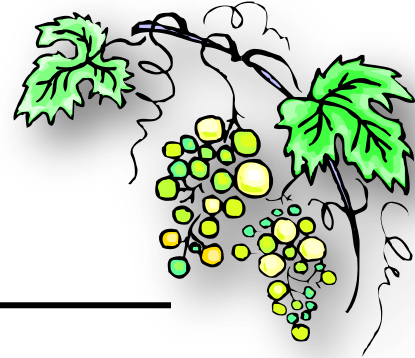


# ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## The Grapevine

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### *All Saints' Day*

*May we remember with love, the saints who have gone before us this year to be with God.*



### PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

November 1

### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

7:00 P.M.

November 25

### THANKSGIVING

November 26



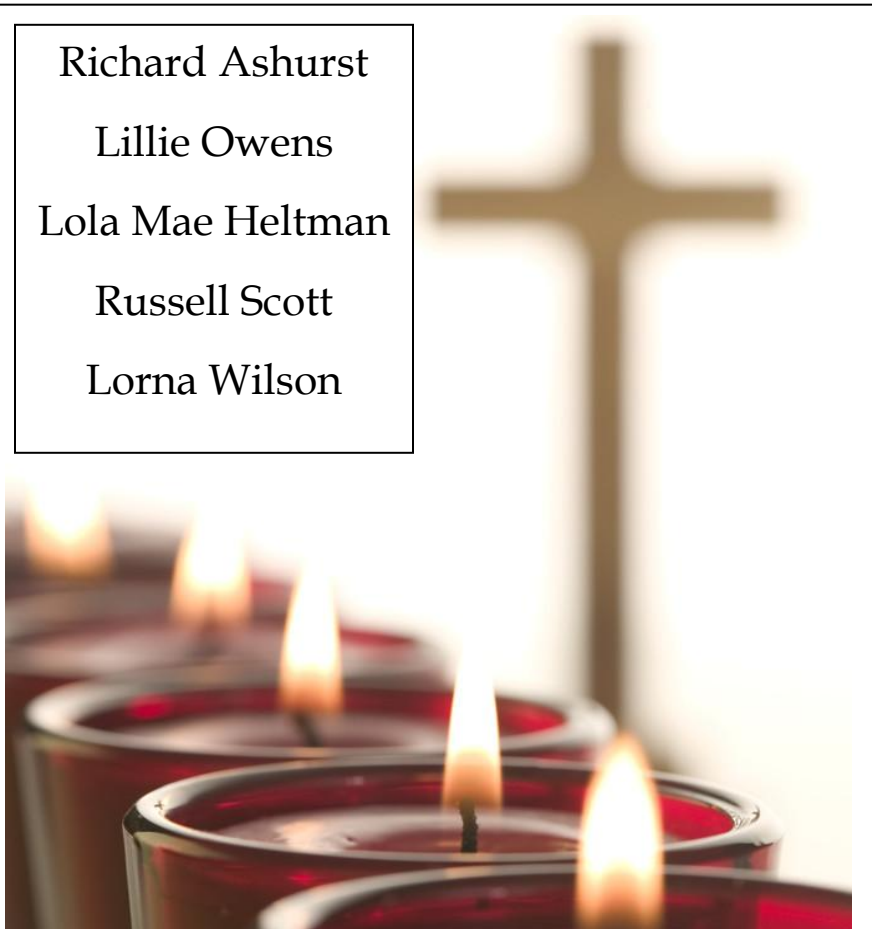
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Lorna Wilson



## A Note From Our Pastor . . .



### Special Events & Services

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I write to you, now, realizing, more than ever, just how really difficult it can be trying to keep things going together in the face of what has become an absolutely untenable situation. With each passing day, I have become more and more convinced there will be no “winners” being honored this coming Sunday.

But having said this, neither does it mean there can be no “victory”. For victory of which I speak is of a completely different kind. It is neither governed nor influenced by the action and success of one over another. In this case, it is actually the kind that emerges out of the willingness on the part of all parties to find a way to play nice with each other regardless the outcome. And what is it we must do to make this happen? Answer? Do what Jesus tells us to do. ***“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*** (John 13:34-35)

Now, before we get too far away from this, please join me in taking note of his last statement. For found within it is the crux of what I am trying to get across to you. It is, in effect, of the same vein as our gospel lesson from this last Sunday. For in it, Jesus tells his disciples: ***“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles Lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*** (Mark 10:42b- 45)

In both instances, we are clearly called to a higher standard of behavior toward one another. The way we act on Sunday will have little to do with the way things are done in the world around us, but a lot with our ability to model the Christ who gave himself up for us all. He loved; and we must love also, even, and I dare say especially, when we find ourselves so potentially far apart on the issue before us. If we can do this, then, and only then, will we be able to claim any real kind of “victory.” Bottom line, the time has come for us to truly shine and show one another the Christ like stuff we are acutely made of.

So here’s my prayer. First, that what I have just written will, by Sunday, have made its positive impression upon your heart. Second, that when Sunday has finally come and gone we will have been able to claim “victory” together. And then, most importantly, that regardless the outcome, the Spirit will allow us the grace to stay together at least through Christmas. If we can do this, both those who stay, and those who feel lead to leave, can do so in peace and with love for one another; and we will have accomplished something truly amazing!

In love for every one of you,  
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*

Now that we are into October, the weather has cooled off and the children are loving the playground. They have lots of energy and can run it off with the cooler weather. Classrooms are decorated in the fall colors which look so beautiful.

Fire prevention occurs in October and the Tempe Fire Department came out to talk with the children. They discussed what to do if your clothes catch fire, who to call and what to do if they find matches or a lighter. After their talk, the fire truck came. The firefighters showed the boys and girls their truck and one of them dressed up in all their gear to show the kids what they would look like if they came to their house. So many children are frightened of them because of the way they look and sound and therefore hide when their house is on fire. The children were all able to sit in the back of the truck as well as in the driver's seat. They then got to shoot the water hose which was a big hit. They indeed learned a lot that day. We also have a fire drill once a month so the girls and boys know how to get out of their classrooms and off the playground in case of fire.

We have begun our fall Avon campaign and there are books in the Church office if you are interested. We will do 4 or 5 campaigns before Christmas. Checks need to be made payable to the school and you must include the tax percentage on the order form. Thank you for all your help in this.

As always, keep those cartridges, and box tops as well as the aluminum cans coming in to the school. We can use all the help we can get in raising money for our school.

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*

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We are working ahead to get everything ready for Thanksgiving. Please help with the following: Yams, Cranberry Sauce and we NEED gift cards from Fry's, Bashas, Safeway, or Wal-Mart. Our people sure need help, as most people are out of work or retirees with fixed income. Thank the Lord we can help a little. Some people cry when they see the amount of food they get. It's a blessing to work in the Warehouse. Have a blessed holiday; see you in Church.

In His Care,  
Renate

## **Health Ministry**

Eleanor and I are taking a Community Emergency Response Training (C.E.R.T.) class through the Tempe Fire Department to become certified in case of a disaster. Every one of us should be disaster- ready. A disaster can be anything from Biological warfare to a local gas leak. Would you know what to take if the Fire or Police Department came to your house and said there was an ammonia leak and you have to leave the area, you have 5 minutes to get what you need for the next 72 hours to survive? If other family members were not at home at the time, would you know how to contact them and where to meet them? If you were out shopping and

a micro-burst came through the store and the lights went out, the wind knocked part of the ceiling in, people are screaming and panic is all around you, would you know what to do?

These are some of the things we need to know so we can stay calm in a disaster situation. I would like to hold a class here at Abiding Savior to teach "How to be Disaster – Ready". I will be posting information on this class in the Grapevine and Sunday bulletin as we get closer to the first of the year.

This year Maricopa County has seen a lot of both Influenza and Swine flu per the County Health Department Update. Please carry hand sanitizer with you and use it after shopping or in any public area you are at. The best way to prevent from getting the flu is to wash your hands and kids keep your hands away from your face and mouth. In the Narthex is information on both types of flu and hand sanitizer which you can use. If you yourself get the flu, stay home so as not to spread it.

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

## **Youth Ministry**

For our November Sunday School we will be learning the following lessons: Thankfulness: God gives us what we **need**. Perseverance: God is with us all the time. Obedience: God wants us to worship and serve. Loyalty: God teaches us to be faithful friends. Following these will be the start of Advent. Our children are working hard at saving for their Hunger outreach project. We will be sharing with the congregation their excitement when they reach their goal. I am very proud of them!!

In His Service,  
Lynn LeFebvre

## **Women's Ministry**

We have had wonderful attendance at our last 2 meetings. We have such fun together, much laughing and teasing. We are planning for the Candlelight dinner and that is coming along nicely. Thanks so much to Elaine Morris and Lenae Stenerodden for making the phone calls each month.

It is so wonderful to have Sue Golomb doing minutes and posting them in the Narthex of the Church for all women to see. This way you can keep up to date on all of our programs, even if you cannot come to our planning meetings.

The Candlelight Dinner will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. We have the caterer in place and the speaker. We have a committee for the table decorations. The cost of the tickets will stay the same as last year at \$25 each. We will not have table hostesses as we have in the past, but the committee will decorate each table the same. Tickets go on sale Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and are first come first served. We cannot reserve tickets, so plan to pay for them when you pick them up. This is such a wonderful evening and our goal is to prepare our hearts for Christmas and to find a moment of peace in a hectic schedule.

The Christmas Angel program, which is mentioned in another article, will start on November the 8<sup>th</sup>. We know that this ministry is a gift from God and serves to remind us about Christ's call to take his word into the world.

In His Service,  
Eleanor

## For the Love of Words

You may have read in the past, articles about your church library. Today I write about your home library. Perhaps you don't keep many books because you are too busy or have no space to put them on a shelf. Small libraries have a way of growing and usually start with a few, perhaps a Bible and cookbook, or an exciting novel. I have personally down sized my collection many times and still retain favorites in about 18-20 categories.

If you are into a new category and want to learn more about your new interest, a word of caution should be remembered. Be selective. Too much reading of a wrong choice book is just as bad as taking all your medicine at one time, believing you will get better faster or will learn more quickly. Otherwise, select a good book to read and enjoy.

I found a list of books which totaled about 10. The author claims they were necessary for reference and study of the Bible, and this was for a small library.

Whatever your choices, treat your books with care and they will serve you well.

In His Name,  
Dorothy Pientka

## Cursillo Corner

### Reunion Ultreya/Annual Meeting:

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

### Leaders School:

Saturday, November 21 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
La Casa de Cristo Bell 6300 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ  
\*\*Sign up either on line [leaders@lutherancursillo.org](mailto:leaders@lutherancursillo.org) or contact Diane Guzman at 623-869-6791

**PLEASE CONTACT MARTHA WELD AT 480 874-3882 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING TO THE ULTREYA.**

## For Your Information



### **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** **Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm**

This service will combine prayer and singing in thanks and giving. Mindful that all we have, and are, is a gift from God. There will be Holy Communion at this worship service.

As you come to worship, we encourage you to bring a food offering to be presented to Shepherd's Warehouse. A fun way to do this is by shopping for yourself and another at the same time. During the service, Pastor will issue a call to the congregation to bring their food gift to the Altar.

Please remember to bring nonperishable items like soup, pasta, canned fruit, jams and jellies and vegetables. This is also an opportunity to place grocery gift cards in an offering envelope marked "Shepherd's Warehouse"

† - **ATTENTION – ATTENTION – ATTENTION!!**

The Tempe Fire Department is holding First Aid/CCC/AED classes here in Hestad Hall on November 14 from 9:00 until 1:00.

All of our Nursery Attendants are required to attend to update their cards. This program certifies you for 2 years and includes the new Continuous Chest Compression method of CPR as well as training in the use of a defibrillator.

Abiding Savior will cover the cost of the new first aid cards for all of our Nursery Attendants, but anyone in the congregation can attend at a cost of only \$20.00. Since this is the “real deal” and will take about 4 hours, we will provide a light lunch for everyone who attends.

Lynn will have a sign up sheet in the office. Please call so we can get your name on the list and so we can let Tempe Fire know how many will be attending.

† - **Information from your Thrivent Coordinators**

Martha Weld, Jan Baney and Eleanor Brierley are the Thrivent coordinators for Abiding Savior.

Thrivent is a faith based, not for profit, organization that provides financial counseling, budget planning and retirement strategies for members of the Lutheran Church. They also sell insurance, but that is the smallest part of how they bring help into individual congregations. As coordinators, we want to bring our Thrivent Representatives in to Hestad Hall to meet with all who may be interested in Financial Planning in the near future.

If you have ever had any one of the following questions come up in your mind, you might be a good candidate for a visit with Thrivent.

*Are you unsure of the best way to save for retirement?*

*Are you worried that you will outlive your retirement savings?*

*Are you worried about the possibility of high inflation in the coming years?*

*Do you have a specific life event you want to save for but don't know the best way to save?*

*Are you worried about what may happen to your retirement savings should you ever require assisted living or nursing care?*

*Do you want to leave money to a church/charity but are worried about how it will affect the legacy you leave to your loved ones?*

*Has the recent economic downturn severely affected your retirement savings?*

*Do you have a desire to support a church/charity through your estate?*

*Do you have questions on your Social Security or Medicare benefits in retirement?*

Our Thrivent Representatives are very well educated in all of the financial areas and are ready, willing and able to make their knowledge available to you. Please talk to Martha, Jan or Eleanor and let us know when you are available and we will set up a workshop day for all to attend.

## † - CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM

Our Christmas Angel Program will start on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will put our Angel tree up in the Narthex of the Church on that day.

With the economy being what it is, the need is greater but our ability to help is diminished. We have advised the school that we cannot help as many this year as last.

These children are “the least” that Jesus talks about in Matthew 25:40. We are commanded by Jesus to feed, clothe, visit and comfort the least among us. By taking these children into our hearts, we know we will be blessed because that is what Jesus has promised.

We always include children from our own congregation. If you know of someone who could use help, please let Lynn or myself know. We keep this information very confidential.

As always, we ask your prayers for this ministry. We cannot do this alone, but we do so much more than we ever plan when you pray for these children and our program.

In His Service,  
Eleanor & Lynn

† - Have you ever wanted to be in a spelling bee? Do you watch the national spelling bee and worry about the kids who look scared to death?? Well here is your chance to both be in a “bee” and watch the kids spell.

Our Christmas program this year is called:

### **“The Christmas County Spelling Bee”**

We start rehearsals on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We need adults, teens, preteens and little kids. We will rehearse the kids every Sunday between services. Our program will be Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Our dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Dress rehearsal is **MANDATORY**. If you cannot make the dress rehearsal, we can use you in the chorus but we cannot use you for a speaking part.

Please join us as we prepare to have a lot of fun while we sing about all of the names of Jesus.

For any questions, ask Mark or Eleanor.

## † - Bell Choir Schedule

**Rehearsals – Wednesdays at 5:15 – 6:00 on November 4 and 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Play in Church – Both Services - November 1**

**Thanksgiving - November 25**

**Christmas Eve – December 24**

# November

Birthdays, Scriptures, Worship Support



- 1 Cindy Chapin
- 4 Brittany Daniels  
Audrey Morris
- 5 Marie Phillips
- 8 Inge Adcock
- 10 Jackie Larson  
Carol Toll
- 11 Bianca Demoulin
- 12 Bryce Botts
- 14 Nan Shene
- 15 Robert Hartrick
- 16 Joy Miller
- 18 Carl Knudsen
- 20 Lori Demoulin  
Michael Mancini Sr.
- 23 Paul Parks  
Rebecca Sherry
- 24 Sarah Marrlett  
Sister Kleopha Strehle
- 25 Robyn Rider
- 28 Bea Fulk
- 30 Dana Fladhammer

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



## WORSHIP SUPPORT

Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
November 25 – 7:00 pm

9:00

11:00

### Greeters

Elaine Morris	Pastor Jim Cline
Florris Zimmerman	Hazel Cline

### Lay Readers

1 – Jessica Jaffe	Paul Parks
8 – Carolyn Hinkle	
15 – Roy Lecker	
22 – Bill/Regina Jenkins	
29 – Donna Hilt	

### Ushers

TBA	Conway Nelson
	Erna Nelson
	Vera Larson
	Travis Steele

### Communion Assistant

Bill Jenkins	Pastor Jim Cline
Lori Daniels	
Debra Ohlinger	
Lori DeVries	

### Altar Guild

1&8 -Lori DeVries	Betty Henning
Cindy Chapin	Dee Kett
Joy Miller(1)	
Cree Abbott (8)	
15,22&29 –Matha Weld	Dee Kett

Cree Abbott  
Lori DeVries  
Sue Golomb(29)

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
November 25 – 7:00 pm**

Martha Weld and Cindy Chapin

### Acolytes

1 – Kathryn Clauss	Macenzi Stoneburner
Erich Clauss	
8 – Jason Fox	Adam Fox
Adam Fox	
15 - Paige Faser	Bianca Demoulin
Christel Toll	
22 – Bryan Toll	TBA
Jason Fox	
29 – Sarah Reischmann	Macenzi Stoneburner
Jessie Owens	

### Coffee

Martha Weld

### Sound

Erv Toll



## NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

## NOVEMBER 8

I Kings 17:8-16  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

## NOVEMBER 15

Daniel 12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

## NOVEMBER 22

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

## NOVEMBER 29

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-26

# Abiding Savior

Council, Staff & Prayer Chain

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## ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH COUNCIL

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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)

## HOPE

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him, so that  
you may overflow  
with hope by the power  
of the Holy Spirit

Romans 15:13 NIV

# 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

NOVEMBER

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:20 Children's Sunday School 10:15: Coffee 11:00 Traditional Worship <b>PASTOR</b> <b>APPRECIATION DAY!!!</b> <b>Candlelight Dinner Tickets</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:30p Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer 4:30 Conformation 5:15 Bell Choir 7:00p Altar Guild 7:00p Rehearsal Christmas Musical	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b>
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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.