

# ABIDING PRESENCE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Living in God's amazing grace



## ✓ IT OUT

New Email Addresses—We have new email addresses. You can find them on the back page of this newsletter and on the AP website. Please update your address books.

Sunday,  
November 8

Bake Sale for  
Thrivent Builds  
Habitat Trip

CONGRATUATIONS to Shu-Fen and Joel Sundquist on the birth of their son, Nathan Andrew, born October 17.

Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 22. See Page Eight

## REMINDER!!!!

Daylight savings time ends 2:00 a.m., Sunday, November 1. Remember to fall back and set your clocks back one hour.

### Happy Factory Toy Program Receives Grant

The Youth Group has received a \$200 grant from the Mt. Zion Church foundation. The money will be used to purchase supplies (sandpaper, oil, wheels, etc.) for making Happy Factory Toy cars for needy children in the US and abroad. To date the youth of **AP have "manufactured" nearly 200 cars, many of which were** delivered to New Orleans for distribution during the National Gathering. This generous grant will enable us to continue the program. Many thanks to Mt. Zion Church Foundation!

Help the Fabric & Yarn Ministry at AP. Do you have any yarn you would like to donate? Last year AP knitted and donated over 50 scarves to the Baldwin Center.

**Also, if you have any fabric remnants suitable for children's pillowcases.** Over 150 pillowcases were made and donated to the Pediatric Center at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

You may drop off your donation at the church or contact Sue Hoffman at 248-652-8911

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The task ahead of us is never as great as the  
Power behind us.

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## *From Pastor Dick*



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ,

**It's the time of the year when our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and the soon to follow Christmas holidays. Family gatherings are being planned, travel arrangements made, and the stores in downtown Rochester are hanging their outdoor lights.**

**It was during last year's holiday season that I made my first visit to downtown Rochester and witnessed the incredible display of lights. My first thoughts were that it must have taken a lot of effort to create the display and how thankful I was that I was not solely responsible for the electric bill.**

However, upon further reflection, I was struck by the message of hope that our **annual celebration of God's coming to be among us generates. It is a time to celebrate and to be thankful.**

Speaking of thanksgiving, I want to say **THANK YOU** for your generosity in **supporting the many expressions of Abiding Presence's ministry. Your faithfulness has made it possible to share Christ's love amongst our members, the community, and into the far reaches of our world.** While there is much that remains to be done, we have made great progress in touching lives.

Most of all, this is a time for us to rejoice with thanksgiving over the life we have in Christ. We are loved, forgiven, and cared for by God, who continues to bless and give unconditionally. Let us never cease rejoicing in the good news of Christ crucified and raised from the dead!!

**In Christ's Service**

Pastor Dick



Lock-In Nov. 13 with the Living Water Staff at AP. More details coming soon. Beautiful Savior high school youth and catechism have been invited! We are looking forward to making new friends.

The Gathering – is an opportunity for groups of ELCA Lutheran youth from the lower peninsula of Michigan and Episcopal youth from EDOMI to gather in Lansing to experience three days of fun, worship, spiritual growth, and so much more from Dec. 27 – 30. The Gathering features worship time, keynote speakers, skillshops, **small groups, and recreational options all in the context of Christ's love and grace. Mark and Terri Finch are this year's chaperons. Janet McBride will get you** registered. Cost is \$130 if registered by Nov. 12 – t-shirt included.

Bass Lake – planning way ahead – is Aug. 6-9, 2010. **This year's speaker is Bishop Mark Hanson** – the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Registration is \$85 until May 1 and includes a Bass Lake t-shirt. If you know that you want to register now, please contact Janet McBride.

Did you know that we have a Facebook Group? Search for Abiding Presence Youth Group and join!

Watch for more youth group activities as we get plans made.

Middle School Youth - We are attending the Quake! It takes place January 8-10 in Lansing. We will be staying at the Cause Way Bay Hotel. Registration is \$139 per person and does not include food.

Let your faith grow when you experience awesome speakers, participate in fun activities and rock out to Christian music. Quakes are regional weekend events for middle school youth (grades 6-9) designed to build a caring community among youth and adults, grow a faith in Jesus Christ and develop healthy relationships among peers. Sign up on bulletin board and contact Janet McBride.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that pastors and lay care givers need more help than they used to? Over the last few years, there have been significant changes in laws and institutional regulations designed to protect the privacy of people using our health care systems. The result of this is that health care organizations no longer contact churches when there is an admission, discharge, or other event of someone who is affiliated with a church.

Therefore, if you or a loved one has a need for pastoral care, please remember you will need to contact the church. Please be assured that all of these communications are treated as confidential.

## CARING FOR OTHERS

There are numerous opportunities for members of Abiding Presence to help serve others in November and December in our community.






On November 8th at 12:00 we will be serving the noon meal at Baldwin Church and Center. Volunteers will help prepare the noon meal and serve it. The meal concludes at about 2:30 p.m. If you are able to do this, please sign up on the Caring for Others bulletin board.

Also, we are committed to prepare 22 food baskets for Neighborhood House. It would cost about \$100.00 to purchase the contents of a basket. A list of items to be included will be provided. These baskets can be done by individual families, several families working together, or different church groups. If you start buying items now, a few at a time, the cost can be spread out over time. These will be delivered by those who sign up in mid December.

We also need 22 \$30.00 gift cards to go in these baskets. Please sign up on our bulletin board. We also continue to sell Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate. They make great stocking stuffers!! Thank you for your support - Caring for Others in Need.

Roy Carlstrom is recovering from a stroke and would appreciate any cards or visits from his friends at Abiding Presence. His location is:

Heartland Health Care Center – Georgian Bloomfield  
2975 N. Adams  
Bloomfield Hills MI 48304

... be ye all of **one mind,**  
having **compassion**      
one of **another,**   
love as **brethren,**   
be **pitiful,**   
be **courteous.**    

1 Peter 3:8

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### PASSPORT TO PRAYER

With the study of a different country at each monthly meeting, Mary Circle considers specific hardships burdening each region. The group is learning through Bible study how to respond by prayer and action to these burdens. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the church lounge. On November 10 we will read and discuss Chapter 3, Passport to India.

Also, on November 13 at 6:30 pm, the ever popular "Chick Flick" night begins. All women are invited and encouraged to come. It's an evening of laughs, tears and sharing of a movie with women friends. Location is to be determined. For further information, contact Liz Bevier at 248-651-3714 or [buster371@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buster371@sbcglobal.net).

Donations for Haven, a shelter for abused women and children, are collected at each meeting or at church in the Haven donation box in the Narthex. Here are some of the items suggested by Haven:

Major grocery store gift cards (i.e. Meijer, Target)

Cereal (kid's cereals are appreciated)

Baby formula (Enfamil Lipil w/iron)

Baby wipes

Diapers (size 4 & 6 only)



*Women's Ministries*

## *Snippets from Preschool*

**Happy Fall! The 3's and pre-K** and parents had a wonderful time exploring Upland Hills Farm even though we were under a wind advisory and nearly blew away! We were able to visit and pat chickens and turkeys, sheep, pigs, and bunnies and even got to milk the cow. A hayride took us to Storybook Trail – a highlight for its adorable story, fall beauty, and, mercifully, lack of wind! The day culminated in a trip to the pumpkin patch to search for the perfect pumpkin. Back at school we planted popcorn **and beans, painted the barn, created piggy biscuits, and baked apple tarts in the 3's** and applesauce in the pre-K.

The Beginnergarteners will soon be visiting Cranbrook to discover bats and view the Young Stargazers Sky Journey. In the meantime they are engrossed in their Zoophonics friends Catina Cat, DeeDee Deer, and Elli Elephant. What an enchanting way to master the letters of our alphabet!

Our Parent & Tot class has become so popular that we needed to open a second session this fall. Moms, Dads, and the little ones are thoroughly enjoying their first taste of school with snacks, songs, stories, art projects, and social time. I am not sure who is having more fun, the parents or the tots!

And now it is Halloween. Would you like to get a child to open up and really talk? Ask him what he is going to be for Halloween. He will go on and on about that all-important Halloween costume! This is such a magical time for young children, a time for stretching the imagination. We so look forward to our Halloween party complete with trick or treating!

Please feel free to visit our rooms and see what we are doing whether it be a school day or a weekend. We love visitors!

Enjoy our world as it is painted in gold, red, orange, and brown.

Miss Karen and Miss Michelle



Dear AP Congregation,

Thank you for making this year so much fun for the choir. We have really enjoyed singing each Sunday and look forward to bringing more new music to worship. We hope you have been enjoying the selections and look forward to the upcoming holiday season with great anticipation.

As I stated in earlier newsletters, we are always looking for more members in both the adult choir and the Praise team. Please feel free to join the adult choir on Wednesdays at 7:30 in the music room for rehearsals or come join the praise team at 10:00am Sunday morning. We are still having the bring a friend to choir events as they were stated in the September newsletter. The adult choir time is the last Wednesday of the month and the Praise Team time is the first Sunday of each month. There is no commitment whatsoever. Please just come and join us for some food, singing and a great deal of fun!

Finally, our holiday season will be here soon which means Lessons and Carols as well as several other big days. I will advise you with information as we get it, but Lessons and Carols will take place on December 13th with great performances from both the adult choir and the Praise Team.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing and greeting all of you again on Sunday. Take care and God Bless!

Sincerely,  
Sean Galloway



## Thrivent Financial

Protect your family against the unexpected

Too often, people work hard to build their assets, then fail to protect them. Without proper protection, the money **you're working so hard to save**—could be lost if you die or suffer an illness or injury. Are you protected?

Life insurance: One in four Americans dies before he or she retires.<sup>1</sup>

**Premature death can undermine a family's financial health, now and in the future. Having adequate life insurance can ensure your family continues to live at home, your children go to college and your spouse retires as planned, even if something unexpected happens to you.**

Disability income insurance: Illness and injuries are more common than you might think. Today, a 25-year-old has a one in four chance of experiencing a long-term loss of income from a disability before he or she turns 65.<sup>1</sup> **A disability disrupts a person's ability to work, impact your earnings and ability to cover daily living expenses. Disability income insurance can help. If you're unable to work due to a qualifying illness or injury, this vital coverage helps pay eligible expenses.**

Long-term care insurance: one of every two women and one of every three men age 65 and older will spend some time in a nursing home.<sup>2</sup> Long-term care insurance can protect your savings, as well as your freedom to choose the care you receive.

For help protecting your financial plan and your family, contact Elizabeth Kaniarz, CFP®, FIC, Financial Consultant at (248) 822-7700 or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

<sup>1</sup> *Commissioners Standard Ordinary Mortality and Disability Tables*

<sup>2</sup> *Women & Aging Letter, Long-term Care Insurance Revisited*

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

This quote underscores the photograph of the sun emerging from storm clouds at the shore of a beautiful lake. The rays of iris leaves reach up to join the sun's rays in a symbolic earth to heaven communion. It is hoped that this work of art will provide inspiration and comfort to all who stop to enjoy it as it hangs above the Welcome and Memorial Center at the entrance to our church. This photograph is the second of a set purchased with memorial funds and both are done by Howard J. Blichfeldt, photographer from Pennsylvania. Mr. Blichfeldt has been a juried artist at the Rochester Art and Apples Festival for several years. His brochure quotes his philosophy "It's not the film or the camera, not the number of megapixels or the software, not the guide or even the photographer that give these images significance. It is the unmistakable, undeniable revelation that my experience in nature has drawn me closer to the God who made it all possible." The artist's website is [www.blichfeldtphotos.com](http://www.blichfeldtphotos.com)

Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, Nov. 22nd at Noon.

With your help on Sunday, November 22nd following the 11 a.m. Worship Service the sanctuary and entrance areas will be decorated for the Advent and Christmas season. A light lunch will be served at noon. Please consider your self invited whether or not you remember signing up as a Sanctuary Arts Volunteer. If we have enough help the task is usually completed in about 2 hours. A sign up sheet will be on the narthex bulletin board. Thanks ahead of time for adding to the holiday spirit at Abiding Presence.

## *November Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Sharon Sundquist	11/1
Bethel Weinmann	11/1
Joan Geisler	11/2
Judy McBroom	11/4
Alexander Worth	11/5
Rick McBride	11/6
Maxwell Chupailo	11/6
David Gresham	11/7
Christopher Barr	11/8
Amanda Worth	11/9
Emily Uhlig	11/9
Bev Harder	11/11
Jennifer Graessle	11/11
Amanda Soldan	11/11
Diane Hoffman	11/12
Grace Sacoman	11/12
Richard Schroeder	11/13
David Kuta	11/14
Leroy Weinmann	11/14
John Quigley	11/14
Laura Sneary	11/14
Steven Hanley	11/14
Jacqueline Jensen	11/17
Sharon Minton	11/17

Heather Roebuck	11/19
Bryan Quigley	11/19
Ashley Ogonowski	11/20
Laura Sundquist	11/21
Renee LaPlante	11/22
Allison Pearsall	11/22
Mark Uhlig	11/23
Mollie Pozolo	11/23
Raegan Ingamells	11/23
Dylan Ries	11/24
Pat Moskos	11/25
Maxwell VanRaaphorst	11/25
Lauren Barr	11/25
Noah Stout	11/25
Bill Kruckeberg	11/26
Christine Hage	11/26
Dennis Evans	11/26
James Schock	11/26
Philip Wolschendorf	11/26
Chris Sneary	11/27
Jim Burt	11/28
Collin Russell	11/28
Jennifer Cobb	11/29
Carolyn Smith	11/30
Tyler Kilpatrick	11/30

HOUSEHOLD	DATE OF ANNIVERSARY	YEARS CELEBRATING
Tom & Sharon Fahl	11/04/1961	48
Gust & Betty Iikka	11/08/1946	63
Ray & Kristin Newer	11/10/1990	19
Greg & Barbara Worth	11/16/1974	35
Terry & Ann Long	11/20/1982	27
Donald & Ingrid Vernier	11/24/1956	53
Ron & Romaine Robbins	11/25/1967	42
Jerry & Pat Moskos	11/25/2001	8
Bob & Elaine Uhlig	11/29/1991	18

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER



DATE	CHURCH YEAR DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
November 1	All Saints Day	Isaiah 25:6-9 <i>Or</i> Wisdom 3:1-9	Psalms 24	Revelations 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
November 8	23 Pentecost	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalms 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 15	24 Pentecost	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalms 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
November 22	Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalms 93	Revelations 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
November 29	1 Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36



## 2009 Congregation Board

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Charlie Martin

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Gary Clark

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### Pastor:

Dick Schroeder

### Director of Operations:

Janet McBride

### Preschool Representative:

Kristin Newer

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### Key Ministry

### Coordinators:

### Encountering God In

### Worship:

Sandy Altemann &  
Cathy Evans

### Living the Word of God

Charlie Martin &  
Jennifer Graessle

### Sharing our Faith with

### Others:

Mike Kilpatrick &  
Chuck Russell

### Caring for Others in

### Need:

Bob Bevier

## Fund Balance Report September 2009

### FUND BALANCES

	Balance 1/1/2009	Y T D Receipts	Y T D Disb.	Balance 9/30/2009
General Fund & Preschool	75,407	417,876	441,055	52,228
Memorial	10,078	825	3,500	7,403
WELCA ( Mary Circle)	1,334	40	200	1,174
Pastor's Discretionary	0	0	0	-
Pass Thru Accounts (net received - disbursed)	6,023	5,854		11,877
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>92,842</b>	<b>424,595</b>	<b>444,755</b>	<b>72,682</b>
<b>General Fund Receipts to date</b>	<b>227,313</b>		<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>252,870</b>
<b>Capital Fund Receipts to date</b>	<b>52,277</b>		<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>53,900</b>



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**Worship Schedule**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday School All Ages  
11:00am Contemporary Worship

Input deadline is the **15th** of the month.

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