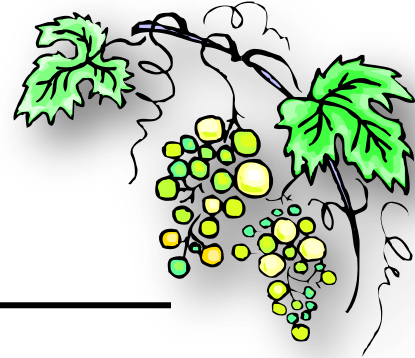


# ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## The Grapevine

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# VACATION

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*Vacations are great! We look forward to them all year long. We plan for them, and we pack, we cancel the mail delivery. We secure our home; somehow fit everyone and everything into the overstuffed car, and finally we're off! But Wait!*

*There is something else to do...*

*Before you go...remember that our congregation's mission and various ministries continue while you are away. That means that the expenses go on as well. So, before you pack up and head out to vacationland, please remember to make your offering!*

*Thank you!*

**HAVE A  
GREAT VACATION!!!**

# A Note From Our Pastor . . .



## Special Events & Services

4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Independence Day

July 26  
Parent's Day

July 29 – August 11  
Pastor & Sandy Smith  
Will be on vacation



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*Dear Brothers and Sisters: Grace, as always, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

I am now sitting here happy to report that I, along with Kurt and Carol Parks, have successfully completed our congregation's participation in another Grand Canyon Synod assembly. In my process of evaluating its content, I was most struck by the freedom graciously given me to put so-called "consumerism" aside. Gone, it is contended, will soon be the days when so much of our success hinges on offering an adequate list of structured programs and events to suit the consumer driven seeker. In its place, is to emerge, I am told, a ministry grounded in a much deeper sense of "community" among us. This is good, I think. And it's not just because doing so would somehow work to level the "playing field" between smaller versus larger congregations. It is also because the end result would put us back in union with what the Scriptures clearly show was the over-riding practice of the original Church.

Listen, I pray, to what Paul writes; first in his letter to the church at Thessalonica. In response to an expressed concern regarding the coming of the Lord, he states: ***"But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*** (I Thessalonians 5:8-11)

The second is like it, but this time from Paul's letter to the people at Ephesus. In writing about living as children of light, he states: ***"Do not let unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."*** (Ephesians 4:29)

Having said and quoted all of this, I'm just wondering a bit. Could it be that the time has now come for us to recapture the obvious focus of our Church at time of its inception? Could it be that with all the challenges we are facing these days the Holy Spirit might just be nudging us a bit to join both the Thessalonians and Ephesians before us in making the practice of building community a priority once again? I'm praying so; and would ask you to do the same. This way we can be united moving forward, relying always upon God to help and guide us.

With you in service,  
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

We have begun our summer program with 15 students. It is a nice, quiet group of children. The boys and girls will be learning about camping, the beach, and Disney characters among other themes this summer. The children will also be participating in Vacation Bible School along with the Church.

On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a special Father's Day breakfast. We know the dads can't get off work to come to a special Chapel program, so we invite them to stop by for some pastries and coffee on their way to work. The boys and girls will also be making special gifts for their dads.

The Tempe Fire Department will be here on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to talk with the children about water safety. They come every year and impress upon the kids how important it is to be safe around water. They learn that they should never go in the pool without someone present to watch them and how to stay safe in other water situations.

We are going to be ending our Campbell's Soup fundraiser as there just isn't the type of toys or games to get with the labels for our young group. Thank you so much for saving all the labels in the past for us. The final donation to Campbell's will be made next month and we will then choose what to purchase with the labels.

We will continue to collect the Box Tops, cartridges and cell phones as these are turned in for cash. Please continue to save these for us as well as the aluminum cans.

We ask for your prayers for a good summer and for lots of children to register for our fall program.

In His Name,  
Barbara McElrath  
Director

## Shepherd's Warehouse

*"A Generous man will himself be blessed for he shares his bread with the poor."*  
Proverbs 22:9

Hello and God Bless ~

Thank you all for the help.

We're now in the summer and praying for cooler weather. We need bottled water for our street people. If you could please donate a case or more it would help relieve the stress that the street people endure out in the heat.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> the Shepherd's Warehouse received 17 jars of jelly. "Record!" Keep them coming because the jars of jelly go fast. The Warehouse cannot keep the shelves stocked.

Our volunteer, Helen, will be going up north for 10 weeks and we are in need of help in the clothing department on Wednesdays. If you have some spare time on Wednesdays between 9:00 am – 12 Noon contact the Shepherd's Warehouse at 480-945-5250 and let us know.

We hope everyone enjoyed their journey through Rome during VBS and the children will carry with them the love of God.

In His Care,  
Renate

## Health Ministry

The American Heart Association has the Ten Commandments for a healthy heart. I thought this was cute but informative, so here it is.

### Ten Commandments for a Heart-Healthy Temple

1. Thou shall have your blood pressure checked regularly.
2. Thou shall not smoke cigarettes or other tobacco products.
3. Thou shall eat a diet low in saturated and trans fats.
4. Thou shall eat a low-cholesterol diet.
5. Thou shall have your blood cholesterol level checked regularly.
6. Thou shall limit the amount of salt in cooking and at meals.
7. Thou shall be physically active.
8. Thou shall maintain your proper weight.
9. Thou shall know the warning signals and actions of heart attack and stroke.
10. Thou shall know the risk factors for heart disease.

[www.Americanheart.org](http://www.Americanheart.org)

We have many brochures in my office on heart disease and stroke if anyone would like one.

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

## Youth Ministry

Kids today are growing up in a fast paced, high tech world. They have iPods, computers, laptops, cell phones, all kinds of electronics at their finger tips that can cause a danger. The challenge for Christian teachers is to get kids to see that spending a few quiet moments with God each day can make a tremendous difference in their lives, especially today. They have more peer pressure and challenges than we had at their age. We all, young and old alike, need God's guidance to help keep us on the right path.

One danger that has been on my heart is the "My Space" that kids today have on the internet.

Here are some of the statistics from the Arizona Attorney General's Office on Online Risks for Children:

- \* 71% of teens ages 13-17 reported receiving messages online from someone they don't know.
  - 40% of them reported that they usually reply and chat with that person they don't know.
  - 18% said they will tell an adult and not talk to that person.
- \* 45% of teens ages 13-17 have been asked for personal information by someone they don't know.
- \* 30% of teen's ages 13-17 surveyed have considered meeting someone that they have only talked to online and don't know. 14% have actually had an encounter with someone they only knew online.
- \* 1 in 17 youth's ages 10-17 have been threatened or harassed online. Only about half who were threatened or harassed reported the incident to their parents. \* 1 in 5 youths ages 10-17 has received unwanted sexual solicitations online. I would like to have a representative from the Attorney General Community Services office here to speak with kids and adults on internet safety. I would ask you all to pray over this and let me know if you would like me to set this up.

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

## For the Love of Words

It is so good to be back in the library again doing what I like best to do: work with books. I now have a “church angel” who picks me up and drives me home from the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays enabling me to get back on a part-time basis.

Since I’m governed by therapy laws of work-out and then rest, I find more time to get the reading and paperwork done since I am sitting a lot. However, I have some tasks that are very difficult such as climbing a ladder or sweeping a floor. So I’m sticking to the sit down jobs and getting more done!

The books all look new to me again, so I begin by asking. Is the book clean? (Thus, germs are not permitted in the library.) Then I ask is the book dusty? (Emphatically, yes) I think every book is now dusty or in need of something.

Someone brought a smile to me recently. They said while I was away, the books were still being taken out and brought back. That is the nicest statement any librarian could ever want to hear. It means your library is busy and thriving and I thank you for reading.

In His Service,  
Dorothy Pientka

## Cursillo Corner

Welcome to our new Cursillistas Cathie Fox and Mary Katherine Slaughter who attended Women’s Weekend #122. Valerie Clauss attended Tirosh #38 on June 6 – 8.

Saturday, June 13 – Leaders’ School at St. Andrews, 3101 W. Cholla Street, Phoenix, AZ  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Ultreya will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran in Prescott Valley from 2 to 5 pm. BBQ/meal will be provided. Donation of back-to-school items are being requested for Emmanuel’s special project.

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Regional Ultreyas, 7:00p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Peace Lutheran, 18265 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Peoria  
Resurrection Lutheran, 4930 East Greenway Road, Scottsdale  
Holy Trinity, 739 West Erie Street, Chandler

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

## Vacation Bible School

We had an awesome week of VBS! Our theme this summer was A Trip to Rome. The kids spent their week in Rome as a part of a Roman family. With their Roman family they learned about the Underground Church and visited Paul as he wrote letters to the Christians in Ancient Rome. Through their visits with Paul and other Christians in the underground church, the kids learned about God’s love and how it was so important to the early Christians in Rome, giving them hope. Along with games and singing, the kids visited a Roman Marketplace and had the opportunity to spend their denarii on food at the snack shop, as well as to purchase crafts at each of the shops. During their time in the Marketplace, they not only got the chance to see live chickens, but also had the disruption of different Roman characters performing skits to further emphasize the Bible point of the day. It was a blessed week of VBS...to God be the Glory!

Thank you to all the volunteers with your help with VBS “Rome.” It was a success.

Eleanor Brierley, Lynn LeFebvre, Laurie Altamirano, Bianca Demoulin, Robyn Rider, Jordan, Bryan Toll, Paul Parks, Jon Owens, Carol Toll, Kurt Parks, Carol Parks, Sue Golomb, Adrienne Bass, Derek DeVries, Jessie Owens, Lori DeVries, Lenae Stenerodden, Shirley Miloneck, Vivienne Trimble, Adam Fox, Barbara Van Meter, Kira Allen, Alexa Vitola, Lillian Sensing, Lori Demoulin, Judy Lee, Debra Ohlinger and the many others who have donated time and items to this successful journey to Rome.

## For Your Information

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

**Keep the family and friends of Lola Mae Heltman in your prayers.**

Lola Mae Heltman  
Born on Earth  
August 10, 1922  
Born into Heaven  
June 3, 2009

### A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH

God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand has made and reserved our Nation,  
grant that our people may understand what it is they celebrate today.  
May they remember how bitterly our freedom was won,  
the down payment that was made for it,  
the installments that have been made since this Republic was born,  
and the price that must yet be paid for our liberty.  
May freedom be seen, not as the right to do as we please,  
but as the opportunity to do what is right.  
May it ever be understood that our liberty is under God  
and can be found nowhere else.  
May our faith be something that is not merely stamped upon our coins,  
but expressed in our lives. . .  
To the extent that America honors Thee, wilt Thou bless America,  
And keep her true as Thou hast kept her free,  
And make her good as Thou hast made her rich.  
Amen

# July

## Birthdays, Scriptures, Worship Support



- 1 Jackie Jacobson
- Michael Lee
- 3 Richard Brierley
- 6 Kathryn Clauss
- 7 Tara DeVries
- Jo Jaffe
- Mazie Snyder
- 8 Roger Murphy
- 9 Madge Christensen
- 11 Sister
- Georjean Allenbach
- Mildred Koller
- 12 Ora Mae Smith
- 13 Cathie Fox
- Vera Larson
- 14 Rebecca Hartrick
- 17 Cam Mercer
- 18 Tammy Cowger
- Loretta Toll
- 19 Betty Henning
- Nancy Marrlett
- 20 Donald Fladhammer
- 24 Virginia Burr
- Dolores Ewy
- Vern Snyder
- 25 Christian Moyer
- 30 Doug Cole

*Did we miss anyone  
or make a mistake?*

*If so,*

*please contact  
the Church office  
480-947-7495.*



### **WORSHIP SUPPORT**

#### **Greeters**

Elaine Morris

#### **Lay Readers**

- 5 – Dee Kett
- 12 – Paul Parks
- 19 – Carolyn Hinkle
- 26 – Bill/Regina Jenkins

#### **Ushers**

- Bill Jenkins
- Louanne Obele
- Martha Weld
- Boyd Zude

#### **Communion Assistant**

- Cree Abbott
- Peggy Owens
- Carol Parks
- Kurt Parks

#### **Altar Guild**

- 5&12– Cree Abbott, Martha Weld
- 19&26 – Cree Abbott, Linn Palmer

#### **Acolytes**

- 5 – Sarah Reischmann, Christel Toll
- 12 – Joey Alongi, Christel Toll
- 19 – Christel Toll, Bryan Toll
- 26 – Tara DeVries, Jason Fox

#### **Sound**

Erv Toll



#### **JULY 5**

- Ezekiel 2:1-5
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- Mark 6:1-13

#### **JULY 12**

- Amos 7:7-15
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

#### **JULY 19**

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

#### **JULY 26**

- 2 Kings 4:42-44
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 6:1-21

# Abiding Savior

Council, Staff & Prayer Chain

## ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH COUNCIL

### Executive Board

Kurt Parks	President
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## 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)

### Comfort

Praise be to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
compassion and the God of all comfort,  
who comforts us in all our troubles, so that  
we can comfort those in any trouble with  
the comfort we ourselves have received  
from God.

-2 Corinthians 1:3,4 NIV

**COMING SOON IN A CHURCH NEAR YOU!!!**

## **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

