

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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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

Prayers

Rev. Cody Mills

Philemon 1:4-7 ESV

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

I give thanks to God for all of you keeping my family in prayer. We indeed continue to ask for prayers. Indeed, we should always pray for each other and those in the community and world.

The same day we made our goal to Florida, I received news that my Godparent's grandson had died in a farming accident. We don't ever want to hear this news while facing uncertainty. Yet, this news triggered me to remember my childhood prayer, a nightly ritual.

I felt that it was something that I could pass unto you. We all have a prayer that we recognize more than others, and I want to hear them. If you want to share it with the community, please let us know, and we will put it in the newsletter.

The prayer starts with the Lord's prayer. But at the end of the prayer, I move into the following: Lord, I pray for my parents, mom and dad - you can pray for those that raised you. But you can also pray for parents even if you do not know them - brothers Casey and Kyle, and their spouses and children.

I pray for my grandparents, – use their names – aunts, uncles, and cousins. I pray for my godparents and their children. I pray for my friends, neighbors, and enemies. I ask that you protect them and continue to be with them. Continue to use others to bring the good news you offer and give them faith. Amen.

We should never forget to pray for everybody, as God has asked us to come to him for everything. Again, I thank all of you, and keep the church in prayer as well. God bless.



5th Sunday Breakfast

Join us April 30th as the fellowship committee provides breakfast casseroles and yogurt parfaits.



Please Note: there will be no Sunday School on April 30th.



National Day of Prayer - Local Opportunities Thursday, May 4

Noon – 1:00 pm Providence Church in Chappell Hill
6:00 pm, Downtown Brenham by the Gazebo

Join others in our area for an evening of Praise, Prayer for our Nation, and Fellowship! Or check with your local community for their event.

This is the link to the website for the Brenham Day of Prayer:

<https://praybrenham.org/>

Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study - New Summer Schedule

The Ladies "Journey Together Bible Study" has a new schedule for the summer, May - August. They will be meeting once a month on the first Tuesday with the exception of July, because of July 4th holiday. They will have lunch together and a devotional study. All women are invited. Please put these dates on your calendars. July and August places are yet to be decided.

- **May's meeting at Yumm! Sweets & Eats downtown Brenham, May 2nd at 11:00 am – in the private room in the back of the building**
- June will be at the home of Lois Rankin on June 6th at 11:00 am

**Saturday, May 6,
8:30 a.m.
Back at Smitty's**



Worship Servant Schedule Updates

The admin will soon be updating the worship servant schedule for the rest of the year. Please let the admin know of any updates to serving preferences and times you will be unavailable. It's also a great time for our new members to fill out a time and talent sheet (on the Welcome Table), return it to the admin's desk, and get involved. Please let the admin know if you have any questions about this.



A Thank You from Hope Gathering

"On behalf of Hope Gathering, I wanted to thank you for graciously allowing us to use your beautiful church last night. We had a wonderful meeting. Every church member we had contact with was so kind. Your hospitality blessed us greatly. With Hope, Tami Glasco

Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

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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, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Jan Koska

Greeters: Herman & Sandra Aschenbeck

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Gary Crocker &

Little Lambs: Little Lambs

Sunday School: **NO Sunday School**

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson and Patti Swenson

Our Servants Next Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Mia Mills

Reader: Dottie Schaer

Greeters: Ronnie & Pat Lueckemeyer

Communion: Rev. Mills and Mia Mills

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer

Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, and Darlene Etzel

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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\*

Betty Becker

Betsy Faske

Barbara Lighter

Ralph Martin & family

Marita Mikeska

Wade Mills

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray and Ethel Sanders

Don Schlaudraff

Stanley Schneider

Larry Stark

Patsy Wegner

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

Krista Bowers Carol Crosby

Carol Fornof Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Will Hibbs Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

David Martin John & Pam Milner

Glyn Spies Alan Thackett

Rita Werner Taylor Wick

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: Classical Conversations Tutor all day;  
Church Office – 5 pm - 10 pm

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

Thursday: Church Office/Appointments 5 - 10 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 Bible Study 1st Tuesday,
May 2nd, 11:00 am lunch at Yumm's

*Men's Breakfast, 1st Saturdays, May 6 at 8:30 am
at Smitty's

*Ladies' Evening Bible Study 2nd Wednesdays, May
10 at 6:30 pm at the Church

April/May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am No Sunday School Worship 10:00 am	24	25 Susie Houston	26	27	28 Peggy Campbell	29
30 Fifth Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am No Sunday School Worship 10:00 am	May 1 Gene & Jean King	2 Journey Together Ladies Bible Study- Lunch at Yumm's 11:00 am Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	3	4 William Corn	5 Kathleen Insley Wayne & Susan Winkelmann	6 Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am
7 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Eleanor Mills	8 Benita Schramme Rick Hutchens	9 Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	10 Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm Karen Johnson	11	12 Mike Swenson	13 Blake Shedd
14  Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	15	16 Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm	17	18 NALC Ladies Bible Study 1:30 pm	19	20
21 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	22	23	24	25	26 Darrell Soeken Kyle Mills Herman & Sandra Aschenbeck	27
28 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	29	30 Gene & Dorothy Stanford	31 Linda Horak	June 1	2	3 Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday Green = Wedding Anniversary

Happy Anniversary

Gene and Jean King, May 1

Happy Birthday

Peggy Campbell, April 28
William Corn, May 4