

# ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER FOR May 2021

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## WELCOME CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR JACK ON May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Pastor John (Jack) Mackowiak has accepted Abiding Savior's Call to be our Intentional Interim Pastor. Pastor Jack and his wife, Paula, will be arriving at Abiding Savior on Wednesday, May 5. Let's give them a warm Abiding Savior welcome with a festive Cinco de Mayo celebration. Kathy Schmitt and her talented helpers are lined up to prepare and serve a delicious Mexican-themed dinner accompanied by music and decorations. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We ask that you R.S.V.P to the church office ([office@abidingsavior.info](mailto:office@abidingsavior.info) or 331-4409) so we know how much food to prepare. We urge you to take this opportunity to come out and meet and welcome Pastor Jack and Paula.



### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GLOVER

Dear saints of Abiding Savior,  
Easter greetings to you all!

I write to thank each of you for these past 11 months. While the circumstances of Pastor Alan's illness that brought me to Abiding Savior were unfortunate, the opportunity to serve this congregation, proclaiming God's Holy Word and presiding at His altar, has been a pure joy. In no uncertain terms, you have served me by affording me the privilege to serve you.

I also want to thank you for the beautiful gold chasuble and the monetary gift that you gave me on Easter Sunday. I am truly overwhelmed by your grace and generosity.

As Pastor Jack arrives to Abiding Savior this month, I am happy that you will have someone to provide full-time pastoral ministry to this congregation. Once again, the Lord has provided and I know that He will continue to do so.

This is not a farewell (I'm literally just a few miles down the road!), as I remain joined with all of you as servants of Christ and His Church.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Pastor Glover

## PORTALS OF PRAYER

April-June 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 8:00am to noon on Friday.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Since 1952 under President Truman, our nation has set aside a national day to bring all religions together to pause and reflect on our blessings.

The theme this year is 2 Corinthians 3:17. “Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” Also in 1 Corinthians 13:6, “Love is the great equalizer. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth.” So we can pray for all Americans to love one another.

You may observe the event on May 6 at “[nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org).” And, as Rev. Billy Graham said, “Life without God is like a ship without a rudder - it has no point.”

## PRESCHOOL NEWS - BRENDA ARDEN, DIRECTOR

May brings the last month of school for Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool. We have been amazingly blessed by our great God this year despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Our school theme this year has been “Anchored in Christ” from Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Our themes during the month of May are Moms, Authors, Oceans, and Summer. May Bible stories include Peter and John Heal a Crippled Man, God Cares for the Birds and Flowers, Timothy’s Mother and Grandmother, and Lydia Believes.

We will be celebrating our moms with Muffins for Moms on Tuesday-Friday, May 4-7. Our Song Fest for this school year will be a pre-recorded event that will be released in the month of May to our preschool families. The PTA will be

celebrating our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 17-21. Pre-Kindergarten Graduations will be Friday, May 28 (our last day of school) in the sanctuary. The graduates may have two guests in attendance, and we will live stream and record the graduation ceremonies.

We have 173 children enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year. We will have ongoing registration until we reach capacity. Please share the news about our outstanding preschool!

We have 133 children enrolled for our Summer Camp, “The Happiest Place in Gainesville”. You can find the registration form online at our Abiding Savior website or pick one up in the preschool office. Some age groups for certain weeks of camp are filling up or are FULL for the summer. Reserve your spot today!

We are blessed to serve and connect Jesus to people’s hearts at Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool.

In His Hands,

Brenda Arden

Preschool Director

## ALTAR CARE

### **Altar Care for May:**

Cindy Brannon (chair), Jan Banks, Karen Herder, Samantha Nuckolls

### **Altar Care for June:**

Muriel Young (chair), JoAnn Petersen, Georganne Eibe, Patti Gill

## DIRECTORY UPDATE WITH PICTURES

The church office is working hard to update contact information for all of our members and friends. Please look for your information on the welcome table and provide corrections or updates directly on the form. Additionally, we would like to add pictures to the directory in order to help Pastor Jack put names and faces together. If you have a profile picture you would like to include, send it to [office@abidingsavior.info](mailto:office@abidingsavior.info). If you do not have a picture, see Joshua or Susan after services and they can take a quick picture of you and your family members to include in this informal directory update.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - SARAH SUTER

**Sunday School Kits** related to the Gospel each week will be available for the children on the welcome table through the end of May. If you would like one of these kits you can RSVP to [office@abidingsavior.info](mailto:office@abidingsavior.info) with your family name, service time and how many you need. We will only make as many as have RSVPs.

If you would consider serving as the Christian Education team leader for 2021-2022, please contact Sarah or the church office.

## ST. FRANCIS HOUSE MINISTRY - PHYLLIS LEONE

### St. Francis House Ministry



A delicious dinner meal featuring BBQ pulled pork was served to St. Francis House residents on April 22. A great big thank you to all who prepared food. The dates for the remainder of 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month) are:

May 27  
August 26

June 24  
September 23

July 22  
October 28

I am making a special request for people to sign up to prepare the main course. Suggestions are: Baked Pasta; Salisbury Steak; Chicken and Rice; Chili, etc. If you prepare a main course but are unsure how to cook for 40, give me a call and I can guide you.

Accompanying items on each month's menu should compliment the main course, e.g., great accompaniments for Salisbury Steak would be either rice or baked potatoes, a green vegetable, tossed salad, mixed fruit and dessert. For Baked Pasta, sides could be tossed salad, garlic bread, mix fruit and dessert. You can sign up by: using the document located on the church's web site (under the tab "Ministries"); calling or texting me at 352-316-3586; or emailing me at [ChunkyMonkeysNana@gmail.com](mailto:ChunkyMonkeysNana@gmail.com)

I encourage anyone interested in joining this ministry to give me a call. I would be happy to share with you a little about St. Francis House and how Abiding Savior's effort to feed some of Gainesville's homeless families began.

Please know how much the residents of St. Francis House appreciate the efforts of Abiding Savior. I am looking forward to the day we can resume serving the meals in person and visiting with the SFH residents.

Blessings to All, Phyllis Leone

*"Then the King will say to those on his right. 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:34-40*

## SEWING FOR MISSIONS

Sewing for Missions is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Saturday of the month. We will spread out into the fellowship hall. Gloves will be provided. Please wear your masks. Contact Linda at [struck60@gmail.com](mailto:struck60@gmail.com) for more information.

## TRUSTEE REPORT - JOHN SCHMITT

The property was in good shape for Easter with fresh mulch and clean roofs. Several volunteers have contributed time and effort cleaning and organizing closets in building 1. The church nursery has been freshened with new paint as we prepare to use the space as a Sunday School classroom and nursery/cry room in the near future.

## FELLOWSHIP REPORT - DANNY SCHMITT

**Youth** - In person youth on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6pm. Youth will help with Pastor Jack's May 5th reception, so more information will be shared on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also start thinking about summer plans. Contact Danny at [Youth@abidingsavior.info](mailto:Youth@abidingsavior.info) for more information.

**National Youth Gathering 2022 interest:** If you missed the April informational meeting, contact Danny at [youth@abidingsavior.info](mailto:youth@abidingsavior.info) to set up a time to meet.

**Fellowship** - We have enjoyed coffee and small snack items outside of the sanctuary during the spring. Looking forward, we will again have fellowship breakfast with coffee & donuts in the Family Life Center starting on May 16. Hot breakfast may resume in August if Covid precautions are eased.



## ELDERS' REPORT - DEREK SAIN

On May 5, Pastor Jack Mackowiac arrives at the church office and we will welcome him with a Mexican themed dinner at 6:30pm on the 5<sup>th</sup>. His installation will be on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Biel will officiate.

**The Confirmation class** will meet with Pastor Jack and Pastor Biel on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> between services to get acquainted and then continue through the end of May between services with Pastor Jack.

May Elders of the Month are Derek Sain and Todd Williams.

## MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be a Zoom meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The book will be "*Camino Winds: A Novel*" by John Grisham

The June book will be "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover and will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Georganne Eibe at [savygg@yahoo.com](mailto:savygg@yahoo.com) to be added to the book email list.

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY CLOSET

Medical equipment and supplies are available for your use (or a friends). Items included are toilet rails, toilet raised set with rails, shower chair, tub transfer bench, cane, depends, pill box, sock aid, and more. Items are in the bathroom in the youth room. Just pick up what you need. We are NOT accepting donations at this time unless you want to volunteer to manage the "closet". If you need more information contact physical therapists Mike and Rhoda Chiarelli or occupational therapist Linda Struckmeyer.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- **Girl Friends' Bible Study** meets at 9:30am via zoom for now. Email Linda Struckmeyer at [struck60@gmail.com](mailto: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 Second Samuel at 9:45am each Sunday. Email [chuck\\_moss@msn.com](mailto:chuck_moss@msn.com) if you would like to have a link to this class.
- **Joshua Mazur** hosts an Adult Bible Study on Galatians which meets in the choir room at 9:30am each Sunday. For more information, email [JMazur@abidingsavior.info](mailto:JMazur@abidingsavior.info) .
- **New Member Class** - Meeting with Joshua in the choir room at 2pm on Sunday afternoons. Email [JMazur@abidingsavior.info](mailto:JMazur@abidingsavior.info) for details.

## FINANCE REPORT

	<u>April Est.</u>	<u>Year to Date Est.</u>
Church income	21,600	88,400
Preschool income	71,700	305,500
Other income	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total income	93,300	395,900
Total expenses	<u>78,000</u>	<u>334,200</u>
Net income	15,300	61,700

Average Weekly Offerings 2021: \$5,205

## LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND - Jack Martin

IS LCEF FALLING ASLEEP? Is nothing happening under the COVID restrictions? With total assets of over \$2 Billion to work with, the answer is “No.” Investor deposits are still coming in. Although interest rates have declined throughout the industry, you may find something of value for you situation at [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org).

Are loans still available? There have been over \$7.5 Million this fiscal year and there are several repayment plans. So overall, LCEF is adjusting and is not asleep.

If you wish to keep up with the financial situation, you may get the free LCEF publication at “[www.InterestTime.org](http://www.InterestTime.org).”

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

Shirley Jackson 5/6  
Daisy Slaughter 5/6  
Amie Spooner 5/6  
Alice Townsend 5/7  
Jean Schadow 5/11  
Elliot Sain 5/12  
Kevin Hebert 5/24  
Caroline Terry 5/28  
Jillian Hectus 5/30

### Anniversaries

Paul & Vicki Schubring 5/3  
Rob & Sarah Suter 5/3  
Mike & Rhoda Chiarelli 5/8  
Jeremy & Erin Crawford 5/9  
Roger & Dina Dolz 5/12  
John & Laurie Knuth 5/19  
Bret & Stacey Hectus 5/21  
Jeff & Lexie Dauer 5/31

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

## PRAYER LIST

Please call the church 331-4409 or Muriel Young 332-1386  
to update anyone you may have on the prayer list.

**Shut-Ins:** Fran Jacobs, Bill Evans

**Sympathy:** Bea Hough (Hannah's grandmother)

### **Members & Family**

1. June Amdio (Asst. living) Hannah's grandmother
2. **Leonard Atwater** (open heart surgery) Annetta Coleman's brother
3. John Bath (shot in chest) Susan Mandeville's cousin
4. **Michelle Buth** - return of ovarian cancer
5. Lynn Cera (Parkinson's home care)
6. **Greg Dollmont** - healing from quadruple bypass (Charlene Stroehlen brother-in-law)
7. Bill Evans (heart attack and stint surgery recovery)
8. **Stephen Ferguson** (regain faith) by Jan Hamilton
9. Carla Flateau (nerve impingement on spine)
10. **Randy Gill** (cateract surgeries 4/12 & 4/19)
11. Linda Goddard (lung cancer - radiation)
12. **Andy Hamilton** (Parkinson's - bladder cancer surgery on May 6<sup>th</sup> )
13. Jan Hamilton (hope doctor can bring sight back in one eye/ also heart issues)
14. **Leon Hekking** (newborn ALD) Nobles grandson
15. Betty Holland (healing and adjusting to new home)
16. **Bob Knittel** (probable cancer ) Jeff's dad
17. Phyllis Knuth (John's aunt) esophageal cancer
18. **Evan Leone** (allergies/ADHD)
19. Tim Melvin (COPD & CHF heartattack) Georganne's brother
20. **Greg Miller-House** (cancer)
21. Janet Palfey (mastectomy and lymph nodes) Linda's cousin
22. **Michael Panczysyn** (double by-pass) Nobles son-in-law
23. Carol Prins (back fractures)
24. **Todd Robel** (aggressive prostate cancer; fell broke leg and elbow) by Karen

Noble

25. Echard Schadow (cancer treatments)
26. **Jennifer Scott** (cancer - double mastectomy) Mike and Cindy's niece
27. Pamela Spalin (stage 4 brain cancer) S.Mandeville's cousin
28. **Bill Stone** (diabetes/health - prostate radiation)
29. Carol Stroehlen (cancer is back)) infusions - Charlene's mom
30. **Kendall Tormey** (pregnancy complications) Megan Knittel's sister
31. Bob Wilber ((Shands Vista) Carla's stepdad worsening dementia
32. **Doris Wilber** (complications from Covid) Carla's mother
33. Debbie Zoerler (cancer -chemo) by Robert Pagano
34. **Hans & Carol Farber** -Hans is suffering from advanced Parkinson's and Carol is caring for him by herself (24/7)

### 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

CSM Jack Furey (ret) Coleen Toppin's Dad - broke hip

Matthew Gustafson

Jason Joseph (Iraq) by Phyllis Leone

Sam Kleinhauser (sniper)

Patrick Nobles (Air Force - Middle East)

Matt Young - Air Force Reserve home from Turkey

Nathan Underwood

Josh Wervy USMC (Nobles grandson)Japan

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

## Friends of ASLC

**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)  
**Steve Devapradad** (hosp. critical) by Sara and Gilbert Daniels  
**Theresa Fergerson** (cancer hospice ) by Carla  
**Pat Gaylord** (cancer - hospice care) by the Rhoads  
**Charlie Hill** (3 yr. old. Needs liver trans.) by Amy Solinsky  
**June Hood** (throat cancer ) by Inz  
**Cathy Jennings** (brain tumor not responding)  
**Sean Law** (servere brain injury) by Mike Brannon  
**Lavonne Lumsden** (hospice care) by April  
**Mary Lynch** (open heart surgery) by Jan Hamilton  
**John Martin** (fell-broke back/crushed ribs, etc) by J. Flateau  
**Ashley Martinez-Malo** (pregnant/ breast cancer) by Schmitts  
**Bryan McCarthy** (colon cancer-kidney failure) by Jan and Andy Hamilton  
**Frank Neece** (Feb. brain surgery) by wife Trish  
**Richard Olson** (cancer treatments) by the Rhoads  
**Capt Morbeck Summer** (hosp. Covid and pneumonia - very serious) by JoAnn Petersen  
**Wendy Thomas** (cancer) by Flateaus  
**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 Coben  
**Joanne Wofford** (stage 4 cancer)

**May Our Lord continue to watch over and bless Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, as we comfort Pastor Alan's family and each other. Sustain us all and bring us back together stronger than ever as move ahead for His kingdom with Pastor Jack Mackowiak.**

## Employment Opportunities in Levy County

Levy County is in dire need of workers for government jobs. Jobs in code enforcement, permitting technician, library services, fire, paramedic, etc., are available. Visit [www.levycounty.org](http://www.levycounty.org) for more information.