

PREACHING & TEACHING

We value relevant preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word. We believe that the Bible is God's inspired, inerrant, and infallible word (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, we will equip disciples through the preaching and teaching of His word.

WORSHIP

We value reverent and meaningful worship. We believe that we are to worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23). Therefore, our worship offers a framework for offering our love and devotion to Him and communing with Him.

PRAYER

We value the power of prayer. We believe that God desires us to draw near to Him in prayer. (Philippians 4:6). Therefore, we will encourage and practice personal and corporate prayer in all circumstances.

CARING

We value the importance of caring for others. We believe that we are the lips, hands and feet of Christ. (Galatians 6:2). Therefore, we will show His love to others by attending to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

STEWARDSHIP

We value appropriate stewardship of God's gifts. We believe that whatever has been given to each individual is a gift from God (Romans 12:6-8). Therefore, we will encourage the giving of time, talent and treasures, each according to ability, for the building up of His kingdom.

FAMILY & CHILDREN

We value family as a foundation for growth and service. We believe that all God's children need to continually serve him (Joshua 24:15). Therefore, we will provide opportunities for learning, sharing and serving to all men, women and children.

EVANGELISM

We strive to improve in our outreach through evangelism. We believe God sends us to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20) and proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Christ alone. Therefore, we aspire to be improved stewards of our opportunity to witness for Him.

OBEDIENCE

We strive to constantly improve in our obedience to our Lord. We believe obedience to our Lord is the greatest expression of love and faith in Him (John 14:15). Therefore, we aspire to grow in our obedience to Him, directing our lives all the more in accordance with His Word and encouraging and exhorting one another in love.

FELLOWSHIP

We strive to improve in our relationship with fellow believers and those who are seeking the Lord. We believe God's love is displayed through the love of others (1 Peter 4:8-10). Therefore, we aspire to welcome all to His house, to speak the truth in love, provide encouragement and support, and build a sense of fellowship with those in our church family and beyond.

Knowing the Savior and Making Him Known

Our mission statement embodies a fuller statement of...

Knowing Him as Savior... We desire that all would believe in Him, and come to a personal, saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Growing in Him... We desire to become more like Christ in a progressive process that takes place day by day and is developed in many ways including the study of the Word, prayer, Christian fellowship and accountability.

Going for Him... We desire that as a result of His grace, we proclaim the Gospel to others by word and by deed, bringing others into the Kingdom and training them as disciples.

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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR KIRK

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

-- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Blessed greetings. I am Pastor Kirk Flaa, and on behalf of the family at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran church, we count it a joy and a privilege to minister and serve in the Sioux Falls community and beyond.

We are a congregation that boldly proclaims Christ and His substitutionary atonement for our sins. We are a congregation that understands the Bible to be God's inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word to mankind. **We value** biblical preaching and teaching and exhort our members to be continually growing in the Word. **We value** the opportunity to worship our LORD. Our worship focus is to magnify God alone, and exalt the name of Jesus Christ. **We value** Christian fellowship and believe we are called upon as God's people to support and encouragement to those around us, especially the family of faith. **We value** Christian Education and offer biblical training from the youngest of ages to the oldest. **We value** serving our LORD and recognize we are called to be salt and light in this world, and desire to serve Jesus by serving others. **We value** our Lord's commission to His Church to make disciples by proclaiming the truth of the Gospel and the saving grace that is found in Jesus Christ alone. **We also value** you, and invite you to join us in worship. We gather at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. during the school year and at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day at 49th and Bahnson in the southeast corner of Sioux Falls.

I. DISCIPLESHIP & STEWARDSHIP

"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

-- Psalm 1:3

We envision our church directing its members on the pathway for becoming mature disciples like the tree depicted in Psalm 1. The mature disciple knows the Savior, Jesus Christ, is nurtured through God's Word, and is led by His Spirit.

We see the mature disciple having a view of the world as seen through the Word of God, worshiping together with other disciples and their families, and being motivated by a relationship of love with Christ.

Our vision includes mature disciples branching out and bearing fruit, serving within the body of the church and going to those in need outside the church.

We envision a church where our members humbly acknowledge that all that they are and have first comes from God. Our time, talents and financial blessings will be spent furthering His kingdom inside and outside of our walls, and our tradition at Abiding Savior of being outwardly focused and giving to those in need will continue.

II. PRAYER & OUTREACH

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

-- 1 John 3:18

We envision each member personally and passionately embracing outreach opportunities to serve as Jesus' witnesses at Abiding Savior, within our community, our country, and our world.

We see each member of our congregation being intentional in their witness and committed to serving consistently so that others see Jesus living within them.

We envision all Abiding Savior members being built up and empowered through teaching and training so that they are confident to serve in outreach opportunities.

We see our church as a house of prayer, a place to seek healing, find renewal and refreshment, offer supplication on behalf of others and self, and to find freedom from the bondage of sin. We will be a congregation praying for the broken and carrying our burdens to the Cross. We will be a church where prayer is a first priority and people of all ages come to know the privilege and responsibility of prayer.

In this privilege and priority of prayer, we see a full circle effect: as the broken are healed and made whole they help others in need to experience the same. We envision that through prayer we will earnestly seek God's will and continually strive to bear fruit for the Kingdom, seeking God's transformation individually and corporately.

"For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

-- Isaiah 56:7b

III. LEADERSHIP & MOBILIZATION

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly..."

-- Romans 12:6a

We envision leaders that are accountable to one another and to God, and a congregation that puts their confidence in this leadership.

We see Abiding Savior as a place where leadership is a joy and privilege, where leaders lead by example, where the will of God is sought and followed, and where leaders encourage each other and our congregation with love and passion for our mission. We will put into place an enduring system for developing leaders for all elements of the ministry strategy within our church. This system will start at the most basic levels of leadership and will provide instruction, development, and required competencies at four levels of leadership: the individual, family, lay leadership, and staff, both administrative and pastoral.

Our vision for successful leadership development would be a pool of spiritually mature leaders who have been equipped for the specific requirements of the leadership roles before them. And we see leaders who are strong and courageous, as God has commanded us to be. Within our congregation we envision generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure to our church and community. The people of our church will be partners in ministry and serve the needs of others while realizing spiritual growth in their lives as a result of that service.

At Abiding Savior, we will help people seek and find their best ministry fit by knowing and understanding their own God-given spiritual gifts. And we see this equipping ministry working in concert with all other ministries in the church as we move through the spiritual gifts and encourage them to put their passion into action.

IV. CREATIVITY & COMMUNICATION

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

-- John 1:5

Recognizing God as the Creator and Innovator of all things, we envision a spirit that embraces new ideas at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church. We see innovation through the adaptation of our resources and gifts to improve and enhance the ministry of Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church. We will be a church that is empowered to explore creative and innovative ideas. We also see a church that is excited to embrace and enact change in an environment that encourages and enhances our ministries.

Abiding Savior will effectively and continually communicate to all who enter our doors our mission of "Knowing the Savior and Making Him Known." Along with the mission, we envision a church that also clearly identifies their values and vision.

We see the establishment of a relationship between our communication team and church leadership that inspires trust as well as open communication.

We strive towards regular and clear communication and teamwork with all committees, teams, and ministries at Abiding Savior. We will also work with various para-ministries that are supported by Abiding Savior to help communicate their ministries and needs to congregants. We envision a church that is persistent in communicating outside the walls of Abiding Savior--not only worship and outreach opportunities, but also our presence and purpose within the community as a church that is committed to the Truth. We will communicate the Truth of the Gospel unceasingly. To God be the Glory!

V. STAFFING, FACILITIES & FINANCE

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service"

-- 1 Timothy 1:12

We rejoice that God has provided a staff that has come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We envision a staff that is sound in faith, love, and in endurance; that is self-controlled and worthy of respect that pursues Christ and leads a righteous life and has the courage to act and lead as God calls them. Our staff will develop lay leaders to live out what God has called us to as a church, and they will encourage the church in the pursuit of righteous living.

We see a staff that is well trained; surrounded and uplifted by the congregation, such that the support is felt and enhances and encourages the staff in the role God has called us to as a church.

We envision a facility that can carry out all facets of ministry service that God wants to be performed at Abiding Savior. Our facility will be one that radiates God's peace and love, and from which a warm and welcoming presence flows. We see a location and facilities that will allow Abiding Savior to meet future ministry needs, build disciples, and promote and encourage God's calling for Abiding Savior. In addition, as we worship God through the giving of our treasures, we acknowledge that we are returning but a portion to Him. We joyfully and obediently give to His ministries. We encourage, and God expects, our members to tithe, knowing that God has promised to "open the windows of heaven" and "pour down an overflowing blessing" to those who do so...

"..test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

-- Malachi 3:10

Corporately and personally, inside and outside our walls, through the use of our treasures, we will tirelessly continue to bring souls to salvation and maturity in Jesus, until the day He returns. Praise the Lord!