

# Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday, August 18, 2023

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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

## Vacation Time

Rev. Mills is taking a much-deserved vacation through August 22. He will be back in the office on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Greg Knippa will be officiating the service on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Norm Sulaica of Prairie Hill will be available for Pastoral Care needs. He can be reached at 361.362.9108. Or contact the church office.

## NO BIBLE STUDY THIS SUNDAY

## MAKE IT / TAKE IT - August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

You are invited to be a part of this hands-on project. Church members will be preparing casseroles in the church kitchen, and they will be stored in the freezer. They will be given to our members and others in the community who have needs.

Lottie Tegeler and Kathleen Insley will co-chair this program. Our church members will be hands-on in the preparation and delivery of the casseroles. We will benefit from fellowship during the preparation of the casseroles. Recipes will be selected by the chairs. Abiding Word will be serving our members and the community.



Our chairs will set up workstations for assembly line preparation of the casseroles. Those present will enjoy lunch together. Because of the preparation needed for this event, please notify Kathleen or Lottie if you plan to attend.

Kathleen Insley 281-468-5289 [kathleen\\_insley@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleen_insley@yahoo.com)

Lottie Tegeler 979-251-4982 [lilteg2002@yahoo.com](mailto:lilteg2002@yahoo.com)

Starting Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be having communion every Sunday. Please contact Rev. Mills if you have any questions or concerns regarding this.



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



With 20-25 participants, the class will last 1 to 1 1/2 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.

We have openings for flowers for upcoming Sundays. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office.



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### Lost and Found

This Bible was left in the sanctuary on Sunday. If it is yours, you can pick it up on the admin's desk in the church office on Sunday.

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### October 3rd National Night Out (Texas Night Out)

Excitement is brewing for Abiding Word's National Night Out on Oct. 3rd at 6 pm. We will reach out to the neighborhoods behind the church and across the road. You are needed to welcome guests that come and run the booths and activities that we will have. Mark your calendar and plan to participate. You are a church neighbor!

Please share your ideas with Berrie Etzel and Wayne Winkelmann, and let them know if you would like to participate.

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### Co-Chair Needed

We are looking for someone to co-chair with Benita Schramme to

investigate the possibility of a rummage-type garage sale here at the church. Please contact Benita or Geraldine Johnson if you are interested in being a co-chair on this project.

Geraldine Johnson - 979-203-3131, [gerri12542@gmail.com](mailto:gerri12542@gmail.com)

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To watch Sunday services online, go our website at [abidingword.org](http://abidingword.org).

Click on "Worship" > then "Livestream"

<https://www.abidingword.org/live-stream>



### Texas Gulf Coast Via de Cristo Weekend Camp Lone Star - Pines Campus Tomball, TX September 14-17

If interested, contact Sheila Demery, Mia Mills, or Geraldine Johnson

#### What is VIA de CRISTO?

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ." VIA de CRISTO is a highly structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the church.

#### Purpose of VIA de CRISTO

VIA de CRISTO is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on VIA de CRISTO itself, but on the environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities.

#### What happens on a VIA de CRISTO weekend?

A VIA de CRISTO weekend is three days in length, beginning on Thursday evening and ending the following Sunday afternoon. The participants live, study, worship, and commune together daily.

The focus of the weekend is a series of talks, given by both clergy and lay people, that present a method of self-discovery and self-reflection based on the person and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Some of the areas of study include Christian ideal, grace, laity, piety, study, apostolic action, leaders, and your environment.

VIA de CRISTO gives those attending a living understanding of basic Christian truths. There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and for prayer.

#### Who should attend a VIA de CRISTO weekend?

VIA de CRISTO is intended for lay people from every walk of life, for pastors, for people who live strong and active lives in Christ, and also for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ and the people around them. VIA de CRISTO is open to married couples, and single men and women. For more information check out the website:

<https://www.tgcvdc.org/>

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

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, August 20

### Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Pastor Greg Knippa

Musician: Lottie Tegeler

Lay Minister: Donna Kelling

Reader: Marilyn Watts

Greeters: Sheila Demery & Karen Johnson

Communion: Pastor Greg Knippa & Lloyd Quebe

Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith

Ushers: Michael Kelling & Larry Stark

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson, Melody Perry

## Our Servants Next Sunday, August 27

### Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Jan Koska

Reader: Jon Hill

Greeters: Jean King & Ken French

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Sheila Demery & Lottie Tegeler

Little Lambs: Rev. Cody Mills

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\*

Tom Campbell

Barbara Lighter

Wade Mills

Laurie Muske

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Don Schlaudraff

Stanley Schneider

Susie Seidel & family

The family of Glyn Spies

The family of Alma Turner

Patsy Wegner

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

The family of Marvin Bowers

Krista Bowers

Family & friends of Carol Crosby

Family of Cole Dismikes

Linda Grawunder

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Lucreacia

Kim Sauer

Don Walsh

Rita Werner

For rain and those affected by the drought

Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX

Those affected by the wildfires in Maui

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

\*Men's Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, September 2 at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe

\*Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, September 5, 10:00 a.m.

\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, September 13 at 6:30 pm at the Church

## August/September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>13</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am "Abiding Hims" Mallory Skalka	<b>14</b> Scott & Kim Bosse  Rev. Mills out through 22nd	<b>15</b> Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm  Cheryl Beckermann	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> NALC Women's Lunch 11:30 at On Deck  Douglas Heckmann	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am <b>NO Adult Bible Study</b> Worship 10:00 am Bill & Lois Rankin	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Douglas & Marilyn Heckmann	<b>23</b> Rev. Mills back in office	<b>24</b> Tom Campbell Wayne Lessmann Ronnie & Pat Lueckemeyer	<b>25</b> Don & Arline Schlaudraff	<b>26</b> Via de Cristo Team Building
<b>27</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Reagan Wegner	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Make It / Take It 10:00 am at Church  Ralph & Sandra Becker	<b>31</b>	<b>September 1</b> Wade & Susie Seidel	<b>2</b> Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am
<b>3</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am  Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	<b>6</b> Jagger Shedd	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Kathy Shedd	<b>9</b> Lori Wegner
<b>10</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Doris Penkert Ray & Ethel Sanders	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm  Jackson Corn	<b>13</b> Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm  Marjorie Stark Berrie Etzel	<b>14</b> Darlene Etzel	<b>15</b> John Porter	<b>16</b> First Aid Training 10:00 am Barbara Lighter Mia Mills Michael & Donna Kelling 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

**Tom Campbell, August 24**  
**Wayne Lessmann, August 24**

## Happy Anniversary

*Bill & Lois Rankin, August 20*  
*Douglas & Marilyn Heckmann, August 22*  
*Ronnie & Pat Lueckemeyer, August 24*

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.