



## Lasting Friendships

How many true friends do you have? Does the question bring a lot of names to mind? Or only a few? The reality is that most of us don't have many genuine friends – ones who remain loyal no matter what.

This dependable, intimate closeness is what God wants for us, but it's a rare treasure. Let's look at the biblical account of David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18-20). Their story demonstrates that genuine friendships are built on a foundation of mutual respect, love, and commitment. Let's explore the first component.

True companionship starts by valuing all people, knowing they were lovingly created in God's image. After all, if Jesus chose to die in their place even before any of them acknowledged Him as the Savior (Romans 5:8), they must certainly have great worth. But at the same time, the high regard that David and Jonathan had for one another was greater than mere respect; it revealed admiration for the godly quality that Scripture commends.

Consider the question asked earlier – about the people you think of as "true friends." Do they exhibit godly attributes that you respect? And do they, in turn, admire the righteous characteristics they see in

you? This mutual, scriptural respect is a necessary foundation for lasting friendship.

Most of us long to be in genuine relationships. God created us with this need, as we were not meant to live in isolation. But healthy friendships don't just happen. They require effort.

In looking to Jonathan and David for a biblical model of godly companions, you see how mutual respect is vital in a healthy relationship. Let's take a look at two more aspects of their relationship.

First, they had a deep bond of love – described as souls that were "knit" together (1 Samuel 18:1). Second, they exhibited profound devotion, which is a type of commitment that involves giving. To show loyalty, Jonathan gave his friend gifts of his robe and military gear. But both men selflessly offered more: Jonathan even risked his life and future kingship to save David from execution. Notice, too, that Jonathan was often the initiator and the one who gave more. He was a prince, whereas David was a shepherd. Social status shouldn't interfere with cultivating a true friendship.

We were designed for true companionship based on mutual respect, love, and commitment. This requires not only time and selfless devotion but also transparency – which means being real, even about our faults. The story of David and Jonathan (whose deep connection was tested by life circumstances) shows that taking such a risk requires trust, but the blessings are well worth the effort.



It is time to celebrate Trunk or Treat at Abiding Savior. This year we will hold Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26. 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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### School Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
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### Preschool Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Visit us on our website at  
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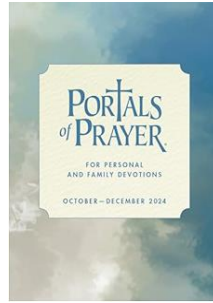


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## Portals of Prayer



The October, November, December 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.



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 20. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abidingsavior.com.

## Altar Flowers

The 2024 Flower Calendar still has open dates for you to sign-up for. Select the dates for your contributions in honor and remembrance of the special people and/or events in your life. 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!

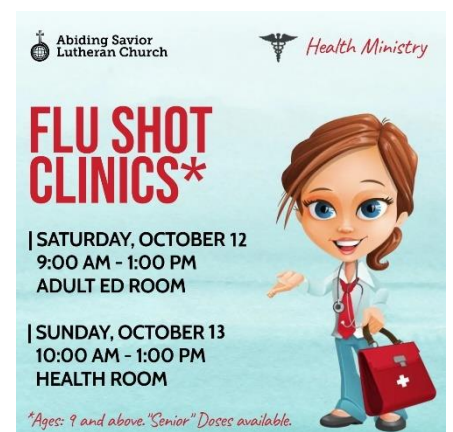


Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night will be back on Saturday, November 2 at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 and go on sale starting on Sunday, October 12. Tickets will also be available in the church office and the school office during the week. Dinner, silent auction and trivia...don't miss this great event!



**Women's Fellowship; Ladies Night Out** will start up again October 7 at 6:00 PM in the Adult Ed Room for a fun night of BUNCO! You don't need to know how to play, just come roll the dice.

It's a potluck dinner (A-L salad; M-Z main dish) or you can eat on your own before you join us. The Women's Fellowship Team provides all the paper goods, drinks and dessert.







October is Church Worker Appreciation Month. With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the word and mercy of Christ. Throughout October, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.



Pastor Appreciation Sunday is on **October 13!** Cards are available in the narthex if you would like to write a note to Pastor Lucas. Please leave them in the box and we will present them to him at church.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Enroll your 7th and 8th-grade students for the upcoming Confirmation class starting on Wednesday, October 2. Secure their spots by clicking [here](#) to complete the [Confirmation Registration Form](#).



## LWML Mites

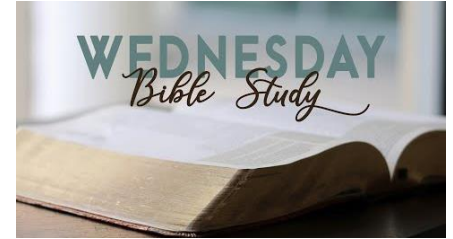
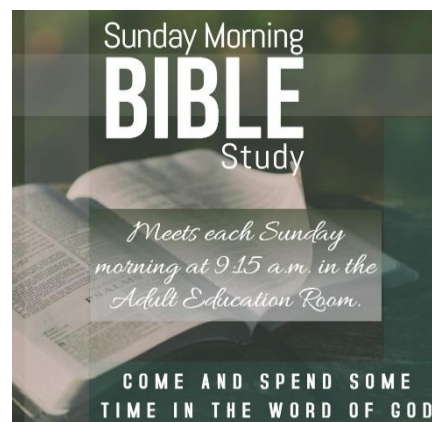
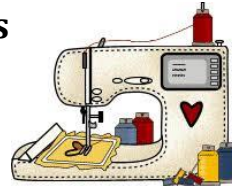
Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League



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.

## Sew 'n Sews

Sew 'n Sews meet the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in room E125 (youth room). We have sewing machines that you can use or you can bring your own. We provide all that is needed for our projects. Don't know how to sew but would like to learn, join us! We are currently working on pillowcases for My Own Case for Kids, who provide a suitcase with essentials and a pillowcase for children going into Foster Care. Questions, contact Janice Trumbauer at [krafter@cox.net](mailto:krafter@cox.net).



We are currently studying 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy, the Apostle Paul's pastoral letters to Timothy, his Son in the faith. These letters to Timothy from Paul give us instruction and encouragement about worship, faith, and life through him.

Please join us on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in Gathering Grounds.

## Chili Cookoff Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Chili Cookoff this year. Here are the winners:

### GOLDEN LADLE

Mike Stroube  
"Fight On Chili"

### SILVER SPOON

Alex Beachler, Stanley Fitt,  
Kano Parent, Archer Robertson,  
Caleb Stroube, Cooper Stroube,  
Emily Taylor, and Henry Taylor  
"Baseball Chili"

### BRONZE BOWL

Rebecca and Emma Geminn  
"The Chili Girls"



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join us as we start our bi-monthly young adult Bible study on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM. There is food, games, and devotional time. We also have recreational activities, fellowship events, and more! Connect with other young adults in the area experiencing similar joys and struggles in this unique season of life. If you want to connect, please contact Alexis Upchurch at [awood@abidingsavior.com](mailto:awood@abidingsavior.com).



Youth Group is Back for Junior High and High School!

5th-8th grades will meet Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. There will be snacks, games, and a Bible study!

High School will meet on Sundays from 5:00 pm-6:30 PM. High school will meet twice a month. There will be food, games, and a Bible study.

Youth Group is a great time to get away from the chaos of life and enjoy some time in scripture and with friends.

[Click here for the dates.](#)

Contact Alexis Wood Upchurch to get more information or if you have any questions. She can be reached at [awood@abiding-savior.com](mailto:awood@abiding-savior.com).



Tony Cook learned the beauty of neighbors helping neighbors, having grown up in Downs, a small rural community in Illinois. He experienced firsthand how each member of the community, regardless of background, had unique gifts to share. If you needed your car fixed, you took it to Chuck's dad; if your wiring went bad, you called Russ. Tony saw the art of neighboring being practiced everywhere in his community.

In 2017, Tony began to dream about neighborhoods in America. What would it be like if people across the country participated in their neighborhoods like his neighbors did, back in Downs? What would it be like if people pursued the common good with their neighbors right where they lived?

There are many reasons why those of our culture stay inside: fear for their safety, busy schedules, demanding family or work life, or even just awkwardness in engaging with their neighbors.

The Hopeful Neighborhood Project was created to equip you with the tools and resources you need to engage your neighbors.

Such engagement can lead to many good things, including sharing of unique gifts for the common good.



A hopeful neighborhood starts with you. It starts with someone

who is ready to engage with their neighbors and discover the gifts all around them.

Get Your Starter Kit. This kit will help you take the first steps to increasing the health in your neighborhood. Even the healthiest people can become healthier; neighborhoods are the same way. Your neighborhood has many gifts, including you. This starter kit will help you start discovering those gifts and making them stronger, one small step at a time. Your kit includes:

- I ♥ My Neighborhood Journal
- Online Courses
- Email Subscription
- Coaching from a Neighborhood Project Coach

Please consider getting one of these no charge starter kits: <https://www.hopefulneighborhood.org/starter-kit/>

## Elementary School

Donna Lucas,  
School Principal



Finn, our beloved emotional support dog, is thrilled to be back for his second school year! 🐾🐾

Finn is a bundle of love and joy. His comforting presence and calming cuddles continue to make a world of difference for our students and staff. Finn is here for you whether you need a furry friend to listen or a warm hug to brighten your day!





# PRAYER WALK



Free To Grow



Abiding Savior  
Lutheran Church

You're invited to pray with us!

## Join Us!

Oct. 5 - 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Oct. 6 - 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Join us for a heartwarming Prayer Walk and explore special prayer stations dedicated to our amazing ministries. Connect with God, learn about our work, and meet fellow believers. This is a wonderful opportunity to kickstart our mission together. Bring your family or friends, or come alone—it's your journey! Find your way with our prayer booklet or scan QR codes for more information. Everyone is welcome!

- Walk thru over 20 Stations and pray for our ministries.
- Come to the campus to pray for designated areas, touched by the "Free To Grow ministry expansion Campaign."
- Pick up prayer booklet on the Patio.

## Meet on the Patio

I chose you - John 15:16





Concordia University Irvine's music program offers a variety of fall music events for October.

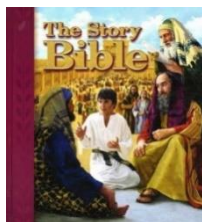
Please visit our website at <https://cui.simpletix.com/> for more information and tickets.

## Preschool

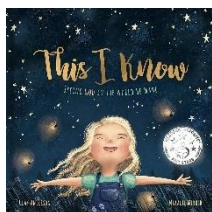
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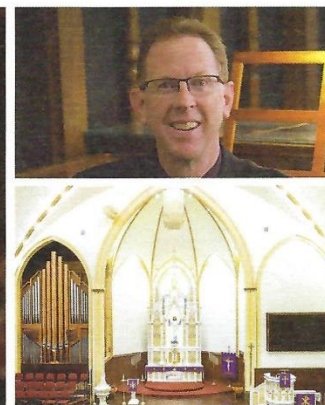
Prayerfully consider "adopting" a preschool family by purchasing "The Story Bible" for new families and "Little Visits at Bedtime"



or "This I Know" for returning families.



We ask that you keep this family in your prayers throughout the year. Each week the family will receive an email newsletter letting them know what Bible story Preschool is learning about and offer extension activities at home for the whole family. Please contact Celeste Cisna at [ccisna@abidingsavior.com](mailto:ccisna@abidingsavior.com) to "adopt" your preschool family. Thank you for your support!

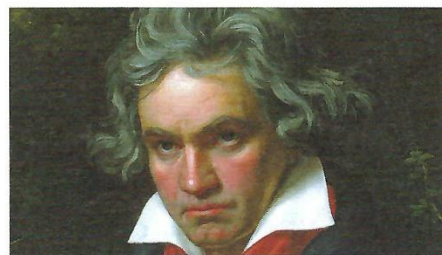


### FALL FESTIVAL OF HYMNS 2024: ROBERT HOBBY, GUEST ARTIST

*Concordia Master Chorale*  
*Concordia Choir*  
*Michael Busch, conductor*  
*Robert Hobby, hymn festival artist and organist*

**Saturday, October 5, 4:00 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church of Orange**

Concordia's annual Fall Festival of Hymns features Robert Hobby, one of the church's most prolific hymn arrangers for choirs, organ, and instruments. Enjoy an inspirational afternoon of hymn singing led by the Concordia Choir and Concordia Master Chorale, along with brass, organ, and percussion.



### BEETHOVEN: SYMPHONY NO. 3 "EROICA"

*Concordia Symphony Orchestra*  
*Jeff Held, conductor*

**Saturday, October 19, 7:00 pm, Zhang Hall**

During this 45-minute program, experience an iconic Beethoven symphony in the intimate acoustics of Zhang Hall, similar to the Vienna room where the symphony debuted.

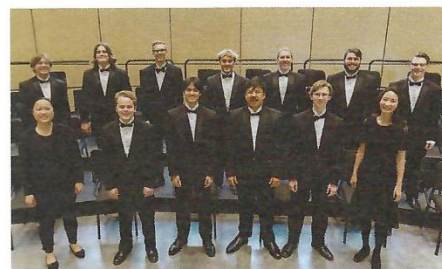


### CHURCH MUSIC SYMPOSIUM: CELEBRATING THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN HYMNALS

*Joseph Herl, guest lecturer*

**Sunday, October 20, 7:00 pm, Zhang Hall**

Learn about the hymns of the Achterliederbuch and Erfurt Enchiridion with Lutheran hymnologist Joseph Herl, who will present a historical overview and recent research on the legacy of these hymns.

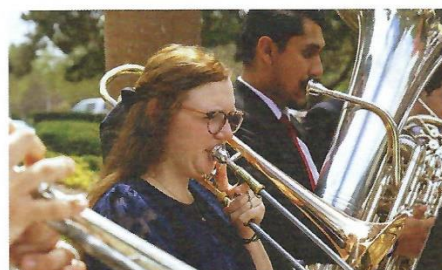


### FALL CHORAL CONCERT

*Donne di Canto*  
*Men's Chorus*  
*Clarissa Shan, conductor*

**Sunday, October 27**  
**Time and location TBD**

The women's and men's chorus of Concordia University Irvine showcase their fall repertoire of classical choral music.



### CATHEDRAL CONCERT

*Concordia Wind Orchestra*  
*Jeff Held, conductor*

**Sunday, November 3, 3:00 pm**  
**Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Forest**

Music for wind band reflecting the Reformation and Thanksgiving season, including several hymns for the audience to join in singing.



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
|   |  | <b>1</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>5p-Pickleball                | <b>2</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>9a-Bible Study<br>6p-Jr High Youth Group<br>6:45p-Confirmation<br>7:45p-AA                        | <b>3</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>7p-Young Adult Bible Study   | <b>4</b><br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous   | <b>5</b><br>9a-Altar Guild Prep<br>10a-Sew and Sews<br>5p-Praise Worship Service     |
|   | <b>6</b><br>Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar<br><br>10:30a-Praise and Nurture<br>5p-High School Youth Group | <b>7</b><br>7p-Boy Scout Meeting<br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous | <b>8</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>5p-Pickleball<br>6p-Elders Meeting  | <b>9</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>9a-Bible Study<br>11a – Free to Grow forum<br>6p-Jr High Youth Group<br>6:45p-Confirmation<br>7:30p-Chapel Choir<br>7:45p-AA | <b>10</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>6:30p-Praises Ring<br>7:30p-Abiding Praise          | <b>11</b><br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous   |
| <b>12</b><br>9a-Altar Guild<br>9a-Flu Shot Clinic<br>5p-Praise Worship Service  |  |   |  |   |   |  |
| <b>13</b><br>Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar<br><br>10a-Flu Shot Clinic<br>10:30a-Praise and Nurture        | <b>14</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>7p-Boy Scout Meeting<br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous  | <b>15</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>5p-Pickleball               | <b>16</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>9a-Bible Study<br>6p-Jr High Youth Group<br>6:45p-Confirmation<br>7:30p-Chapel Choir<br>7:45p-AA | <b>17</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>7p-Young Adult Bible Study<br>7:30p-Abiding Praise  | <b>18</b><br>10a-Jim Ryan Bible Study<br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous                    | <b>19</b><br>9a-Altar Guild Prep<br>1:30p-Fall Carnival<br>5p-Praise Worship Service |
| <b>20</b><br>Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar<br><br>10:30a-Praise and Nurture<br>5p-High School Youth Group | <b>21</b><br>7p-Boy Scout Meeting<br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous   | <b>22</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>5p-Pickleball               | <b>23</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>9a-Bible Study<br>6p-Jr High Youth Group<br>6:45p-Confirmation<br>7:30p-Chapel Choir<br>7:45p-AA | <b>24</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>6:30p-Praises Ring<br>7:30p-Abiding Praise  | <b>25</b><br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous  | <b>26</b><br>9a-Altar Guild Prep<br>5p-Praise Worship Service<br>6p-Trunk or Treat   |
| <b>27</b><br>Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar<br><br>10:30a-Praise and Nurture                               | <b>28</b><br>7p-Boy Scout Meeting<br>7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous   | <b>29</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>5p-Pickleball               | <b>30</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>9a-Bible Study<br>6p-Jr High Youth Group<br>7:45p-AA   | <b>31</b><br><b>Reformation Day</b><br>8:30a-Large Print<br>7p-Young Adult Bible Study<br>7:30p-Abiding Praise  |  |  |

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weeks*

*Communion Offered 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Weeks*





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#### VERSE

YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED YOU SO THAT YOU MIGHT GO AND BEAR FRUIT - FRUIT THAT WILL LAST - AND SO THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME THE FATHER WILL GIVE YOU.\*

#### VISION STATEMENT

ABIDING SAVIOR IS A LOVING COMMUNITY ROOTED IN CHRIST, THAT WELCOMES, ENGAGES, AND CARES FOR ALL PEOPLE AND GENERATIONS THROUGH SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP.

# MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

## INFORMATION FORUM 4

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2024

11 AM | ADULT ED ROOM



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## JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!



## OUR MUSIC MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Our Music Ministry is more than just singing and playing instruments. It's a fellowship that nurtures the spirit and fosters growth, not only as musicians but as devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

### - CHAPEL CHOIR -

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

### PRaises RING (HANDBELL ENSEMBLE)

THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

### - ABIDING PRAISE -

THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
(EXCEPT FIRST OF THE MONTH)

If you feel the call to be a part of this ministry, reach out to:  
**Dr. Christian Guebert at [cguebert@abidingsavior.com](mailto:cguebert@abidingsavior.com).**