

# Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES



April 24, 2016

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## ***Pregnancy Counseling Center***

There are always baby items needed for distribution at our WELS Pregnancy Counseling Center - Mundelein. If you are interested, you may drop off a gift in the church office. Items especially needed are: new or gently used baby & toddler clothing, baby wipes, & diapers - sizes 4 & 5. Thank you!



Our congregation is also supports the *Change for Life* program and the ministry of *New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers*. It is a place for single mothers to live to learn how to care for their baby and, most importantly, to learn about God and the salvation he provides in Jesus.



You can pick up a baby bottle to fill with change - due back on Mother's Day, **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. You can make a difference in the lives of these mothers and children!

## ***Mother's Day Breakfast***

Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to applaud mothers. The men of our congregation are treating the moms and will be doing the cooking!

We invite moms, grandmas, and the whole family to join us for breakfast on **Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15 a.m.



# ***Birthday and Anniversary Greetings***



This week, birthday greetings go to Eloise Free (April 25), Eric Smith (April 26), Mike Waddell (April 28), and Joy Symonds (May 1).

Anniversary best wishes are extended to Mike & Carolyn Waddell (April 28). We hope you all enjoy your special days!

## ***LWMS Convention***

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, **June 23 to 26**, is being held right here at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL! We have a unique opportunity to participate in this one where 1500+ fellow WELS members will gather to celebrate the mission work we do as a synod both at home and around the world!



Because we are so close, Abiding Peace has been asked to come up with a crew for counting ballots for the convention. Our services are needed on **Wednesday, June 22**, from 6-9 p.m. 25-30 people (who are not easily flustered) are needed.

Please see Geoff or Caryn Grossman if you are able to help! Thank you.

## ***Congregational Meeting***

We are planning to have our next Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:15 a.m. Come and be a part of shaping your church and our ministries.



## ***Garage Sale***

If you are cleaning out your closets, basements, and garages, Abiding Peace will be holding a garage sale on **May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will also be selling plants, so if you have hostas, daylilies, etc...that you would like to split, repot, and bring, you are most welcome to do so.



Please price any items you would like to donate, and place them in the church garage. We are going to need help setting up on **May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.** Thanks!

## ***Usher Duties***

We will soon be switching over to a summer worship schedule. If you would be willing to usher, summer is a great time to learn the ropes! Please speak to Doug Salzwedel if you are able to serve in this way.



## ***An Encouraging Word***

### **Vision for Christian Living - John 10:11-18**



Among the many names given to Jesus is “the good shepherd” as described in this section of the gospel of John. His job as a shepherd, he says, is to “lay down my life for the sheep.”

Because he has complete knowledge of all of us, there is an intimate relationship between him and his sheep, all of us who believe in him. But Jesus goes on: “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.” A good shepherd uses all the resources at hand for the benefit of the sheep. Similarly, our resources, given to us for our needs, should also be used in bringing in the “other sheep.” We look to Jesus as our model for obedience and unconditional love, and we, in turn, are to be models for others “not of this sheep pen.”

## ***Mission Prayer***



*Outreach to Muslims* – Dear Lord, there are so many hurting people in this world who do not know what you have done for them—specifically, that you have saved them. We think especially of the Muslim populations both in this country and around the world. We thank you for blessing the work of our synod over the past years as we have tried to reach these hurting souls. We pray for your blessing as we redirect our outreach efforts to Muslims by going to countries with large Muslim populations. Go with us as we take you to them. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## ***Service to Our Lord***

	<b><i>April 18 - 24</i></b>	<b><i>April 25 - May 1</i></b>
<b><i>Pianists</i></b>	<i>Dave Frick</i>	<i>Becky Miller</i>
<b><i>Ushers—8:00</i></b>	<i>Mike Waddell Brandon Brooks</i>	<i>Jeff Bruemmer</i>
<b><i>Ushers—10:30</i></b>	<i>Doug Salzwedel Howard Smith Sam Kalenowski</i>	<i>Mark Kreklow Dan Woltman</i>
<b><i>Refreshments</i></b>	<i>Lush DeHaan</i>	<i>Kalenowski Bruemmer</i>

## ***Give Thanks to the Lord!***

Worship Attendance:

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