

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.



Dear congregants of Abiding Word Lutheran Church. Please remember that the nave and sanctuary is a place for those that want to reflect and pray before worship begins. I uphold those that wish to be in the worship area for this time of reflection and solitude before worship. Time for reflection and prayer is an opportunity to come before God and a great practice for all individuals. Please respect those individuals, and please keep conversation in the fellowship area. ~Rev. Cody Mills

BISD Town Hall

Council President Bill Rankin

This past Tuesday evening Abiding Word was host to a Town Hall sponsored by Texas Church Leaders and Let Our Teachers Teach P.A.C. The purpose of this event was to provide an opportunity for communication between Brenham I.S.D. and the community. The Town Hall was successful in many ways. The community gained a better appreciation of the difficulties and challenges faced by the School Board. The School Board had the opportunity to further explain the complexities behind many of the decisions they have been facing.

For Abiding Word, it was an occasion to expose many people to our Church – not just the building, but also the many members who showed up and welcomed attendees as they entered. They greatly helped make the event a success. It was also positive for us to be involved in working for the best educational opportunities for the youth of our community. Additionally, people went to our website in order to view the livestream. And finally, those of us who sat through the entire two-hour event will never again think of a Church service as being very long.





This coming Sunday!
5th Sunday

**Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, July 30th 9:00 a.m.**

*AND Following Breakfast...
Back by Popular Demand*



**Favorite Hymn
Sing-a-Long!
Starting at 9:45 a.m.**

(No Adult Bible Study)



**Journey
Together Ladies'
Lunch and
Devotional
Tuesday, Aug. 1,
11:00 am**

at Susan Davies' Home
Bring a salad to share

**Saturday,
August 5th
at 8:30 am
at Smitty's**



*The flowers for Sunday are
given by Jon & Gayle Hill in
honor of Ian's birthday.*

**SAVE THE DATE: NALC Women's Lunch
August 17 11:00 am at On Deck**
Contact Lottie Tegeler for more information.

Upcoming Events

"Abiding Hims"

will sing on **August 13th**

All men in the congregation are invited to sing with this group. Please attend practice to be held Sunday, **August 6th** at 9:30 a.m.

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## **Basic First Aid/CPR/AED Free Training Class September 16, 10:00 a.m. At the Church**

With 20-25 participants, the class will last 1 to 1 ½ hours. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office. This is NOT a certification course. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Insley.

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Participation Opportunity: Church Security and Safety

We think of church as a peaceful place where we go to worship. Events over the last 10 years have made us realize that is not always true. Evil can enter through the doors of a church just as easily as the doors of a school or a business. Abiding Word Lutheran Church has always had the safety of its congregation as one of its highest priorities. Measures are in place to handle situations that may arise. That said, we are always looking to improve. A Security and Safety subcommittee of the Property Committee is being formed to review our procedures from the unlikely event of a gunman to a possible cardiac arrest during a service. We are looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Tom Insley is heading the committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact him at 281-468-5329 or email at tinman47@gmail.com.

Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Responsive Reading: Psalm 125

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

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*Thank You*

To all our faithful servants every Sunday. The church couldn't function without you.

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Our Servants This Sunday, July 30

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Cathy Johnson

Reader: Jon Hill

Greeters: Sheila Demery & Karen Johnson

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Roy & Jan Kelm

Little Lambs: Rev. Cody Mills

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, Darlene Etzel

Our Servants Next Sunday, August 6

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Becky Bosse

Reader: Sandra Aschenbeck

Greeters: Preston & Melody Perry

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Becky Bosse

Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith

Ushers: Lottie Tegeler & Berrie Etzel

Little Lambs: Charlotte Smith

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson, Melody Perry

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## Prayer Time for Servants Before Worship Service

Note for all those involved in the worship service: Rev. Mills would like to meet for prayer in the church office with all those involved in the worship service, 5 minutes before the service starts. Please join if your duties permit.

## Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family\*

Barbara Lighter

Ralph Martin & family

Wade Mills

Laurie Muske

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Don Schlaudraff

Stanley Schneider

Susie Seidel & family

The family of Glyn Spies

Patsy Wegner

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

Carol Crosby

The family of Lonnie Grawunder

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Harvey Ludwig

Dee Neyhard

Kim Sauer

Don Walsh

Thomas Weatherly

Eloise Wehring

Rita Werner

For rain and those affected by the drought

Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX

National and government leaders

All those in the military and first responders

Those affected by the war in Ukraine

Our Community, Nation, and World

\*AWLC respects the right to privacy. Please verify that we have permission to add a family member or friend to our prayer list.

\*Names of loved ones outside our church are posted during the month of request and the following month unless we are asked to remove or extend them.

\*You may request that names be added to or removed from our list by emailing them to:

[admin@abidingword.org](mailto:admin@abidingword.org) or by calling the church office.

## Pastor's Schedule

Monday: Off

Tuesday: Church Office – 12 pm - 8 pm

Wednesday: Church Office/Appointments/Continuing Education 9 am-5 pm

Thursday: Church Office/Appointments 9 am - 5 pm

Friday: Home visitations through the day

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Worship - 9 am - 11 am

Emergency Calls: 218-405-0710

Extra time is spent with committees, classes, and other events. Schedule subject to change.

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Looking Ahead

*Journey Together Ladies Lunch & Devotional, August 1, 11:00 am, at the home of Susan Davies, bring a salad to share

*Men's Breakfast, 1st Saturdays, August 5 at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe

*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2nd Wednesdays, August 9th at 6:30 pm at the Church

July/August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Ian Hill Addison Roehling Blake & Kathy Shedd	24 Billy Starnes John Watts	25 Let Our Teachers Teach Town Hall at the Church Open to the public 6:00 pm Ethel Sanders	26	27 Scott Bosse	28	29 Ray Sanders
30 5 th Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am Favorite Hymn Sing- along 9:45 am Worship 10:00 am	31	August 1 Journey Together Ladies Lunch & Devotional 11:00 am home of Susan Davies Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	2	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am
6 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Ron Warschak Cody & Mia Mills	7	8 Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	9 Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm	10	11 Carter Reimer	12 Maggie Rankin
13 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am "Abiding Hims" Mallory Skalka	14 Scott & Kim Bosse Rev. Cody out through 21st	15 Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm Cheryl Beckermann	16	17 NALC Women's Lunch 11:00 at On Deck Douglas Heckmann	18	19
20 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bill & Lois Rankin	21	22 Douglas & Marilyn Heckmann	23	24 Tom Campbell Wayne Lessmann Ronnie & Pat Lueckemeyer	25 Don & Arline Schlaudraff	26 Via de Cristo Training
27 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Reagan Wegner	28	29	30 Ralph & Sandra Becker	31	September 1 Wade & Susie Seidel	2 Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday Green = Wedding Anniversary

Reminders

- Youth Sunday School is breaking for the summer. Sunday Adult Bible Study will continue.
- **Check out Rev. Mills' weekly Facebook clip!** You can also find sermons, adult Bible studies, upcoming events and more!
<https://www.facebook.com/AbidingWordBrenham/>
- Online Giving is available through the Church Website.
<https://www.abidingword.org/tithe>

Happy Birthday

Ray Sanders, July 29

If you have any announcements, articles, pictures, prayer requests or updates, or corrections for the newsletter, please send them to the admin. Thanks for your help! But please send it to the office no later than Wednesday noon before. Thank you.