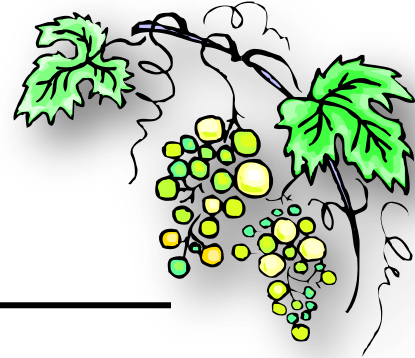


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The Grapevine

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**CONGREGATIONAL
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009
10:30 in the SANCTUARY**

9:00 Combined Worship

You may pick up your Annual Report between
October 11 – October 24 to view and have any questions
ready before the Annual Meeting

ATTENTION!!!!

Your Abiding Savior Council has called a
SPECIAL Congregational Meeting for the
purpose of voting on the issue of leaving the
ELCA. This meeting will be held on October 25th
immediately following the Annual Meeting. All
adult members of the congregation are strongly
encouraged to be present.



**MOLLEN CLINIC
FLU SHOTS**

October 17

**PASTOR
APPRECIATION
DAY**

October 18

OKTOBERFEST

October 24



A Note From Our Pastor . . .



Special Events & Services

OCTOBER 17
MOLLEN CLINIC
FLU SHOTS
10A-2P
HESTAD HALL

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PASTOR APPRECIATION

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OKTOBERFEST

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ANNUAL MEETING
SPECIAL ELCA MEETING



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The author of Ecclesiastes writes this to us: *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven”*.

There’s no doubt **time** is a valuable commodity; and, as such, one that should not be squandered in frivolous activity. It is also a precious gift given to us by the God who, having created it, intends that it be filled to overflowing with every kind of blessing. When we get stuck, as is often times the case in life, it is generally because we have failed to acknowledge the importance of making the most of the time given us.

In this regard, I can certainly identify with those who get so busy working through the onslaught of daily activity that time literally gets away from them. This, I will concede, wouldn’t be so bad, if the time was being spent on things that were both helpful and productive. But I pray we can agree this isn’t always the case. Being honest, I believe, dictates we admit our shortcomings here. Waste is waste, any way we cut it.

Then there is the whole issue surrounding **“seasons”**. Life, like the parallel of nature’s movement, brings them to us, even whether we like it, or not. Again, what’s most important is finding ways to deal with them appropriately. How we handle challenges of all these changing seasons is just as important as simply getting them done.

Now, I say all of this for one very crucial reason. We, like many other congregations within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, find ourselves in a new, albeit difficult, season of discovery and action. The time has come for decision. We can no longer deny it, or, rather, simply file it all away somewhere in the hope nobody will find it. It is what it is, and it’s time to get it done.

What the “it” is...I don’t honestly know. But I will tell you this...God certainly does. And God will not let us down. God will show us the way. God will also grant us the wherewithal to accept whatever the decision is and accept it peacefully in Him.

So move forward with me, I pray; even into the “season” before us. And do so in the confidence of knowing God will be there to give each of us exactly what is needed to serve Him still...wherever and however it might manifest itself!

With love and appreciation always,
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

Registration for our school is progressing very slowly. Please, if you know someone who is in need of a preschool and child care for their younger child, direct them this way. We would love to help them out and as you know, we offer a wonderful, loving place for them to learn.

Our school will hold its annual Open House on Thursday, September 24th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This is a time for parents to meet their child’s teacher if they haven’t already done so and to see what their child will be doing throughout the school year. The boys and girls are always so anxious to show their parents their classroom and what their favorite things are to do.

We are wrapping up our Innisbrook fund raiser this month and hope it will be profitable for the school. We have an ongoing fund raiser for Cookie Lee Jewelry. If you are interested, please stop by the school office and pick up a brochure.

On September 28th, Life Touch will be here to take pictures of the children. These are more formal pictures and parents love them to give to grandparents and other relatives at Christmas. The girls and boys always dress nicely and put on their best smiles for these pictures. They will also take memorable class pictures.

Fry’s Food Store has begun their Cool Cash program wherein you link your Fry’s card to the school number. At the end of the program we will hopefully have more than \$50,000 in sales which will award us \$500.00. We use this money to purchase toys for the classrooms and playground and other supplies. Please pass around this number to your friends, relatives and co-workers. We need as many people participating as possible to reach our goal.

We ask for your prayers in trying to increase enrollment for our preschool. These are difficult times for everyone and we would love to have more children here.

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

Hi and God Bless!

This month went by too fast. Hope you are well and enjoying the cooler weather. Hazel Cline called the other day and told us that one of our workers (Ken) past away. He was a good man with a lot of leg problems. We shall miss him. Pastor Jim and Hazel should come in sometime this month. We wish them a safe trip.

We are looking for canned yams, cranberries and stuffing mix. Thanksgiving is right around the corner and Christmas is not far away. We need to get ready for the Holidays.

A Big THANKS for the cactus. They sure look nice.

THANKS to the members of the church, we have a great water supply.

In His Care

Renate Blanchard

Health Ministry

Well it’s that time of year again for the flu season. We are offering the “seasonal” flu and pneumonia shots on Saturday, October 17th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. **If** the Mollen Clinic have the H1N1 available to them, then that too will be offered on the 17th. If you know of someone who would like to get their flu shot, please invite them to come. You will need to bring your insurance card with you on the day of the clinic. In the church office and the Narthex is a list of the insurance companies that the

Mollen Clinic accepts. Also, in the church office I have the latest information and both the Swine and seasonal flu's from the County Health Department, if anyone would like a copy. Remember to wash your hands. Hand washing is the best way to stop the spread of colds and flu.

In His Service,
Lynn LeFebvre

Youth Ministry

In Sunday school we are learning about Stewardship. We are going to help the World Hunger organization. The children are going to bring in an offering every Sunday for World Hunger. They took a vote and choose to purchase a pig (which they named "Babe" after a pig in a Disney movie) and a group of 10 baby chickens (which they have named "Jesus group"). We are going to add up their offerings every Sunday and keep a chart so they can see their progress. They need a total of \$40.00. They are excited about this and we will keep the Congregation updated on our progress.

In His Service,
Lynn LeFebvre

Women's Ministry

Our first meeting was very productive. We had an excellent turnout. The minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the Church.

One big change is that our meetings will start at 5:30 instead of 6:00/

Oktoberfest will be on October 24th and tickets will go on sale Sunday, September 27th between services. This event raises money for our emergency fund. We are really low in this fund and we can use all the help we can get.

We will have great entertainment and as always, great food because you all bring it.

Look for the sign up table the next four (4) Sundays.

In His Service
Eleanor Brierley

For the Love of Words

In September, your library was represented as a church library ministry on Rally Day, handing out free candy and bookmarks. Among the books displayed, the variety of subjects brought an interesting reading and take out for Bible study. All the church ministries were represented and free dinner was so good and plentiful that this ministry would like to see more than one Rally Day a year.

Meanwhile, the library week continues and the book cart will be back in the Narthex between services displaying some newer additions, so stop by and browse.

In His Name
Dorothy Pientka

Cursillo Corner

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends:

Men's Weekend #123, October 8 – October 11

Women's Weekend #124, October 22 – October 25\

Boys' Chayah:

Thursday, October 8 – Saturday, October 10

Adobe Mountain Facility

Girls' Chayah:

Thursday, October 15 – Saturday, October 17
Jo Jaffe serving as Lay Director
Black Canyon Facility

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 or contact Diane
Guzman at 623-869-6791

Please keep all team members and participants in your prayers.

PLEASE CONTACT MARTHA WELD AT 480 874-3882 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING TO ANY OF THE ULTREYAS.

For Your Information

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Abiding Savior will hold its annual meeting for the purpose of voting for Council Members and the 2010 budget on Sunday, October 25, 2009. The meeting will start immediately after the 9:00 am Service.

† - CHANGE OF ADDRESS – PEGGY ARK, 1390 N. Main St. #2923. Euless, TX 76039-2941
Phone: 817-319-1488 email: peggy.ark02@sbcglobal.net

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

† - Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The economic situation has affected us all in some way one or another. Coffee will be served between services as always, the difference is that we will be asking for a good will donation to buy the coffee, cups etc. Should we run out of donations, we will be forced to discontinue the service and hence we will lose the fellowship that sharing coffee between services has benefited us all who participate. Hope to see you soon.

Your sister in Christ,
Martha Weld

† - Dear friends,

Thank you for the singing and good wishes for Mother's birthday. Yes, on September 4, Violet Skolos was 100 years old. Due to an oversight her name was omitted from the birthday list and from the new directory, but Violet is alive and well, living with us, and still a member of Abiding Savior. A special thanks to Pastor and Sandy.

Sincerely,
Dana Fladhammer

† - As most of you know, Tara received a CBYX scholarship to study in Germany for her Junior year. She left on August 16th and is spending her first four weeks at a language immersion camp in the village of Hedersleben. Next week she will be going to live with her host family. She has had very limited access to a computer while at camp, so I wanted to give you a quick update of what I know.

Tara will be living right outside of Berlin in the state of Brandenburg in a village called "Paaren im Glien." The Krahnich family has a mom Maggy and a dad Axel, with two brothers...Kai is 18 years old and Steffen is 14. Axel works at the airport in Berlin-Tegel as a security squad leader. They are planning a family vacation to the North Sea in October.

Tara will most likely attend school at Lise-Meitner-Gymnasium in nearby Falkensee. We expect confirmation on that soon.

Many thanks to all who have kept her close in prayer! I know that the Lord will continue to protect her and bless her in this amazing experience.

If you would like to write to Tara, contact the church office for her address.

Lori

MY CO-PILOT

*He is there beside me when I drive.
Making sure that I survive
The rushing traffic, fast and wild.
He watches over me because I am His child.
It's so good to know that He is there,
And that I can depend on His loving care.
I'll gladly share my Guide with you.
Make Him your co-pilot, too.
By Martha Lee Mize*

† - To all the Saints at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, first I'll give you some news about what's going on here to get you all up to speed, so to speak. As you're aware, Intel eliminated the group I was working in this spring. I was not able to find another local employer before the separation date. A week before I was to be walked out, I got a phone call from an Intel manager in Oregon, offering me a job up there with the caveat that I had to move. I was quite torn, but realized that to stay employed it would likely be that I had to move. That happens often times.

For the first two months up here I was living in an apt. with just enough stuff brought from AZ to get by. The start date for the new job was immediately and no time was given to get moved. I managed to get on a bus route with the apt. I selected and took the bus to work. Western Oregon in June was still a bit cool (60s to 70s days, 40s to 50s nights) and wet (drizzle about every 3rd day). The new job is an entirely different type of engineering work than what I had been doing for the last 20 years. So there was (and still is) a lot of long hours at work trying to get up to speed as fast as possible and get the hang of what my new boss wanted me to do. I was also quite busy looking for a house up here too. In July God provided a house for me to move into. It's a much smaller house than I had in AZ but that was planned as only James, my youngest son, and I are living here. And he'll be moving out on his own before I know it anyway, so a small house is just fine for me. Easier to take care of. All during June, July, and early August I was also out church shopping every Sunday. There are a lot of Lutheran churches up here. Most of them are LCMS but I did find a couple ELCA ones too. Many of them didn't have a contemporary service of any kind, and I really wanted to be able to continue to play guitar for worship services. Perhaps I was being too selfish. Eventually I visited Trinity Lutheran in Hillsboro. It was the next to the last one on my list for Lutheran churches that weren't too far to drive to. And they had a contemporary service. I am continually amazed how God seems to work things at times. The first Sunday I visited there was the last Sunday that their guitarist was playing. He'd lost his job in the area and was moving to Pennsylvania to find a new job, though I didn't know it at the time. I visited there again the next Sunday and

their band was without a guitarist. After the service I talked to one of the members of the worship team and asked what was up and found out the guy lost his job and left in search of work. They wondered where they were going to be able to find another guitarist. Like I said, God seems to work some very amazing things quite often. They asked me to join them the following night for worship team practice and I was blessed with playing on their worship team the next Sunday. So I found (or was divinely guided to) a church home after about 2 months of looking.

Since I came up in the summer, the locals tell me I came at the best time of the year, weather wise. It did get up to 105 for a week back in July, but all and all it's still a lot cooler here than AZ in the summer. All the locals were telling me how hot it was and that they were just "dying" of the heat. I just smiled. They did say though, that I'd probably freeze this winter, with my Arizona blood and all. James might feel quite cold this coming winter, as he is an Arizona kid. Since I grew up in Nebraska, which is much colder than coastal Oregon in the winter, I think I know how to prepare for cool weather, though it will still be quite a change. It is very very green up here. About 36 to 40 inches of rain a year. But it didn't rain much at all in July and August and not much yet in September. The locals are telling me to enjoy it while I can because come middle to late fall (yes, they actually have seasons up here) it'll start drizzling (they call it rain) and can go continuously for weeks without letup. They said I'd likely not see the sun from mid Oct. to about mid April. Hmmm..... talk about a complete opposite shift of environments.

I haven't had much time to look around here between moving and work. I haven't been able to take the time to sight see. I haven't even been to the ocean yet either and it's only 60 miles away. Can you believe it?? (that's for you Regina :)) The folks up here are, in general, not nearly as open and friendly as the folks in AZ for some reason. Probably because in AZ we're all transplants from somewhere else and up here, I'm an outsider, which is not very common. Most folks up here that I've talked with were born and raised in this area. They have family histories here that go way back. I will say, however, that I have been incredibly blessed with the friends I have in you, so you're the standard I now use for friends.

The other day I saw something that I haven't seen in 25 years. The leaves on the maple tree in the front yard are starting to go from green to red. Wow. I'll actually see a fall season this year. It's been awhile.

Well that's about it for now. I do miss you all very much. I keep you all in my prayers. If you're up in Oregon, come and visit. I'd love to have company (just as soon as I can finally get these boxes unpacked and things put away). I'd like to thank you for all your prayers on my behalf, they were greatly appreciated, and also your prayers helped me to grow in faith too. You have been and are still quite a blessing in my life. I pray that the Lord continue to bless and guide you in your service to him. I look forward to the next time I can get back and visit and see you all again. May God bless and keep each one of you. Please keep in touch. Oh yeah.... contact the church office for my address, email, and phone number.

Agape,
Brian Meyer



From one pumpkin to another!!!!

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin,"

God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for the entire world to see."

October

Birthdays, Scriptures, Worship Support

- 1 Roy Lecker
- 4 Tamara Hartrick
- 5 Nell Durst
- Barbara Dustan
- 8 Katie Alongi
- Pastor Jim Cline
- 12 Valerie Clauss
- Nina Parks
- Gina Rider
- 15 Michelle Lee
- Erv Toll
- 20 Sue Golomb
- 21 Helen Knudsen
- Rod Thompson
- 24 Margaret Cox
- Sue Schulze
- Cathy Shonce
- 26 Linda McCowan
- Tom Reischmann
- Brooklyn Soens
- 27 Shirley Miloneck
- 29 Phillip Bartling
- 30 Joey Alongi
- Elaine Morris
- Ted Rhudy
- Angie Suarez
- 31 Theresa Mancini
- Mark Sherry

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



WORSHIP SUPPORT
Congregational Meeting/Reformation Sunday
OCTOBER 25 – 9:00 Combined Worship

9:00 Greeters 11:00
Pat Ashurst Michael Mancini
Helen Knudsen Theresa Mancini

Lay Readers
4-Greg Rowland Carol Parks
11-Jessie Owens
18-Rhonda Clauss
25-Eleanor Brierley

Ushers
TBA Kurt Parks
Paul Parks
Travis Steele
Michael Mancini

Communion Assistant
Jan Lecker Maudie Young
Roy Lecker
Cree Abbott
Lillian Sensing

Altar Guild
4-Cindy Chapin Lori DeVries
Sue Golomb Linn Palmer
11-Cindy Chapin Dee Kett
Lisa Cole
18-Cindy Chapin Tamara Hartrick
Lori DeVries Betty Henning
Linn Palmer

Congregational Meeting/Reformation Sunday
25-Combined Service
Lori DeVries
Sue Golomb
Joy Miller

Acolytes
4-Erich Clauss Jessie Owens
Valerie Clauss
11-Christel Toll Macenzi Stoneburner
Jessie Owens
18-Kathryn Clauss TBA
Christel Toll

Congregational Meeting/Reformation Sunday
25-Combined Service
Jon Owens
Bryan Toll

Coffee **Sound**
Martha Weld Erv Toll



OCTOBER 4
Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

OCTOBER 11
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 18
Isaiah 53:4-12
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 25
REFORMATION SUNDAY
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

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Council, Staff & Prayer Chain

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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
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

WISDOM

God gives wisdom,
knowledge
and happiness.

-Ecclesiastes 2:26 NIV

Abiding Savior's 50th Anniversary!!!

~ 1960 TO 2010 ~

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

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 50th 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.

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

Contact Carol Parks 480-946-2390

ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

October

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:20 Children's Sunday School 10:15: Coffee 11:00 Traditional Worship	5	6 1:30p Bible Study 7:00p Bible Study	7 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer 4:30 Conformation 7:00p Altar Guild	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
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25 9:00 Combined Worship Congregational Annual Meeting Pastor Appreciation Day GRAPEVINE In Narthex	26 6:30p Council Meeting	27 1:30p Bible Study 7:00p Bible Study	28 9:15 ASCS Chapel 11:00 Meet for Prayer	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen