



What is Lost and Left

Is it possible for grieving to be an act of worship? In Nehemiah 1:3-11, we learn about Nehemiah, an Israelite who served as cupbearer to the king of Babylon. The cupbearer's job was to taste any wine brought to the king; in case it was poisoned. The king had to trust his cupbearer with his very life. Nehemiah sat down and wept for days when he learned Jerusalem's walls had been destroyed, leaving his people defenseless. Yet his tears weren't just a simple outpouring of strong emotion. Through weeping, fasting, and prayer, Nehemiah allowed his distress to lead him into deeper communion with God.

Shedding tears over what was lost, giving full expression to his pain, was an essential component of Nehemiah's prayerful turning toward God. His bold display of sorrow was an affirmation of his belief that God alone was capable of restoring Jerusalem and her people to their former glory. As he prayed, Nehemiah reminded God of His promise to gather the exiles and dwell permanently among His people (Nehemiah 1:8-9).

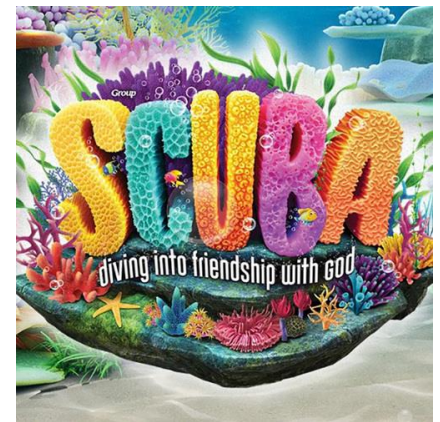
As Christians, we can sometimes interpret another person's outward display of grief as a lack of faith. *Why are they crying, we many wonder, if they truly trust*

God? But Nehemiah's example shows us that taking time to lament what we have lost can be an act of worship. When we are in pain, God invites us to cling to His promises and offer our tears to Him as devotion, even if they are all we have to give.

Navigating loss is a complex process; there is no straightforward path through grief. Yet Nehemiah's journey from lamenting the broken walls of Jerusalem to rebuilding them offers us insight as we partner with God to put life's shattered places back together.

After grieving the destruction of Jerusalem's fortifications, Nehemiah asked King Artaxerxes I of Persia for permission to return to that city and rebuild its protective wall. Taking stock of what remains after loss is an important step as we move from grieving to rebuilding. It can be difficult to find glimmers of hope while surveying the ruins of broken lives, dreams, or relationships, but we are never without the one thing that matters most, God's presence. Nehemiah knew this to be true, which is why he toured Jerusalem to inspect its walls and learn what was needed to repair the damage. In doing so, he oriented himself towards hope, that is, he looked for what could be accomplished with God's help.

As the Lord did with Nehemiah, He also invites us to view rubble in our life with eyes of faith. So, let's dare to look beyond our present circumstances toward the joy of future restoration.



Vacation Bible School

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. Registration opens on May 1.

Another way to splash into the fun of VBS is by volunteering! VBS also needs donations - Amazon, Walmart, and Visa gift cards are helpful for purchasing supplies.

Click [here](#) to register your child for VBS and/or to volunteer.

We are excited to share the love of God and worship Jesus with all of you again this summer!



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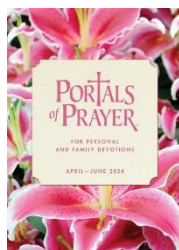
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**CHURCH
OFFICE
CLOSED**

Please note, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in honor of Memorial 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.

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.



Ladies Night Out is meeting Monday, May 6 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed room for "Tea" and Trivia night. We will be supplying "Tea" food for dinner and drinks, we ask that you bring your favorite teacup and saucer (don't have one – we'll provide one for you), hats are optional! Please RSVP to Janice Trumbauer at krafter@cox.net to reserve your spot!



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.

Worship Through Giving

Experience the joy of worshiping through generous giving at Abiding Savior, as we unite in support of our mission and ministry.

You may give at any time or day of the week. Select your preferred way to give below and give your gift. You may support our General Fund, Scholarship Fund, Building To Bless Fund, Church Audio/Visual Fund, and many others.

- [Online](#) – Give on our website
- Text – Send amount to [844-374-6845](tel:844-374-6845)
- [Vanco App](#) – Download from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)
- Swipe – Contact the [Church Office](#) for more information on giving by swiping your credit card
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You can also drop off or mail your check or cash to:

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Ladies Guild Scholarship Recipients

Jeanne Grovom

The Ladies Guild is pleased to announce that Aine Molvik and Matthew Simon will receive scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year.



Aine Molvik will continue in the Master of Spiritual Care with Deaconess Certificate at Concordia Seminary, St.

Louis. She currently is doing fieldwork at a local Church where she is involved heavily with the children's ministry, attending an ASLC class and involved in the on-campus Life Team.



Matthew Simon is currently a junior and will attend Concordia University Irvine to study Lutheran

Education. He has been a member of Abiding Savior since 2015.

Altar Flowers

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 flower envelope and place it in the offering basket or note the Flower Fund using the online giving options. Thank you for your support!



ASLC Ladies Guild

Sheila Grossman

Ladies Guild and Sunday School students blessed our homebound with homemade Easter cards. Our talented children shared the good news of our risen Lord which put smiles on the faces of our members.



And congratulations once again to our scholarship recipients for this year. We pray that the Lord will continue to guide your steps as you study to do His work.

Stay in touch with Day by Day to see what we're doing next and please consider being a part of it by joining us! Contact Sheila Grossman at aslc.sheila.grossman@gmail.com for questions or more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Since the Bible is God's Word, studying it is a way to know God better. Through His words we come to know not only the nature and attributes of God, but we also come to understand His plan for each of us. Join us between worship services in the Adult Ed Room off of the narthex at 9:15 a.m. for Bible Study. If you haven't been with us,

it's okay to join as each session is a complete unit.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

Join us Wednesday's in the Gathering Grounds at 9:00 a.m. as we study the Book of Titus, Paul's Epistle letter to his disciples on Crete. This letter challenges us to display the Gospel in our lives by doing good. To be those people who stand as a bright light in this world surrounded by darkness. This series by Chip Ingram should be an inspiring study.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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.

Youth Ministry at Abiding Savior

Club 56 and JHM Youth Group will be meeting every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will meet in the gym! Join us for fellowship, a devotional, games, and a snack! I hope to see you there! Any 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. Follow the our Instagram @ASLC_youth for updates and check out all things Youth Ministry on our LinkTree: www.linktr.ee/aslcyouth

Lutheran Layman's League

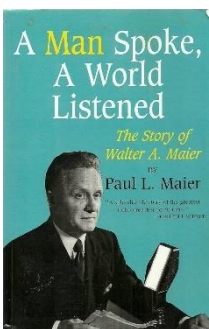
Lou Marting

VIVENCIAR.NET RESOURCES
ENCOURAGE WOMAN



Christina is 50 years old and is married with two children. She contacted **LHM-Paraguay** staff, saying she was depressed and struggling with finances in her household. LHM-Paraguay staff suggested she look at their **Vivenciar.net** - click on and go to Translate to English - <https://www.vivenciar.net/es/> platform for resources that could help her during this difficult time. She looked at their resources about depression and reached back out to LHM-Paraguay staff to share how helpful they were. She asked if their staff members could visit her, so they went to her house and brought other Christian materials. They noticed a positive change in Christina's outlook on life since she began reading the Gospel message. Christina continues to stay connected with LHM - Paraguay staff and is enjoying learning more about Jesus.

A MAN SPOKE, A WORLD LISTENED



Speaking of his father, Dr. Walter A. Maier, in the book *A Man Spoke, A World Listened*, by his son Dr. Paul L. Maier, we read on page

72 of the necessity of a link between religion and radio and how The Walther League appropriated \$7,000 for the project, and this sum was matched by Lutheran laymen, friends, and even seminary students. Thus a 500-watt transmitter was purchased and soon two tall masts connected by antennae projected above the roof of Concordia Seminary. The Federal Radio Commission assigned a 545.1-meter wave length and the call letters KFUE to the attic station. Dr. Maier interpreted these as "Keep Forward Upward Onward" and dubbed the station motto, "The Gospel Voice." On Sunday, December 14, 1924, KFUE began broadcasting at 9:15 p.m. with the words: "This is Station KFUE, Concordia Theological Seminary...." It was an exciting moment.



The Attic Studio at the Old Seminary on South Jefferson Avenue, 1924.

In the history of Radio Station KFUE (located at <https://www.kfuo.org/history>), we note: The removal of Concordia Seminary from its location on Jefferson Avenue in South St. Louis to the new campus property in suburban Clayton in 1926 also brought about the relocation of KFUE to Clayton. But not before the problem of housing the radio facility had been solved by approaching the Lutheran Laymen's League which, by resolution, offered to re-build and provide annual maintenance for KFUE at the new Seminary site. The explicit understanding was the \$50,000 would be required for the

new station and new equipment, and an annual sum of \$20,000 to \$25,000 for operations. An additional resolution by the Lutheran Laymen's League submitted to the Synod, assembled in St. Louis, on Wednesday, June 15, 1926, was as follows: "Resolved: That Synod take over the station and gratefully accept the proposition of the Lutheran Laymen's League to supply all necessary funds for its removal to the new Seminary, and its maintenance in the future, and that the control of the Station be placed in the hands of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary."



The Original KFUE Radio Building on the Concordia Seminary grounds, Clayton, MO, 1927.

Today, the International Lutheran Laymen's League continues as a dedicated group of supporters and volunteers who are active in ministry domestically and around the world.

The ministry of the organization is currently expressed through a wide range of Christ-centered outreach efforts under the name of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM).

LHM is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world more than 195 million times each week.

To God be the Glory!

BRINGING CHRIST TO THE NATIONS —AND THE NATIONS TO THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S Sunday School



This period found the children again creating Easter cards for the church's home bound folks. It gave the youngsters an opportunity to use their skills and imagination to formulate their masterpieces which the recipients always enjoy and appreciate.



Do you see the attentive angelic student in a green wardrobe kneeling down in front of the teacher? That is because it was St. Patrick's Day this period, and she was dressed for the occasion. The attendees heard a bit of history regarding this Catholic priest, who is considered to be the patron saint of Ireland. During the lesson, the teacher showed an icon of St. Patrick, who is credited with bring Christianity to Ireland. Most churches and cathedrals in Ireland are attributed to his work there.

The format for today's Sunday School includes opportunity for

parents of the children attending their classes to be offered their own adult bible study and fellowship. The picture below shows them watching a lesson on a cell phone.



Elementary School

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



We are thrilled to announce that we exceeded our Fun Run goal and raised \$37,960! Net proceeds will go towards upgrading our computers in the Technology Lab.

We are hosting reptile shows as a reward for the students meeting our goal.



Save the Date for Imagining Mental Wellness Giving Day 2024.

A day to raise awareness on Mental Health in OC Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

SEEDS is honored to be part of the movement to prioritize mental wellness! Alongside 19 other incredible nonprofits, we're raising funds and awareness to make a lasting impact in our community.

Your donation during these 24 hours will directly contribute to our

goal. Whether big or small, your support makes a significant difference in promoting mental wellness in our community!

SEEDS is grateful for your support. Click [HERE](#) to donate.

Together, we can create positive change! #MentalWellness OC #GivingDay.

For more information, please visit seedstherapy.org.



The Parent Teacher League (PTL) is thrilled to announce our annual fundraising event, and we can't wait to share this exciting experience with you.

This isn't just a fundraiser; it celebrates our school spirit and the incredible impact your continued support has had on enriching our students' education.

Get ready for a night of fun. We're shaking things up! Instead of our traditional Casino Night, we're stepping into new adventures by hosting the event off-site at "Between the Rinks" in Irvine. Enjoy delicious food, games, a silent auction with amazing experiences and must-have items, and most importantly, the chance to connect with fellow parents.

Tickets are on sale at the school office. Don't miss out - get your tickets early. Cash, check, or Zelle (school@abidingsavior.com) accepted.



ALLELUIAS RESOUND!

An Easter Hymn Festival

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 3:00PM
ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Experience the joy of Easter music in an exuberant afternoon of joyful hymns and congregational singing!

ABIDING SAVIOR MUSIC MINISTRIES

are led by **Dr. Christian Guebert** and guest organist **Karissa Raebel** in a program focused on Lutheran song.

Free admission; donations accepted
Dessert reception following the festival

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— ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL —
PRESENTS

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

MAY 23

You're invited to see the amazing artistic talents of our students and to celebrate their creativity.

The event will feature the following performances by our talented students:

5:00 PM

PATRIOTIC CONCERT | GRADES 1-2 | LOCATION CHURCH

6:00 PM

DANCE PERFORMANCE | SHOWTIME DANCE | LOCATION GYM

6:50PM

HANDBELLS | LOCATION GYM

7:00 PM

NICK AT NITE | GRADES 3-5 | LOCATION GYM

FREE ADMISSION

PRE-ORDER CHICK-FIL-A MEAL AVAILABLE
RETURN ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY THURSDAY, MAY 16TH.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL &

MAY 3RD @ 11:45AM
(ELEMENTARY EARLY OUT)
AND 6PM

\$5 FOR ICE CREAM
& ALL THE FIXINGS

*CASH ONLY

COIN DRIVE FUNDRAISER

DONATE YOUR SPARE CHANGE



Get more of the scoop!

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR SCHOOL!

We invite you to participate in our upcoming Coin Drive and Ice Cream Social fundraiser. Your spare change and sweet tooth can help us raise funds to upgrade from wood chips to turf to compliment our new preschool play structure coming soon!

*IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
VIA PAYPAL, CASH OR CHECK.

Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 6p-5-8 Grade Youth Group 6:45p-Confirmation 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA	2 8a-Gathering Grounds Fellowship 3p-Student Council 6:30p-Praises Ring Rehearsal 7p-Young Adults Ministry	3 6p-Preschool Ice Cream Social 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	4 9a-Altar Guild Prep 10a-Sew and Sews 5p-Praise Worship Service
			5 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 8a-Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30a-Praise and Nurture 3p-Hymn Festival	6 3p-Girl Scout Meeting 6p-Women's Fellowship Night 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	7 5p-Pickleball	8 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 6p-5-8 Grade Youth Group 6:45p-Confirmation 7:45p-AA
12 Mother's Day Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 10:30a-Praise and Nurture 11:45a-Life Group: Glenn and Debbie Amick	13 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	14 5p-Pickleball	15 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 6p-5-8 Grade Youth Group 6:45p-Confirmation 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA	16 8a-Gathering Grounds Fellowship 6:30p-Praises Ring Rehearsal 7p-Young Adults Ministry 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	17 7a-Muffins with Mom 6p-Girl Scout Cookie Awards 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	18 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Praise Worship Service
19 Pentecost Sunday Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 10:15a-Confirmation Sunday 10:30a-Praise and Nurture	20 3p-Girl Scout Meeting 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	21 5p-Pickleball	22 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 6p-5-8 Grade Youth Group 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA	23 8a-Gathering Grounds Fellowship 4:30p-Fine Arts Spring Festival 7p-Young Adults Ministry 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	24 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	25 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Praise Worship Service
26 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 10:30a-Praise and Nurture	27 Memorial Day Offices and School Closed 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	28 5p-Pickleball	29 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 6p-5-8 Grade Youth Group 7:45p-AA	30 8a-Gathering Grounds Fellowship 6:30p-Praises Ring Rehearsal 7p-Young Adults Ministry 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	31 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	

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



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

Located in the Gym
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Sunday, May 5, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Schedule your lifesaving appointment at RedCrossBlood.org
using sponsor code Abiding Savior

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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