

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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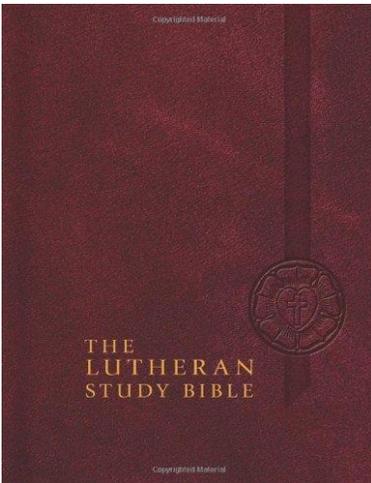
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.



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

Recommended Book of the Month

Rev. Cody Mills



The Lutheran Study Bible (English Standard Version Translation) from Concordia Publishing House is an excellent resource for deepening your understanding of scripture. I personally use different versions of scripture to study the readings each week, and one other study Bible to compare notes. However, this study Bible I have found is accurate with history and introductions to the themes and motifs of each book.

With all the resources at the fingertips in this study Bible, I cannot recommend it enough for individuals wanting to dive deeper.

As I wrote earlier, I have another study Bible that I use. Zondervan has a wonderful study Bible that is NIV – New International Version Translation – by D.A Carson. Both are relatively good; however, the Lutheran Study Bible from Concordia is more comprehensive.

2023 Vacation Bible School – You are God’s Masterpiece

Rev. Cody Mills

You are God’s Masterpiece Vacation Bible School ended on June 29, 2023. Although it has come to a close, I am forever thankful for the families that attended. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for their help and labor for these children and families. I am also thankful for the prayers from the congregation and the financial support to continue this ministry.

I am always reminded that children are thirsty to hear of God’s love to create an identity in a world where they always try to find who they are. They are God’s Creation!

With this time with the children, I often reflect on a question. Do we (Abiding Word Lutheran Church) know who we are?

Of course, we do! Right? Maybe? I am sure that all of the members can give me some kind of response to the question. The question is not easy to ask, and the answer is not easy to think about. But that is the challenge I give to the members and non-members alike. I also invite you to pray and ask God daily where He is leading us. Pray that Abiding Word Lutheran Church is open to bring people of all ages and walks of life. We need to remember that we are all sinners, and all sinners need the Gospel.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO ENRICH YOUR LIFE

- July 28-29 Texas District LCMC Gathering New Braunfels
Theme: SENT
All people & Youth Gathering
- August 8-11 NALC Biannual Mission Convocation Oklahoma City
Theme: Misoio Dei The Work and Mission of God
Gathering of Women of the NALC
Faith Formation Festival "On Fire For Mission" (Youth and Family Ministry)
Braaten-Benne Theological Lectures
Mission Convocation "On Fire for Mission"
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GERALDINE JOHNSON
- September 14-17 Texas Gulf Coast Via De Cristo Weekend Camp Lone Star Tomball
Participants live, study, worship and commune together daily
Titles of talks are Ideal, Piety, Study, Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to
Grace, Leaders Environment, Life in Grace, Christian Community and Total
Security. There is music, food, fellowship, laughter and prayer.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SHELIA DEMERY
- October 3 National Night Out (Texas Night Out) Abiding Word Lutheran Church
All members and our church neighbors are invited for fellowship, fun,
education about the community, etc.
Members are encouraged to attend and welcome those attending to our
Property. Enrich your life by sharing.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BERRIE ETZEL AND WAYNE
WINKELMANN
- October 1-4 LCMC Annual Gathering St. Charles, MO

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### **Journey Together Ladies' Lunch and Devotional**

Tuesday, July 11, 11:00 am  
Texas Steak & Seafood on Market St.

### **Ladies' Evening Bible Study**

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 pm at the  
Church

## A Note from the Disaster Response Warehouse



After depleting the Rosenberg Disaster Response Warehouse because of the violent weather this year, we are working hard to restock supplies now that it is hurricane season. The

most needed items are flood buckets or the supplies that go in them.

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)
- 1 roll paper towels
- 2 rags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
  - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
  - leather
  - cotton

Your help is needed.

Volunteers are welcome as there are always things to sort, buckets to fill or kits to make. Contact Michael Dittrich. (281-381-5588)

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Worship Committee

Members: Please note you will be meeting this coming Sunday, July 9 after the service.



Thank You

From Patsy Wegner

Thanks to all who have been praying for me. I have felt your prayers and thank you for the cards too! Love to you all. It's so good to be in Church once again. Thanks to my daughter, Sheila who spent the night and helped me get here.

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*The flowers for Sunday are given by Dottie and John Schaer.*



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Get the Word Out!

We want to tell the community that we exist. We want to share what we are doing at Abiding Word.

One way you can do this is to like and share the Abiding Word posts and ads on Facebook. If you have a Facebook or Meta account look up **Abiding Word Lutheran Church of Brenham** and click FOLLOW. The posts from the church will come to your page. When you see a post from the church, LIKE it and then SHARE it. The information from that page will reach out far and wide.

Ephesians 4:1-3

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1-14

Second Reading: Romans 7:14-25a

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

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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 9

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills
Musician: Debbie Heidemann
Lay Minister: Susie Houston
Reader: Dottie Schaer
Greeters: Herman & Sandra Aschenbeck
Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm
Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer
Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer
Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, Darlene Etzel

Our Servants Next Sunday, July 16

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills
Musician: Debbie Heidemann
Lay Minister: Susie Seidel
Reader: Gary Crocker
Greeters: Mary Ann Schulte & Gary Hind
Communion: Rev. Mills & Susie Seidel
Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & Wade Seidel
Ushers: Gary Crocker & Sheila Demery
Little Lambs: Rev. Cody Mills
Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe

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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            | Dennis & Doris Penkert |
| John Porter           | Ray & Ethel Sanders    |
| Don Schlaudraff       | Stanley Schneider      |
| Susie Seidel & family | Patsy Wegner           |

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

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|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Carol Crosby                                   | The family of Lonnie Grawunder |
| Will Hibbs                                     | Dawson Lee Jasinski & family   |
| The family of Aubert V. 'Bert' Jaeger          |                                |
| Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling              |                                |
| Harvey Ludwig                                  | Marilyn Martin                 |
| Dee Neyhard                                    | Kim Sauer                      |
| Don Walsh                                      | Eloise Wehring                 |
| Rita Werner                                    |                                |
| Faith Lutheran Church                          |                                |
| 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, July 11, Texas Steak & Seafood, Market St., 11:00 am
*Ladies' Evening Bible Study 2nd Wednesdays, July 12 at 6:30 pm at the Church
*Men's Breakfast, 1st Saturdays, August 5 at 8:30 am at Smitty's

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am NO Adult Bible Study Patriotic Music Sing-a-Long 9:45 am Worship 10:00 am	3	4 Office Closed  McKenna Reimer	5	6	7 Betsy Faske	8 Gary Crocker Taylor Reimer
9 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting after church	10	11 Journey Together Ladies Lunch & Devotional Texas Seafood & Steak House 11:00 am Outreach Committee Meeting & Trail Life Presentation 5:30 pm	12 Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm	13	14	15 Via de Cristo Team Building Winston Walters
16 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	17	18 Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm Mary Swenson Patsy Wegner	19	20 NALC Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm	21	22 Judy Warschak
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 Ethel Sanders	26	27 Scott Bosse	28	29 Ray Sanders
30 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	31	August 1 Journey Together Ladies Lunch & Devotional 11:00 am TBD Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	2	3	4	5 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

Betsy Faske, July 7
 Gary Crocker, July 8
 Taylor Reimer, July 8

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.