

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter Friday, September 22, 2023

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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

Looking Ahead...



National Night Out
Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:00 pm

We Need Your Help!!!

To place the **FLIERS** for **National Night Out** on our neighborhood doors, Sept. 27th or 28th (Wed. or Thurs.). Susan Davies is organizing teams of 3 people to make the job easier for everyone. Contact Susan if you would like to help with this and potentially meet some of our church neighbors. It's a great opportunity to serve and fellowship.

National Night Out at Abiding Word Lutheran Church is **JUST AROUND THE CORNER** on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 6 pm!

Are you getting excited?

This is a wonderful way to reach out to our neighbors. We need your help! You are needed to welcome guests that come and run the booths and activities that we will have. Mark your calendar and plan to participate. You are a church neighbor! Contact Berrie Etzel and Wayne Winkelmann, and let them know you would like to participate.





We had a good turnout for our **First Aid and CPR Training** last Saturday! Eleven people participated and learned techniques to save lives from our local EMS.



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**NO First Communion Classes** this Saturday, the 23rd. It will continue Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Church



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Rev. Mills will be out of the office through September 25th. We will welcome back Pastor Greg Knippa to the pulpit this Sunday the 24th. For pastoral care while Rev. Mills is out, you can contact:

- Pastor Greg Knippa 254.718.9276 or
- Dr. Craig Dohse, 832.498.9618.

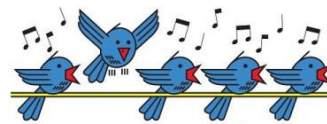
Please Note: There will be NO Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School this coming Sunday, Sept. 24th

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*The flowers for Sunday are given by Linda and Valgene Horak in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*October, November, and December are completely open for flowers. There is a sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.*



**CHOIR Rehearsal**

**Wednesdays, 6:00 pm at the Church**

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Time and Talents



Pick up your 2024 form from the Welcome Table and return it to the folder or to the Admin's desk. For those of you

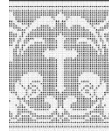
new to Time and Talents this is an opportunity to indicate where you would like to be involved in service at the church. This information is shared with Committee Chairs.

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**2024 Budgets Due**

Committee Chairs, please get your 2024 committee budgets to Gary Crocker, Treasurer in October. Thank you!

**Save the Date: Altar Guild Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 8th, directly after**  
**Church**



If you are part of the Altar Guild or interested in being part of the Altar Guild, please stay after church on Sunday, October 8 for a short meeting. With our change to having communion every Sunday, we need more people to serve on the Altar Guild. Melody Perry will be working on a schedule, so please come prepared to sign up for Sundays to serve. And for those of you who also serve in other areas on Sundays, please be thinking about whether you would like to be scheduled the same Sundays or different Sundays. Contact Melody Perry for more information.

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Thomas Michael Kelling's Baptism
September 10, 2023

Thomas with Parents Matthew and Aislinn
 and the whole crew.



We've Made It...

Now It's Time to Take It!

The casseroles are ready! Now the outreach is up to us as a congregation (and it is making a difference!). If you know of someone in the congregation or community who is experiencing difficulties and would appreciate a visit and meal, please avail yourself of a meal prepared by the "Make It and Take It" project of Abiding Word. Simply call the church office and let our admin, Pat Weeks, know to whom you plan to give a casserole and the date. There is also a sign-up sheet on the admin's desk where you can put your name, recipient, and date. Then you can pick up a container from the freezer with the chicken spaghetti. By keeping track in the church office, we can eliminate duplications in the same week. The Outreach Committee is hopeful that this will assist you in visitation to those in need.

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- ❖ Sept. 18-25 – Rev. Mills will be out of the office.
- ❖ Mon. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm - Finance Committee
- ❖ Wed. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm - Choir Practice (every Wednesday)
- ❖ Sat. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – First Communion Class (Saturdays through Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>)
- ❖ Sun. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> after service - Worship Committee
- ❖ Tues. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm - National Night Out for the Community
- ❖ Wed. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> after church - Altar Guild Mtg
- ❖ Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 9-noon Children's Business Fair, event taking place in our community
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch
- ❖ December – Downtown Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade, details to come
- ❖ Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – NALC Ladies' Luncheon, details to come

**Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:**

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

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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, September 24**

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Pastor: Pastor Greg Knippa

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Jan Koska

Reader: Marilyn Watts

Greeters: Ralph & Sandra Becker

Communion: Pastor Greg Knippa & Sandra Aschenbeck

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Lottie Tegeler & Sheila Demery

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe & Patti Swenson

**Our Servants Next Sunday, October 1**

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Wade Seidel

Reader: Susie Houston

Greeters: Ken French & Jean King

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Wade Seidel

Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith

Ushers: Roy & Jan Kelm

Little Lambs: Rev. Cody Mills

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson & Patti Swenson

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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.

Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family*

Jean King Barbara Lighter
Wade Mills Laurie Muske
Dennis & Doris Penkert John Porter
Ray & Ethel Sanders Stanley Schneider
Patsy Wegner The family of Don Schlaudraff

Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family*

Gary Grantham Dawson Lee Jasinski & family
Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling
Lucreacia Steve Rogers
Kim Sauer Rita Werner
Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX
For rain and those affected by the drought
Those affected by the wildfires
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.

Updated 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 2-6 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, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the Church  
\*Men's Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe  
\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Church

## September/October 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mon                                               | Tue                                                                                               | Wed                                                                                             | Thu                                                      | Fri       | Sat                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>17</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                            | <b>18</b><br>Rev Mills out of office through 25th | <b>19</b><br>Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am<br><br>Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm   | <b>20</b>                                                                                       | <b>21</b><br>Lottie Tegeler<br><br>Valgene & Linda Horak | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>Church reserved for private event<br>Mike & Karen Johnson<br>Dennis & Doris Penkert                                                                |
| <b>24</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                                                                      | <b>25</b><br>Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm    | <b>26</b>                                                                                         | <b>27</b><br>Choir Practice 6:00 pm                                                             | <b>28</b><br>Patti Swenson                               | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>First Communion Class 9:00 am                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>Worship Committee Meeting after service</b><br>Malachi Mills<br>Billy & Sandy Starnes | <b>2</b>                                          | <b>3</b><br>Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am<br><br>Night Out Community Event 6:00 pm | <b>4</b><br>Choir Practice 6:00 pm                                                              | <b>5</b><br>Preston Perry                                | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am<br><br>First Communion Class 9:00 am                                                                            |
| <b>8</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>Altar Guild Meeting</b><br>Tom & Peggy Campbell<br>Gary & Angela Crocker              | <b>9</b><br>Angela Crocker                        | <b>10</b><br>Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm                                                   | <b>11</b><br>Choir Practice 6:00 pm<br><br>Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm<br><br>Tom Insley | <b>12</b>                                                | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>First Communion Class 9:00 am                                                                                                                      |
| <b>15</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>Via de Cristo 12:00 pm</b><br>Malancthon Mills<br>Susan Davies                       | <b>16</b>                                         | <b>17</b><br>Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am<br><br>Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm   | <b>18</b><br>Choir Practice 6:00 pm<br><br>Bob Rankin                                           | <b>19</b>                                                | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>First Communion Class 9:00 am<br><br>Bob & Charlotte Smith<br><br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding 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

Patti Swenson, September 28

## Happy Anniversary

Mike & Karen Johnson, September 23  
 Dennis & Doris Penkert, September 23