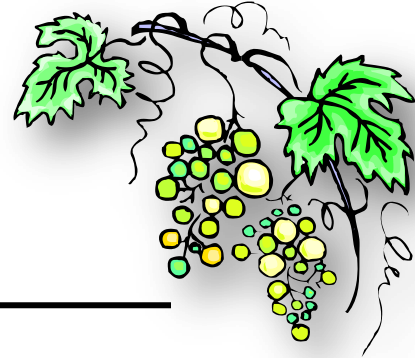


# ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

A Welcoming Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## The Grapevine

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# RALLY SUNDAY

### RALLY SUNDAY EVENT

This is your opportunity to learn about all the wonderful ministries at Abiding Savior. You have the opportunity to chat with the ministry leaders, ask questions and if God puts it on your heart, sign up and share your special gifts through volunteering or your time and talents.

Last year we had table set up from all the wonderful ministries and that went well. This year we will do the same, with more tables. We will hold both a 9:00am service and 11:00 am service, with our Rally Sunday Fair starting at 5:00 pm. We will have a couple of bouncers for the children, snow cones, hands on tables (ex: blood pressure checks, youth table with crafts for the kids), and a potluck dinner in Hestad. We ask that you invite your family, friends, and neighbors – together we can be involved in making our community a better place by sharing God's Love.

If you are a ministry leader, please plan to coordinate your space needs with Lynn LeFebvre or Eleanor Brierley no later than August 23. If you would like to bring something for the potluck, we ask that you make enough for 10 people. Any questions or concern, contact Eleanor Brierley or Lynn LeFebvre at 480-947-7495.



### RALLY FAIR & POTLUCK

SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Fair & Potluck

Ministry Tables  
Bouncy  
Snow Cones  
Popcorn  
Crafts

Blood Pressure Checks



# A Note From Our Pastor . . .



## Special Events & Services

**August 10**

**First Day of Public School**

**August 19**

**Start of Fall Session**

**Abiding Savior**

**Pre-school/Kindergarten**

**July 29 – August 11**

**Pastor & Sandy Smith**

**Will be on vacation**



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With all the things going on in our world today, I have begun to wonder: Who, after all are we to trust? To answer the question I began a little research, finding this old Greek proverb along the way: "Put trust in character".

Now, I don't know whose "character" is being eluded to here; but for me it has to be God. And it's not because there aren't some humans out there deserving of my trust as well. It's just that no matter how hard they try...they're going to inevitably fall short. For this reason alone, the Scriptures remind us: ***"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes."*** (Psalm 118:8-9).

Even as regards our own "character", it is safe to say we have weaknesses, that is, things that drive us to places not necessarily conducive to some kind of ongoing healthy result. I think, for example, of listening to those who would want us to act predominantly upon our own intuition and thought processes. Again, the Scriptures provide the guidance: ***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."*** (Proverbs 3:5).

Over and over again the Scriptures make it clear that all real strength and wisdom comes from the Lord. That it is the Lord alone who makes all good and proper things happen. In facing Goliath and the Philistines, David put it this way: ***"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."*** (I Samuel 17:45-47)

Again, as the proverb goes, "Put your trust in character." Before I trust myself, another, or any other thing, I tell you here... I will trust God. In this regard, I can do no other. For God, alone, is worthy of it!

Join me, I pray,

Pastor Shealds

## Abiding Savior School

*“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

*Proverbs 22:6*

The boys and girls had a special 4<sup>th</sup> of July bike parade where they decorated their bicycles with crepe paper, streamers, balloons and a flag and rode around the Church property. They also rode through the Church office for everyone to see. This was topped off with a special red, white and blue snack of vanilla ice cream with blueberries and strawberry syrup. Needless to say, they had a great time.

We had a water play day on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The kids came dressed in their swim suits and towels and we set up a sprinkler near the slide on the playground. They went down the “water slide” as well as run through the sprinkler. They also built sand castles and had a good time. This helps cool everyone off during these hot summer days.

The Campbell’s Soup Labels have been submitted and we ordered 2 CD/Cassette/Radio players. The ones we had been using were old and not always playing. We also ordered 2 gallons of glue and glue pumps as well as 200 markers. This will end our Campbell’s fund raiser as it takes many years to accumulate enough labels to purchase items. Thank you for all your support in our endeavors. Please continue to save the Box Tops for Education as those are submitted for cash, as well as the ink cartridges and aluminum cans.

Enrollment for the fall is way down this year and we are praying for parents to come sign their children up for preschool. Please help us out by promoting the school and telling anyone you know with small children about us. The fall session will begin on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

In His Name,  
Barbara McElrath

## Shepherd’s Warehouse

*“A Generous man will himself be blessed for he shares his bread with the poor.”*

*Proverbs 22:9*

When we ask – He will help. Thank you goes to Ora Mae Smith for helping out while Helen is on vacation. Lady, you have a big job ahead of you. God bless you for taking on the job.

Thanks to Desert Cross Lutheran Church, Christmas in June and July for the donation of the abundance of food. It was a big hit! You are great!

Blessings and big Thanks are going to the Angel of the Warehouse. He is not just helping with the front lawn, but helped with bottled water too. A thank you goes to Paul Parks for his part in the water donation. “God bless you!”

Now we have to ask for help again. School will be starting soon and we need school supplies more than ever. With all the unemployment and hard times in this economy we need to collect clothes and supplies for the neighborhood students. We are in need of the following school supplies: paper, folders, pencils, erasers, pens, crayons (box of 16), and safety scissors for elementary school aged children. We could use the following clothing items for students: New socks and underwear of all sizes from elementary to high school.

Stay well. His Care,  
Renate Blanchard

## Health Ministry

School will be starting again soon. I have just received from the County Health Department the list of current immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 school year. If parents would like a copy of the list, you may get it from Lynn. Scottsdale Health Care will be giving **free** immunizations to all kids up to age 18. You can get the date and times by reading the youth ministry news.

In the fall we will have the Mollen Clinic here again to give the flu shots.

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

## Youth Ministry

Summer is winding down and kids are getting ready to go back to school. Sunday, July 26 is summer fun at Pastor and Sandy's house for swimming and hotdogs for those 12 and older. First, we will listen to the Scottsdale Fire Dept. speak on water safety, followed then by swimming and eating.

In September we will have the same fun time for those ages 6 – 10. We will announce the date once it is set up. Our water safety program for the younger ones will include "Stewie the Duck" from with Scottsdale Fire Dept. Just a FYI, Scottsdale Health Care-Osborn will be giving **free** immunizations on August 1 and 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am -12pm for all ages up to 18. All you need to do is to bring your child's immunization record with them.

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

## For the Love of Words

Now is the time of the year when school bells begin again to call the very young children to class. Leaving home for school each day is not always looked forward to, but a dedicated teacher can make a big difference in the lives of the children as they grow older. How thankful and glad we are for those teachers whose efforts are rewarded when they hear about the increasing number of students graduating today.

Because the school bells have rung so consistently, let us not forget they are also heard by all ages. If you notice during a graduation, there are more and more seniors waiting in line for their diplomas. On the other hand, I understand there is a new baby gift which now teaches infants to say words as printed on cards. Yes, learning is perpetual, no matter the age of the students, for as long as words are written and books are printed and read, the reward of knowledge is for all to keep and those bells will ring loud and clear for all to hear.

In His Service,  
Dorothy Pientka

## Cursillo Corner

Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Ultreya 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity, 739 West Erie Street, Chandler  
Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Ultreya 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Peace Lutheran, 18265 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Peoria

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Ultreya 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity, 739 West Erie Street, Chandler  
**NOTE: Abiding Savior is hosting this ultreya. Volunteers are needed, please contact Regina or Bill Jenkins if you are available and willing to serve.**

**PLEASE CONTACT REGINA OR BILL JENKINS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING TO ANY OF THE ULTREYAS.**

### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends:

Men's Weekend #123, October 8 – October 11  
Women's Weekend #124, October 22 – October 25

### Reunion Ultreya/Annual Meeting:

Saturday, November 7 6:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.  
Desert Cross, 8600 South McClintock Drive, Tempe, AZ

## For Your Information

The Family of Lola Mae Heltman would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, memorials and presence at the service. A thank you also to Nell Durst and the ladies who prepared the cookies and punch after the memorial service. All is appreciated.

Sandy Rhudy

Thank you to Pastor Shealds for a comforting funeral service for Roy Ohlinger and family. To my church family, a warm thank you to everyone for all the prayers for my family after the death of my father-in-law, Roy Ohlinger, and during the difficult times dealing with my parents. It is truly a blessing to be surrounded with caring support and comfort.

Blessings to you,

Debra Ohlinger

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Phone: 817-319-1488

email: [peggy.ark02@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggy.ark02@sbcglobal.net)

You may read Peggy Ark's letter, it is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Camp ALOMA is now a recipient of funds for your Internet searches. But there are a couple of things you will need to know. First, go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and look for the gray bar which reads, "Who do you GoodSearch for?" Then, type "Arizona Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association" in the box below this question and click on the yellow "Verify" button. You should see "Arizona Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association – Camp ALOMA (Prescott, AZ)" appear in the box. Next, begin your Internet search (just like you probably already do on Google or Yahoo) in the area above this information. Every time you do a web search on this site with Camp ALOMA as the designee, the church receives one penny. At the end of the year, the Camp receives these funds in the form of a check. This may not seem like much, but in just two days (with only a few people participating) seventy cents was raised. This amount will add up when multiplied by all in the Camp family and their friends who use the Internet. Pass the word—and help Camp ALOMA collect the benefits.

Shirley Urie

Co-Director

Camp ALOMA

***Faith is not a storm cellar to which men and women can flee for refuge from the storms of life. It is, instead, an inner force that gives them the strength to face those storms and their consequences with serenity of spirit.***

***-Sam J. Ervin, Jr.***

### **CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009**

**10:30 IN THE SANCTUARY**

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20**

**FROM ALL MINISTRIES**

**You may e-mail the reports to:**

***debra@abidingsaviortempe.org***

## ATTENTION WORSHIP SUPPORT CHAIRPERSONS

Please write a brief description about the Ministry you Chair in the Worship Support Ministry and return it by September 20, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Debra Ohlinger in the church office during office hours.

Greeters	Judy Lee (9:00)
	Phyllis Stokes(11:00)
Lay Readers	Donna Hilt
Ushers	Bill Jenkins(9:00)
	Phyllis Stokes(11:00)
Altar Guild	Cindy Chapin
Communion Assistant	Cree Abbott
Acolytes	Lori DeVries
Coffee Host	Martha Weld
Sound/Lighting	Erv Toll

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 20

Executive Board	Phone Tree Ministry
Church Council	Health Ministry
Board of Elders	Music Ministry
Board of Deacons	Youth Ministry
Board of Trustees	Children's Church
Treasurer	Children's Time
Pastor	Vacation Bible School
Adult Sunday School	Women's Ministry
Confirmation	Mission Report
First Communion	Altar Guild
New Members	Library
Shut-ins	Prayer Chain
Visitation Communion	Cradle Roll
Bible Study	Hospitality Ministry
World Hunger/FoodCARE	Five O'Clock Angels
Outreach	Cursillo
Administration	Nursery
Office Volunteers	Shepherd's Warehouse
School Board	Worship Support Chairpersons
Abiding Savior School	Worship Support Ministry

# August

## Birthdays, Scriptures, Worship Support

- ††††††††††††††††
- 3 Sandy Rhudy  
 8 Pastor Shealds Smith  
 10 Martha Weld  
 11 Lisa Cole  
 12 Renate Blanchard  
 Joey Hinkle  
 Bonnie Koch  
 13 Dillon Thomas  
 15 Leiselotte Burnett  
 Christel Toll  
 Tom Van Meter  
 18 Peggy Owens  
 19 Audrey Larson  
 David Napoli  
 20 Debra Lynn Goldstein  
 Jasmine Haas  
 23 Lorna Wilson  
 24 Pearl Kent  
 26 Lynn LeFebvre  
 27 Hazel Cline  
 Elizabeth Cooke  
 Danny LeFebvre  
 28 Ione Biehler

*Did we miss anyone  
 or make a mistake?  
 If so,  
 please contact  
 the Church office  
 480-947-7495.*

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### WORSHIP SUPPORT

#### Greeters

Ted Rhudy  
 Sandy Rhudy

#### Lay Readers

2 – Sue Golomb  
 9 – Adrienne Bass  
 16 – William Rosch  
 23 – Sandy Smisth  
 30 – Peggy Owens

#### Ushers

Bill Jenkins, Al Willert  
 Cindy Chapin, Sue Golomb

#### Communion Assistant

Lisa Cole, Doug Cole  
 Paul Parks, Cree Abbott (2&9)  
 Bill Jenkins (16,23&30)

#### Altar Guild

2&9 – Cindy Chapin  
 Linn Palmer  
 Martha Weld  
 16,23&30 - Cindy Chapin  
 Cree Abbott

#### Acolytes

2 – Jenna Owens  
 9 – Sarah Reischmann  
 Macenzi Stoneburner  
 16 – Macenzi Stoneburner  
 Christel Toll  
 23 – Paige Faser  
 Bryan Toll  
 30 – Tyler Cooke

#### Sound

Erv Toll



#### **AUGUST 2**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
 Ephesians 4:1-16  
 John 6:24-35

#### **AUGUST 9**

I Kings 19:4-8  
 Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2  
 John 6:35, 41-51

#### **AUGUST 16**

Proverbs 9:1-6  
 Ephesians 5:15-20  
 John 6:51-58

#### **AUGUST 23**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
 Ephesians 6:10-20  
 John 6:56-69

#### **AUGUST 30**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
 James 1:17-27  
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

# Abiding Savior

Council, Staff & Prayer Chain

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## ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH COUNCIL

### Executive Board

Kurt Parks	President
Lisa Cole	Secretary
Eleanor Brierley	Treasurer

### Board of Elders

Worship, Youth &  
Education Ministries

Tory Fearey  
Carolyn Hinkle

### Board of Deacons

Church Community &  
Neighborhood Outreach

Scott Halvorsen  
June Peterson

### Board of Trustees

Facilities, Budget &  
Staff Ministries

Dee Kett  
Bruce Jameson

## ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH STAFF

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Barbara McElrath  
*Director ~ Abiding Savior School*

Tom Van Meter  
*Security/Custodian*

## ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

### Morning Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer request from  
6:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m. or the previous evening.  
Call Martha Weld 480-874-3882

### Evening Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer requests  
Throughout the day until 6:00 p.m.  
Call Peggy Zude 480-945-4693

We will strive to be passionate followers  
of Jesus Christ who. . .

Pray daily

Worship weekly

Read the Bible daily

Serve at and beyond Abiding Savior

Relate with others to encourage  
spiritual growth

Give generously with a goal of  
10% and beyond

## THE GRAPEVINE

Please submit your e-mail requests for  
publication prior to 12:00 noon on the  
SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
TO

[debra@abidingsaviortempe.org](mailto:debra@abidingsaviortempe.org)  
or phone Church Office at  
480-947-7495

Sunday Bulletin deadlines are every Wednesday  
at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming Sunday.

E-mail information for the Sunday bulletin to:  
[judy@abidingsaviortempe.org](mailto:judy@abidingsaviortempe.org)

## FOOD

You cause the grass  
to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to  
use, to bring forth food  
from the earth...

-Psalm 104:14

# Abiding Savior's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!

~ 1960 TO 2010 ~

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Our Theme:

*The faces have changed! The buildings have changed!  
Even the palm trees have changed! BUT.....*

***JESUS IS THE SAME.....YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER."***

Hebrews 13.8

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## ***Prepare Yourself for the Celebration to Begin!!!***

Many ACTIVITIES (and mini activities) this coming year will help you recognize the faithfulness of God to Abiding Savior! While it is always a time to celebrate our blessings, we are taking the year 2010 to focus on them...a little more!

1. Would you like to learn of some of those who have been a part of our beginning?  
We hope you would BUT...we are not stopping there!
2. Would you like to know more about who we are today?  
We hope you would BUT...we are not going to stop there!
3. Would you like to learn more about where God is leading us into the future?  
We hope you would...

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration isn't to say "Ain't we been great!" It's to PRAISE God!!! Taking the time to SEE His greatness!!! And CELEBRATE!!!

It isn't a one day event to have a big party! It is many AND mini reminders (events, photos, history, etc.) during 2010. Celebrations of "Who we were." "Who we are." And, "Who we are going to be." It is to increase and celebrate our understanding of the presence of God through you and me and all that have come before us and those who will be added.

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**Join us!!! Come and see!!!** How all of this is going to happen!!!

Contact Carol Parks 480-946-2390

# ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

August

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b> 10:00 Combined Worship 10:20 Children's Sunday School	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer 7:00 p Altar Guild	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00 Combined Worship	<b>10</b> GRAPEVINE DEADLINE  Public School Begins	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer	<b>13</b> ASCS Closed	<b>14</b> OFFICE CLOSED  ASCS Closed	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 Combined Worship 10:20 Children's Sunday School	<b>17</b> ASCS Closed	<b>18</b> ASCS Closed	<b>19</b> 11:00 Meet for Prayer  Start of Fall Session Preschool Kindergarten	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:00 Combined Worship	<b>24</b> 6:30 Council Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer  GRAPEVINE on website	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00 Combined Worship  GRAPEVINE In Narthex	<b>31</b>					

*O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your church. By your Holy Spirit give all teachers insight into your holy word, lives that are examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*