbert Oesch, Pastoral Leadership Institute
- Mrs. Jackie Oesch, CrossConnect Ministries
- Rev. Dr. Richard Burkey, Senior Pastor Christ Lutheran Church Ministries, La Mesa
- Xavria Schwarz, Principal
- Cheri Selander, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

This event is FREE. Lunch is provided. A free will offering will be accepted.



FALL FESTIVAL OF HYMNS 2021 "ALL CREATION SINGS!"

Jeremy Bankson, *guest composer & organist*
Concordia Choir
Concordia Master Chorale
Michael Busch, *conductor*

Sunday, October 3
4:00 pm, CU Center

Experience a Concordia tradition spanning almost 40 years! Audience and choirs perform together in an inspiring festival of hymn singing led by guest composer and organist, Jeremy Bankson. Mr. Bankson is recognized for his artistic hymn festival leading across the country. His compositions have been heard on nationally syndicated radio programs and are featured in the catalogs of MorningStar Music Publishers, Augsburg Fortress Press and Concordia Publishing House.

Bonus event! Jeremy Bankson will be a featured presenter in an organ masterclass cosponsored by Concordia University and the Orange County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Saturday, October 2 at 4:00 pm.



PRESENTS:

Ladies' Night Out!

Mark your calendars for the 1st Monday of each month (excluding December) from 6:00 - 7:30 pm for a rewarding night out.

Each month will have a different activity along with a potluck dinner.

Please plan to join us each month as we get to know each other!

OCTOBER 4 | CRAFT

Drinks and dessert will be provided

Potluck: Last name A - L Salad | M - Z main dish to serve 8

NOVEMBER 1 | CRAFT

Drinks and dessert will be provided

Potluck: Last name A - L Salad | M - Z main dish to serve 8

DECEMBER 11 | ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sign ups start soon, space is limited | More information to follow

JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7 - MARCH 7 - APRIL 4 - MAY 2



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FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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PRESCHOOL

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



We are very excited to announce that Abiding Savior has been selected as the Editor's Choice for Best Faith-Based School in OC Parenting Magazine!

Please join me in welcoming Erin Whitten to our ministry. Erin will serve part-time as a teacher assistant and office assistant at the preschool.



Erin Whitten

"My name is Erin Whitten. I am a mother of two boys, Austin and Wyatt; both attend Abiding Savior. For the last 15 years, I have been working as a consultant in the healthcare industry, focusing on regulatory and reimbursement services. Like the rest of the world, 2020/2021 brought changes for our family, and I found myself as a full-time stay-at-home mom for the first time. This change allowed me to help with Austin's class, something that made my heart feel full. I am a true believer that things happen for a reason, and God has a plan that we do not always see coming. Since the first day I dropped my son off at preschool, Abiding Savior has felt like home, so I am looking forward to being part of the Abiding Savior Preschool team."

We want to thank everyone who "adopted" one of our preschool students this year. We appreciate your continued prayers and support.

Please contact the 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.



Sunday School is in session each Sunday after the Children's Message at the 10:15 service. We need teachers and helpers. Please contact Sharon Simon at ssimon@abidingsavior.com to participate in this ministry to children.



This year's Gospel Adventures® is heading on a Thailand Trek! With remarkable landscapes from islands, mountains, a plateau, densely populated cities, and more, **Gospel Adventures: Thailand Trek** is sure to be a journey to remember! Kids will be introduced to kids just like them living in Thailand who carry their faith with them through day-to-day life. Teach your kids about the foods, animals, people

and places of Thailand with Gospel Adventures.

Your child will learn fun facts about the people of Thailand, for example:



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"Love" in Thai



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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



Abiding Savior Lutheran School was chosen as Editor's Choice Award for the Best Faith-based School by Orange County Parenting Magazine. We praise God for this amazing recognition for the second year in a row. Thank you teachers and staff for keeping our mission at heart for everything you do for the students and families. Thank you parents for passionately embracing Christian education.

The Parent Teacher League will be hosting a Fall Carnival on October 2. This event will be held outside. It is a great event for families to come and fellowship together. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult. No drop offs, please.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls' Volleyball began this September. They started the season with a victory over Red Hill Lutheran. It was great to see our sports program begin after not being able to play since March of 2019. They are having a great time.



Abiding Savior Lutheran's Parent Teacher League

Proudly Presents the 2021

FALL CARNIVAL

ROUND UP YOUR FAMILY FOR A FUN-FILLED FAMILY EVENT ON THE
ABIDING SAVIOR GRASS FIELD AND PARKING LOT

Saturday, October 2, 2021

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CHICK-til-A DINNER

PROVIDED BY THE 7TH GRADE CLASS

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Order forms available
in the school office.

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- ✓ CAKE WALK
- ✓ NEW THIS YEAR!
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Would you like to be more involved in PTL? There are many ways to help: continue your support

through fellowship and fundraising events, join the PTL steering committee – a group of parents who plan and implement PTL programs, and join a specific committee or help out on an occasional basis. Want to help? Please call Melanie Schwald at 949.293.9449 for more information.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7:30p-NA	2 9a-Altar Guild 10a-Sew 'n Sews 2p-Fall Carnival 5p-Informal Worship Service
3 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 5p-Life Group Lou Marting 7p-Youth Group	4 6p-Women's Fellowship Night 7p-Elders Bible Study 7:30p-NA	5 4p-Kingdom Kids 7:30p-Praises Ring	6 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 12p-Ladies Guild 6p-Confirmation 6p-Youth Group 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA	7 5p-Sports Fellowship Pickleball 6p-Paper Crafters Night 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice 7:30p-AA	8 7:30p-NA	9 9a-Altar Guild Prep 9a-Flu Shot Clinic 5p-Informal Worship Service
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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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Return Service Requested
Time Dated Materials



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Adult Bible Studies

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

Wednesday @ 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
in the Adult Ed. Room or Gathering Grounds



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Health Ministry

Free FLU SHOT CLINICS*

| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
9:00AM - 1:00PM
ADULT ED ROOM

| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
10:00AM - 1:00PM
HEALTH MINISTRY ROOM

**Ages: 9 and above.*
"Senior" Doses available.

