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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALAN

2021 is here. Most of us hope and pray that this new year will be a vast improvement over 2020 with a vaccine for Covid-19 in the works as well as providing some clarity to other problems that we face personally and as a nation.

Although our desire for this brand-spanking new year may be that the Lord grant us fewer challenges than during 2020, there is no guarantee that He will. However, God does promise that He will go with His people if we trust and follow Him to whatever destination He might lead us.

Remember what the Lord told Joshua after Moses died, “Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success^[a] wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

The Lord kept His Word to Joshua and Israel. As God’s Old Testament people courageously trusted in the Lord and held on in faith to His Word, they eventually made it to the promised land. It may not have happened as quickly or as easily as they expected; however, God kept His Word.

I fervently pray that 2021 will not be as challenging to the world, the Christian Church, our congregation or to me personally as 2020. However, no matter what happens during the next twelve months, I rest in the assurance that as you and

I hold fast to God's Word and place our faith in Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, namely Jesus the Christ, the Lord will eventually lead us to the eternal promised land of heaven whenever that day may come.

God be with you! Amen!
In Jesus, Pastor Alan

PORTALS OF PRAYER

January-March Portals of Prayer are available on the welcome table in the narthex. Feel free to pick them up at the church anytime! The church office is open daily Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 3:00pm and from 8:00 am to noon on Friday.

SEWING FOR MISSIONS

Sewing for Missions is the 2nd and last Saturday of the month. Regularly scheduled mission quilt sewing will resume on January 9, 2021. We will spread out into the fellowship hall. Gloves will be provided. Please wear your masks. Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Readers Needed: If you would like to participate as a reader during worship services, please let Susan know (331-4409 or smoss@abidingsavior.info)
Readings are provided ahead of time so you can become familiar with them before the appointed Sunday.

Extra Hands Needed: Saturday, Jan. 16th at 8:30am, volunteers are needed to assist with taking down the Christmas decorations in the church.

Mulch Movers Needed: Saturday, Jan. 30th at 8:30am, we are seeking able bodied volunteers to assist with spreading mulch on the preschool playground to freshen it up and make it safer for the children to play.

PRESCHOOL NEWS – BRENDA ARDEN, DIRECTOR

Happy New Year from Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool! May the year 2021 bring you and your family many blessings from God! We enjoyed celebrating Christmas together as we shared the story of Jesus' birth through our prerecorded Christmas Pageant. Through narration and song with the talented students and staff, we shared God's Promise...the promise of a Savior!

During the month of January, our Bible stories will include Jesus Studying in the Temple, Jesus' Baptism, Jesus Healing the Ten Lepers, and Jesus Feeding the 5000. We will also be learning about winter, arctic animals, snowmen, and space.

January is a busy month in the preschool office as we prepare to register children for the upcoming school year! Children born on or before January 1, 2020 are eligible to enroll for the 2021-2022 school year. We pride ourselves on being one of the best preschools in Gainesville and anticipate a year of blessings from our great God.

Registration for current families, siblings, and church members will take place the week of January 11-15. We offer 2, 3, and 5-day options and you can choose between one of three programs: 8:30-12:00, 8:30-3:00, or 8:30-6:00, with early drop off (7:30-8:30) and lunch (12:00-1:00) options available for a nominal fee.

On January 19 we will open registration to former families and on January 25 open enrollment will be offered to the community, with priority given to families already on our waiting list. Registration forms may be picked up in the preschool office, narthex, or downloaded from our website. Current students will receive registration forms the week of January 4, 2021.

National Lutheran Schools Week is the week of January 25-29. We recognize the network of 1,900 LCMS preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work in Lutheran schools. We can celebrate these great blessings and be faithful witnesses of God's love through Christ! This year's theme is "Sent to Serve": "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Matthew 10:28

We thank God for the opportunity to provide an excellent preschool program for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

In His Hands,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

ALTAR CARE

Altar Care for January: Muriel Young (chair), JoAnn Petersen, Georganne Eibe, Patti Gill

Altar Care for February: Phyllis Leone (chair), Annetta Coleman, Candi Steinway, Kay Hurst

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – SARAH SUTER

Sunday School Kits

We took a break from Sunday School kits over Christmas, but will resume offering them on Jan. 9th.

Kits that are related to the Gospel each week will be available for the children. If you would like one of these kits you can RSVP to office@abidingsavior.info with your family name, service time and how many you need. We will only make as many as have RSVPs.

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM REPORT – HANNAH MAZUR

30 Children from Terwilligr Elementary were sponsored by Abiding Savior's Star Tree program. Thanks to everyone who generously supported this effort to help these children have a Merry Christmas.



St. Francis Ministry Team: Abiding Savior's St. Francis House outreach ministry will undergo some changes in the new year. The first is a logo, designed to provide a visual reminder of our mission to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Gainesville.



The second change will be an on-line sign-up chart, located on our church website. You will be able to volunteer to prepare food items for the current month and for the months throughout the year. Those who are not comfortable with the on-line method can still contact me to volunteer.

Lastly, we are working to list our St. Francis House ministry as an option to send your Thrivent dollars to help financially support our outreach effort.

Final information and instructions will be presented during announcements in early January. I want to extended my heartfelt thanks to all who have helped over the last several years to support this outreach. It could not have been done without you.

Phyllis Leone (Email: ChunkyMonkeysNana@gmail.com; Cell: 352-316-3586)

FELLOWSHIP REPORT – DANNY SCHMITT

Family life – We have resumed a limited, outdoor only, fellowship opportunity after early service each Sunday. Coffee and snacks are provided. Other events remain on pause to guard the health and safety of all. However, we are encouraged that Abiding Savior members are attending online worship and checking in on the well-being of each other via phone and email.

Youth – January 17th at 4pm at the front door of the FLC. Contact Danny at Youth@abidingsavior.info for more information.

ELDERS' REPORT – DEREK SAIN

We continue to keep Pastor Alan in our prayers as he battles his glioblastoma and related health complications. During the month of January, Pastor Graham Glover and Pastor Ron Biel will continue assisting Abiding Savior by leading our weekly worship services. We are so very thankful for their willingness to serve.

January's Elders of the Month are Chuck Moss & Jimmy Flateau.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be a Zoom meeting on January 26th at 7:00pm. The book will be *"The Giver of Stars: A Novel,"* by Jojo Moyes. Georganne Eibe will be our hostess.

February's book is *"A Land Remembered"* by Patrick D. Smith. Muriel Young will be our hostess on Feb. 23rd.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- **Girl Friends' Bible Study** meets at 9:30am via zoom for now. Email Linda Struckmeyer at struck60@gmail.com if you would like to receive a link to this class.
- **Chuck Moss** leads a zoom Bible Study on the book of First Samuel at 9:45am each Sunday. Email chuck_moss@msn.com if you would like to have a link to this class.
- **Joshua Mazur** hosts an Adult Bible Study on the book of Psalms which meets via zoom at 7:00 pm on Sunday. For a link to the zoom class, please email JMazur@abidingsavior.info

FINANCE REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

	December Estimates	2020 Total Estimates
Offerings	22,000	269,500
Preschool Income	66,000	661,000
Other Income	750	186,566
Total Income	88,750	1,117,066
Total Expenses	75,912	1,116,679
Net Income	12,838	387

Abiding Savior received a Payroll Protection Loan (PPP) for \$183,200 on April 14th. As a result, all the church and preschool staff, a total of 28 employees, were paid throughout the school and church shutdown during March, April, May and part of June. While offerings remained stable, preschool tuition disappeared. Starting in June, preschool tuition payments which cover preschool staff expense resumed. As of November 24th, the PPP loan was forgiven in its entirety. We end the year nearly even given the forgiven loan. \$183,200 of the Other Income line is attributed to the forgiven loan.

THE MANY COLORS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sundays and Seasons

In our daily lives we keep track of our activities and special events with a calendar. The church throughout the centuries has also “kept track” of days and seasons and commemorating special occasions with a calendar.

The Christian church has continued to follow the example set in the Old Testament of structuring the year around the marvelous acts of salvation that God completed for us in his Son, Christ. We call this structure the Church Year.

The church year calendar is organized into three sections: Sundays and seasons, feasts and festivals, and commemorations. The seasons of the church year are marked by certain liturgical colors.

Found here are the Sundays and seasons in the cycles of the Church’s liturgical calendar: Christmas/Epiphany, Good Friday/Easter, and Pentecost, followed by the Time of the Church (Sundays after Pentecost).

- The Season of Advent
- The Season of Christmas
- The Season of Epiphany
- The Season of Lent
- Holy Week
- The Season of Easter
- The Time of the Church (Season After Pentecost)

The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons (by Rev. Douglas K. Escue)

Color. Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son.

Color, like music, plays an important role in the life of God's worshipping people. Just as music is the “handmaiden to theology,” liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year. Taking a familiar seat in the nave of his/her chapel preceding worship on any given Sunday, the worshiper's emotions and intellect are immediately engaged by color. Liturgical colors aid in establishing a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received.

Color, like light which is its source, is most helpful when it is pleasing as well as stimulating to the senses. However, let us never forget its primary role in divine worship: Color allows us to see the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. It serves to communicate the message of salvation. And communicate it does when it reinforces a specific “colorful” chapter in the life of our Lord and his church, retold annually by the church calendar.

However, color and its bright message can easily be taken for granted or mistaken in its purpose. The paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners, traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. That is, no doubt, the view of some. It is true; interior design and decoration are important. But a greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings “pretty.”

Furthermore, when altar paraments are used year after year without much attention given to their message, as well as their care, the pastor, along with his faithful altar guild would do well to throw away the key to the sacristy and refrain from using those altar cloth “decorations.”

Frequent instruction about the church year and its corresponding colors must go hand in hand with its weekly use.

Traditionally, five basic colors of a festive, penitential, and neutral nature have been used in most liturgical congregations. In recent times, with liturgical renewal, three additional colors (blue, scarlet, and gold) have been added to the basic five of white, red, green, violet or purple, and black.

Blue, is the more contemporary color increasingly used by many congregations in their observance of a new church year. Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope. BLUE-the color of the sky-helps convey that powerful message. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history assuming our flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky he ascended long ago.

Green, is by far the most common color seen during the year. Lutheran Service Book calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons.

The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green-the color symbolic of growth.

The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as "the time of the church," share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the "green meadow," no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth.

Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy.

Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

A helpful suggestion for congregations observing summer and fall months with one neutral color, would be to invest time and effort in obtaining several sets of green paraments. Variety and change in shades of this color would go a long way in keeping the season fresh and "green." Changing the paraments every six weeks would complement the Sundays following Pentecost and their emphasis on personal faith that is living and growing.

Black is seen very seldom during the year. The calendar calls for its use only twice; on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. There's no mistaking the message that this sober color gives. Black is the absence of light. Good Friday, or Black Friday in combination with Ash Wednesday, calls for sober reflection on the cost of our redemption. Without Christ's sacrifice on the day the sky turned dark and hid the light of the sun, there would be no bright Light of Christ to live in, nor new life in Christ to enjoy.

Gold is the optional color for Easter Sunday. It is also the suggested color for the last Sunday in the church year when that day is observed as Christ the King Sunday (LBW). Its use may not be popular yet, but its emphasis is undeniable. Gold represents value and worth. The golden festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the event that gives our lives meaning and worth. He is worthy of our praise as we adorn his altar with the color of splendor.

Scarlet (a vivid red, or orange) is called for use during Holy Week; from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday. It is a color worth investing in because it stands in contrast to the traditional red that is used on Festival Sundays. Scarlet's use during the somber days of Holy Week help to offer a different message. As the Manual on the Liturgy points out, "scarlet is a color anciently associated with the passion ... the color of blood" (p. 25).

Purple, like black, is a penitential color, in contrast to a festive one. It is appropriately used during Lent and, still in many parishes, during the season of Advent. The forty days of Lent, including the six Sundays that fall during this season, use this deep, rich color which has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer.

Violet or purple was a very cherished and expensive color in the world Jesus lived. The dye used to make the color was painstakingly acquired by massaging the neck of a Mediterranean shellfish that secreted a special fluid. It was therefore afforded only by the rich and worn most exclusively by the royalty.

Jesus, the king of the Jews, wore a purple robe only once. As the soldiers mocked and tormented him, the Scriptures record they placed on him a "purple garment" in order to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a monarch.

Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn he endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he

made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in Lutheran Service Book. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

Finally, red completes the acronym, “Bg-Bgs-Pwr.” Red is a power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember the power and fire of “the Lord and Giver of Life,” who revealed himself as the promised one. The color red communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

There is no question that red is a compelling festive color. Consequently, it serves well as the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. The Lutheran Service Book church year calendar provides propers for sixteen martyr festivals and recommends red as the appropriate color. Their red blood shed in defense of the Gospel offers perpetual encouragement for God's people to be resolute in living the faith.

Additional uses of red are Reformation Sunday; Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14); on such festive occasions as dedications, anniversaries of a congregation and its physical structure; festive days celebrating the office of the public ministry, such as ordination and installation.

It is appropriate, from time to time, to take a thoughtful and fresh look at the colors that are displayed throughout the church year. In the

end, we admit, the use of paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners is an adiaphoron. Even the symbolism behind the traditional colors is somewhat arbitrary and open to additional interpretations as generations pass. The primary source and guarantor of their meanings is tradition.

However, the important thing to remember is why we retain this traditional liturgical standard. The value of the color scheme rests in their purpose: to serve God's worshiping community by assisting in communicating the holy faith from generation to generation. In every age, the beauty and symbolism of color in the church continues to serve us exceptionally well!

Soli Deo Gloria pro Ecclesia Colorem!

MORE THAN THREE KINGS: THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Joshua L. Mazur

You might be familiar with the word “Epiphany” as the name of both a day and an entire season that we celebrate as part of the church year. The day is January 6th, and the season is the time between the close of Christmastide and the beginning of Lent. The word “Epiphany” itself is derived from a Greek word meaning “the shining of a light, a shining forth, a manifestation, an appearance, or a revelation.” The Day of Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost are the three oldest and most important festivals observed by the church.

Epiphany had its origin at the beginning of 200s AD. By the end of the 300s, January 6 had become the specific date on which the celebration of the festival took place. The celebration of Epiphany encompassed the commemoration of Jesus’ Birth, Baptism, and first miracle at Cana in Galilee.

Mid-fourth century, the Western Church moved the celebration of Christmas as the birthday of Jesus to December 25, and Epiphany took on new meaning, principally in the movement of the visitation of the Wise Men to a position of prominence, with other commemorations assigned to particular other Sundays of the Epiphany season.

Epiphany, as it's Greek etymology indicates, is a day and season of light. Every year on the feast day, we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Arise, shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1).

At Christmas, our readings from the Word of God emphatically declare that Jesus, who was born at Bethlehem, is true God made man. It announces that God has appeared among us as the Promised One to be the Savior of all people of every nation, Gentiles as well as Jews. By the same token, Epiphany puts the spotlight on the truth that this human being born in Bethlehem is truly God; He is the God-man.

Jesus is the true light who enlightens each of us. The Nicene Creed states, Jesus is "God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God." Jesus Himself announced "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). It is with compelling reason that Epiphany is often spoken of as the Festival of Lights.

When Jesus was present in the Temple at the age of 12, He made clear that He was in His Father's House as God's own Son. As the scripture reveals, God is now present among us also in the presence of Jesus in His Word, in the Holy Supper of His Body and Blood, and in all His people who are very much the Body of Christ.

The Baptism of Jesus, which we commemorate on The First Sunday after the Epiphany, brilliantly announces by the very voice of God the Father that Jesus is the Son of God and shows that He is God together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased" (Mark 3:21-22).

By words and actions, Jesus revealed that He is God made man. He turned water into wine for the celebration when there was no more wine. "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested his glory" (John 2:11).

There were many other occasions when Jesus showed clearly his identity as the God-Man. In Capernaum, Jesus met a man with a demon who tried to protect himself from Jesus because he knew that Jesus is “the Holy One of God.” But Jesus, using His divine power, overcame the demon and cast it out. Demons came out of people shouting, “You are the Son of God!”

The climax of the season is The Transfiguration of Our Lord. Taking Peter, John, and James, Jesus went up on a mountain to pray. “And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered and His clothing became dazzling white.” Moses and Elijah of Old Testament days “appeared in glory and spoke to him of his departure which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.” Peter, James, and John were asleep for a while, but “when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.” Then, “a cloud came and overshadowed them” and “a voice came out of the cloud saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!””

Jesus has made manifest in this world a small glimpse of the next!

Epiphany vividly reveals that Jesus has come as the fulfillment of God’s promises to send a Messiah who would save all people, without any kind of exception, from sin, and restore all kinds of people everywhere to the presence and power of God.

This salvation is also demonstrated by the visit of the Wise Men to the child Jesus. These Wise Men (or Magi) were not Jews. They were Gentiles whom God led to Jesus by a brilliant star to manifest that His saving plan is indeed for Gentiles as well as Jews. God has now made known “that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.”

And how has Jesus carried out His saving mission for Gentiles and Jews? “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Because the

Son of God was born as a human being, He has been able to suffer and die for our sins in our place And because He is God, His suffering and death are sufficient to pay in full the debt we owe to God for our sinfulness and disobedience.

His resurrection from the dead, the greatest of all epiphanies, causes His victory to shine forth. Salvation is for all of us through faith in Jesus Christ, God's own Son, and this message is the greatest glimmer of Epiphany.

By this light-of-light we are transformed. Why? Because in Holy Baptism our lives have been "epiphanized." We are the people of light who are transformed and transfigured. We have been buried with Jesus "by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

As we move through this Epiphany Season, may the light of our Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made Savior Jesus Christ shine through you like the star of Bethlehem, and may His light shine as a beacon to light the lives of others.

Collect for Epiphany:

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us the light of Your holy Word, the guiding star that leads us to the Christ-child: Send, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive this light and make use of it for our salvation, and that we, like the wise men, when they were seeking the star, may not be afraid because of any hardship or peril, but put all our trust in Your only-begotten Son as our only Savior, devote our earthly possessions to the advancement of Your kingdom, and in all things serve Him, Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Dan Maxwell 1/1	Vinny Herman 1/18
Amy Solinsky 1/2	Olivia Schultz 1/18
Natalie Townsend 1/3	Wyatt Crawford 1/20
Susan Moss 1/4	Lenny Terry 1/24
Chris Annis 1/5	Gabi Hein 1/26
Charlene Stroehlen 1/5	Kris Pagenkopf 1/26
Arlene Ouligian 1/7	Dustin Banks 1/27
Betty Holland 1/9	Joshua Mazur 1/27
David Buth 1/11	Brody Sain 1/27
Sarah Suter 1/11	Jenny Bolick 1/28
Jan Banks 1/12	Duncan Shewchuk 1/28
Larry Mackenzie 1/14	

Anniversaries

Bill & Ann Stone 1/5
Derek & Sarah Sain 1/22
James & Carla Flateau 1/26
Len & Muriel Young 1/26

If your birthday or anniversary is not included in the newsletter, please let the church office know so we can update the lists.

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Names will be kept on the Prayer list for **one month** unless renewed.
Please call the church 331-4409 or Muriel Young 332-1386

Praises: Karen Nobles (successful cataract surgery)

Shut-Ins: Fran Jacobs, Helen Hahn, Bill Evans, Dan Nobles

Sympathy: Family of Becky Mazur (Joshua's mother)

Members & Family

1. Eckhard Schadow - cancer
2. **Pastor Alan** – brain cancer
3. June Amadio (Asst. living) Hannah’s grandmother
4. **Leonard Atwater** (open heart surgery) Annetta Coleman’s brother
5. Michelle Buth (praises for cancer in remission)
6. **Lynn Cera** (Parkinson’s home care)
7. Bill Evans (health issues)
8. **Stephen Forguson** (regain faith) by Jan Hamilton
9. **Carla Fleteau** (nerve impingement on spine)
10. Jimmy Fleteau (headaches-neurologist)
11. **John Furey** (healing) by Colleen Toppins
12. Randy Gill (stroke but home now)
13. **Linda Goddard** (lung cancer – radiation)
14. Ron Green (lesion on lung) Ginger Morgan’s father
15. **Andy Hamilton** (Parkinson’s)
16. Jan Hamilton (pray doctor can bring sight back in one eye & heart issues)
17. **Beth Harland** (Immune system problems)
18. Leon Hekking (newborn ALD) Nobles grandson
19. **Betty Holland** (health issues)
20. Bob Knittel (probable cancer) Jeff’s dad
21. **Phyllis Knuth** (John’s aunt) esophageal cancer
22. Evan Leone (allergies/ADHD)
23. **Jimmy Leone** (neck/spine surgery)
24. Pam Leone (fractured foot & arm injury)
25. **Dan Nobles** (health issues)
26. Amy Nobles (thyroid cancer in remission) Karen and Dan’s daughter-in-law
27. Tim Melvin (COPD & CHF heart attack) Georganne’s brother
28. **Greg Miller-House** (cancer)
29. **Janet Palfey** (mastectomy and lymph nodes) Linda’s cousin
30. Kathy Pine (cancer) by Debbie Rhoads
31. **Carol Prins** (back fractures)
32. Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer; broken limbs) by Karen Nobles
33. **Jennifer Scott** (cancer – double mastectomy) Mike and Cindy’s niece
34. Pamela Spalin (stage 4 brain cancer) S. Mandeville’s cousin
35. **Annika Spaberg** (health issues) Chiarelli’s niece

36. Ann Stone (healing from shoulder surgery 11/1)
 37. **Bill Stone** (diabetes/health – prostate radiation)
 38. Carol Stroehlen (cancer is back) infusions – Charlene’s mom
 39. **Kendall Tormey** (pregnancy complications) Megan Knittel’s sister
 40. Bob Wilber (Shand’s Vista) Carla’s stepdad worsening dementia
 41. **Doris Wilber** (a-fib) Carla’s mother
 42. Debbie Zoerler (cancer -chemo) by Robert Pagano

General Petitions

- Pray for Covid 19 victims.
- Pray for young people in college.
- Pray for Families and victims fleeing war and poverty.
- Pray for those dealing with disasters: fires, floods & hurricanes. May our Lord comfort them and give them courage.
- Pray for our country- our president and our elected officials

Military

Especially those deployed in combat zones

Eric Tappy – Iraq

Casey Dougherty (MP) by Annetta

Rachel Dougherty by Annetta

Eric Eibe

Jack Furey CSM Retired Colleen Toppin’s Dad – doing well

Matthew Gustafson

Jason Joseph (Alaska) by Phyllis Leone

Sam Kleinhauser (sniper)

Patrick Nobles (Air Force – Alaska)

Matt Young - Air Force Reserve home from Turkey

Nathan Underwood – San Diego, CA

Josh Wervy USMC (Nobles grandson) Japan

James A. Zoerler – 3rd deployment by Robt. Pagano

Friends of ASLC

Bolin family adoption process

Lauren Brasington (auto immune pain)

Vivian Bueker (major heart issues) by Pastor Alan

Jack Buth (stroke) by Mandeville

Aaron Caraway (cancer) hospice by Rhoads
Rhet Cooper (3yr. old – cancer) by Jessica Schmitt.
Aundrea Corbet (health issues)
Theresa Ferguson (cancer/hospice) by Carla
Pat Gaylord (cancer-hospice care) by the Rhoads
Merle Gill – NFRH heart failure (by Carla)
Charlie Hill (3 yr. old. Needs liver trans.) by Amy Solinsky
June Hood (throat cancer) by Inez
Cathy Jennings (brain tumor not responding)
Lavonne Lumsden (hospice care) by April
Mary Lynch (open heart surgery) by Jan Hamilton
Mike Malardi (brain cancer - shunt) by Len Young
John Martin (fell-broke back/crushed ribs, etc) by J. Flateau
Ashley Martinez-Malo (pregnant/breash cancer) by Schmitts
Rhonda Matheny (tonsil cancer)
Bryan McCarthy (colon cancer-kidney failure) by Jan and Andy Hamilton
Carol McCarthy (breast cancer)
Frank Neece (Feb. brain surgery) by wife Trish
Benny Nettles (spine surgery) by the Rhoads
Angie Newman (hip replacement) by R. Chiarelli
Judith Newson (healing) by Colleen
Richard Olson (cancer treatments) by the Rhoads
Paula Pennekamp (breast cancer - chemo for 5 mo.)
Marilyn Rabin (dialysis and health issues)
Dawn Sandvig (stem cell – lupus)
John Scott (Covid 19 serious) by Muriel
Tom Scott (shoulder replacement)
Steve Smittle (in hospital for several weeks – mersa etc.)
Loni Sheets (heart)
Wendy Thomas (cancer) by Flateaus
Brent Toeller (prostate surgery) by John Knuth
Kevin Tredinick (quadriplegic (seriously ill)
Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
Diane Ward (full of cancer – weeks to live)
Eric Werner (failing health) by Annetta Coleman
Joanne Wofford (stage 4 cancer)

***May Our Lord continue to watch over and bless Abiding Savior
Lutheran Church, Pastor Alan and our congregation leaders.
Sustain us all and bring us back together stronger than ever.***

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In-Person Worship Has Resumed

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8:00am – Divine Service with Organ

10:45am – Divine Service with Praise Team