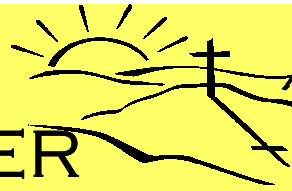


NOVEMBER 2016

# LIFE TOGETHER



Abiding Hope  
Lutheran Church  
2402 W. Grandview Blvd.

## A Message from Pastor Allie

*Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind."  
This is the greatest and first commandment.  
And a second is like it:  
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

--Matthew 22:37-39

**D**ear Abiding Hope Family,  
Let's think of November 5th as "Love your Neighbor Day." This is the day of our Open House at Abiding Hope, where we will enjoy our neighbors, inviting them to come enjoy hotdogs & games, and see our new building. We want to become a welcoming presence in this new neighborhood we live in.



That is a challenging thing to do. The first step is for us to meet our neighbors, exchange names, and begin to build a relationship with them. This is an important step in evangelism in 2016. For the most part, gone is the day when we can hold a revival, or a tent meeting and expect the neighborhood to show up. When people are seeking God, they more often connect with God by the quiet witness and invitation of a friend or neighbor.

We do evangelism because we have experienced the blessing of God's presence in our lives, and a blessing is something we want to share with people we care about. So we might talk about a time when we experienced grace, or a time when God's people came through for us, or how God came alive in our lives. But that's what happens naturally, in simple, quiet ways, when friends, family, co-workers and neighbors spend time together.

Let's begin by spending some time with our neighbors on November 5th. You can help by taking a door hanger or post card and inviting someone you know to the Open House. You can help with food or games or church tours at the Open House, or you can simply be there and smile and meet some neighbors.

You may be feeling like even simple, quiet sharing of your faith is a challenge. If so you are not alone. Many people of faith have never learned how to talk with others about their faith. We all know we don't want to come across like those who knock on our doors and accost us with their beliefs, but we may have never seen someone we think is a good model of how to share faith.

I invite you to a two-week mini course I like to call **Letting the Cat out of the Bag, aka Faith Out Loud**. Sundays November 20th & 27th we'll have a 45 minute session from 9:30 - 10:15 between Sunday worship services. We will see several people on a video share something about their faith, and then we will have the chance to do that in pairs with one another. It's a great practice to talk with people we already know who trust God, so this class will be a great place to gain some experience.



In Peace & Joy! ~ **Pastor Allie**

Abiding Hope's mission is to be a loving family...

## LIVING THE FAITH, SHARING THE HOPE...OF CHRIST!

Pray with us and join with us as we seek to live in a loving community with one another and share the hope of Jesus Christ with those who need it most!



## "LIFE TOGETHER"

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your friends  
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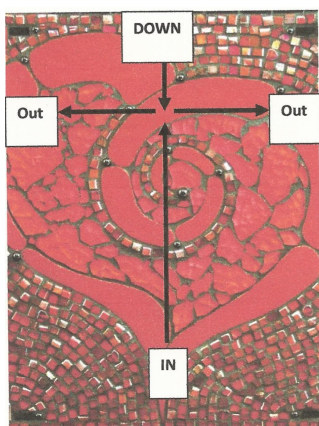
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## DOWN, IN, AND OUT: LOVING GOD AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

**H**ear about your financial stewardship for three Sundays, November 6, 13 & 20.  
DOWN, IN, AND OUT: LOVING GOD AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

The practice of stewardship invites us to look in three different directions: DOWN, IN and OUT. We begin by looking at how God has come down to us. We then look in to discover all



that God has entrusted to our care. We end by looking out to understand the needs of our neighbors. When we practice stewardship in this way we are making the sign of the cross. God makes the first vertical line DOWN; we follow by moving IN to the center and then OUT to our neighbors on either side both near and far. We form a cross with our lives and through our faith, we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, you will be invited to make a financial pledge [giving plan] for 2017. Please pray about this.

### Parish Staff and Leadership

#### Pastor

Alison L. Leitzel

#### Pastor Emeritus

Albert U. Gesler, Jr.

#### Office Assistant

Denise Miller

#### Financial Secretary

Pat Wenzel

#### Coordinators of Music Ministry

Edwina Gesler

#### Director of Parish Nurse Program

Jeanne Tropper RN

### 2016 Church Council

#### President

Rick Penn

#### Vice-President

June Beard

#### Secretary

Jacque Holmberg

#### Treasurer:

Cheryl Tufts

#### Members:

Andy Saska

Missy Smith

Don Fuller

Kevin Petrone

## Crop Walk Update

**S**eptember 23 - What a beautiful day it was for a walk; better yet what a beautiful cause, to raise money to support the hungry. Thanks to our great supporting congregation, we raised \$325.00 for Crop Walk. Sincere thanks to those who donated and the thankful

families that we outreach to in the Kearsarge



Food Pantry.

*Photo of Penny Gresh and Pastor Allie at Crop Walk with Penny's puppy dog, Jilly.*

## Thank you Note from the Family of Dianne Reyes

To our Abiding Hope Family,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the outpouring of love and support we received at the time of Dianne's accident. Your generous spirit continued on as we laid her to rest in the arms of Jesus. We cannot thank you enough for all the calls, texts prayers and support.

The funeral service and luncheon following were appreciated by all in attendance. Dianne said "Awesome church, awesome Pastor, awesome God!"

Thank you to each and everyone of you.

Vickie, Mary Anne, Cheryl, Rick and Mary Lee



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## Church Council Updates

This article includes highlights from both the September 13 and the October 11 meetings. The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 PM at church.

- Thank you to everyone who planned and participated in the Leaving and Arriving services of our congregation. The services were beautiful and meaningful.
- Thank you to the many volunteers and the GE volunteers who helped with the move and the “re-settling” of our belongings. The old pews have been donated.
- Special thanks extended to the Building ad hoc committee for serving faithfully.
- Stewardship-related sermon themes for the first 3 Sundays in Nov approved. Council members have agreed to think about personally working toward tithing (meaning an intentional percentage of their income). There will be further conversation with a stewardship emphasis within the congregation/council.
- Open House Weekend for our new neighbors (Nov. 5, 1-5 PM and Nov. 6, Sun-

day morning worship services.)

- There will be one joint 9:30 AM worship service on both Dec. 25 and Jan.1. The Sat. evening services remain unchanged.
- Christmas Eve worship services will be at 4 PM and 10 PM
- Epiphany will be celebrated Saturday, January 7 at 5:30 PM (with possible tree burning - check with Fire Department) and a tureen to follow.
- Three bids have been received for snow-plowing. Motion to continue with present contractor, Reliable, at \$50/plow, \$70/salt, \$60/shovel (after double-checking these fees.) Approved.
- Motion to approve Meghan Gilson (with pastor’s recommendation) for confirmation. Approved.
- Christian Education – Sunday School (10:40 AM) is off and rolling/painting and potting. Discussion concerning Living Nativity plans.

(NOTE: Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex)

## Thrivent Thank You

Thank you to the Thrivent Financial members who applied for and received Action Team funding to help with the November 5th Open House expenses. If you are a Thrivent member, remember that you may be eligible to apply for Action Team funding two

times per year. Questions? Please call your Thrivent Financial representative.



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#### WELCA

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#### Newsletter

Nancy Cuning -814-833-3109



### November Birthdays

11/2 Dave Cuning  
 11/2 Gregg Harris  
 11/2 Elizabeth Runyan  
 11/5 Kayla Baughman  
 11/7 Lee Moore  
 11/7 Cheryl Tufts  
 11/8 Christopher Dipko  
 11/10 Tim Hicks  
 11/11 Jan Tower  
 11/13 Shawn Stroup  
 11/14 Marion Fuller  
 11/14 Isabella Smith  
 11/15 Charlie Spano  
 11/15 Jeanne Tropper  
 11/16 Gerald Hart  
 11/17 Emily Watson  
 11/20 Bethany Wall  
 11/21 Jonali Derry  
 11/24 Carrie Fiske  
 11/24 James Holmstrom  
 11/24 Aimee Pacileo  
 11/26 Hannah Santabene  
 11/29 Bob Hicks  
 11/30 Cole Thompson



### November Anniversaries

11/1 Chantel & Matthew Krause  
 11/6 Jelana & Jared Semrau  
 11/19 Al & Janet Gesler II

## Prayer requests



**Please pray for:** Loretta Lehman (Carol King's sister), The Ethridge Family, Jelena Semrau, Kenna Andrews, Barry Davis, Carrie Fiske, The Rev Jack Timm, The Kesselring Family.

*Going forward this prayer list will concentrate on critically ill members, family and friends of Abiding Hope as well as our families in mourning. As always we need to remember other members of the congregation in need of prayers but this space will acknowledge those in current need. A prayer request form is on the table (on a clipboard) in the Narthex. The names of the people you request will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless you re-submit on the form.*

## Project Dignity Monthly Ministry Appeal

**E**ach month Project Dignity collects one-of-a-kind, non perishable items. Each month the KAFP hopes to gather enough of a specific item to provide each of our families with that personal care or household item so that our Food Pantry patrons have not only

healthy meals but personal dignity and a clean home. Please donate monthly by dropping your items in the collection basket in the Heritage Room.

**November items: Shaving Supplies & First Aid Products**



## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship

### Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship

with New Hope Presbyterian & St. George's Roman Catholic  
 Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm here at Abiding Hope  
 Come & give thanks with our sisters & brothers in Christ!



## Thanksgiving Dinner at MLK

**O**nce again this year, Abiding Hope will be accepting donations of canned cranberry sauce and boxed stuffing for the Thanksgiving Dinner to be served at the Martin Luther King Center. The dinner traditionally



takes place on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving [11/20]. In the past we have

used a target of 100 units of each and have achieved this goal or came very close to it. Please bring your donations and leave them in the Heritage Room on or before the Thursday, November 17th deadline. This has always been both a time to donate and a time to actively help in the prep and serving of a traditional Thanksgiving meal to those who might otherwise go without.

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## Announcing New Youth Group Forming

Games † Food † Outreach † Crafts †  
Fellowship † Food † Outings †  
Devotions † Music †  
Did I mention food???

Stay tuned for more information on the exciting new adventure for our youth in Grades 3 and 4!



## We Need Your Shoes!

**D**onate your shoes and boots - all types - all sizes - any

condition (pairs only)

for those in need in

developing countries.

The program is conducted by Chosen



International Medical Assistance of Erie with Funds2Org. Your used shoes and boots will reduce waste in our landfills and create and sustain micro-enterprise opportunities for low income entrepreneurs in developing nations. Watch Parish Notes for more information.

## THE BETHESDA TREE

**O**nce again this year Abiding Hope is assisting in bringing Christmas to young people who may never have experienced what we consider a traditional family celebration. If you care to help, please take one of the twelve slips that will be attached to the ornaments on the tree. Follow the process outlined on a form available at the base of the tree. Understand that the requests are only a wish list and no one is expected to purchase everything on it. Also, for safety reasons, please limit gifts to the type of items listed. You may want to get together with another family or two to share expenses. More details will follow in the very near future.

The young people that are in Bethesda's care have traveled a troubled road. Few of them are from traditional families that most of us take for granted. We cannot change their past and we leave it to the great folks at Bethesda to help them create a better future. But what we can do is keep both the staff and clients in our prayers and make their Christmas season a whole lot brighter through our generosity.

Yours in Christ,

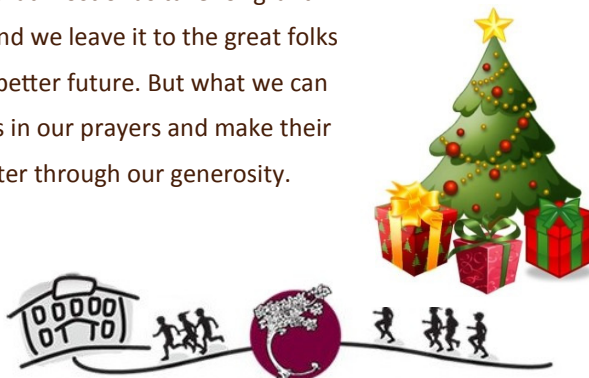
**The Outreach Committee**

For further information:

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**Bethesda Children's Home**  
Lutheran Social Services



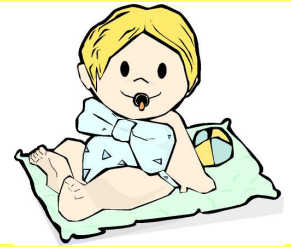
## November Scriptures

11/1 Jude 5:21  
11/2 Luke 19:11-27  
11/3 Acts 22:22-23:11  
11/4 Acts 24:10-23  
11/5 Luke 20:1-8  
11/6 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31  
11/7 2 Peter 1:16-21  
11/8 2 John 1-13  
11/9 John 5:19-29  
11/10 Romans 1:18-25  
11/11 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12  
11/12 Luke 17:20-37  
11/13 Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19  
11/14 Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
11/15 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1  
11/16 Matthew 23:37-24:14  
11/17 Hebrews 9:23-28  
11/18 1 Peter 1:3-9  
11/19 Luke 18:15-17  
11/20 Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43  
11/21 Revelation 21:5-27  
11/22 Revelations 22:8-21  
11/23 Luke 1:1-4  
11/24 James 4:1-10  
11/25 Hebrews 11:1-7  
11/26 Matthew 24:1-22  
11/27 Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44  
11/28 Romans 6:1-11  
11/29 Hebrews 11:32-40  
11/30 Matthew 24:23-35

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## Announcing New Arrival

Joshua and Mariah Loutzenhiser are happy to announce an addition to their family, Raelyn LeeAnn Loutzenhiser. She came into the world at 8 pounds 7 ounces, healthy and welcomed by great grandparents, LeRoy and Charlotte, grandparents Jonathan and Analee and her other mother, 4 year old sister Macy.



## Reverse Advent Calendar Project

The church council would like to challenge the congregation to a Reverse Advent Calendar event. Put a box in visible place in your home. Each day from December 1<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>, place an item into the box that could be used by folks in need. Items could be new or used. At the end of December, take the box to an organization that could use the items.



## First Sunday Fellowship Hour

Sunday, November 6th at 9:30 AM following the 8:15 AM service

Hosted by the Ladies of WELCA

Come and share good eats and fellowship.

## All Saints Observances

All Saint's Sunday is November 6th. During the candlelight service on Wednesday Nov. 2nd at 7:00 PM and on Sunday November 6th we will remember those who have gone before us by speaking the names of loved ones who have passed.



## Italian Feast Thank You Dinner on Nov. 12th

Last chance to sign up for the November 12th Italian Feast cooked in gratitude for all who worked so hard to make this beautiful worship and fellowship space. Sign-up sheet on table at back of church or call the office. Last day to sign up will be Sunday, November 6th. Buffet will include Italian Wedding Soup; Salad; Meat Stuffed Manicotti; Cheese Stuffed Shells; Lasagna; Rigatoni; Meatballs; Sweet Italian Sausage; and desserts. All homemade. No agenda, just come eat and visit and enjoy the evening. Dinner starts at 6 P.M.

## Thank you to the Tea Team Bakers!

What a wonderful variety of small (just like we asked) cookies and even a couple loaves of sweet breads that we were able to make beautiful platters to tempt our guests. And they enjoyed being tempted and took the challenge doing the best they could to empty the plates.....only to be replaced by other lovely plates. Thank you so much! We had some leftovers that we froze and are offering to the committee planning the November 5th Neighborhood Open House. As always our church comes through when a request for anything is made. Again, THANK YOU!!

Judi Pacileo, Cheryl Tufts & Jacques Holmberg

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## Memories of our Church Dedication on October 16th

Dedication of  
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church  
at 2402 W. Grandview Blvd.  
October 16th @ 3:00 PM



Special thanks  
to all who attended and volun-  
teered to help make our dedica-  
tion service and reception a won-



### Musical Notes



Adult Choir continues  
meeting on Wednesday's  
at 7:40 PM under the  
direction of Edwina  
Gesler. All are welcome  
to join this fun group.  
Note: No practice on  
Nov. 23rd.



Join the ladies of AHLC  
on **Tuesday, Nov. 15th** at  
the church at 6:30 PM  
for Bible Study and re-  
freshments and learn  
how to help the Wom-  
en's Veteran Programs  
by making fleece  
blankets.



## 10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's

**M**emory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or another dementia. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. There are 10 warning signs and symptoms. Every individual may experience one or more of these signs in a different degree. If you notice any of them, please see a doctor.

### 1. MEMORY LOSS THAT DISRUPTS DAILY LIFE

One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's is memory loss, especially forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events; asking for the same information over and over; increasingly needing to rely on memory aids (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on their own.

#### *What's a typical age-related change?*

Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.

### 2. CHALLENGES IN PLANNING OR SOLVING PROBLEMS

Some people may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

#### *What's a typical age-related change?*

Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.

### 3. DIFFICULTY COMPLETING FAMILIAR TASKS AT HOME, AT WORK OR AT LEISURE

People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes, people may have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

#### *What's a typical age-related change?*

Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or to record a television show.

### 4. CONFUSION WITH TIME OR PLACE

People with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there.

#### *What's a typical age-related change?*

Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later.

### 5. TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING VISUAL IMAGES AND SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS

For some people, having vision problems is a sign of Alzheimer's. They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast, which may cause problems with driving.

### 6. NEW PROBLEMS WITH WORDS IN SPEAKING OR WRITING

People with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock").



**Kearsarge Area Food Pantry Volunteers** are urgently needed to cover volunteer vacations and illnesses.

Twice a month the Food Pantry distributes food and other household products to over 60 area families.

For more information contact Mary Christie at 814-490-7618 or 814-474-4838



## ***A Message from Parish Nurse Jeanne Trooper, RN***

### ***What's a typical age-related change?***

Sometimes having trouble finding the right word.

#### **7. MISPLACING THINGS AND LOSING THE ABILITY TO RETRACE STEPS**

A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time.

### ***What's a typical age-related change?***

Misplacing things from time to time and retracing steps to find them.

#### **8. DECREASED OR POOR JUDGMENT**

People with Alzheimer's may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

### ***What's a typical age-related change?***

Making a bad decision once in a while.

#### **9. WITHDRAWAL FROM WORK OR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

A person with Alzheimer's may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they have experienced.

### ***What's a typical age-related change?***

Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.

#### **10. CHANGES IN MOOD AND PERSONALITY**

The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer's can change. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

### ***What's a typical age-related change?***

Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.

If you notice any of the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's in yourself or someone you know, don't ignore them. Schedule an appointment with your doctor.

With early detection, you can: Get the maximum benefit from available treatments – You can explore treatments that may provide some relief of symptoms and help you maintain a level of independence longer. You may also increase your chances of participating in clinical drug trials that help advance research.

You are not alone – Help and support is available.

Care and support services are available, making it easier for you and your family to live the best life possible with Alzheimer's or dementia.

**24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900**

## **New Jerusalem 16th Annual Crib to College Scholarship Ball**

Concourse at  
Union Station  
121 W. 12th St.

Friday, Nov. 18th  
Reception 7 PM  
Dinner 7:30 PM  
Dance 9:00 PM  
Tickets \$25

For more information  
see flyer on bulletin  
board in Fellowship  
Hall

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## Christmas Poinsettias 2016



**M**embers and friends of Abiding Hope are invited to place poinsettias on the altar for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Please complete an information form in November's Sunday bulletins so your request(s) may be included in the Christmas bulletins. Complete the form and place it in an envelope along with your payment, in the offering plate by Sunday, November 27th or return to the office before 12 noon on the 28th. A multi-bloom 6 ½" red poinsettia is \$8.25 or instead of a plant donate to the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry.

## Volunteer to Help Host Our Neighborhood Open House

**Working together we can host a marvelous Open House on November 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Here's some ways you can volunteer:

### Advance preparation

- Purchasing food and paper products
- Baking cookies
- Going two by two to distribute fliers door to door on October 23 after worship, or another day around that time

### On November 5<sup>th</sup>

- Running games
- Giving tours of the church to neighbors
- Cooking Hotdogs
- Serving food
- Clean up
- Just be there & be friendly

**See sign up sheets in Narthex or call the church office. 868-8685**

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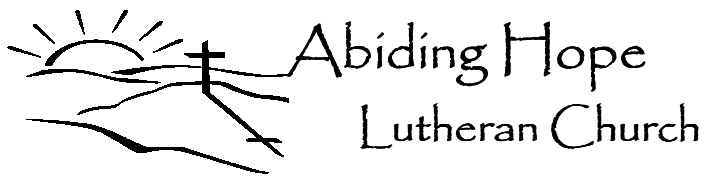
**Open House**

**Come Meet & Greet our New Neighbors**

**Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm**  
**Hotdogs! Games! Prizes!**

**What is C H R C H without U?**  
**Plan to come and be the church on November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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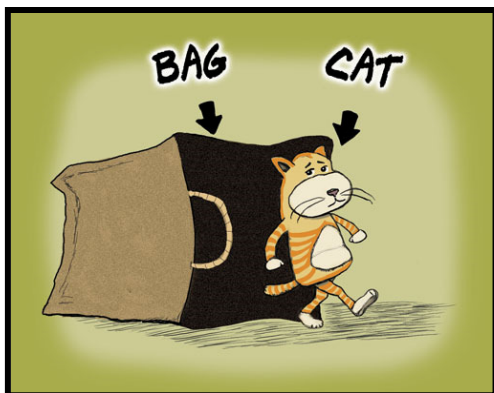
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## **ABIDING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Let's have an adult class  
between worship services*



*Letting the Cat out of the Bag*  
aka *Faith Out Loud*,  
talking about what matters  
most

a two-week video course  
offering hope for tongue-tied  
Christians  
giving words to our own faith  
stories.

**Sundays November 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30-10:15 am**

Worship Services with  
Holy Communion  
Sunday - 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.



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