

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

Rev. Mills and his family are out of town for a family medical crisis. Please continue to keep him and his family in prayer. Pastor Norm from Prairie Hill can be contacted if a parishioner has an emergency. His number is 361-362-9108.

Please Note: There will be no Sunday School April 23

Update from our Outreach Committee:

Outreach's Current Objective

Rev. Teresa Peter, North American Lutheran Church Director of Youth and Family Ministry, shared what she so often hears, "we have no young people in our congregation, so we can't have Youth and Family Ministry."

She went on to say that every young person needs an extended family of Christian Adults to cheer them on. So how can we do this when we have so few young people in our congregation?

Abiding Word's Outreach Committee shared their ideas of how we could be cheer leaders for young people in our community at the April committee meeting and many fit her six suggestions. Among her suggestions were Community Event, Offering our Church to local music Teachers for recitals, Host a parents' night or afternoon out, etc.

The Outreach Committee is praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we investigation the possibility of the top 5 of the 14 ideas presented at our meeting. We ask that you pray for our committee and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in choosing a program or programs that would serve our community and congregation. We want to go into our youth outreach prepared and organized.

Rev. Peter said, "Obviously, doing these things does not mean that suddenly you will have a church full of young families with children. But what it does mean is that when a person is looking for a church, they will already have a connection. It also means that you as a congregation are living out your call to be disciples and the commission to go forth and make disciples."

If you have any ideas or comments, please share them with Geraldine Johnson, gerri12542@gmail.com or 979-203-3131.

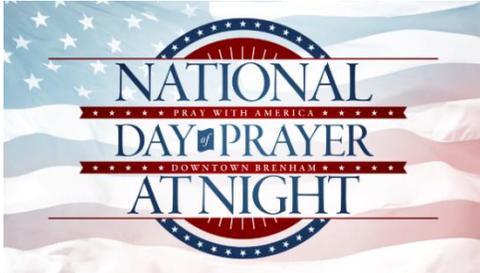


5th Sunday Breakfast

Join us April 30th as the fellowship committee provides breakfast. Stay tuned for more details.

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

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## 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/>

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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. 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 will be at Yumm! Sweets & Eats downtown Brenham, May 2nd at 11:00 am
- June will be at the home of Lois Rankin on June 6th at 11:00 am

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## Update on First Fruit & Mission Offering Collections

**Every** Sunday we will be collecting for **both** Faith Mission and Adult/Teen Challenge.

The following items can be donated:

**Faith Mission**– Items should **NOT** be Family Size.

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| * Canned foods (soups/veggies/ fruit)      | * Breakfast foods (cereals)        | * Paper goods    |
| * Staples (flour/sugar/coffee/rice)        | * Men's & Women's hygiene products | * Baby items     |
| * Cleaning supplies (small sizes)          | * Bakery (bread/crackers/buns)     | * \$5 gift cards |
| * Condiments (jelly/mustard/ mayo/ catsup) |                                    |                  |

**Adult/Teen Challenge**, houses men, ages 20-42

- \* All paper products (plates, utensils, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- \* All cleaning supplies **small** sizes (disinfectants, laundry & dishwashing)
- \* Body wash, shaving supplies for the men

# Pictures from Our Congregation



Ralph Martin celebrates his 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday with his brother Paul!

## Thomas Michael Kelling

"Papa" got to hold Thomas Michael for the first time last week. He continues to grow and get stronger every day. More and more tubes are being removed from him since he no longer needs them. There is a rumor that he may be released in a couple of weeks, but even if that happens, he will not be going home. The family will be staying next-door to the hospital at the Ronald McDonald house so that if there is an emergency, it's only a one minute run to the hospital.



Thanks for your continued prayers. We look forward to bringing Thomas Michael to church to introduce him to you. God is Good! Michael and Donna



## Quinn Bosse

We celebrate with Scott and Kim Bosse, as they commemorate two milestones in their family. Their son Quinn, not only will graduate from Brenham High School on May 26, but he also recently received the highest honor in Scouting, the Eagle Scout Award! Only



four percent of Scouts achieve this goal! Quinn was also honored last month at the Washington County Courthouse Annex, where he joined his brother Blaine, on the Eagle Scout Wall of Honor. Quinn was confirmed at Abiding Word, and is a blessing to our church family. He plans to work part-time while attending full-time at Sam Houston State University in the fall, majoring in AgriBusiness.

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The AG center will be using the church parking lot **April 26**. They are reserving a few parking spots for us. You might need to park in the driveway in front of the doors if you need to visit the church that Wednesday.

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



Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116:1-16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

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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, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Leader: Donna Kelling

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Seidel

Reader: Wade Seidel

Greeters: Tom & Peggy Campbell

Audio/Video: Wade Seidel & Benita Schramme

Ushers: Roy & Jan Kelm

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: **NO Sunday School**

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson and Patti Swenson

Our Servants Next Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Donna Kelling

Greeters: Herman & Sandra Aschenbeck

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Gary Crocker & Michael Kelling

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: **NO Sunday School**

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson and Patti Swenson

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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 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
16 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am No Sunday School Worship 10:00 am Tony Gomez	17	18 Journey Together Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 am Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm Hope Gathering Meeting 6:00pm @ Church Gene King	19	20 NALC Ladies Bible Study 1:30 pm Lois Rankin	21	22
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 Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday Green = Wedding Anniversary

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) and get involved. Please let the admin know if you have any questions about this.

Happy Birthday

Gene King, April 18
Lois Rankin, April 20
Susie Houston, April 25