

Abiding Savior News



United in Christ. Welcoming All.

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Pastor's Column

"This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing." [Matt 10:42, *The Message*]

A cup of cold water. This is the image Jesus uses to describe what it means to serve others. A simple cup of cold water. It's not a big commitment on our part, however, to the one who receives it, it can make all the difference in the world! A cup of cold water can be used to quench the thirst of a weary traveler. It can be used to nurture a young seedling. It can be mixed with mortar and used to build a house.

A cup of cold water can wash the hair of an elderly person in a nursing home. It can be used to help a child paint a water color picture. Combined with flour and yeast, a cup of cold water can also make bread for the hungry. A cup of cold water seems like such a simple thing, hardly any effort on our part. However, God can use this small gesture of good will and turn it onto something extraordinary!

I am convinced that some people don't get involved with serving others because they think it takes too much time! They think that service

means going overseas to work with impoverished people in Africa or volunteering countless hours with a social service agency.

Yes, it's true service can be done on a large scale that impacts a large number of people. But, truth be told, Jesus says all it takes is a cup of cold water. Hmm...what cup of cold water is God calling us to offer our thirsty world today? Someone out there is in need of what we have to offer.

At Abiding Savior we have numerous opportunities to offer a cup of cold water to those who need it the most. We can bake a dessert for the Fairview Welcome Table or serve breakfast on Sunday morning at Pritchard Park. We can place our spare change in the Bus-Pass-It-On jar in our narthex which helps to supply those in poverty with bus passes so that they can get to work, the doctor's office, etc. We can sponsor a CROP Walk walker this fall or buy Equal Exchange Coffee. We can visit a shut-in or send a card to someone who is sick.

These are but a few of the cups of cool water we try to provide as part of the ministry of our church. If everyone in our church participated in one of these projects, our impact would be even bigger that it already is now. Think about it!

Blessings, Pastor Dave

Financial Secretary's Report

	May 11	April 11
General Fund Giving:	7958.50	7204.00
Mortgage Giving:	<u>2037.50</u>	<u>2234.00</u>
Total	9996.00	9438.00
Monthly Budget	9,764.70	9,764.70
Difference	+\$231.30	-\$326.70

The month of May also took in \$1,425.00 in other designated gifts such as : Candles, Flowers, Disaster Relief (2 churches) and Habitat. There was also \$45.00 for the Heat Pump. These amounts are not included in the monthly income for Budget.

Sincerely,

Toni Corkran, Financial Secretary

Note from the Treasurer

Here are some figures to let you know how much Abiding Savior has given away in benevolence since the beginning of 2011.

	January- May 2011
Japan Earthquake	\$274.00
Bus Passes	\$45.39
Relay for Life	\$275.00
Tornado Relief	\$870.00
<i>[These funds were sent to the ELCA Disaster Response.]</i>	
Tornado Relief	\$490.00
<i>[These funds are going to two churches who were demolished by the tornadoes. More will follow by the end of June.]</i>	
Total Benevolence	\$1920.39!

Here is where we stand regarding the replacement of the heat pumps:

Cost	- \$16,456.00
Donations so far	\$10,198.06
Balance	- \$6,257.94

[The heat pumps have already been paid for out of our savings. We are slowly paying ourselves back.]

As always, thank you for your generous giving. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Doris Wright, Treasurer

Women's Garden Party

All the women of Abiding Savior are invited to Pastor Dave & Gary's house for their annual Garden Party. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 6:00pm. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Also consider car pooling since parking is limited. There is also construction on Coleman Avenue this summer so you will want to park at the paint store on the corner of Coleman and Merrimon OR park on King Street which is the next left past Coleman and come through the back gate!

Fairview Welcome Table

We need two or three volunteers to make dessert for the Fairview Welcome Table on Thursday, July 7th. We need to prepare for about 72 people. Dessert needs to be there by 11:00am. Please call Pastor Dave if you're interested.

ASLC T-Shirts

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for ASLC T-shirts. Our goal is to use these shirts when our members are doing service projects in the community. This will help our name to be more visible. No money is needed yet. We just need to know how many to print. Both children and adult sizes are available. There is a cost break if we order 48 shirts.

RIC Taskforce

Our first meeting for the Reconciling in Christ Taskforce will be on Tuesday, July 12, 7:00pm. Anyone who is interested many attend this meeting. Our goal will be to look over the surveys that were filled out by members of the church and summarize what they are saying. Then we will begin the process of trying to develop our Welcome Statement. We will also be developing a schedule of educational events and times for conversation regarding LGBT issues as well as our mission as a church. Please keep us in your prayers as we begin this important work. If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

Pastor Dave on Vacation

Pastor Dave still be in NYC through July 2nd. Emergencies during this week should be directed to Rev. Cindy Coleman. Her cell phone is 989-1023 and her home phone is 633-0743.

Campfirmation

Pastor Dave will be at Camp Lutheridge for Campfirmation from July 18-23rd. Any emergencies during this time should be directed to his cell phone, 505-5229.

Newsletter and Bulletin Info

Starting in July we ask that all reports, bulletin info and articles for the newsletter be e-mailed to abidingsaviorlc@aol.com. This will help us to assemble communication materials more quickly. Thank you!

Invite a Member to Lunch

During July and August please consider taking someone out to lunch after worship whom you don't know very well. This is a great opportunity for folks who attend both services to get to know each other. We also encourage everyone to stay after church for coffee and goodies each week. Don't just talk to your old friends, make some new ones as well!

ASLC Volunteer Wish List

As we go through the summer months, here is a list of tasks we need to do in order for our church to look its best. If you are able to help with one of these, please let Pastor Dave know. Thanks!

- Bridge needs to be stained, probably two coats. [Stain has already been purchased]
- The tree canopy on the incoming driveway needs to be pruned back
- Flower beds need to be weeded
- We need a crew to spread some mulch of several of our flower beds
- The carpet in the Fellowship Hall needs to be steam cleaned [We'll supply the machine.]
- The kitchen in the Fellowship Hall needs a good cleaning

---The back area in the Fellowship Hall needs to be re-organized

---The window frames on the Fellowship Hall need to be scraped and repainted

Relay For Life Pictures

Thanks to Jennifer Ownbey, Vicki Roome and Andrea Slusser for representing ASLC at the Relay For Life Event. Here are some pics for you to enjoy!



Birthdays

- Gary Mitchell 7/1
- Terry Sams 7/2
- Patrick Sweitzer 7/14
- Jason Kindel 7/15
- Joan Kline 7/18
- Nancy Albright 7/19
- Art Blue 7/22
- Vera Fricke 7/25
- Ed Goodell 7/29

If your name does not appear on the list, please e-mail the info to abidingsaviorlc@aol.com

Memorials

- | For | Given By |
|-------------------|--|
| Florence Conrad | Linda Burgin
Dorothy Olsen
Harold Sweitzer |
| LaVonne Kramp | Doris & Ray Wright
Dorothy Olsen |
| Margaret Mitchell | Wally & Ellen Anderson |
| Mark Hasty | Irene Sayers
Harold Sweitzer |
| Don Albright | Art Fricke
Irene Sayers
Doris & Ray Wright |

Prayer List

In addition to ASLC members on our prayer list, we are praying for the following family and friends: Tammy Epley – Nancy Albright’s daughter, Kim Hoffman – Linda Hoffman’s niece, Capt. Robert Thornhill - friend of Shelia & Marge who is stationed in Afghanistan, Buddye Downs - friend of Irene Sayers and Jackson Cogbill.

If you add the name of a loved one to the list, please let Pastor Dave know who they are. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless requested for longer.

Quote for the Month

Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received. And let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work. -- Mother Teresa

Tabulators	Corkran	Huntsman / Sayers	Coleman / Hoffman	Wright	Kurtz
Altar Care	Sue Boeger	Sandra Huntsman	Toni Corkran	Lynnie Barrett	Irene Sayers
Coffee	-----	Lynnie Barrett			Irene Sayers
Cleaning					
Flowers					
Candle		Kline / Fricke	Sayers	Kline / Fricke	

			7/3		
10:00 Greeter	Toni Corkran				
10:00 Reader	John Corkran	Susan Bolick	7/10		
10:00 Worship Asst		John Corkran			
10:00 Ushers	Toni Corkran /				
				7/17	
					7/24
		Shelia Rains			
		Marge Sullivan			
		Jennifer Ownbey			
		Jennifer Ownbey			
		Sullivan / Rains			7/31