

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday, April 7, 2023

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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

He is Risen

Rev. Cody Mills

He is risen! He is risen indeed! That means you are immortal, and you are resurrected in Christ. As Christians, we find this to be great news. But for the sinner, this news is absolutely devastating. Hearing the news about the risen Lord is one to celebrate and fear.

God is one to be feared because death could not hold Him! The rising of the Lord proved that the dead will no longer stay dead. Indeed, the Lion of Judah is on the prowl. He is looking for those that continue to try and hide. Jesus Christ is the venom to the devil and death, and at the same time, He is the salvation, remedy, and life for you. This is the rebirth that Jesus was trying to tell Nicodemus on the night they met. Hosea 13:14 reveals, "He devours death and destroys it."

Now that you know Christ is risen, stand and confidently say, "I am a Christian indeed! Death has no authority over me, and I can confidently know that my life is free." If you believe in the words that Christ died for our sins, then there is a rebirth. It is belief in this rebirth that we can pierce the very heart of the devil.

There is only one way a person can survive the jaws of death. Not by wearing the works we do as a badge of honor to present to the Lord, but rather to say to the devil himself that you concede and are burdened with sin. But it is the serpent that was lifted up on the tree that has set me free from your jaws of eternity!"

As Martin Luther says, "Remember that we have lived damnably! But heavenly Father, Thou hast given me Thy Son; secondly, He earned heaven as the Son of Man with His suffering, death, and resurrection. And thus, He has also given and bestowed heaven on me."

Now we can look at the cross and know the object is our death, and the empty tomb is our resurrection. We look at this tree that brings death and boast in His work, "There is where Christ died for me so that I may live!" Here, we can see how much our Lord and Savior adored His Creation to adorn us with jewels and garments.

Once again, Martin Luther is elegant with his words, "Faith is not paltry and petty; but it is a heartfelt confidence in God through Christ that Christ's suffering and death pertain to you and should belong to YOU! True Faith does not doubt; it yields its whole heart to the conviction that the Son of God was given into death for us, that sin is remitted, that death is destroyed, and that these evils have been done away with – but, more than this, that eternal life, salvation, and glory, yes, God Himself have been restored to us, and that through the Son God has made us His Children."

These are the living Words that Christ gives to us. The Son shall be saved from death so that you shall be saved. Amen.



Good Friday Service April 7, 6:00 pm

Please attend this poignant and powerful service as we reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for us on the cross. The service will include a special reading of the Passion & special music. Join us!



Join us for Easter, April 9th

* Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 am followed by "Rise N Shine" Rolls



* Breakfast Casseroles at 9:15 am

* Easter Egg Hunt starting around 9:15 am

* Easter Sunday Service - 10:00 am

Please note there will be no Sunday School.



Please Note: Rev. Mills and his family will be out the week following Easter, including Sunday, April 16 for a family medical crisis. Please keep him and his family in prayer.

Note: there will be no Sunday School, April 16.



The church washing crew will be back on Monday. Please park away from the church if you need to be here Monday morning.



Ladies Evening Bible Study, April 12, 6:30 pm at the Church

Easter Sunrise Service Set Up

We need help setting up for the Easter Sunrise Service, April 9. Please let Rev. Mills or the church office know if you can help with this. Thank You!



Thanks to all who helped move chairs and furniture for the carpet cleaning. We appreciate you!



We still have open Sundays for April and most of May to provide altar flowers. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter)

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Responsive Reading: Psalm 16
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

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**Our Servants This Sunday, April 9**

**Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunrise)**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Michael Kelling  
Reader: Donna Kelling  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Michael Kelling  
Altar Guild: Karen Johnson and Patti Swenson

**Our Servants This Sunday, April 9**

**Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter, 10:00 am)**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Becky Bosse  
Reader: Dottie Schaer  
Greeters: Sheila Demery & Marilyn Watts  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills, Becky Bosse,  
Lloyd Quebe & Sandra Aschenbeck  
Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm  
\*Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer  
Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer  
Altar Guild: Karen Johnson and Patti Swenson

**\*Ushers, please note, Communion will be Continuous**

**Our Servants Next Sunday, April 16**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Pastor: Guest Pastor  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: TBD  
Reader: Jon Hill  
Greeters: Gary Hind & Mary Ann Schulte  
Communion: Guest Pastor & TBD  
Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith  
Ushers: Berrie Etzel & Robert Mikeska  
Little Lambs: Charlotte Smith  
Sunday School: **NO Sunday School**  
Altar Guild: Karen Johnson and Patti Swenson

\*Please notify the church office if you have arranged for someone to fill in for you.

**Our Servants today, Good Friday, April 7**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Susie Houston  
Greeters: Ralph & Sandra Becker  
Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin  
Altar Guild: Karen Johnson and Patti Swenson  
Passion Readers: Mike Swenson, Roy Kelm, Patti Swenson, Lloyd Quebe, Bill Rankin, Jan Koska, Ken French, Susie Houston

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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.

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*Thank You*

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

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Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family*

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 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 or by calling the church office.

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Palm Sunday First Fruits Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	3 Berrie & Darlene Etzel	4 Journey Together Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Sandra Aschenbeck	5	6 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm 	7 Good Friday Service 6:00 pm 	8 Jeremy Reimer
9 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am NO Sunday School Easter Worship Service 10:00 am  Harrison Sommer	10 Rev. Mills out this week	11 Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	12 Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm	13 Ronnie Lueckemeyer	14 Ralph Martin	15 Cameron Roehling
16 Mission Offering Coffee & Connection 9:00 am No Sunday School Guest Pastor 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 Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	24	25 Susie Houston	26	27	28 Peggy Campbell	29 Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday Green = Wedding Anniversary

Happy Birthday
Jeremy Reimer, April 8
Harrison Sommer, April 9
Ronnie Lueckemeyer, April 13



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.