



Hope for a Changing World

As one year ends and another begins, columnists and commentators look back at the previous year. What changed? What stayed the same? Whose passing did we mourn? Whose new arrival did we celebrate?

At the same time, we make predictions about the coming year. What will the new year hold? What will change? What will stay the same?

As fun and exciting as it may be to reminisce about the past and dream about the future, it can also be a little sad and scary. Things will likely never be what they used to be. Loved ones who have passed away don't come back. Jobs that are lost seldom reappear quickly. Even when broken dreams and broken relationships are repaired, they rarely return to their former glory. The rapid changes in our world can give us a sense of unease and uncertainty. We can even be thrown off balance by the suffering we see around us, the evolving technology that outpaces our ability to absorb it, and the daily rise and fall of the financial markets. Sometimes what seems worthwhile to us today has less value tomorrow.

As problems mount, we can become discouraged and lose heart. But basing all our hope on man's ability to solve problems or modify a situation is not the answer. We can achieve only temporary peace when we alter our own circumstances or adjust our outward behavior.

The root problem in our culture is spiritual – namely, man has a sin nature that is at enmity with God. Sin prompts us to look out for ourselves and pursue what we want. Neither our intellect nor talent could have changed our sinful state or brought us peace with God. However, those who trust Jesus as Savior receive a new nature and are reconciled to the Lord. As His adopted children, we not only are a peace with Him but also have been given the power to live in harmony with one another.

No matter how much life changes, we can have hope, for we are anchored to a firm foundation that will never be shaken (Isaiah 28:16).

Jesus—the same yesterday, today, and forever—promises to be with us, to love us, to care for us, and to give perfect peace with God to all who trust in him. Only Jesus offers unchanging hope to an ever-changing world.

Remember, the believer's hope rests in the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our heavenly Father knows each of us by name (Isaiah 43:1). Our Savior keeps every divine promise (2 Corinthians 1:20). And the Holy Spirit assures us that we are secure in Christ, both in this life and the one to come.



Ladies Guild Scholarship Applications School Year 2022-2023

The Ladies Guild will once again be accepting applications from students studying to enter church careers at LCMS colleges, universities, and seminaries, who are members of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, are encouraged to contact the church office for a scholarship application.

A letter of recommendation from an Abiding Savior Pastor and a teacher or school administrator who knows you well are required.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Jeanne Grovom at jgrovom@cox.net. **The deadline for applying for a scholarship is March 7, 2022.**

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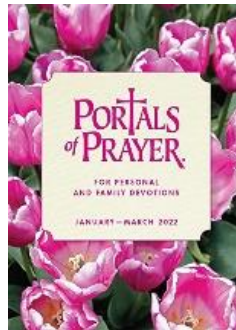
Thank you for
all the prayers,
well wishes and
get-well cards. The
Lord and my family
have been very
instrumental in



securing all the medical tests and
procedures to diagnose and treat
the cancer. I have finished my three
8-hour sessions of chemo and am
scheduled for a Pet scan on January
4. My family and I wish each one of
you a blessed Christmas and God's
Blessings in the New Year.

Jim Grovom

Portals of Prayer



quarterly, authors change each
month.

The January, February, March
2022 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!

Portals of
Prayer is great
for personal
devotions and
can be used to
open church
meetings or
Bible studies.
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Unity Services on January 2 and 30

Let us all worship together at
10:15 a.m. for communion on
Sunday, January 2 and January 30.
On January 1-2 there will be no 5:00
PM or 8:00 AM services, and no
Sunday School. On January 29
there will be a 5 p.m. service but no
8 a.m. service and no Sunday
School.

Both unity services are also
available live stream.

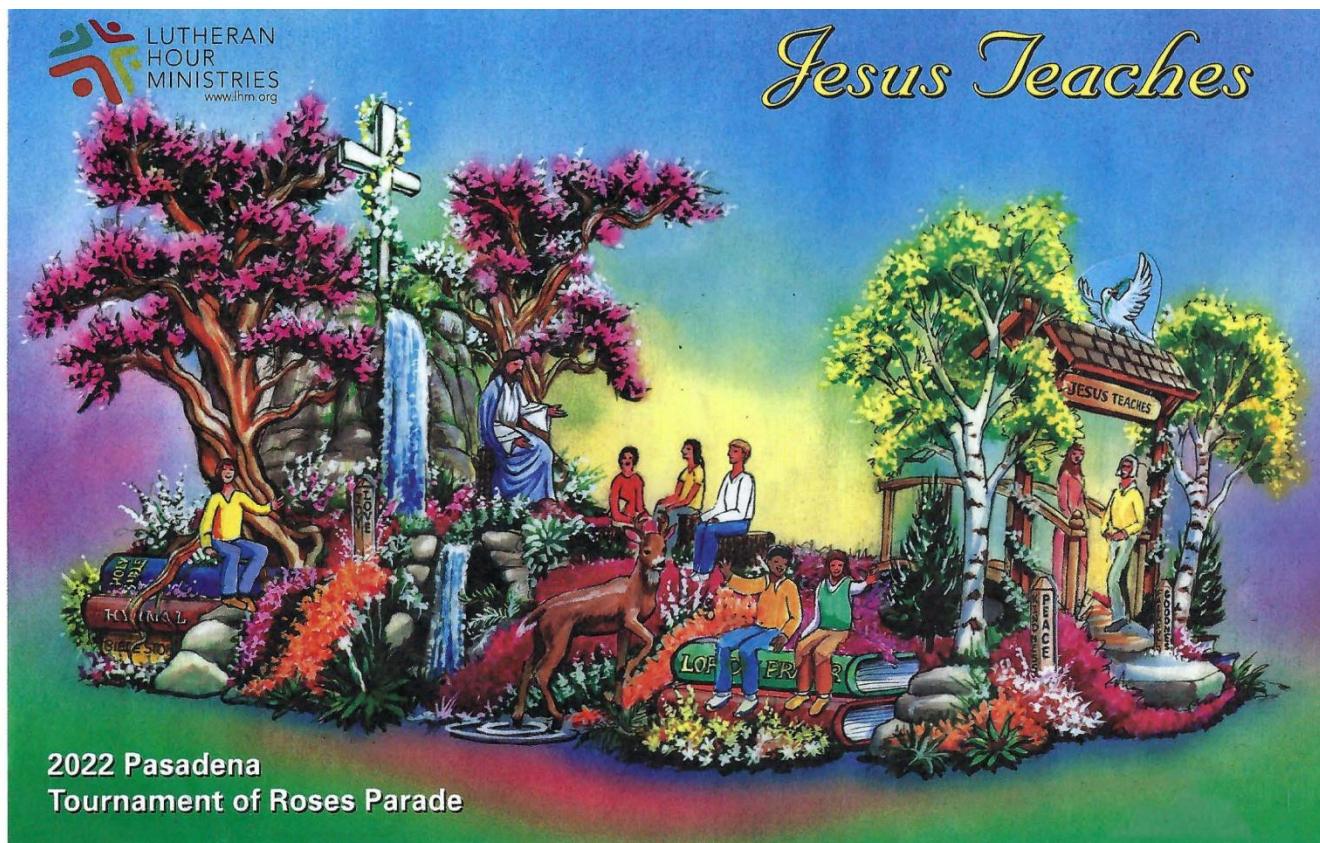


South County
Outreach has a
growing need for
soup to help feed

the many people in Orange County
including families and the elderly.
Please bring in canned or packaged
soup throughout the month of
January to the church.

Women's Ministry: Ladies' Night Out

Mark your calendars for the
first Monday of each month 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! Dates are January 3,
February 7, March 7, April 4 and
May 2. For questions, please
contact Janice Trumbauer
949.609.9766 or email
kraft@cox.net.



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www.lhm.org

Jesus Teaches

71st Year of Participation

Dear Christian Friends,

The 2020 Lutheran Hour Ministries Float "Anchored in Jesus" was well received by the 1 million people on the parade route as they cheered and pointed one way. Additionally we received great TV coverage on a variety of networks. The LHM Float Committee would like to thank all of you who have generously supported our efforts through prayer and gifts of love. People like you make it possible to witness God's love and joy to more than 450 million people who view the parade worldwide

2022 THEME / FLOAT DESCRIPTION

The theme of the 2022 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade is "Dream, Believe, Achieve" and the theme Lutheran Hour Ministries Float is "Jesus Teaches."

Throughout the four gospels of the Bible, we learn of Jesus teaching people everywhere he goes. He teaches on a number of topics: prayer, forgiveness, the nature of God's kingdom, generosity, stewardship, the Old Testament, and so on. The teachings of Jesus open our imaginations to a world of possibility where the broken are made whole, where the unlovable are deeply loved, where death is not an end but a new beginning. Most importantly, Jesus teaches us about who he is and his work on the cross through which God declares peace between heaven and earth.

Featured on our float are Jesus with 12 modern day disciples. Additionally there are several Christian symbols including a Cross firmly fixed upon a solid rock from which flows a stream of Living Water. The float also features religious books containing Jesus' teachings and the Fruits of the Spirit are written on the trail markers to guide us in our daily lives.

At the opening of Saint Mark's account of the good news of Jesus, the gospel writer notes that people throughout the region were "amazed at Jesus' teaching for he taught them as one who had authority..." (Mark 1:22). Often in the gospels, we hear of Jesus retreating up a mountain, away from the crowds and the demands of life, to spend some intensive time with God in prayer. With this year's float, Lutheran Hour Ministries invites you to retreat from the business of life and go "up the mountain" to sit at Jesus feet to listen, to learn, and to "be amazed at Jesus' teachings."

RIDERS

The 2022 LHM Float Riders are going to be led by Kurt Senske, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Lutheran Hour Ministries and Debbie Larson, President of the LWML. Joining them will be teachers, students and first responders from Southern California LCMS Churches.

TV Viewing Tips

While the Tournament of Roses Parade is on most network channels, ABC, NBC, the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float is not guaranteed coverage due to commercials and/or other TV commitments. For the best viewing of the parade, the Hallmark channel or RFD TV shows the parade in its entirety on cable TV. Check your local listings for time and channel.

THE PETAL PUSHERS®

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of the Petal Pushers® we are able to reduce the cost of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float. Last year more than 4,500 people volunteered their decorating talents. These dedicated Christians decorated not only the eight floats we were contracted to decorate, but also helped to complete additional floats.

Would you like to work with the Petal Pushers®?

Individuals or groups interested in volunteering, please refer to the Petal Pushers® Website, www.petalpushers.org, or contact Petal Pushers® Chairman, Lynn Gast, at (949) 230-2501 or email chairman@petalpushers.org

The 2022 Petal Pushers® sweatshirts and T-shirts are Black. They feature the traditional Petal Pushers® logo on the front and a representation of the float on the back. Wearing these Petal Pushers® shirts year round serves as a magnificent Christian witness. They also make wonderful souvenirs of the Tournament of Roses Parade and fabulous Christmas gifts.

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Float is a project of the Southern California District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League.

MISSION OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES FLOAT

"To provide a Christian witness and hope in Jesus Christ to the unchurched, who view the float in person and through the media."

In an age that questions Christian values and messages, the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee has remained committed to our mission for more than 70 years. We sincerely invite you to join us in our efforts to bring the hope of Christ to a world in need.

Yours in His Service,

Dick Gast
General Chairman
Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee

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Pastor Chuck Birner Turns 99!

On December 1, Pastor Chuck Birner celebrated his 99th birthday with a little help from his friends here at Abiding Savior. It was a very festive occasion!



Angel Tree

A big thank you to everyone that participated in our Angel Tree this Christmas. We were able to help so many individuals and families all because of YOU! Thank you for making Christmas brighter for everyone.



From the Kitchen



This New Year's Eve, try this easy-to-make appetizer. You can put them together ahead of time and freeze them to bake later.

PARTY RYES

- 1 cup grated Swiss cheese
- ½ cup bacon crumbles
- 1 (4½ oz) can chopped black olives
- ¼ cup chopped green olives
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 loaf Party Rye bread (small slices)

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Mix all ingredients together and spread on Rye slices.
3. Bake 10-15 minutes, serve hot.
4. If frozen, let them defrost for 1-2 hours and follow the cooking instructions above.

The Season of Epiphany



While Christmas brought us face-to-face with Jesus as fully human—a baby son born to Mary and laid in a manger—the Sundays in Epiphany (Greek: to reveal) leave little doubt that we are looking at Jesus who is fully divine—the Son of God. If Christmas celebrates the fact that the Father gave his only begotten Son to the world, then Epiphany is the unwrapping of this gift. Today, we have been called to see Jesus as the Light of the World and as true God. The themes of light and revelation to the nations are dominant during the season of Epiphany.

The Festival of Epiphany is always on January 6, even if that isn't a Sunday. It is the second-oldest festival of the Christian church (only Easter is an older observance).

On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, we always observe the Baptism of our Lord, and on the last Sunday of the season—before Ash Wednesday—we always read about Jesus' Transfiguration. These two occasions bracket the season of Epiphany because they most clearly reveal who Jesus is: the divine Son of God.



Rock of Aging Ministry



Abiding Savior has a very special ministry to our homebound members who can no longer attend church, called Rock of Aging.

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.

Once a month, we gather together either by Zoom or in person to report on our visits that month and talk about how we can serve our homebound members better. For January, we will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, January 11 to discuss plans for Valentine's Day.

During December, we distributed special holiday ornaments, made by the members of our Women's fellowship, to our homebound members for Christmas.



We have an urgent need for new volunteers in this ministry. We have many more members that have become homebound either due to health issues or due to their risk should they contact COVID-19. 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. Families with children can be a particular joy for our seniors, and your children will learn the meaning of our calling as Christians to love and serve one another.

To learn more about this 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.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Attention parents, grandparents, and all who bring children to the 10:15 AM Sunday service. Allow your young ones to attend Sunday School after the Children's Message where they can get immersed in stories from the Bible in a child-friendly environment.

Last month, the kids reenacted the event in John Chapter 5--Jesus heals the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda--where all the sick ran to the pool before the one lame man was able to reach it. (To demonstrate this, one child's legs were gently tied together to make sure this "lame" man would be last to reach the pool.)

Transfiguration....that's a big word, even for adults. By reading Scripture and viewing visual media, the children saw the disciples walking with Jesus, who looked like one of them, then suddenly seeing, "The appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning."

Teachers are anxiously awaiting to share Good News with your children!

Preschool

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



Happy New Year and Blessed Epiphany!

This month we have the opportunity to celebrate our Lutheran School where each year we are able to teach His love and forgiveness and share His light with the children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

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 949.8374292 or mwolfinbarger@abidingsavior.com. You can also visit our website at

www.abidingsavior.com.

Upcoming January dates include:

17 MLK Day – No School or Extended Care

24-28 National Lutheran Schools Week
27 Open House

Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal




Abiding Savior has again shown its servant heart. During the months of November and December, the church and school collected 559 Operation Christmas Child Boxes. That is over our goal of 500. The 8th grade students delivered these boxes to the Fulfillment Center in Fullerton on December 13. The Abiding Savior boxes will be going to children in the Philippines.



On December 10th, the students in preschool and elementary school collected over 240 toys for Spark of Love. The Fire Truck from Station 19 came and picked up all of the toys. The students donated their chapel offerings to the Angel Tree. The total donated to the Angel Tree was \$500.

Thank you to everyone for your generous hearts!



**Abiding Savior Lutheran School & Preschool**
Preschool - 8th Grade

In~Person~
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asls.school

Thursday, January 27th 6pm - 7pm


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Preschool ages 2 - 6
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**Your Journey Begins January 2022!**

ZAMBIA BOUND
Spotting God's Goodness

A new Gospel Adventures trip is coming from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Where are we going?

This year's Gospel Adventures® is Zambia Bound!

Teach your students about the foods, animals, people, and places of Zambia with Gospel Adventures. Kids will be introduced to kids just like them living in Zambia who carry their faith with them through day-to-day life. We look forward to spotting God's goodness with you during Gospel Adventures: Zambia Bound!

Created in partnership with Group Publishing, a trusted leader in innovative children's ministry resources, Gospel Adventures is a free 5-day curriculum. This program is designed to engage students with educational objectives and interactive resources geared towards expanding their perceptions of global ministry.

Register for the ZAMBIA January 2022 trip at:
<https://www.gospeladventures.org/default.asp#home>





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>May your new year be blessed with peace, love, and joy.</i></p>						<p>1 New Year's Day</p>
<p>2 10:15a-Unity Service 7p-Young Adults</p>	<p>3 6p-Women's Fellowship Night 7p-Elders Bible Study 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>4 3p-Junior Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15p-Praises Ring Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 2p-Kingdom Ringers 3p-Cadette Girl Scouts Meeting 6p-Youth Group Grades 5-8 6:30p-Confirmaiton 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA</p>	<p>6 5p-Pickleball 7:30p-Abiding Praise</p>	<p>7 10a-Jim Ryan Life Group 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>8 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Saturday Service</p>
<p>9 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 7p-Young Adults</p>	<p>10 6p-Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>11 6p-Rock of Aging on Zoom 7:15p-Praises Ring Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 12p-Ladies Guild 2p-Kingdom Ringers 6p-Youth Group Grades 5-8 6:30p-Confirmaiton 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA</p>	<p>13 5p-Pickleball 7:30p-Abiding Praise</p>	<p>14 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>15 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Saturday Service</p>
<p>16 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 7p-Youth Adults</p>	<p>17 Martin Lutheran King Day 7p-Elders Bible Study 7:30p-NA</p>	<p>18 3p-Junior Girl Scouts Meeting 7:15p-Praises Ring Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 2p-Kingdom Ringers 3p-Cadette Girl Scouts Meeting 6p-Youth Group Grades 5-8 6:30p-Confirmaiton 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA</p>	<p>20 5p-Pickleball 7:30p-Abiding Praise</p>	<p>21 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>22 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Saturday Service</p>
<p>23 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 7p-Youth Adults</p>	<p>24 5:30p-Boy Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>25 7:15p-Praises Ring Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 2p-Kingdom Ringers Rehearsal 6p-Youth Group Grades 5-8 6:30p-Confirmaiton 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA</p>	<p>27 5p-Pickleball 7:30p-Abiding Praise</p>	<p>28 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>29 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Saturday Service</p>
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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

DO NOT MISS IT

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

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Wednesday's

6-7:30PM

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5TH & 6TH GRADE JUNIOR HIGH | 7TH & 8TH

 **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE** 

PRESENTS
A Night for Valentines

Saturday, February 12 | 7:00 PM
Clarissa Shan, Director

Featuring:
Donne di Canto
Men's Chorus

The Women's and Men's choruses of Concordia present a concert for Valentines, featuring romantic and heartwarming songs by choirs and soloists.

Location: Concordia University Irvine Center for Worship and Performing Arts (CU Center) | 1530 Concordia West, Irvine, CA

Parking and Walking: Please park in the main lot (parking is free), then down the hill to the CU Center

Tickets: \$15.00 | Tickets available at www.cui.edu/thearts