



Turning Our Eyes Upon Jesus

Stephanie Harmon

One day I took my children to the beach on a foggy morning. This was more than the usual Southern California June gloom, we could barely see anything in front of us! We spent the morning inevitably straining our eyes forward, trying to see as far ahead as possible. This reminds me of Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) *“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”* We often strain our eyes trying to see ahead on our own. Let us never lose sight of our future with Jesus.

This earthly life is filled with uncertainties. The world is loud, shouting for our attention. We are bombarded daily with anxieties, doubt, endless distractions, and the pressure to conform. It’s easy to become overwhelmed and to lose sight of the true north of our faith, Jesus our Savior. In these times, let us reflect on Hebrews 12:2 where we are reminded to fix our eyes on Jesus - *“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the*

cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2 NIV)

The hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" really captures scripture beautifully:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.
Hymn by Helen Lemmel*

Instead of straining our eyes trying to figure out the uncertain path ahead, let us rest our gaze on Jesus, knowing He holds the journey in His hands!

Holy Week Worship

PALM SUNDAY SATURDAY | April 12
5:00 PM | In person worship with Holy Communion

PALM SUNDAY | April 13
8:00 AM | In person worship
10:15 AM | Live Stream or in person

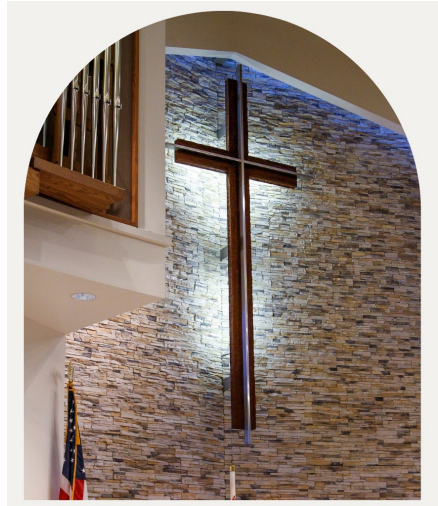
MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 17
7:00 PM | Live Stream or in person
Service with Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY | April 18
7:00 PM | Live Stream or in person
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EASTER EVE | April 19
5:00 PM | In person worship
Service with Holy Communion

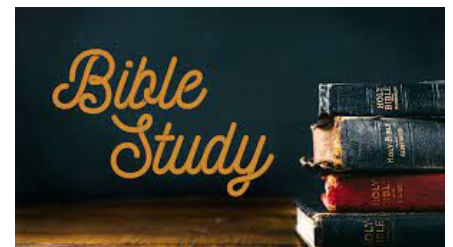
EASTER SUNRISE | April 20
6:00 AM | In person worship

EASTER FESTIVAL | April 20
8:00 AM | In person worship
Service with Holy Communion
10:15 AM | Live Stream or in person
Service with Holy Communion



Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 pm | Informal Worship
Sunday 8:00 am | Classic Worship
Sunday 10:15 am | Praise Worship
with Children’s Church




Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays in Lent 11:30 am
Sundays 9:15 am
Adult Education Room



Wednesday Lenten Services

Join us each week at 1:00 pm for in-person and live stream worship as we celebrate the seasons of Lent and Easter.

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Monday through Friday
7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

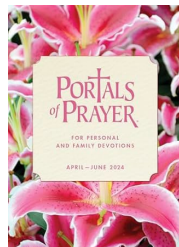


American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives. Abiding Savior Lutheran Church will be having an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, May 2nd from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Schedule your life saving appointment at RedCrossBlood.org using sponsor code Abiding Savior or scan the QR code.



Portals of Prayer



The April, May, and June 2025 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.

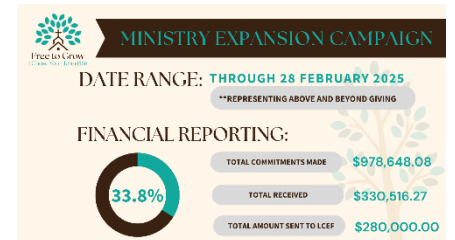


Easter Lilies For Sale



Reserve your Easter Lily plant(s) for \$10! Place a check in one of the gray baskets during worship and indicate “Easter Lily.” You may pick up your plant after the 10:15 Easter Festival Service.

Free To Grow: Financial Reporting



4th of July Parade Planning

This year we are designing our float for the Lake Forest July 4th parade to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the school. If you would like to be on the float committee this year we would love to have you...and your ideas! Please email Lori Beniche at LBeniche@abidingsavior.com to sign up.



- FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY -



Ladies Guild Scholarship Recipients

We are proud to award the following students with the Ladies Guild Scholarships.

- **Aine Molvik** will attend Concordia Seminary with her major in Master of Spiritual Care with Deaconess Certification.
- **Rebekah Symank** will be attending Concordia University, Irvine graduate program for her MA in Educational Leadership.
- **Lillian Molvik** will attend Concordia University, Chicago as a freshman in the Deaconess Program.
- **Matthew Simon** will be a senior at Concordia University, Irvine, and is studying Lutheran Education to become a high school history teacher.

May God bless them in their studies as they prepare to enter into careers in the church!

Take Me Out to the Ballpark

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 2nd, and join us for Abiding Savior Night with the Angels. The game begins at 6:30 pm against the Detroit Tigers. Everyone attending

will also receive a Ben Joyce bobblehead.

Tickets are \$25 and available until April 6th in the church office, the school office and at church on Sunday. Don't miss this opportunity to take your family to the ballpark!



Women's Fellowship

Ladies' Night Out will be **Monday, April 7th**, and it's craft night! We will make a craft, hand-stamped Easter cards, for our Rock of Aging Group. The potluck begins at 6:00 pm, with A-L salad and M-Z as the main dish. Invite a friend to join us! Please RSVP to Janice at krafter@cox.net by Friday, April 4th, so we have enough kits for the crafts.

Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail

Bring your camera and kids for the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 am. We will hunt for eggs on the lawn again this year. Hunting for eggs will be divided by age group. The egg hunt will be open for children through age 10. Meet the Easter Bunny in person. Don't miss out on the fun!



Easter Brunch on the Patio

Join us between services for an Easter Brunch on the patio and in the coffee shop. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with each other. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you on Easter Sunday for worship and join them for brunch afterward!

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLPARK...
ABIDING SAVIOR NIGHT WITH THE ANGELS!
FRIDAY | MAY 2 | 6:30 PM**

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EVERYONE ATTENDING WILL RECEIVE A BEN JOYCE BOBBLEHEAD!

- YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY -



A Taste of Easter

Alexis Upchurch

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation, and at Abiding Savior, we're embracing this journey with a vibrant "Taste of Easter" series designed to engage families in meaningful and joyful activities. Through hands-on experiences and shared moments, we're fostering a deeper understanding of the Easter story and building lasting memories.

Our journey began with the creation of beautiful **Easter Trees**. Families gathered to craft unique egg-shaped ornaments to provide hope and joy during the Lenten season. Next, we warmed our hearts and filled bellies with a **soft pretzel-making session**. More than just a tasty treat, the twisted shape of the pretzel served as a tangible representation of prayer and the Holy Trinity. What a unique but fun activity that everyone enjoyed!

But the "Taste of Easter" is just getting started! We have exciting events planned for the coming weeks:

- **Easter Scavenger Hunt:** (April 6th) Embark on an adventure throughout our church grounds as we search for clues that reveal the story of Easter. This interactive experience will engage children and adults alike, leading us closer to the heart of the resurrection.

- **Palm Sunday Extravaganza:** (April 13th) Join us for a special celebration as we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There will be a bounce house, pony rides, face painting, Kona Ice, catered food, and more! Don't miss out on the fun!

The "Taste of Easter" series is about more than just activities; it's about creating a space for families to connect with their faith and each other. We believe that by engaging in all our senses and participating in shared experiences, we can truly grasp the significance of Easter. We invite you to join us for these upcoming events and experience the joy of Lent and the anticipation of Easter.



Parents Night Out Fundraiser

Our recent Parent's Night Out was a great success, bringing together 30 energetic kids for an evening of laughter, games, and movie magic! We wanted to provide a fun-filled break for parents while raising funds for our LCMS Youth Gathering trip, and the night exceeded all expectations. The kids dove headfirst into a whirlwind of activities, crafting their own imaginative creations before launching into classic games that had everyone on their feet. Sharks and Minnows, Change Shoes If..., and the ever-competitive SPUD brought out the playful spirit in everyone, creating memories that will surely last. To cap off the night, we settled in for a fan-favorite movie "Monsters Inc.," complete with popcorn and cookies! We are incredibly grateful to every family who participated, and to the dedicated volunteers who poured their time and energy into making the night so special. We look forward to our next Parent's Night Out!

PALM SUNDAY EXTRAVAGANZA
APRIL 13
JOIN US FOR FACE PAINTING, PONY RIDES, BOUNCE HOUSE, FOOD, AND MORE!
FOLLOWING 10:15AM SERVICE
REGISTER NOW!



VBS 2025 August 4th-8th

WE NEED YOU!!

Volunteer and donate today
vbs.aslc.church

CREAN LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING ART EXHIBITION

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
CREATIVITY—THE VISUAL
ART DEPARTMENT'S
STUDENT SHOWCASE
ALONGSIDE THE ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT'S POETRY
NIGHT!

NORTH CAMPUS
ART GALLERY

5:00- 8:00 P.M.

APRIL 15, 2025

LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION
OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN YOUR SIGHT, O
LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER. —PSALM 138:1

ARTWORK BY ADDISON PAK

Abiding Savior Lutheran
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FIRESIDE FUN!

PTL INVITES YOU TO

PARENT MIXER & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 | 6PM - 9PM
BETWEEN THE RINKS RESTAURANT
\$45 PER PERSON
DINNER & A DRINK TICKET INCLUDED

SILENT AUCTION OPENS 4/9!

INCLUDES VACATION RENTALS, HOTEL STAY, PERMANENT JEWELRY, SCHOOL PARKING SPOTS & MORE!

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PLAYGROUND
IMPROVEMENTS, ENSURING A MORE FUN
AND JOYFUL EXPERIENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN!

UNWIND AND ENJOY A WELL-DESERVED EVENING OF
FUN, KNOWING YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PAY BY CASH, CHECK OR ZELLE:
SCHOOL@ABIDINGSAVIOR.COM
INCLUDE IN MEMO: PTL MIXER

ADULTS ONLY

CASH BAR

- PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL MINISTRY -



Preschool: Little Joy Art Club

Anne Lange

Little Joy Art Club at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool gives our little ones the opportunity to explore and express their creativity through an inspiring and joy-filled environment.

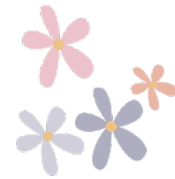
In our 45-minute sessions, our artists immerse themselves in an exciting creative experience, crafting unique masterpieces while building creative confidence and skills. Each session introduces new techniques and styles inspired by both historical and contemporary artists. Our students will explore an array of art forms and mediums in a supportive and creative environment!

Little Joy Art Club will have an installation feature at the Crean Lutheran Spring Art Show on April 15th. Be sure to check it out!



2025 LEA Outstanding New Lutheran Elementary Teacher Award

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Rebekah Symank! May God bless her abundantly for her dedication and service to our students. We are thankful for her work and the light she brings to our school community.



REBEKAH SYMANK

ASLS Resource Specialist (Student Success Center), in partnership with Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM)

NAMED 2025 LEA OUTSTANDING NEW LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY TEACHER!

REBEKAH'S MISSION STATEMENT IS:

"AS A CHILD OF GOD WHO WAS CREATED IN HIS IMAGE FOR HIS GLORY, I STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON RECEIVES AN EDUCATION THAT PREPARES THEM FOR THEIR FUTURE AS THEY LIVE OUT THE UNIQUE VOCATIONS THEY WERE CREATED FOR.

I SEEK TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD I WORK WITH IS SHAPED ACADEMICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, SOCIALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY THROUGH RECOGNITION OF THEIR UNIQUE IDENTITY, STRENGTHS, NEEDS, AND ASPIRATIONS, INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT TO HELP THEM HONE THEIR SKILLS, AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH AS THEY DISCOVER WHO GOD HAS CALLED THEM TO BE."

CONGRATULATIONS, REBEKAH!

We are so proud of you and your heart to serve.

A LEGACY OF LOVE
LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

VITA



Friends, Romans, Countrymen, or to put it in the vernacular...Members, Lutherans, and Visitors...the clock is ticking and is about to strike midnight! And while you won't turn into a pumpkin you will be subject to a penalty, and be charged interest, if you don't file your federal and state taxes by the

15th of this month! While you can apply for a six-month extension you are still required to pay any amount due in order to avoid the penalty and interest.

It is alarming to know that some folks among us either are unaware that they can get their taxes prepared for FREE, or that they may not qualify due to certain restrictions (they must not have been reading Day by Day articles on the subject)! Stop! No way are members and visitors unqualified to have their taxes prepared for FREE, and most restrictions that may be imposed by the general public are waived for YOU!

Although we have been blessed by getting most of our schedules filled up with clients, we will make every effort to accommodate you as a member or visitor of ASLC. Register by navigating to our website or pointing your smartphone camera to our QR code below, which will take you directly to the registration page. As IRS-certified volunteers, we are required to treat all of your information as PII, ergo in strict confidentiality.

<https://www.abidingsavior.com/vita>



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 3p-VITA Income Tax Prep 5p-Pickleball	2 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 11:30a-Wednesday Bible Study 1p-Midweek Lenten Worship 6p- Jr. High School Youth Group 6:45p-Confirmation 7:45p-AA	3 8a-Gathering Grounds Fellowship 6:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	4 5-The Roundup Event 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	5 9a-Altar Guild Prep 10a-Sew and Sews 5p-Praise Worship Service
6 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 9:15- Bible Study 11a- Taste of Easter 5p- High School Youth Group	7 5:30p- Young Adult Women's Bible Study 6p-Women's Fellowship Night 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	8 3p-VITA Income Tax Prep 5p-Pickleball 6p- Elder Meeting	9 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 11:30a -Wednesday Bible Study 1p-Midweek Lenten Worship 6p-Jr. High Youth Group 6:45p-Confirmation 7:30p-Chapel Choir 7:45p-AA	10 8a-Gathering Grounds Fellowship 6:30p-Praises Ring 7p-Young Adults Ministry 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	11 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	12 8a-VITA Income Tax Prep 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Praise Worship Service 6p-Parent Mixer
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20 6a-Easter Sunrise Service 8a-Easter Festival Service 9a-Easter Brunch 10:15a-Easter Festival Service	21 7p-Boy Scout Meeting 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	22 5p-Pickleball	23 8:15a-Parents in Prayer Group 9a-Wednesday Bible Study 6p-Jr. High Youth Group 7:45p-AA	24 8a-Gathering Grounds Fellowship 7p-Young Adults Ministry 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	25 7:30p-Narcotics Anonymous	26 9a-Altar Guild Prep 5p-Praise Worship Service
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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**

YOU'RE INVITED TO

The Roundup 2025

We are rounding up all incoming TK, Kindergarten, and First Graders for the 2025-2026 school year!

Get ready for an amazing evening of meeting new friends and families, chat with our wonderful teachers, and explore our classrooms.

It will be a night of fun, and great company that you won't want to miss!

APRIL 4TH | 5:00 - 6:30 PM
ASLS GYM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED, BOUNCE HOUSE & MORE!

RSVP  

FREE TO GROW. JOHN 15:16