



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

Book Recommendation

Rev. Cody Mills

This month's book recommendation is *Christians in a Cancel Culture* by Joe Dallas.

Though there are theological points I don't always agree with in the book, the book is a tremendous tool to learn to navigate the waters and world we are in right now.

Some will say we are in a post-Christian world. But many have a small snippet from the United States of America. Christianity in other countries is thriving and growing under persecution.

We always need to remember the enemy is not the "other" individual or the principalities of the world, but Satan. He is cunningly working in the backdrop to silence all things and all people speaking the Gospel. He is always ready to uproot the seeds and anything growing from God's wisdom.

This book does a splendid job teaching about the slight nuances, languages, and definitions used by those who would subvert God's message or use it against Christianity. If you study it like I have, you will be led down a deep and dark rabbit hole where there is no turning back. You need an anchor outside this philosophy to return and remain grounded.

Amazon Excerpt:

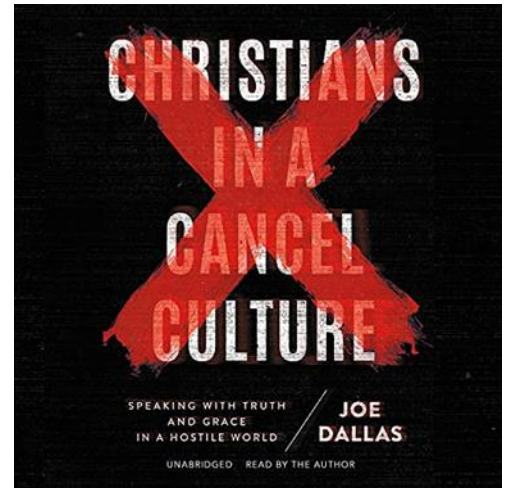
You hold truths about sensitive issues like gender, sexuality, and salvation to be biblically evident. You know friends, family members, and coworkers who hold opposing views to be self-evident. So where do you go from here?

If you're struggling to speak wisdom about controversial and personal subjects with compassion, conviction, and Christlike grace, *Christians in a Cancel Culture* is the guide you need. This book will affirm your understanding of the Bible's views on sin, salvation, the afterlife, gender identity, homosexuality, and abortion, while teaching you:

- Why today's world has grown so hostile to Christians and biblical values
- The dos and don'ts of responding to opposing beliefs
- How you can sustain good relationships with those who feel threatened by God's truth

Walking in faith isn't about fighting culture wars but witnessing Christ's restorative love to those who haven't yet found it. *Christians in a Cancel Culture* will inspire you to address today's controversies without compromising your beliefs and provide you with the tools to do so effectively.

Rev. Cody Mills





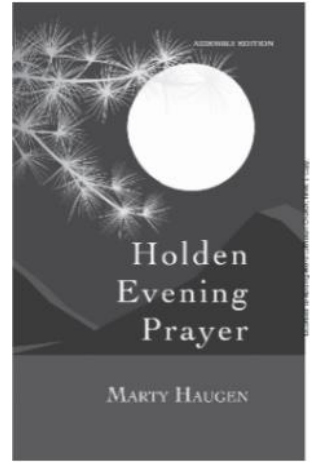
THE SEASON OF LENT

March 13 & 20

We will begin with a **LENTEN MEAL** of soup and sandwiches **at 5:15 pm**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who would like to contribute.

Our **LENTEN SERVICES** will begin at **6:00 pm**, following the meal.

This year for our Lenten Services we are using the Holden Evening Prayer Service.



***Please note we will need A/V Sound/Tech and Greeters from the previous Sunday to serve the following Wednesday Lenten services.**

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### Funeral Arrangements for Doris Penkert

Visitation was held Thursday, March 7th at Brenham Memorial Chapel. A service will be held today, Friday, March 8th at 10:30 am at Abiding Word Lutheran Church Brenham with interment following at Prairie Lea Cemetery. You can find her obituary and offer condolences on the Brenham Memorial Chapel's website. [www.brenhammemorialchapel.com](http://www.brenhammemorialchapel.com). Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

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### The Passing of Herman Aschenbeck

Herman Aschenbeck went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday morning, March 5<sup>th</sup>. A service is planned for

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will let you know more details when they are finalized. Please continue to keep Sandra and the family in your prayers.

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Parents & Grandparents:

Children Activity Sheets and crayons are available in the foyer each Sunday. Just ask a greeter.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter Lilies, they are \$13 each. There is a sign-up sheet and envelope in the foyer.

Deadline is this coming Sunday, March 10th.



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### Time Change This Sunday!



## Share Breakfast with Thomas Michael Kelling and His Family This Sunday!

Thomas Michael Kelling will turn one year old on March 1!!!

Thank all of you SO MUCH for your prayers and support as we journey through this miracle!

As a celebration of his first year of life, two successful open-heart surgeries, and a mountain of answered prayers, we would like to invite you to join us THIS COMING SUNDAY, **March 10** to share breakfast with Thomas Michael and his family. Matthew, Aislinn, and Felicity will be with us starting at 9:00 am that Sunday morning at the church, and we ask that all of you join us to meet and share some time with God's gift to us.

YOUR presence is the only gift needed!

~Michael and Donna



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MAKE IT / TAKE IT was a success! Thank you to all who participated!

We have 50 containers of vegetable soup ready for you to take to someone in need. The soups are in the freezer on the right in the kitchen. There is a sign-out sheet on the admin's desk to let us know you have taken one (or call or email the church office). Thanks for being an encouragement to others.



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### NALC DISASTER RESPONSE has been busy...

The warehouse in Edmond, OK responded with a truck load of supplies to Borger, TX. The warehouse in Tyler took a truckload of supplies to Canadian, TX. The warehouse in Black Forest, CO will be delivering another truckload this week. They are also starting a donation drive for hay & feed. At this time the fire is only 15% contained. Tractor Supply Co (TSC) & monetary donations are to be mailed to:

NALC Disaster Response  
ATTN: Mary Bates  
16500 Noble Ave.  
Caldwell, OH 43724

Please mark everything for the Texas Panhandle Fires. Any questions, email Mary.

This means the Edmond & Tyler warehouses are empty and tornado season is here. If you are able to take supplies from Rosenberg to either Edmond or Tyler, please contact me, Susan Bedwell-Edmond or Bob Tardiff, Tyler. ~God Bless You! Michael Dittrich, cell: 281-381-5588

# Holy Week, Easter Services



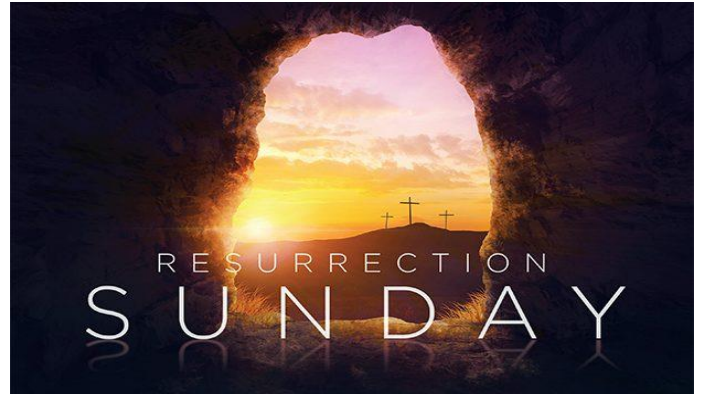
Palm Sunday Service  
March 24, 10:00 am



Maundy Thursday Service  
March 28, 6:00 pm



Good Friday Service  
March 29, 6:00 pm



**March 31 - Two Services**

 **7:00 am Easter Sunrise  
Communion Service**

 **10:00 am Easter Communion  
Service**

Please Note: No Adult or Children's Sunday  
School on Easter Sunday



**Breakfast  
&  
Easter Egg  
Hunt between  
services**

**Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

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Our Servants This Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Seidel

Reader: Wade Seidel

*Greeters: **Darlene Etzel & Betty Dove**

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Seidel

*Audio/Video: Charlotte Smith & **Gary Crocker**

Ushers: Berrie Etzel & Michael Kelling

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Mike & Patti Swenson

ERT: Robert Mikeska

Our Servants the Following Sunday, March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Marilyn Watts

*Greeters: **Gary Hind & Mary Ann Schulte**

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Houston

*Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & **Wade Seidel**

Ushers: Tom Insley & Larry Stark

Little Lambs: Wade Mills

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Kathleen Insley & Karen Johnson

ERT: Bob Rankin

*** Greeters and A/V Sound/Tech (no PowerPoint) are needed for the following Wednesday Lenten Service. (This is a change from the Servant Schedule)**

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**Servants: If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let the Church Office know. Thank you.**

*Thank You*

**To all our faithful servants every Sunday. The church couldn't function without you.**

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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.

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**Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family\***

The family of Herman Aschenbeck

Tom Insley

Mike Johnson

Barbara Lighter

Ronnie Lueckemeyer

Wade Mills

Penkert Family

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Stanley Schneider

Judy Weatherly

Patsy Wegner

**Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\***

Alisa Breese

John Jensen

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Family of Jase Lackey

Lucreacia

Kim Sauer

Donna Stump

Lincoln Tiemann

Faye Williams

Friends and family of Rita Werner

National and local government leaders

Military and first responders

Those affected by the war in Ukraine & Israel

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.

## March 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                                                          | Tue                                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                                                                     | Thu                                                                                                                                                                     | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat                                                                                              |
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| <b>3</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Membership & Personnel<br>Meetings after Service<br> | <b>4</b>                                                                     | <b>5</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Worship Committee<br>5:30 pm       | <b>6</b><br>Make It/Take It<br>10:00 am<br>Lenten Meal<br>5:15 pm<br>Lenten Service<br>6:00 pm<br>Choir Practice<br>7:00 pm<br>Roy Kelm | <b>7</b><br>Trail Life 6:30<br>pm<br>LilaJan Hibbs                                                                                                                      | <b>8</b><br>Doris Penkert<br>Funeral 10:30<br>am<br>Alicia Willard                                                                                                                      | <b>9</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>10</b><br>Celebration Breakfast<br>with Thomas Kelling 9am<br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                     | <b>11</b><br>Property & Tech<br>Committee<br>Meeting 6:00 pm<br>Mike Johnson | <b>12</b><br>Raising Arrows<br>Homeschool<br>Gathering 10:00 am<br>Outreach<br>Committee 5:30 pm     | <b>13</b><br>Lenten Meal<br>5:15 pm<br>Lenten Service<br>6:00 pm<br>Choir Practice<br>7:00 pm                                           | <b>14</b><br>Dwayne Muske                                                                                                                                               | <b>15</b><br>Gerry Hartstack<br>John & Dottie<br>Schaar                                                                                                                                 | <b>16</b><br>Herman<br>Aschenbeck<br>Funeral TBD                                                 |
| <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<br>John & Marilyn Watts                                                                                                                 | <b>18</b>                                                                    | <b>19</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm | <b>20</b><br>Lenten Meal<br>5:15 pm<br>Lenten Service<br>6:00 pm<br>Choir Practice<br>7:00 pm<br>Roger Hibbs                            | <b>21</b><br>NALC Ladies'<br>Bible Study 1:30<br>pm<br>Betty Dove                                                                                                       | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>23</b><br>Victoria Perry                                                                      |
| <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<br>Palm Sunday                                                                                                                          | <b>25</b>                                                                    | <b>26</b>                                                                                            | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>28</b><br><br><b>MAUNDY</b><br>Thursday<br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Service 6:00 pm | <b>29</b><br><br><b>GOOD</b><br><b>FRIDAY</b><br>Good Friday<br>Service 6:00<br>pm<br>Blaine Bosse | <b>30</b><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

**Alicia Willard, March 8**

**Mike Johnson, March 11**

**Dwayne Muske, March 14**

If you have any announcements, articles, pictures, prayer requests, 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 end of day the Wednesday before. Thank you.