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HEART TO HEART

February 2009 Pastor's Notes



Dear friends, In just a couple of weeks, we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day. In the meantime we will hear much about love and how to demonstrate it.

What is the most loving thing you can do for another individual? Give them roses? Take them out to a romantic dinner? Allow them to pick out an activity they enjoy and participate in that event with them?

Some years ago a group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and

deeper than anyone could have imagined. Some of the answers were as follows:

- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."
- "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."
- "Love is when someone hurts you. And you get so mad but you don't yell at them because you know it would hurt their feelings."

These children understand the real truth about love. Love is action. Love is sacrificial. Love is selfless. Jesus said it best in John 15:13, "*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*" Jesus not only spoke about sacrifice. He lived it. He offered His life on the cross with disregard for the pain He would endure and the scorn He would face. He laid down His life so that we might be able to stand before our heavenly Father and receive His loving embrace instead of His condemnation.

The most loving thing we can do for another person is to lay down our lives for them in Christ's name. Although very few of us may be faced with having to give up our lives in death for the sake of another person, the Lord does call us to love our neighbor as ourselves. He motivates and empowers us to serve others before we indulge ourselves. To lay down our lives in service implies a willingness to be inconvenienced so that someone else may be comforted and experience the depth of God's love.

Sacrificial love understands the urgency to intervene immediately in the face of danger rather than stand idly by. If a man were drowning, we wouldn't hesitate to offer help. If a child were about to run out into a busy intersection, we would call out to stop him. We think nothing about doing what we can to insure the physical health and safety of another person.

However, do we have the same concern and sense of urgency when it comes to their spiritual health and eternal destiny? If we are concerned that our neighbor makes it home safely tonight to his family, doesn't it stand to reason that we should be just as concerned that he make it home to heaven for eternity? Don't we want her to be connected for life to Jesus Christ just as we are?

On Saturday, February 24, from 9 AM until 2 PM, Abiding Savior will be hosting an "Equipping to Share" Workshop conducted by personnel from Lutheran Hour Ministries. I invite you to come and "lay down" a few hours of your life so that you might be prepared to reach out to your friends and family with the love of Jesus Christ in word as well as in deed. Is there a more loving thing you could possibly do? After all, heaven lasts a bit longer than roses.

Your fellow servant in Christ, Pastor Alan

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PRESCHOOL January has been busy with our return to school and the kick-off of processing for the 2009-10 school. Yes, we are already planning for the 2009-10 school year. Re-enrollment forms have been sent out. Re-enrollment is not a guarantee, so be sure to return your paperwork and registration fee as soon as possible. Placement is on first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for submission is February 9th.

Also, waiting list notices have also been mailed to well over a hundred families still hoping to secure an enrollment for their children at Abiding Savior. These families will be contacted once our re-enrollment of current students is completed.

February promises to be a very active time for all of us. Not only is Valentine's Day set right in the middle of the month (all of our classes are making special plans for that day), many other activities are taking place this month.

February is Dental Health Month, and we will have a visiting dental team sharing their message about proper dental care with our children.



February 10th at 6:30pm is our annual Pie Supper. Fire up your ovens and dig out that favorite recipe. We hope this year will see the most pies ever and the auction will turn out to be our best fund raiser ever. If you have not experienced this event before, our school and church family bake pies (all kinds, sizes, shapes, and flavors), and they are auctioned off to the highest bidder. (Yes, some are also eaten on the spot, so plates and forks will be available). This is one of our most popular fund raising events and the funds are matched by the Thrivent Financial Services. This is the same Lutheran organization that provided funding for the rubber mulch on our new playground.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve through this wonderful ministry, Bill

The Family Life Ministries Team: We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30. We have some exciting events already in the works and would love having you join us to get more creative juices flowing.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. More information to will be provided in the New Year.

February 14 -Valentines Ball Fund Raise

March 7 - Women's Lenten Tea

March 28 - March for Babies - please join the Abiding Savior Team for this very worthwhile event.

April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 12 - Easter Dinner Pot Lunch

Blessings to all,

Joyce Krajnovich & Debbie Rhoades



Prayer List for February 2009

Members and Relatives

- Dolores Alstach (para thyroid) L. Struckmeyer's mom
- **Sue Andes** (neuromuscular)
- Barbara Brault (Parkinson's) Sue Andes' mom
- **Suzanne Buth** (severe muscle weakness—legs)
- Josephine Cavuoti (heart) M. Palumbo's mom
- **Pat Chiarelli** (Mike's mother) staph infection
- John Cline - at home (health issues)
- **Bruce Cole** (continued healing)
- Myrtle Davis (health issues)
- **Don Dehaven** (shut-in health issues)
- Betty Evered - (Parkinson's)
- **Carla Flateau** (looking for job)
- Betty Holland (medical tests)
- **Jasmine Ibarra** (developmental/growth issues) DJ's granddaughter
- Shirley Lang (colon cancer) April Tilton's aunt
- **Pam Leone** (rheumatoid arthritis)
- Marilyn Mengerink (health issues)
- **Ginny Nordbusch** (fell and broke leg)
- Laura Price (Marie's cousin) custody hearing
- **Carol Prins** (eyesight)
- Julia Schaefer (stroke) RuthAnn's sister
- **Marilyn Tatarachuk** (cancer surgery)
- Dorothy Tilton (cancer) April's mom
- **Phyllis Toye** (cancer) C. Gustafson's mom
- Gilbert Weiss (prostate/bone cancer) Pastor Alan's uncle
- **William Wiebold** (developmental)

Praise God for the growth of our church and all the terrific new ministries and friendships.

Friends

- **Emily Amerson** (thyroid cancer) by Witte family
- Betty Babik (recovery from breast cancer) by Rhoda
- **Talmadge Branch** (very ill) by Marie
- Ginny Christie (chemo/leukemia) by Leone and Bates
- **Betty Dillon** (home) by H. Hahn

- Mary Jean Earnest (ventilator, feeding tube - unknown disease) Chiarelli
- **Faith Finnegan** (4 yr. old) (Fracture/bone cist) by B. Holland
- Miriam Gonzalez (bike accident) by Carl Flateau
- **Karen Gwynn** (biopsy) by J. LaCapruccia
- Randy Harris (life problems) by LeeAnn
- **Paul Hauenstein** (voice box prob) by Hodgsons Sr.
- Betty Maddox (heart surgery) bt DeeAnn
- **Mike O'Neil** (fell off truck—head injuries)
- Martha Rockey (thyroid operation)
- **Virginia Stuber** (heart surgery, lung cancer, eye surgery) by H. Hahn
- Gene Sutton (continued healing-Needs to know Jesus) by Flateau
- **John Tisdale** (lung cancer) by Leone
- Brannin Vickers (unknown, NFRH) by Herder
- **Dekle Vickers** (NFRH) by Herder
- Betty Warber (thyroid cancer, treatments) by Hodgsons
- **Luke Webb** (3 yr old, cancer) by Ritzy Ettinger
- Cheryl Wetherington (breast cancer surgeries)

Pray for victims of disasters (storms, fire, flood, etc.)

Pray for Divorce Ministry & Truth Project

Pray for our leaders and our country

Pray for our military serving in harms way:

Names will be kept on the Prayer List for one month unless a renewed request is made.

Prayer requests can be phoned into the church (331-4409) or Muriel Young (332-1386).

ABIDING SAVIOR FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF
1/29/2009

TOTAL INCOME-\$63,817.00

TOTAL EXPENSES-\$70,330.00

Average weekly attendance -174

Liturgical Ministries

Greeters **8:00 a.m.** **10:45 a.m.**

Everyone at Abiding Savior is a Greeter

Ushers **8:00 a.m.** **10:45 a.m.**

Feb. 1st	Available ushers	Bolser Family
Feb. 8th	Available ushers	Bolser Family
Feb. 15th	Available ushers	Flateau Family
Feb. 22nd		Flateau Family

Readers **8:00 a.m.** **10:45a.m.**

Feb. 1st	Chuck Moss	Linda Gouthro
Feb. 8th	Len Young	Kevin Martin
Feb. 15th	Muriel Young	DJ Toppins
Feb. 22nd	Kjerstin Terry	Bette Pring

Acolytes **8:00 a.m.** **10:45 a.m.**

Feb. 1st	William B.	Perri L.
Feb. 8th	Zoey H.	James W.
Feb. 15th	Katia G.	Morgan H.
Feb. 22nd	Matthew D.	Kendra C.

Child. Church **8:00 a.m.** **10:45 a.m.**

Feb. 1st	Beth Graeler	Allison Fissenden
Feb. 8th	Linda Struckmeyer	Dina Dolz
Feb. 15th	Valerie Werning	Patti Bolser
Feb. 22nd	Dian Dudeck	Lynn Cera

ALTAR TEAMS

Altar for: Feb. (Muriel acting Chair) Bette Pring, Cindy Gustafson, Carla Flateau, Norma Stordahl

March April Tilton (Chair) Ellen Waldkoetter and Megan, Terri Hodgson, Diane Warfield

Birthdays & Anniversaries**BIRTHDAYS**

2/1-Austin Struckmeyer
 2/8-Anna Moss, Christy Rodkin
 2/9-Chris Moss, Helen Ramsammy
 2/11-Allison Fissenden, Max Gravenstein
 2/15-Christopher Bates
 2/16-Alyson Brinkley, Nancy Nixon, Kathryn Yachnis
 2/17-Kristie Bolick, Loren Terry
 2/18-Camden Fissenden, Linda Struckmeyer, Dennis Waldkoetter
 2/19-Aislinn Kinsella, Jory Nixon
 2/20-Valerie Werning
 2/21-Kerry Pett
 2/22-Beth Graeler, Mark Herriott
 2/25-Robert Goetz
 2/26-Diane Warfield
 2/27-Joe Andes, John Pett, Taylor Stiff & John Werning
 2/29-Roxanne Cline

ANNIVERSARIES

2/10-Mike & Gabi Hein
 2/19-Bill & Dee Carman
 2/28-Jon & Lisa Wiebold

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we are sorry, but it means that we may not have your information in our computer. Please let us know so we can update it.

Thanks, Dee

Florida-Georgia District

The Florida-Georgia District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will hold its triennial convention in June. One of the primary purposes of the convention, in addition to worship and encouragement in the faith, is the election of district officials for the next three years.

Currently the leadership of Abiding Savior is in the process of submitting nominations for various offices. The leadership desires to nominate the following candidates:

Circuit Counselor – Rev. Mark Abram, Trinity, Summerfield

Rev. James Rockey, Amazing Grace, Oxford

District President – Rev. Dennis Glick (retired)

District Vice-President – Rev. James Guelzow, Messiah, Carrollwood

For a complete listing of the positions to be filled and their prerequisite qualifications, please contact Pastor Alan or Dennis Waldkoetter, our congregational president. If you have additional names of pastors or laypersons qualified to serve our district, please speak with either Pastor Alan or Pastor Enwood.

EQUIPPING TO SHARE WORKSHOP***LEARN TO SHARE YOUR FAITH AND HONOR GOD IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE:***

So, you want to take up the pastors' challenge & invite 4 people to church, but you don't know where to start? Then we have the workshop for you! Come to our outreach workshop called "Equipping to Share" on Saturday, February 21st from 9-2. Learn how to honor the Great Commission in your life. Lunch will be served. Child care will be provided upon request. There is a \$6 registration cost to cover lunch & expenses. Contact Pastor EN or the office to sign up.

King's Kids

King's Kids is a fellowship and Bible Study ministry for children from preschool to 5th grade which meets Sunday nights from 5 – 7 pm. We learn verses, play games, make a craft, sometimes watch a movie, and share a meal with the youth. God has blessed us with so many of his children that we are having to split into two tracks: preschool to second grade, and third through fifth grades. If you are interested in being a part of this dynamic ministry call Kerry Pett () or Jodie Nevis ()

Meditation Trail

- New Mulch on Trail

With the help of 13 ASLC members, two lawn tractors & wagons, and several wheelbarrows last month the original loop of the trail now has a new layer of mulch! I'm now convinced that 7-year old Thomas (Dudeck) has more energy than those of us over 60! He ran half way around the trail several times just to be able to ride back in the empty wagons. And that was after he pushed several wheelbarrows of mulch down the trail! Since Pastor Alan was helping also, I thought of making an announcement at the beginning of church the next morning that if he fell asleep while giving the sermon, we should all be quiet, let him sleep, and just go on to the offering! :-)

Watch for several kinds of azaleas (salmon/coral and white) to be blooming along the trail between the creeks. Early clumps of wild violets (*Viola floridana*) and some of the amaryllis should start blooming near the end of the month.

Mike Hein (Head Mulch Mover) at 372-1500 (work), 332-0830 (home), or hein@waterandair.com.

MIKE WILL BEGIN GIVING MEDITATION TRAIL TOURS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING IN MARCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BREAKFAST PLEASE LET HIM KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED. * * * * *

So the first month of the year has come and gone; the Christmas break is now a distant memory, and school has slowly but surely settled back into a routine.

Make Sunday youth a part of your routine, too! We have a lot of events coming up this month. Start the month off by swinging into the Steak and Shake down

by the I-75 and Archer Road on Thursday, Feb. 5th! Order all your favorites and we get

20% back for the youth group. What a sweet deal!

Our regular Sunday night Youth meetings will have a couple of unusual outings this month. The 8th will find us trekking over to the Ronald McDonald House to provide a meal for the residents there. These residents are the parents and family of hospitalized children; having a warm meal prepared for them makes for one less worry they have to take care of.

There will be another trip to the Skate Station on the 22nd: we'll cover the cost of admission and skates, but you have to get your own snacks and your upgrade to rollerblades if you want them. Deal? Last time was a rocking good time for all, and we had the place mostly to ourselves. So come on out and show us your skating moves! Note to parents: we'll need a signed permission slip if you are not coming with us.

A reminder to the High School youth about the District HS gathering coming up March 6th-8th in Jacksonville. Early bird registration is over, but we can still get you in. If you need more info go to www.flga-lcms.org then go to the link next to the bottom blue box "CONNECTED Mar 6th-8th, 2009."

Finally, Mar. 1st we will be painting the youth room. Lynn Cera has come up with a nifty idea on how to do it, (just wait and see, you'll like it) and will help each of you outline your area if you want; however, she needs you to bring in a picture of what you'd like to draw. Speaking of the youth room, check out the new furniture that we're starting to get in there and the games that will challenge our skills! Peace,

Pastor EN

Fellowship Opportunities/Gen. Announcements Cont.

Young at Heart

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, for Bible study and fellowship. Come join us at the church and tour the progress of our new building.

JOY (Just Older Youngsters)

When: The first Friday each month at 11:30. Why: To meet new people, make friends, celebrate friendships and play games. Bring a sandwich. Contact Fran Jacobs at: (386) 462-4558

Men's Bible Study

Join your brothers in Christ for bible study and fellowship on the last Saturday of each month (this month January 31st) at 8 a.m. Contact Pastor Nevis for more information.

Upcoming Couples Ministry Opportunity

Fireproof Your Marriage is founded on Biblical principles for strong, God-centered, lifelong marriages. Engage in a study, using video clips from FIREPROOF (the movie), along with thought-provoking discussion questions and individual and couples' devotional. Includes six sessions:

- He Said/She Said-appreciating the God-designed differences between men and women
- He First Loved Us- God's love for you and how it enables you to love others
- Love for a Lifetime-marriages as a life-long covenant
- Breaking Free-freeing yourself from temptations that can destroy marriage
- Forgiveness -offering and receiving forgiveness
- A Better Way of Loving-unconditional love

We are very excited to lead a couples' ministry project together. Statistics show that 1 in 2 marriages end in divorce, find out how to fire-proof yours. Please join us and embark on this short journey that will hopefully last a lifetime. The class will meet at the Tappy's home on Thursday evenings, beginning on February 12 at 6:15pm.

Winter 2009 GriefShare Seminar Wednesdays 6:30PM

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. The GriefShare support group is lead by two facilitators who understand the pain of losing a loved one. The facilitators are not Pastors or counselors, but fellow Christians who have a heart for serving the Lord by being with those grieving. The facilitators for the Winter 2009 GriefShare Seminar will be Gail David and Christy Rodkin..

Divorce Care Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:30 PM

If you know someone who is going through a divorce or just needs support, please tell them about our support group.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you would like to join Abiding Savior or just would like to find out more about us, please join us on January 31st at 9:00am for our Cross-Talk class. Call Pastor En at 331-4409 for more information or to sign up.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Your work in the Lord brings an abundance of blessings - to you and to others. What better words to say. We are truly blessed here at Abiding Savior. Thanks go out to all who participated in our Star Tree & Shoes/Socks Donations. Christmas morning brought smiles to 54 children who were less fortunate than some. For February & March, we are collecting powdered laundry soap for Ronald McDonald House. Thanks again for all you do, Laurie Knuth

Youth News

FEBRUARY 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:00am- Traditional 9:15 am-Breakfast 9:45 am-Bible Studies 10:45am-Contemporary 5:00pm- Youth	2	3 10am-Staff Mtg 10am Walk away #'s 5:00pm-AA Mtg 7pm-Trustee Mtg	4 4:30-Music Team 6pm-Confirmation 6:30-Grief Share/ Divorce Care 7:30-Family Life Meeting	5 9am-Preschool Chapel Steak & Shake Fundraiser Night	6 11:30 -JOY	7 9am-Crosstalk Seminar 10am-Sewing Class Brownies Meeting
8 8:00am- Traditional 9:15 am-Breakfast 9:45 am-Bible Studies 10:45am-Contemporary 4:00pm- Youth at Ronald McDonald house	9	10 10am-Walk away #'s & Young at Heart 10am-Staff Mtg. 5:00pm AA Mtg. 6:30pm-Pie Supper	11 9am-Preschool Chapel 4:30-Music Team 6pm-Confirmation 6:30-Grief Share/ Divorce Care	12 6:15pm-Fireproof Your Marriage @ the Tappy's	13	14 Valentines Day 6:00pm- Valentines Day Ball
15 8:00am- Traditional 9:15 am-Breakfast 9:45 am-Bible Studies 10:45am-Contemporary 5:00pm- Youth 5pm-Small Group @ Struckmeyers	16 President's Day Office & School Closed	17 10am-Staff Mtg. 10am Walk away #'s 5:00pm AA Mtg 7pm-Lay Minister Mtg.	18 4:30-Music Team 6pm-Confirmation 6:30-Grief Share/ Divorce Care	19 9am-Preschool Chapel 6:15pm-Fireproof Your Marriage @ the Tappy's 6:00pmParenting 7pm-Ladies Movie Night	20	21 Brownies Meeting 9am-Equipping to Share 10am-Sewing Class
22 8:00am- Traditional 9:15 am-Breakfast 9:45 am-Bible Studies 10:45am-Contemporary 1:00pm- Youth & Kings Kids at Skate Station 5pm-Small Group @ Struckmeyers	23	24 10am-Walk away #'s & Young at Heart 10am-Staff Mtg. 5:00pm AA Mtg	25 <i>Ash Wednesday Worship at 12:15pm & 7pm</i> 9am-Preschool Chapel 4:30-Music Team 6pm-Confirmation 6:30-Grief Share/ Divorce Care	26 6:00pmParenting 6:15pm-Fireproof Your Marriage @ the Tappy's	27	28 8am-Men's Bible Study

Music Ministries

Lots going on with the music ministry. The next three months will be pretty busy – but a nice kinda “busy” getting ready for some big “events”

The Senior Choir is already hard at work getting ready for Holy Week and Easter. We're looking at presenting Marty Haugen's “Song of Mark” as this year's Easter musical gift. Some may remember it from our most recent presentation on Easter Sunday, 2005. Lots of great music, and even some acting and dance. Best of all, we're able to include ALL our choirs and instrumentalists in the same musical presentation! More about that later.

We also plan to introduce another “new” musical setting for our Sunday Services during the month of February. We are currently using Divine Service Settings One and Three from the LSB (our hymnal) at our early (Traditional) Sunday Service, alternating them on a seasonal basis. The next setting we want to introduce from the LSB is Divine Service Setting Four. It's actually based on a setting that was first presented in a Hymnal Supplement published in 1998. The neat thing about this setting is that we can use it at BOTH Services. Although it relies quite a bit on older, more traditional hymn tunes, the tunes lend themselves to accompaniment by organ (the primary instrument for accompanying the congregation at our Traditional Service); or guitar, piano, and percussion (the primary instruments at our Contemporary Service). And all the tunes are “catchy” and VERY congregation-friendly. We hope to facilitate the learning process by introducing one or two parts of the setting each Sunday in February, with the intent to have all parts of the setting in place by the end of the month. We will then continue to use Setting Four at both Service through the season of Lent, changing to a different setting on Easter Sunday (to emphasize the arrival of the high point in our church year). Hope you like the new setting. As always, there will be some “growing pains” as we learn together what will be new music for most of us. But we believe the end result will be worth the effort – a Service Setting that is familiar to ALL of Abiding Savior, regardless of the Service they attend. Just one more way to demonstrate that we are, indeed, one body in Christ!!

See you around the Lord's Vineyard.

Eli

Thank You

Thank you to all our brothers and sisters in Christ for the beautiful memorial service for Dorothy Young. Your love, prayers and support over the last 5 years as her Alzheimer's progressed was very important to us.

We continue to thank God for our Abiding Savior family

Len and Muriel Young

General Announcements

Small Group Ministry Update

Small Group Bible Study and special interest groups are important ways to help disciples of Jesus remain connected to Him and one another. These groups meet at times other than Sunday morning. Fall saw quite a number of folks participate in Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project." Approximately 30 individuals took part in one of the four groups that met weekly. Most groups concluded their sessions in late November or early December.

In January several new and reorganized small groups again will begin meeting on a weekly basis. The goal of most of these groups will be to finish their particular course of study by the end of April.

Pastor Alan and Linda Struckmeyer will be hosting a group on Sunday evenings from 5-7 PM at their home. The material we will be studying is titled, "Deliver Us From Evil" by Ravi Zacharias. Anyone interested in attending should notify Pastor Alan or Linda (Home: 331-5809).

Bob Engwall will be leading a "Truth Project" group at Abiding Savior midday during the week. Exact day and time will be announced soon. For more information, contact Bob at 332-4448.

Chuck Moss will be concluding his Wednesday night "Truth Project" group in early January. His next topic will be announced shortly.

Pastor EN and Jodie are considering leading a six-week group on "Parenting: The Early Years" by Christian psychologists Les and Leslie Parrot. Starting dates and times are pending. For more information, speak with Pastor EN.

Other small groups continue to meet as previously scheduled. "Young at Heart" meets every other Tuesday at 10 AM. The Sewing and Quilting Group meets every other Saturday morning at 10 AM while the Men's Bible Breakfast meets the last Saturday of the month at 8 AM.

With all these small group opportunities, there is no reason not to "Connect 4 Life"! Watch future newsletters and the weekly bulletin news inserts for more details.

Valentine's Ball

Join us Saturday, Feb. 14th from 6-10pm. We will have dinner & dancing.

Tickets are \$25 per person. \$5 of each ticket will benefit our youth's mission projects. Call the church office 331-4409 to RSVP-Deadline is Monday, February 9th.



MOVIE NIGHT

"Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible" Thursday, Feb 19, 2009 7-8:30 pm

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Family Life Center. Good girls of the bible behaving badly: Join author and speaker Liz Curtis Higgs in this 70 minute DVD presentation. Meet Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel.

All good girls and yet just like us as they mistreated others, manipulated family members and envied.

Be prepared to laugh and enjoy how Liz opens up God's Word to us.

Please bring a healthy snack & a girlfriend.

General Announcements

NEW ACTIVITIES

Several activities have been arranged for ALL adults (men & women) to be held in the new Family Life Center. Please check out the ones you may be interested in attending.

SEWING. Adult Classes in sewing have started! The sewing group instructed by our own Elizabeth Nash meets every other Saturday from 10:00 - noon in the library of the Family Life Center. If you are interested please call Elizabeth at 377-0439.

SENIOR EXERCISING. Join us every Tuesday at 10am in the Octagon Room as we "Walk Away the Pounds" - it is an easy walk-in-place exercise. On the 2nd & 4th Tuesday we will follow-up with our Young at Heart Bible Study.

ACRYLIC PAINTING. Catherine Diekmann has offered to teach. Please call her at 472-4577 if you are interested in painting classes.

BOOK CLUB. Is there anyone that is interested in starting a Book Club? Let the Church Office know!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Revelation

In the Tower Room

Pastor Ken is starting a new class between services (9:45—10:30am) on the last book of the bible, *Revelation*.

Girlfriends

In new library

A study just for women, studying "**Bad Girls of the Bible**" from 9:45 – 10:30 AM. The book by Liz Curtis Higgs, upon which the Bible study is based, is helpful but not required. Join us whenever you can. Call or email : Linda Struckmeyer at 352-339-6243 or struckfamily@cox.net.

The Cost of Discipleship

In church library

Taught by Chuck Moss from 9:45-1030am.

Pastor's Class

In church fellowship hall

Pastor Alan and Pastor EN will be tackling the book of *Amos* from the Old Testament this Spring, starting January 11th. Feel free to join in on any Sunday from 9:45-10:30am.

High Schoolers

In Pastor's office

Starting January 11th we will begin *3:16—the Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado. Team taught by the Pastors.

Sunday School

In Scholz FLC classrooms

All elementary Sunday school classes will be in the Family Life Center. The opening for all classes will be in the center hall at 9:45 am

The quilting/sewing group at Abiding Savior will meet again on Sat. Feb 7th from 10-12. You can bring a project to work on, mending, or whatever. You can also make blankets to send to Lutheran World Relief or start on a wall hanging for the family life center. Our gifted leader can also teach crocheting and knitting during this time. Call Elizabeth Nash at 377-0439 and let her know what you want to work on. She can teach you if you don't already now how. In these economic times sewing and mending can be a valuable tool.

Parenting: the early years is a new 6-week Bible Study led by Pastor and Jodie Nevis starting up Thursday, Feb. 19th. Dinner will be served for the whole family each Thursday night before class, and child care is available. Based on DVDs featuring Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, this course is aimed at helping good parents become great parents. Participation is limited to 6 families, so sign up today!