




for it is *God* who  
works in you.  
both to will and to  
work for his good  
pleasure. 

*Philippians 2:13*

## Keep Christ at the Center of Summer Plans

By: *Lauren Abraham*

“Whether you have a busy summer ahead, or you are looking forward to taking time off to relax, it is important to keep Christ at the center of your summer plans.

Sometimes, it is easy for us to slip into a routine and feel as though we do not have purpose. However, the Bible warns us about being neutral when it comes to our faith. Matthew 12:30 says, “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”

How can we live intentionally for Christ? We must change our perspective to realize that every moment can be used to fulfill God’s calling on our lives. When we remember that God is transforming us and working through our lives, we can keep Him at the center of our plans.

So, what does this look like?

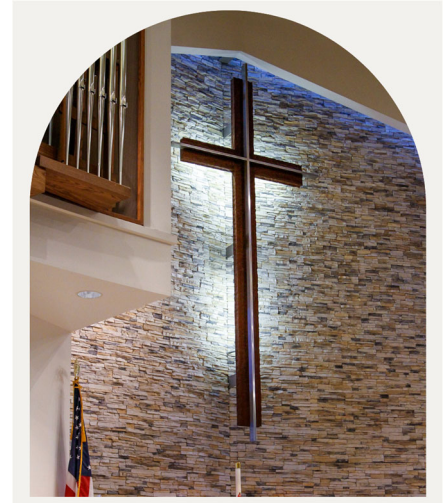
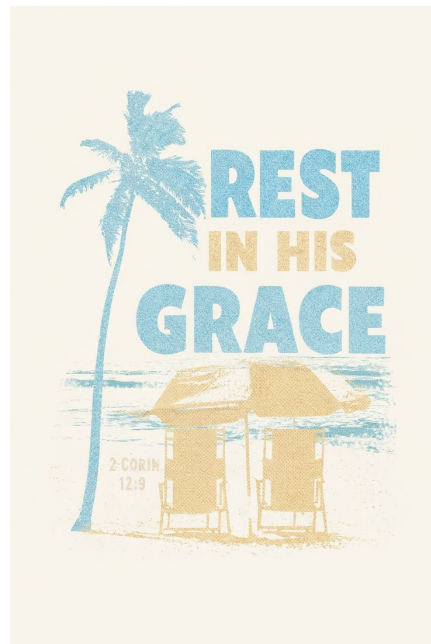
It is important to keep Christ as the focus in all aspects of our lives, no matter how small they may seem. For example, we can strive to keep Christ at the center of our relationships, whether they are relationships we have with our family, friends or coworkers.

In addition, by living intentionally and spending time in God’s Word, we can discern right from wrong and avoid sin. Hebrews 5:14 says, “Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.”

Furthermore, we can be intentional in the way we pray. Colossians 4:2 says, “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

This summer, I encourage you to live intentionally and allow Christ to be at the center of everything you do. No matter where we are or what we are doing, we are called as Christians to be intentional for Christ. Allow Him to be the focus of every area of your life and completely submit to His will.

As a result, He will empower you to live a purposeful life that glorifies Him!”



## Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 pm | Informal Worship  
Sunday 8:00 am | Classic Worship  
Sunday 10:15 am | Praise Worship

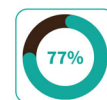


### MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

DATE RANGE: **THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026**

\*\*REPRESENTING ABOVE AND BEYOND GIVING

#### FINANCIAL REPORTING:



TOTAL COMMITMENTS MADE \$991,448.08

TOTAL RECEIVED \$763,515.08

TOTAL AMOUNT SENT TO LCYF \$760,000.00

## Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 am  
Adult Education Room

Wednesdays at 9:00 am  
Small Conference Room  
On summer break beginning in July

## Budget Review Meetings

Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 pm  
Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 am  
Adult Education Room

## Congregation Meeting

Sunday, June 28 after 10:15 am  
worship service

 **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, School & Preschool**  
23262 El Toro Road  
Lake Forest, California 92630  
Church: 949.830.1460

### Church Staff

Reverend Glenn Lucas, Senior Pastor  
Dr. Christian Guebert, Director of Music  
Tricia Stroube, HR and Office Manager  
Alexis Upchurch, Director of Family Ministry  
Chris Vick, IT Director  
Janet Calhoun, Church Secretary  
Lisa Taylor, Accounting  
Laura Lyons, Member Coordinator  
Kelly Lam, Administrative Assistant  
Lori Beniche, Director of Communications  
Stephanie Harmon, Editor of Day by Day

### Church Officers

Jonathon Harmon, President-  
John Parent, Vice President  
Sara Helmreich, Secretary  
Lynda Jacobs, Treasurer  
Erica Volz, Congregation Liaison

### School Staff

School.....949.830.1461  
Donna Lucas, School Principal  
Yesi Naber, Admissions Director  
Keigh Lee Horn, School Secretary  
Emma Teeple, School Secretary  
Marika Parent, School Secretary

Extended Care .....949.837.4289  
Deana Hicks, Extended Care Director

### Preschool Staff

Preschool Center .....949.837.4292  
Celeste Cisna, Preschool Director

#### Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
8:15 AM to 3:30 PM

#### School Office Hours -Summer

Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

#### Preschool Office Hours

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

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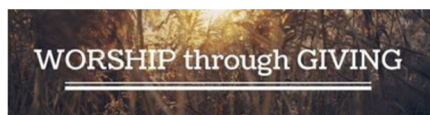


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Abiding Savior's Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, in observation the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

If you have a pastoral emergency when the church office is not open, you can call **661.309.3527** 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.



### 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 on any day of the week. Select your preferred way to give below and give your gift. You may support our General Fund, Scholarship Fund, Church Audio/Visual Fund, and many others.

[Online](#) – Give on our website

Text – Send amount to 844-374-6845

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Swipe – Contact the Church Office for more information on giving by swiping your credit card

Check or Cash | Offering Plate

You can also drop off or mail your check or cash to:

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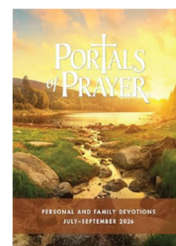
### Together, Praying for Each Other's Mission in Christ

On Sunday, 4/26/2026, the Sunshine Zone of the Southern California Lutheran Laymen's League District brought together 40 individuals from 17 congregations in the southwest corner of the United States - San Diego County.

For 65 years, the organization has been dedicated to connecting and energizing those committed to Jesus' mission. This year's gathering, entitled "IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST 2026", featured speakers from seven different ministries sharing their local and global impact.



### Portals of Prayer



The July, August, September 2026 edition of Portals of Prayer is now available. Pick up your copy at either the desk in the Narthex or in the

Gathering Grounds.

# - Fellowship and Outreach Ministries -



## Save the Date: Chili Cook-Off

Save the date, September 19<sup>th</sup>, for the annual Abiding Savior Chili Cook-Off! It's one of our favorite traditions, and we want *you* to bring your chili A-game. Don't worry, you have all summer to perfect that chili recipe. Who will take home the golden ladle this year? Stay tuned for more details!



## Strike Up the Band...it's Time for a Parade!

Abiding Savior will have a float in the Lake Forest July 4th parade again this year. We are looking for people who would like to ride on the float or walk alongside and hand out candy. Please email [LBeniche@abidingsavior.com](mailto:LBeniche@abidingsavior.com) or call (949) 300-1051 if you would like to participate.



## Birthday Bags for South County Outreach

During the month of July, to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, we are creating birthday bags for families of South County Outreach. These bags will help families celebrate birthdays for their own children. We are asking for donations of the following items to help us fill the bags:

- Cake mix
- Cake frosting
- Cake decorations - sprinkles etc.
- Candles
- Birthday napkins
- Small plates
- Plastic forks

Our youth group will be assembling all of the bags in August. Please leave your donations in the bins in the narthex and help us create birthday bags for families in our area.

## Pour Some Joy This Summer!

We're looking for volunteers to help run the Gathering Grounds coffee shop this summer — every Sunday through September 7th. Without help, we won't be able to keep it open. You can sign up to volunteer [here!](#)



## VITA

By: Bob Gibbins

It's June; you are all finished with taxes, right? Or is it?

Maybe some of you have procrastinated and still need to do them, or maybe you forgot something and need to file an amendment, or maybe you know a friend who hasn't filed. BTW, do you know what an amendment is, or how to prepare it? Good news! You can still have any of these obligations prepared this month! And still for FREE! Where? San Francisco Solano Catholic Church, Rancho Santa Margarita. They have started their off-season free tax service, which is held once a month on Saturdays. Members of your Abiding Savior Lutheran Church VITA free tax team lend them a helping hand, for which they are supremely grateful. Call them for dates, times, and reservations.

## Large Print Ministry Needs You

Make a global impact without leaving campus! Our Large Print Ministry produces and ships Bibles to the visually impaired worldwide, as well as to prisons. We are looking for volunteers (young adults and up) to help serve Tuesday–Thursday mornings in Room 200C. Whether you can give one morning or all three, your hands will help put God's Word into the hands of those who need it most. Reach out to Margaret at [mdelacru@pacbell.net](mailto:mdelacru@pacbell.net) for more details.

# FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

ALL AGES WELCOME!

EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY

Join us at 6PM for dinner and fun for the whole family!

- ✓ GOOD FOOD
- ✓ FUN GAMES
- ✓ GREAT TIME TOGETHER

**July 9<sup>TH</sup>** ★ ALL AMERICAN NIGHT ★  
Hotdogs, corn dogs, chili dogs, ice cream and water games on the lawn!

**July 16<sup>TH</sup>** ⇒ A TRIP TO ITALY ⇒  
Pasta and meatballs followed by family Bingo!

**July 23<sup>RD</sup>** ⇒ MEXICAN FIESTA ⇒  
Taqitos, burritos, churros and a piñata along with games on the patio!

**July 30<sup>TH</sup>** A PIRATES LIFE FOR ME ⚓  
Pirate pizza and make your own ice cream sundaes followed by the movie "Muppets Treasure Island"!

PLEASE RSVP HERE OR CLICK THE LINK IN THE NEWSLETTER EMAIL



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

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# VBS 2026

## RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

July 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

SIGN UP, VOLUNTEER, AND DONATE TODAY!

vbs.aslc.church

sign up before VBS fills up!



✧ *abiding savior youth ministry* ✧  
**summer schedule**

**JUNE 17**

**WILD RIVERS**

all youth

**JULY 1**

**ACTIVATE + ICE CREAM**

all youth

**JULY 20-24**

**VOLUNTEER FOR VBS**

all youth 6th-12th grade

**JULY 29**

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**

high school only

**AUGUST 2**

**BOWLING**

all youth

**AUGUST 9**

**PIZZA + PACK B-DAY KITS FOR SCO**

all youth

**AUGUST 12**

**BEACH BONFIRE**

high school only

*sign up here* →



**INSTA @ASLC\_YOUTH**

# - School Ministry -



## CONGRATULATIONS

# Graduates!

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR JOURNEY INTO HIGH SCHOOL.

*Trust in Him to guide your steps and light your path!*



CLASS OF  
**2026**



Abiding Savior Lutheran School

Where  
**FAITH MEETS + FUTURE**  
TK-8TH GRADE

Christ-centered education.  
*Lifetime* impact.



**50 YEARS**  
OF FAITH, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY

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-  ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
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*Building* **CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERS**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Budget Review Meeting | Thursday, June 11, 6:00 pm | Adult Education Room
- Budget Review Meeting | Saturday, June 13, 9:00 am | Adult Education Room
- Congregation Meeting | Sunday, June 28, 11: 15 am | Sanctuary
- Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Closed | Friday, July 3
- Lake Forest 4th of July Parade | Saturday, July 4
- Family Fun Night | Thursday, July 9, 6:00 pm
- Family Fun Night | Thursday, July 16, 6:00 pm
- Vacation Bible School | Monday, July 20 – 24, 9:00 am
- Family Fun Night | Thursday, July 23, 6:00 pm
- Family Fun Night | Thursday, July 30, 6:00 pm
- Education Sunday | Sunday, August 23
- First Day of School | Tuesday, August 26





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Return Service Requested  
Time Dated Materials

# MILES FOR MUSIC

*A Journey Across the USA for Music Ministry*

Our musical director, **Dr. Christian Guebert**, will be pedaling his way across the USA, covering approximately **3786 miles** this summer. He began on Tuesday in Rehoboth, Delaware, and should finish around August 5th in Florence, Oregon.

**FINISH**  
FLORENCE, OREGON

AROUND  
AUGUST 5TH

**START**  
REHOBOTH, DELAWARE

BEGAN  
TUESDAY

**YOU CAN SUPPORT HIS JOURNEY BY DONATING TO MILES FOR MUSIC**

as he hopes to raise money to grow his music ministry here at Abiding Savior.

Donate any amount per mile or support him with a one-time donation.

You can also donate during your worship service by writing Miles for Music on your check or envelope.

All checks should be made payable to ASLC.

SCAN TO DONATE

**WEEKLY UPDATES**  
in church, along with a map in the narthex, will track his progress.

**PLEASE KEEP CHRISTIAN**  
in your prayers as he continues his journey this summer.

*Thank you for supporting music ministry and making a difference!*

**FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM:**  
christianbiketheusa