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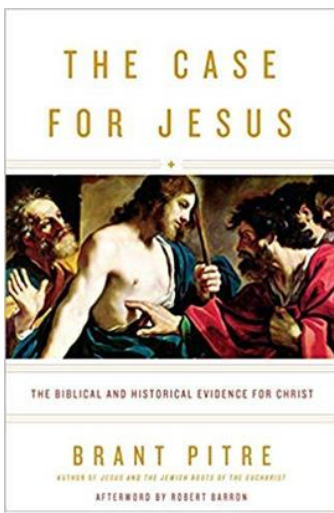
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.



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 Case for Jesus by Brant Pitre is an easy read that allows you to dive into apologetics. The most effective weapon for Christians is to learn the history of Christianity, the struggles encountered, and the historical documents that we confess. Herman Sasse – a German infantryman in World War One and a Lutheran Pastor in Germany – confessed and wrote “Christianity Confesses Anthology.” That is, we confess what is written and historically accurate. Anthology is the study of documents that are written; in Christianity this is from scripture alone.

Jesus Christ never claimed to be God is one of the main arguments I confront with others. Yet, this statement is untrue. Christ claimed His divinity and His place at the right hand of God the Father. The right hand does not mean a seat on the right side, the right hand means to have the same power as His

Father. He claims these powers are reserved for Him and Him alone.

Another argument I encounter as a pastor, deals with the Gospels. Individuals try to disarm the Gospels by saying they are too close to one another. They indicate there must be a source they copied from normally known as the source “Q.”

Oddly enough, we have discovered that the earliest manuscripts we have were written as early as 60 A.D. What does this mean? It means the earliest copies we found are written and legible forty years after the death of Christ. When was the earliest manuscript found from Plato? 500 years later, and nobody questions that document for accuracy. How about the Qu’ran? Well, the earliest manuscript is around 900 A.D. We know the Qu’ran and Islam came about around 700 AD. Nobody argues the validity of the Qur’an.

I will say with certainty this book is a great source for apologetics. You will grow deeper in scripture and your understanding of Christ.



BASKET BRIGADE was a
Tremendous Success! Thank
You to All who gave, packed,
coordinated, delivered, etc.!!
You have blessed so many
seniors!





PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT AND HELP

Thomas

WHO HAS STRUGGLED SINCE BIRTH WITH

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

fundly.com/thomas-heart-warrior



Donate:



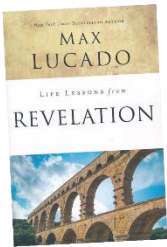
Your support and prayers are Blessings to our family!

Thomas, Matthew, Aislinn, and Felicity Kelling

Bethany UMC | 10010 Anderson Mill Rd, Austin, TX



Final First Communion Class this Saturday, Nov 4th.



Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study

10:00 am, Tuesday, November 7th at the Church

NO Bible Study on Nov. 21



Ladies' Evening Bible Study Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 pm at the Church



Thomas

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Thomas was born March 1st, 2023, with a congenital heart defect called hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS). This means the left side of his heart did not fully form while in the womb. If not treated, he would have died within a few days or weeks.

Thomas has had two open heart surgeries and will need another one in a couple of years.



Thomas is now home and is happy and healthy. Despite great health insurance, the medical bills are a looming threat.

We know that God will bless us and provide for our "daily bread" as we continue to put our faith and trust in Him!

All proceeds will help the family with medical costs



Saturday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. at Smitty's



Choir Practice continues Every Wednesday (except Nov. 22), at 6:00 pm



Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday. Set your clocks back or you will be early to church! Or better yet, don't set your clocks and come for the coffee and fellowship!



Dorothy Stanford has a new mailing address. Contact the church office if you would like to send her a note.



Grief Sessions

AWLC will again host a gathering and Bible study/sessions for those grieving. It is open to all in the community. The sessions are using a Christian-based program based on a book on living with grief in sight of the Cross of Christ by Rev. Dr. Kristian Kincaid. It is called Living with Grief: Bound by Sorrow, Wrapped in Comfort. The sessions will help us look to the Cross for healing. There are many uncertainties in our lives, but grief is one sure thing that all of us will experience. Coming together around God's Word in the presence of others allows us to mourn together and learn of the goodness that is Jesus Christ. Sign up on the church website or call the church office.

Sessions are Wednesday evenings 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, supper included at the Church on the following dates:

- November 15
- NO meeting - November 22 for Thanksgiving
- November 29
- December 6
- December 13
- December 20 – Longest night candle vigil

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## NALC Ladies' Luncheon

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am  
at the Cannery

get your \$15 tickets from Donna Kelling  
or the Church Office



## Christmas Parade Float

### Breakfast and Decorating

November 10th

**9 am** meet at El Rorro Taqueria for breakfast  
(old Dairy Queen on S Market)

**10 am** meet at church for making float decorations for the Lighted Christmas Parade

All are welcome to help in some way.

### Also, Donations Needed!

small wrapped candy canes to toss out at the Parade on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Needed by Sunday, Nov. 26. Thanks for helping with this fun event!

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Toys for Tots

Toys Due Sun.
Dec. 10th

We have a donation box at the church for toys. New toys

are accepted. Nothing used.

Susie Houston is also collecting money (cash or check) to buy toys as well. If you want to write a check -make it out to and give it to Susie Houston who will cash it and buy the toys for the ages that still need gifts. That way the \$ and toys will stay in Washington County.



Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

All Saints Sunday

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-17

Responsive Reading: Psalm 149

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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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, November 5

All Saints Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills
Musician: Debbie Heidemann
Lay Minister: Susie Seidel
Reader: Jan Kelm
Greeters: Tom & Peggy Campbell
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Seidel
Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Wade Seidel
Ushers: Roy & Jan Kelm
Little Lambs: Rev. Cody Mills
Sunday School: Cathy Johnson
Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, Darlene Etzel

Our Servants Following Sunday, Nov. 12

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills
Musician: Debbie Heidemann
Lay Minister: Lottie Tegeler
Reader: Dottie Schaer
Greeters: Herman & Sandra Aschenbeck
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Lottie Tegeler
Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith
Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer
Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer
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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\*

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Roy Kelm                    | Barbara Lighter   |
| The family of Allen Mueller | Wade Mills        |
| Dennis & Doris Penkert      | John Porter       |
| Ray & Ethel Sanders         | Stanley Schneider |
| The family of Gene Stanford | Patsy Wegner      |

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family  
Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling  
Lucreacia Kim Sauer  
Donna Stump 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 Israel  
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.

## 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

Fri. Nov. 10th – 9:00 am Christmas Parade Breakfast & 10 am Decorating
Sun. Nov. 19th – Choir Singing in Church Service
Sat. Dec. 2nd – We will have a float in the Downtown Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade
Sun. Dec. 3rd – Christmas Sing-a-Long before Service; Choir Singing in Church Service
Sun. Dec. 9th & 10th – Bethlehem in Independence – we need volunteers.
Sun. Dec. 10th – Toys for Tots Due
Fri. Dec. 15th – NALC Ladies' Luncheon, 11:00 am,

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch Budget's Due!	30 Susan Winkelmann	31	November 1 Basket Brigade Shopping Trip 10:00 am Choir Practice 6:00 pm	2 Basket Brigade Prep & Decorate Baskets 9:00 am Lunch 11:00 am Pat Lueckemeyer John Schaar	3 Becky Bosse	4 Men's Breakfast Smitty's 8:30 am First Communion Class 9:00 am Herman Aschenbeck Quinn Bosse
5 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Cristina Gomez <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	6	7 Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Bill & Barbara Lighter	8 Choir Practice 6:00 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm	9 Susie Seidel	10 Parade Breakfast 9:00 am Decorating 10:00 am	11 Hollie Mills 
12 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sandy Starnes	13	14 Private Event 10:30 am Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Arno Jahnke Preston & Melody Perry	15 Choir Practice 6:00 pm Grief Session	16	17 Michael Kelling	18 First Communion Class 9:00 am
19 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Choir & Worship 10:00 am Laurie Muske	20 Dorothy Schwettmann	21 Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm Pat Weeks	22 Gary Hind Mike & Patti Swenson	23 Mary Ann Schulte  Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday Green = Wedding Anniversary
26 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Choir & Worship 10:00 am	27	28	29 Choir Practice 6:00 pm Grief Session	30 Lloyd Quebe	December 1	2

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](https://www.abidingword.org). Link on the Home page or click on "Worship" > then "Livestream" -
<https://www.abidingword.org/live-stream>

Happy Birthday
Becky Bosse, November 3
Herman Aschenbeck, November 4
Quinn Bosse, November 4
Cristina Gomez, November 5
Susie Seidel, November 9

Happy Anniversary
Bill and Barbara Lighter, November 7