

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

A Note from Bill Rankin, Church Council President

As many of you know, I have been involved with Texas Church Leaders (of whom we are a member) working on what can be done to improve academic performance in the Brenham I.S.D. I am the Treasurer (the one who pays a big fine if something goes wrong) of Let Our Teachers Teach, P.A.C., a political action committee dedicated to electing school board members who support traditional education values, as opposed to the “woke” values being pushed upon us. (And don’t kid yourself that they are not being pushed. Many of the young teachers we hire are products of Colleges and Universities that teach leftist indoctrination. The Texas Association of School Boards is very left leaning. Federal funds are attached to woke agendas. I could go on, but I should stay on topic.)

The Texas Church Leaders and Let Our Teachers Teach, P.A.C. will hold a “Town Hall” meeting where interested parents, teachers, taxpayers, et al can express concerns and questions that they have. Two of the recently elected (and supported by Let Our Teachers Teach) school board members are highly in favor of this. Some of the topics that have been raised as concerns include Discipline, BISD Police Department, Transparency, TASB, and, Budget Shortfall. The moderator of the event will be Keith Domke, Managing Editor of the *Brenham Banner Press*. Accordingly, I am hopeful that the newspaper article that will be published regarding the Town Hall will be positive.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00 pm. here at Abiding Word Lutheran Church. I think it is an outstanding opportunity for us to be associated with an effort that benefits youth and promotes Christian Values.

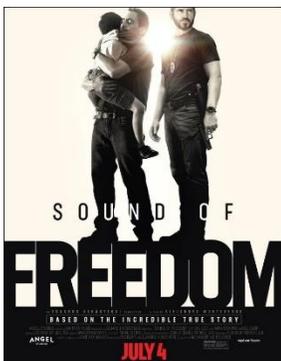
Please considering attending this important Town Hall Meeting as we support the community.

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## Recommended Movie: Sound of Freedom

Sound of Freedom is a 2023 American action film directed and co-written by Alejandro Monteverde, and stars Jim Caviezel, Mira Sorvino, and Bill Camp. Based on a true story, Caviezel plays Tim Ballard, a former government agent who embarks on a mission to rescue children from sex traffickers in Colombia.

Several people in the congregation including Rev. Cody and Bill Rankin have seen this movie and highly recommend it as it brings to light the extent to which so many, many children are being exploited by child trafficking.



## Church Security and Safety

We think of church as a peaceful place where we go to worship. Events over the last 10 years have made us realize that is not always true. Evil can enter through the doors of a church just as easily as the doors of a school or a business. Abiding Word Lutheran Church has always had the safety of its congregation as one of its highest priorities. Measures are in place to handle situations that may arise. That said, we are always looking to improve. A Security and Safety subcommittee of the Property Committee is being formed to review our procedures from the unlikely event of a gunman to a possible cardiac arrest during a service. We are looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Tom Insley is heading the committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact him at 281-468-5329 or email at [tinman47@ymail.com](mailto:tinman47@ymail.com).



### NALC Women's Book Study

Thursday, July 20, 1:30 pm  
At the church



The flowers for Sunday are given by Sheila Demery in honor of her mother's (Patsy Wegner) birthday.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

*AND Following Breakfast...  
Back by Popular Demand*



### Favorite Hymn Sing-a-Long!

Starting at 9:45 am  
(No Adult Bible Study)

### "Abiding Hims"

will sing on August 13<sup>th</sup>. This is open to all interested men in the congregation. Practice will be held Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

### October 3 National Night Out (Texas Night Out)

At 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



### 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.

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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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 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

## Our Servants Next Sunday, July 23

### Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Lottie Tegeler

Reader: Jan Kelm

Greeters: Darlene Etzel & Ken French

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Berrie Etzel & Michael Kelling

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, 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*

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*

Carol Crosby

The family of Lonnie Grawunder

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

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 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, August 1, at the home of Susan Davies, 11:00 am, bring a salad to share

\*Men's Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, August 5 at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe

\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, August 9th at 6:30 pm at the Church

## July 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                     | Mon                                              | Tue                                                                                                                                                                              | Wed                                                | Thu                                              | Fri                     | Sat                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>2</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br><br>NO Adult Bible Study<br><br>Patriotic Music Sing-a-Long 9:45 am<br><br>Worship 10:00 am                               | <b>3</b>                                         | <b>4</b><br>Office Closed<br><br><br><br>McKenna Reimer                                         | <b>5</b>                                           | <b>6</b>                                         | <b>7</b><br>Betsy Faske | <b>8</b><br>Gary Crocker<br><br>Taylor Reimer                                                                                           |
| <b>9</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br><br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br><br>Worship 10:00 am<br><br>Worship Committee Meeting after church                       | <b>10</b>                                        | <b>11</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Lunch &<br>Devotional<br><br>Texas Seafood &<br>Steak House 11:00 am<br><br>Outreach Committee Meeting & Trail Life Presentation 5:30 pm | <b>12</b><br>Ladies Evening Bible Study<br>6:30 pm | <b>13</b>                                        | <b>14</b>               | <b>15</b><br>Via de Cristo Team Building<br><br><br><br>Winston Walters                                                                 |
| <b>16</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br><br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br><br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                    | <b>17</b>                                        | <b>18</b><br>Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm<br><br>Mary Swenson<br><br>Patsy Wegner                                                                                              | <b>19</b>                                          | <b>20</b><br>NALC Women's Bible Study<br>1:30 pm | <b>21</b>               | <b>22</b><br>Judy Warschak                                                                                                              |
| <b>23</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br><br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br><br>Worship 10:00 am<br><br>Ian Hill<br><br>Addison Roehling<br><br>Blake & Kathy Shedd | <b>24</b><br>Billy Starnes<br><br><br>John Watts | <b>25</b><br>Let Our Teachers Teach Town Hall at the Church<br>Open to the public<br>6:00 pm<br><br><br><br>Ethel Sanders                                                        | <b>26</b>                                          | <b>27</b><br>Scott Bosse                         | <b>28</b>               | <b>29</b><br>Ray Sanders                                                                                                                |
| <b>30</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am<br><br>Favorite Hymn Sing-along 9:45 am<br><br>Worship 10:00 am                                                   | <b>31</b>                                        | <b>August 1</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Lunch &<br>Devotional 11:00 am<br>home of Susan Davies<br><br>Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm                                    | <b>2</b>                                           | <b>3</b>                                         | <b>4</b>                | <b>5</b><br>Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am<br><br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>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

**Winston Walters, July 15**  
**Mary Swenson, July 18**  
**Patsy Wegner, July 18**

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.