

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter Friday, September 15, 2023

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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

Vine-ripened Tomatoes in October

Wade Mills – Rev. Cody Mills' Father

I realize this sounds stupidly booooooring. Snooze time. Hang with me; it is a true story. First of all, nobody in Iowa can say that they have done this. I saw it firsthand.

It all started in the spring planting time. You buy some tomato plants and set them gently in the soil so they can grow and produce. With the good plants, there are always a few weak ones. These are not desirable. "Pitch them; they will never make it!"

The season went well. There was plenty of produce. It is done in Late August. It is a shame I never got over to whack down those gigantic weeds. My family got busy with the farm harvest. Lots of hours. We usually get close to finishing by my birthday, October 28. Oh, we had a light frost finally on the 24th of October.

You know I should knock those ugly weeds. With a scythe in hand and all good intentions, I went to take care of the overgrowth. There it was, to my astonishment, many large red vine-ripened tomatoes. The frost had killed the weeds, and those once-forgotten plants flourished.

We had many tomatoes to share. I should take some over to Grandma, who was 80-something years young. Ohhhhh phasernda!!!! She would say. Where did you get these?

Grandma and Grandpa were baptized in their mid-eighties. Jesus tells us to wait for the last ripe harvest.

John 15:16 ESV

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

I can vouch for these vine-ripened tomatoes in October. The best I had. Rev. Cody Mills

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**First Communion Classes** have begun. Next class is this Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

These will last for six weeks. It's not too late to join. Contact Rev. Mills if interested.

**This Saturday the 16th!**  
**Basic First Aid/CPR/AED**  
**Free Training Class 10:00 a.m.**  
**at the Church**



contact Tom Insley if interested in attending.



We are sad to announce that that Don Schlaudraff passed away early Sunday morning.

The funeral will be this Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Abiding Word Lutheran Church. Visitation will be on Thursday at Fayette Memorial Funeral Home in La Grange with family present from 6-7 p.m. Burial will be at the Richter Cemetery in Round Top, TX following the funeral and reception. This is the link to his obituary:

<https://www.fayettememorialfuneralhome.com/obituaries/donald-schlaudraff>.

Please keep Arline and the family in your prayers.

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A Note from Arline Schlaudraff (sent before Don went to his heavenly home)

*Dear Friends at Abiding Word,
Thank you so much for the two chicken spaghetti casseroles which Herman and Sandra Aschenbeck delivered to us. I know that we will enjoy them – especially since I don't have to cook!
We miss being with everyone at AWLC but so enjoy and appreciate the phone calls and visits.
Again, thank you.*

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**Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study**



REVELATION has begun a new study with the book *Life Lessons from Revelation* by Max Lucado. Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at the church.

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The flowers for Sunday are given by Donna and Michael Kelling in honor of their anniversary.

Congratulations on our Special Anniversaries This Week!



*Michael and Donna Kelling
September 16th, 20 Years!*



*Linda and Valgene Korak
September 21st, 60 Years!*

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Pick up your 2024 form from the Welcome Table and return it to the folder or to the Admin's desk. For those of you new to Time and Talents, this is an opportunity to indicate where you would like to be involved in service at the church. You can pick up a copy of the Organizations of the Church which explains what each committee does. Time and Talent information is shared with the appropriate Committee Chairs.

Rev. Mills will be out of the office next week September 18-25<sup>th</sup> taking some well-deserved time off. We will welcome back to the pulpit Pastor Greg Knippa on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

For pastoral care while Rev. Mills is out, you can contact:

- Pastor Greg Knippa 254.718.9276 or
- Pastor Norm Sul of Prairie Hill, 361.362.9108, Monday-Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup>&19<sup>th</sup>)
- Dr. Craig Dohse, Wednesday–Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>).



- ❖ Fri. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Funeral for Don Schlaudraff
- ❖ Sat. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – First Communion Class continues
- ❖ Sat. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - Basic First Aid/CPR/AED Free Training Class
- ❖ Sept. 18-25 – Rev. Mills will be out of the office.
- ❖ Tues. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- ❖ Tues. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 pm Church Council Meeting
- ❖ Sun. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Worship Committee meeting
- ❖ Tues. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm - National Night Out for the Community
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> after church–Altar Guild Meeting
- ❖ Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 9-noon – Children’s Business Fair, an event taking place in our community
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>-2024 Committee Budgets Due
- ❖ December – Downtown Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade and Bethlehem in Independence, details to come
- ❖ December – NALC Ladies’ Luncheon, details to come



## Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm

**National Night Out on Oct. 3rd at 6 pm is just around the corner! Are you getting excited?**

We have invited the neighborhoods behind the church and across the road. You are needed to welcome guests and run the booths and activities that we will have. Mark your calendar and plan to participate. You are a church neighbor! And please share your ideas with Berrie Etzel and Wayne Winkelmann, and let them know you would like to participate.

## We’ve Made It...

### Now It’s Time to Take It!



The casseroles are ready! Now the outreach is up to us as a congregation (and it is making a difference!). If you know of someone in the congregation or community who is experiencing difficulties and would appreciate a visit and meal, please avail yourself of a meal prepared by the “Make It and Take It” project of Abiding Word. Simply call the church office and let our admin, Pat Weeks, know to whom you plan to give a casserole and the date. There is also a sign-up sheet on the admin’s desk where you can put your name, recipient, and date. Then you can pick up a container from the freezer with the chicken spaghetti. By keeping track in the church office, we can eliminate duplications in the same week.

The Outreach Committee is hopeful that this will assist you in visitation to those in need.

## 2024 Budgets Due, The End of October

**Committee Chairs, please get your 2024 committee budgets to Gary Crocker, Treasurer by October 29th. Thank you!**

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:1-12

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

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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, September 17

### Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Donna Kelling

Reader: Lottie Tegeler

Greeters: Darlene Etzel

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Michael Kelling

Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm

Ushers: Robert Mikeska & Berrie Etzel

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: Donna Kelling

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe & Patti Swenson

## Our Servants Next Sunday, September 24

### Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Pastor Greg Knippa

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Jan Koska

Reader: Marilyn Watts

Greeters: Ralph & Sandra Becker

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Sandra Aschenbeck

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Michael Kelling & Sheila Demery

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe & Patti Swenson

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Prayer Time for Servants Before Worship

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*

Jean King Barbara Lighter

Wade Mills Laurie Muske

Dennis & Doris Penkert John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders Stanley Schneider

The family of Don Schlaudraff Patsy Wegner

Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family*

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Lucreacia Steve Rogers

Kim Sauer Rita Werner

Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX

For rain and those affected by the drought

Those affected by wildfires

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 or by calling the church office.

Updated 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 2 pm - 6 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, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesdays, September 19, 10:00 a.m. at the Church

\*Men's Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe

\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Church

## September/October 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                     | Tue                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                     | Thu                                                     | Fri                                                            | Sat                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>10</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Doris Penkert<br>Ray & Ethel Sanders                                                   | <b>11</b>                                               | <b>12</b><br>Outreach<br>Committee Meeting<br>5:30 pm                                                              | <b>13</b><br>Ladies Evening<br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm<br>Marjorie Stark<br>Berrie Etzel | <b>14</b><br>Via de Cristo<br>Weekend<br>Darlene Etzel  | <b>15</b><br>Schlaudraff<br>Funeral 10:00<br>am<br>John Porter | <b>16</b><br>First Communion<br>Class 9:00 am<br>First Aid Training<br>10:00 am<br>Barbara Lighter<br>Mia Mills<br>Michael & Donna<br>Kelling                                    |
| <b>17</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                           | <b>18</b><br>Rev Mills out of<br>office through<br>25th | <b>19</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>11:00 am<br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm               | <b>20</b>                                                                               | <b>21</b><br>Lottie Tegeler<br>Valgene & Linda<br>Horak | <b>22</b>                                                      | <b>23</b><br>Church reserved<br>for private event<br>Mike & Karen<br>Johnson<br>Dennis & Doris<br>Penkert                                                                        |
| <b>24</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                           | <b>25</b>                                               | <b>26</b>                                                                                                          | <b>27</b>                                                                               | <b>28</b><br>Patti Swenson                              | <b>29</b>                                                      | <b>30</b><br>First Communion<br>Class 9:00 am                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>1</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Worship Committee<br>Meeting after service<br>Malachi Mills<br>Billy & Sandy<br>Starnes | <b>2</b>                                                | <b>3</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>11:00 am<br>National Night Out<br>Community Event<br>6:00 pm | <b>4</b>                                                                                | <b>5</b><br>Preston Perry                               | <b>6</b>                                                       | <b>7</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>at Smitty's 8:30<br>am<br>First Communion<br>Class 9:00 am<br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding<br>Anniversary |

### Reminders

- **Check out Rev. Mills' Facebook clips!** 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>
- Watch Sunday services online on our website at [abidingword.org](http://abidingword.org). Link on the Home page or click on "Worship" > then "Livestream" -  
<https://www.abidingword.org/live-stream>

### Happy Birthday

**John Porter, September 15**  
**Barbara Lighter, September 16**  
**Mia Mills, September 16**  
**Lottie Tegeler, September 21**

### Happy Anniversary

*Michael & Donna Kelling, September 16*  
*Valgene & Linda Horak, September 21*

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.