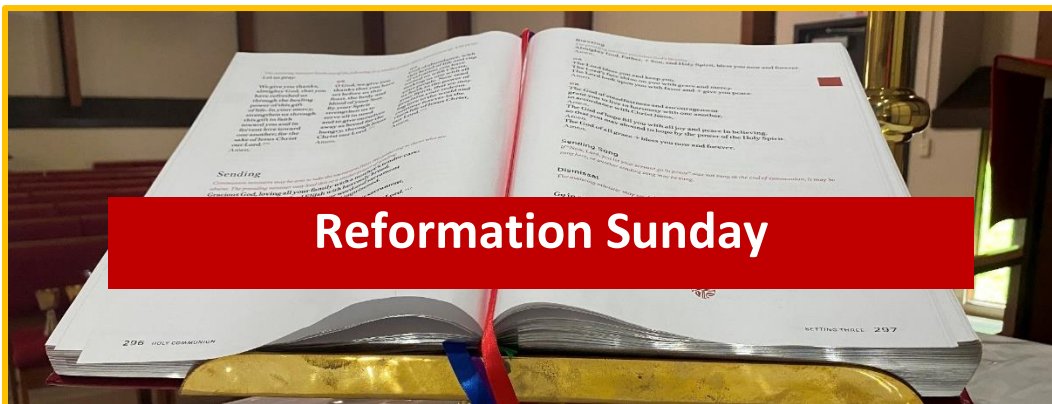


# NEWS FROM ABIDING SAVIOR 11/01/2023



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## ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 5, 2023

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

## **Thanks!!!**

Many thanks to all of the hearts and hands that went into preparing and serving the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday meal. Thanks to the Outreach Ministry team, the men who grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, Linda Warren who helped to secure a Thrivent Action Team grant and those who worked at the shelter. More than expected came out.

Judging from the empty plates and comments,  
our siblings thoroughly enjoyed the meal.



## **Happy Birthday!**

On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will join the family of Mr. John Fowlkes to celebrate his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The family will sponsor fellowship time following worship service. It will be a great time to say “Happy Birthday” to Mr. Fowlkes.

## **Stewardship Sunday-November 12, 2023**

How do we respond to God’s call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Stewardship is not only a financial response to God’s love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes. On Stewardship Sunday, we will pledge our time, talent and financial support to the congregation. Please prayerfully, consider your 2024 pledge. Information and ministry needs are included on the time and talent form. Please review and volunteer to serve in more than one area. Your hands, ideas, thoughts and hearts are needed as we “*Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus*”.

## **Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting- November 19, 2023**

The finance committee has begun working on the spending plan for consideration at the November Semi-Annual Congregational meeting. At that meeting, we will vote on a 2024 spending plan. The proposed spending plan will be finalized and reviewed by the congregation council after information from Stewardship Sunday is processed.

## **WELCA Thankoffering Service-November 19, 2023**

### ***Giving Thanks to God—All Day, Every Day***

The daily practice of giving thanks to God for blessings received is at the heart of our lives as women of faith. Even the ordinary blessings of daily life call us to gratitude. Lutheran women have a time-honored way to practice giving thanks — Thankofferings.

Many women set aside small amounts at home throughout the year and then bring together their gifts with those of the other women.

# Let's Grow in Christ



Now that our space has been expanded and officially opened, the congregation council continues to discuss growth with intentional ways to expand our ministry by focusing on **growth**. The congregation council will emphasize growth in every area and every ministry.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH,  
GROWTH IN FAITH,  
GROWTH IN PARTICIPATION,  
GROWTH IN OUR MINISTRY AREAS,  
GROWTH, GROWTH, GROWTH . . . . .**

**The council is reviewing each ministry and emphasizing:**

- † How each ministry is described in our constitution
- † What is happening in each ministry area
- † What are some things that should be happening
- † Developing smart goals

**Everyone is needed-volunteer for a ministry area. What is your vision? What are your thoughts? What are your ideas?**

## BEGINNING TO EMBRACE GROWTH

### WORSHIP

- † All are encouraged to volunteer to serve as worship assistants, lectors, on the altar guild, greeters, ushers, acolytes, and choir members.
- † There will be special planning, efforts to intentionally invite campus ministry students and colleagues, friends and family, and community to worship.

### PROPERTY

- † Plans are in progress to convert old bathrooms to family bathrooms with new signage.
- † The decorating committee continues to make plans for furnishing and upgrading.

### **The Capital Campaign Continues**

If you have not yet made your 3 year pledge, please do so.



# It's Stewardship Time

CHURCH OF THE  
**ABIDING SAVIOR**  
LUTHERAN

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**Gathered and Sent  
To Proclaim, Serve and  
Share the Love  
Of Jesus**

## FINANCIAL PLEDGE CARD

Please choose from the following options by circling the frequency appropriate for you. Because God gives abundantly, and because I want to be a faithful steward, I/we make the following pledge of giving for 2024:

I/We plan to grow toward or beyond a tithe by giving  
\$\_\_\_\_\_per\_\_\_\_\_ (week month year) in 2024

Please return this form to Church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please prayerfully consider your 2023  
Pledge.**

# CHURCH OF THE ABIDING SAVIOR 2024 TIME AND TALENT FORM

Please volunteer to serve in more than one area. Your hands and hearts re needed!

Complete and submit to the In-reach minister. Thank you.

<p><b>PROPERTY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain All Physical Property, Interior/Exterior</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop and execute improvement projects</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Monitor use of buildings and grounds</li></ul> <p><b>WORSHIP/MUSIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Usher</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choir</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Worship Assistant</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Worship reader</li></ul> <p><b>IN REACH</b>-Fellowship and Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Dinners/Receptions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Setup, serve, cleanup</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate retreats/picnics</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Time/Talent</li></ul> <p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Count money /prepare deposits</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Finance Committee</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Audit Committee</li></ul> <p><b>FAITH FORMATION and YOUTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunday school teacher</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> VBS volunteer/teacher</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Youth education programs</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Order necessary curriculum</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Special youth activities and events</li></ul>	<p><b>OUT REACH</b>-Social Concerns and Evangelism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Meals at Urban Ministries</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide other services to the community</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Work with other churches on community programs</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Work in the community gardening</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Greet and welcome non-members</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop and maintain a recruitment program for new members</li></ul> <p><b>RECORDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly/Annual Reports</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> News releases/ articles</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Church Directory</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance of Archives</li></ul> <p>***** <b>OTHER</b> *****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Manage audiovisual equipment</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare newsletter</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Martin Luther King Celebration</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Black History Month Celebration</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Church Anniversary (February)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> _____</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> _____</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> _____</li></ul>
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Sunday, November 5,  
is All Saints Sunday*

† 9:30 AM - Sunday School

† 11:00 AM - Worship **(ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY)**

† Immediately Following Worship – We are invited to join the family of John Fowlkes to celebrate his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.