



Trusting God's Word

The Bible is the most amazing book ever written because its author is the Lord God. Although it was penned by men, the Holy Spirit inspired every word He wanted them to record. The Scriptures contain the Lord's revelation of Himself and His plan of redemption. Among the many topics it covers are the creation of the world; the fall of man; the presence, power, and penalty of sin; the provision of a Savior; the final judgement; and the eternal kingdom. The Bible also answers questions about humanity's value, wise living, and existence after death.

All sections of God's Word are valuable and interconnected. For example, the Gospels tell about the Messiah, whose coming was predicted in the Old Testament. He is called "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:20), and His death is the fulfillment of the sacrificial system in Leviticus. What's more, the gospel of salvation by grace through faith is first seen in the story of Abraham, whose belief was credited as righteousness (Genesis 15:6).

Scripture was given to us so we might know the Father, be reconciled to Him through His Son, and bring glory to His name. Therefore, we should make it a goal to become familiar with His precious Word.

In the Bible, God also made many promises because He loves to bless His children. But that does not mean such blessings automatically belong to us. How can we claim His promises and petition Him with confidence? To test the needs we bring to the Lord, here are several questions to ask ourselves:

— *When I request that God keep this promise, do I ask with a spirit of submission?*

— *Can God perform this request without harming another person or interfering with His will in someone else's life?*

— *Does the Holy Spirit bear witness to my spirit that God is pleased with my petition?*

— *Will God be honored by fulfilling this promise?*

— *Does my request contradict the Word of God in some way?*

— *If the Lord fulfills this promise, will it serve to further my spiritual growth?*

Once we have answered these questions, inheriting God's promises depends upon three things. First, we need faith. Our Father wants to reward those who trust Him (Genesis 15:6); Hebrews 11:6). Second, we must be obedient to God's will for us, we won't attain His best when we knowingly disobey. And third, we need patience to wait for His perfect timing. God's promises are worth the wait, considering the blessing He longs to give us.

Reading the Bible will give you a better understanding of our Lord: what He did, is doing and will do to the world. The past, the present and the future, all is in there. He will guide you with His word.




Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, September 6, beginning with the Book of Ruth.

Ruth is a story of love and redemption. Ruth is a book in the Bible that tells the story of a Moabite woman who becomes part of the Israelite lineage of King David and Jesus Christ. God can seem distant when dreams fade, people die, or careers fail. No one knows the feeling of abandonment more than Ruth and Naomi. Their story begins with the worst - death, famine, and poverty. But the Book of Ruth does not end with despair. The story brims with hope because God works on behalf of the two widows in ways they least expect.

Join us Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Gathering Grounds as we learn about Ruth and how we can apply this to our lives today.



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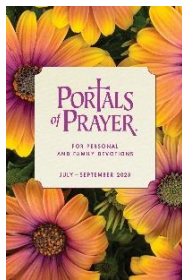
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**CHURCH
OFFICE
CLOSED**

Please note, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, in honor of Labor Day.

If you have a pastoral emergency when the church office is not open, you can call **(661) 505-8152** to be connected to the pastor's emergency line. In particular, we ask you to notify the church office if you or anyone in your family is hospitalized.

Portals of Prayer



The October, November and December 2023 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.



If you served in the military and have pictures of 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 22. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abidingsavior.com.

Womens Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will be returning with our program in October with a fun night of BUNCO.

For questions or more information, contact Janice Trumbauer, krafter@cox.net or at 949.609.9766.

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.

Scheduling Events at Abiding Savior

To keep everyone informed of the various meetings on campus, we ask that you submit a yellow request form to the church office.

This information is needed for insurance purposes and if there is a conflict between two parties regarding the use of a room, the party with a valid room request form on file will have use of the room. For more information, yellow reservation forms, etc., please contact the church office at 949.830.1460.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

It is time to register your 7th/8th grade child for Confirmation Instruction Class. Please click [here](#) to complete the [Confirmation Registration Form](#).



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

We are continuing our study of the book of John. This is another study viewed on video and followed by discussion by the people present guided by the leader. The video features retired professor Kenny Boles, formerly with the Ozark Christian College. We previously studied the Revelation of John lead by another professor from this same university.

John reveals much about Jesus so that we might believe in Him and therefore **have eternal life**. John focuses on the humanity and deity of Jesus. What John writes about Jesus is mostly material that is not in the other three Gospels. So, won't you join us these next several Sundays in the Adult Ed Room at 9:15 AM?



It's Time for a Chili Cook Off!! Break out your best recipes, it's time to put them to the test at our 10th annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, September 17. Tasting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Deana Hicks took home last year's 'Golden Ladle Award'.



The Great Giveaway will be held on Saturday, September 30. We are providing a pancake breakfast to all those who attend. If you are available to help make pancakes at 6:00 AM, we would love to have you on our team! Please contact Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abiding-savior.com for details.

For the Great Giveaway, 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. Your items must fit in the trunk of a car. No books will be accepted this year.

We are looking for volunteers to help with sorting, setting up and helping out on the day of the event.

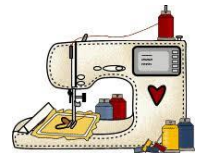
Contact Samantha Fitt at SFitt@abiding-savior.com to schedule your items for drop off. Help us provide our community with a FREE garage sale.

ASLC Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will resume with their monthly meetings beginning on Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00 PM in the Adult Ed Room. For more information or questions, contact Sheila Grossman at aslc.sheila.grossman@gmail.com.

Sew 'n Sews

Join the Sew 'n Sews, Saturday, September 2, upstairs in Room E125. We meet from 10:00 AM to noon. We have pillowcase kits, and we are also working on walker totes and placemats. If you like to sew or want to learn how, you should plan on joining us. For more information contact Janice Trumbauer at krafter@cox.net or call 949.609.9766. Happy Stitching!



Announcing the 2024 Petal Pushers® Rose Parade Coloring Contest



The Tournament of Roses theme for the 2024 Rose Parade is:

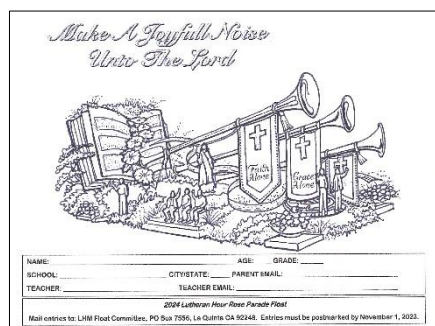
**CELEBRATING A WORLD OF MUSIC
and Lutheran Hour Ministries float
entry is: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE
UNTO THE LORD.**

This year finds us with our 13th Annual Coloring Contest. Here's how to enter:

[Click here to download Coloring Sheet](#)

Color the float picture page by using colored pencils or crayons. We suggest not using markers, they tend to bleed through the page.

Complete all the information at the bottom of the coloring page. Entries with incomplete information cannot be judged.



Submit your entry to:

**Lutheran Hour Ministries
Float Committee
P.O. Box 7556
La Quinta, CA 92248**

Entries **MUST** be **postmarked by November 1, 2023**. Be sure all information lines on the bottom of the page are filled in otherwise your

entry cannot be judged. Entries become the property of Petal Pushers and cannot be returned.

Three winners will be selected from each category:

- Preschool-Kindergarten
- 1st – 2nd grade
- 3rd – 5th grade
- 6th – 8th grade

First place winners, as well as their teachers, will receive a \$50 gift certificate to use at the Petal Pushers® online store, a 2024 Petal Pushers T-shirt & Float magnet.

Second and third place winners will receive a 2024 Petal Pushers T-shirt and a Float magnet.



Lutheran Laymen's League

Kurt S. Buchholz, President & CEO

The International Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Ministries serves as a grassroots auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church Canada and is proud to extend the mission and ministry of these two church bodies by focusing our energies on a mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations®—and the Nations to the Church*. The International Lutheran Laymen's League (Int'l LLL) is the corporate name under which the organization does business; Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is the public identity under which we conduct worldwide Gospel outreach.

In fulfilling this year's convention theme of "We Preach Christ Crucified," LHM is a trusted resource in Gospel proclamation with a global network of partners. We work in areas where other Christian organizations are often

not present and use local staff and volunteers who know the language and culture to create contextually relevant programs that most effectively share the Good News with individuals living in these regions.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Today, it is more important than ever to reach out in relevant ways to a broken world with Christ's message of hope. With billions of people still unreached with the Gospel message, our work is not done. LHM has established a bold vision to share the Good News worldwide; therefore, we will not rest until:

- Every person has the opportunity to hear the Gospel in an understandable way;
- Those seeking are connected to a healthy Christian community where they can grow in their faith;
- Every Christian is equipped to share the Gospel in word and deed; and
- Engaged Christians advance this common mission as a global community.

We are called to act now! The Lord has given our ministry a unique understanding of how to reach, equip, and minister to individuals. Not only do LHM's tools and resources help grow and nurture faithful Christians by the power of the Holy Spirit, but also, they allow us to share the Gospel message with individuals who have had little or no opportunity to hear it. They bring messages of forgiveness, love, and hope found only in Jesus Christ to a world that is hungry for the one thing that is sorely needed.

Sharing the Power of the Gospel
WORLDWIDE



Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) **Daily Devotions** are a great way to help strengthen your faith journey. Available through a variety of platforms, our devotions can be read or heard online at lhm.org/dailydevotions, delivered right to your inbox, accessed on our FREE mobile app, or listened to as a podcast with Spotify, iHeartRadio, Alexa, or Google Home. In addition, seasonal devotions for Advent and Lent are available in both English and Spanish and are perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends, and congregations. These seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.

Darlene Lind of Bemidji, Minnesota, remembers listening to The Lutheran Hour® with her parents and family many years ago. One day at church, around 12 years ago, one of Darlene's friends told her about LHM's Daily Devotions and where to find them online. She immediately signed up to start receiving the devotions via email and has been faithfully listening to them every day.

About six years ago, Darlene realized that one of her best friends, Darlene Peterson, didn't have access to a computer to receive the devotions, so she thought of a way that she could share them with her. Every day around 9:00 AM, Darlene calls her friend. "I turn up the volume on my computer and put my phone right there, and we listen to the devotions together." After listening to the devotion, they discuss their

thoughts on the message. "If we miss a day, we'll do two devotions the next day," she says. "The speakers are all great, and I like having a short sermon with a prayer every day. We are both aged widows, and we feel these devotions really strengthen our faith and friendship. We appreciate all of the messages."

Judy Heitmann of Oregon, Wisconsin, shared with LHM how grateful she is for our Daily Devotions, especially the Advent Devotions. She shared that the devotions are "inspiring, helpful, and easy to understand." Judy taught in Lutheran education for almost 50 years. Now retired, she stays involved by teaching Sunday school at her church. Judy used parts of the 2022 Advent devotions series, A Son is Given, to present the Christmas story to some of her students. She made plans to continue using the LHM devotions through Epiphany. Judy is thankful to Dr. Kari Vo, LHM's theological writer, for the "wonderful daily devotions."

To sign up for our Daily Devotions via email, visit lhm.org/subscribe. The Daily Devotions mobile app is available for Apple, Google, and Kindle devices.



Our food pantry has been very busy this summer and needs restocking!

These are our current needs:

- Canned Vegetables (except green beans)
- Canned Soup
- Cup 'O Noodles
- Cans of Ravioli or other complete meals
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxes of Pasta
- Packages of Spaghetti
- Canned Beans (we have plenty of refried beans)
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Cans of Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Boxed / Packaged Cereal
- Bags of Rice

Thank you as always for our food pantry support!

God's Fruit

Have you ever thought about how many apples can grow from a single seed? One seed, one tree . . . but countless fruit!! That's how God's Word is! His word has the power to give life – and life more abundantly! From the singular seed of His love, planted into your heart through the power of His Word, God is able to transform your life into a tree of great fruitfulness. You may be only one tree, but your single life has the incredible potential to impact and influence not only those closest to you, but generations to come. Are you letting God's Word transform you today?



SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday | October 21, 2023
for the
79th Southern California
Lutheran Layman's League
Annual Conference
at
Concordia University Irvine

Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



We have an amazing faculty and staff. It is a true blessing and treasure to have such dedicated staff to support our mission here at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School. Abiding Savior's Annual Staff Retreat was held at the Conference Center at Lake Mission Viejo this year.

Youth Ministry at Abiding Savior is Starting Up this Fall!

Get involved by attending these important events and learning more about Youth Ministry and what it entails!

Confirmation Information

**Meeting - Wednesday, September 6
- 6:00 PM - Adult Education Room**

Join Pastor Lucas as he will go over expectations, plans, and goals for confirmation this year!

5/6 Grades and 7/8 Grades

**Parent Info Meeting - Wednesday,
September 6:00 - 6:30 PM - Adult
Education Room**

Please join us to learn about what youth ministry is and our goals/plans for this upcoming year!

5/6 Grades and 7/8 Grades

**Youth Group Begins - Wednesday,
September 13 - 6:00 PM - Gym**

Fifth through eighth grade students are invited to come join our first youth group! There will be food, games, and a Bible study. Feel free to bring a friend.

High School Youth Group Begins

**- Sunday, September 17 - 6:00 PM -
Gym**

High school students are invited to come join our first youth group! There will be food, games, and a Bible study. Feel free to bring a friend.

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Staff Retreat 2023 | Lake Mission Viejo

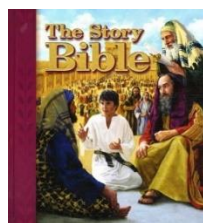
Preschool

Celeste Cisna
Preschool Director



We are very excited to open our doors this fall to 113 students in the preschool! We have a great opportunity to joyfully and intentionally make disciples who make disciples right here on our campus, and I'm hoping to partner with you in a few ways.

First, would you please keep us in your prayers? We offer prayers of thanksgiving as God has blessed us with a gifted staff, beautiful facilities, and wonderful family partnerships. We boldly ask that God continue to keep us safe so that we can share the Good News with the children and their families.



Second, prayerfully consider "adopting" a preschool family starting with purchasing "The Story Bible" for their home for new families and "Little Visits at Bedtime" for returning families. Both books are put out by Concordia Publishing House.



Each week the family will receive a newsletter via email letting them know what Bible story we are working on at school and offer extension activities to do at home. Each book will have the preschool family's name inside, along with the date and the name of the Abiding Savior family that "adopted" them. We would ask that you keep this family in your prayers. We would encourage you to write to them and come to special events like our Christmas Service and Open Houses if you are able. If you are interested, please [click here](#) to complete the form and send it with your check made out to Abiding Savior.

Finally, we are looking for part-time staff and volunteers to assist at the preschool. If you have early childhood college units or know someone who does, please let them know about us. If you would like to volunteer at the preschool, we just need a copy of your measles, pertussis, flu vaccinations and a copy of your TB test within one year prior to volunteering.

Please contact me at 959.852.4292 or ccisna@abidingsavior.com for additional information.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	2 9a-Altar Guild 10a-Sew and Sews 5p-Praise Worship
	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE/SCHOOL CLOSED 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	5 5p-Pickleball 6:30p-Back to School Night Grades 3 - 5	6 6p-Youth Ministry Confirmation Meeting 6:30p-5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group Parent Meeting 7:45p-AA	7 8a-Coffee Shop Thursday Drop-Off 7:30p-Abiding Praise	8 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	9 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Praise Worship
	10 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 11:45a-Life Group, Glenn and Debby Amick	11 6p-Cub Scout Den Meeting 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	12 5p-Pickleball 6p-Rock of Aging	13 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 3p-Girls Scout Meetings 6p-5/6 & 7/8 Grade Youth Group Kickoff 7:45p-AA	14 8a-Coffee Shop Thursday Drop-Off 7:30p-Abiding Praise	15 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous
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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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Time Dated Materials

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SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16

**CHILI TASTING
BEGINS AT 6PM!**

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BEST CHILI THIS
SIDE OF TEXAS!**

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THE FAMILY FOR GREAT FUN!



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