



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



“Souper Bowl” Lunch
Sunday,
February
11th

All are welcome to join us after the service for a meal. A big thank you to the Fellowship Committee for organizing this event and to all who are bringing food.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
**February 14th at 6:00 pm**

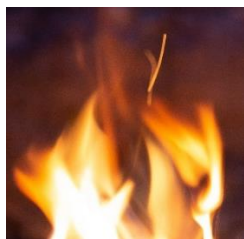
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THE SEASON OF LENT
February 21 & 28
March 6, 13, 20

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.

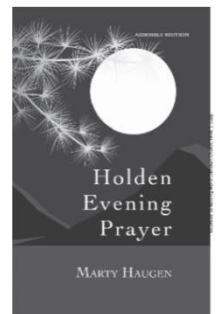


Mortgage Burning Celebration Luncheon
Sunday, Feb. 18th

We will celebrate the mortgage burning with a catered lunch from Lone Star Grill on Sunday, February 18th. The lunch will be a grilled chicken breast with rice, mashed potatoes, green beans and salad. Please RSVP by Sunday, February 11th to let us know you are coming. You can call or email the church office or write your RSVP and number attending on the back of the attendance card this Sunday. Anyone wishing to bring a dessert is welcome. What an exciting time for our congregation!

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

This year for our Lenten Services we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. The Hibbs will be providing another sneak peak of this beautiful service on this Sunday, February 11th



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



**We give thanks to God
for our new
communicants
Kambree, Addison, and Cameron.**

We are so glad they have made the decision to take this step to celebrate the body and blood of Christ. Please continue to encourage and pray for them in their faith.



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**PHONE DIRECTORY  
APP!!**

Our new Phone Directory App is available to those of you who have signed the Consent Form to be listed in the app. If you have not completed a form and would like to use the directory, please pick up a form the Welcome Table or contact the Church Office to have one emailed or mailed to you. Then return the completed form to the Church Office. This is a secure app that can only be accessed by those who are listed in the Directory. Once we receive your Consent Form, we'll send you the instructions! If you have questions, please contact Jan Kelm, 979-251-4066, jankelm61@gmail.com.

**NALC Seminar – This Saturday  
February 10th**

You are invited to Sack Lunch Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg with Pastor Brad Hales!

Date is **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.** This event is not just for pastors, it is for everyone, even YOU! Come learn about aging & rural ministry! Does a rural and aging church mean a destiny of decline, or can there be something different?

Pastor Brad Hales, Director of Church Planting & Aging for the NALC will be sharing about the vitality of these congregations and how these churches already have the assets and gifts for renewal! Bring a sack lunch for the break. Water, tea and coffee will be provided. It's a free event! Please RSVP or contact with questions to: Michael Dittrich: [michael.patd@gmail.com](mailto:michael.patd@gmail.com), cell: 281-381-5588 or Pat Dittrich: [pdittrich.wnalc@gmail.com](mailto:pdittrich.wnalc@gmail.com), cell 713-254-0044

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**NALC Ladies' Bible Study
Thursday, February 15th
1:30 p.m. at the Church**

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**Committee Chairs**

The admin is updating the list of Committee Representatives and officers for 2024. As you appoint officers for the year, please let the Church Office know. Thanks for your help.

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**Congregational Reports are still available.
Pick up your copy at church or request one
from the Church Office.**

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**Easter Lily Sign-up coming soon.**

**Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 50:1-6  
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6  
Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

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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, February 11**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Susie Seidel  
Reader: Jan Koska  
Greeters: Sandra & Ralph Becker  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Seidel  
Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith  
Ushers: Michael & Donna Kelling  
Little Lambs: Michael Kelling  
Sunday School: Cathy Johnson  
Altar Guild: Melody Perry & Pat Quebe  
ERT: Scott Bosse

**Our Servants the Following Sunday, Feb 18**

**First Sunday in Lent**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Becky Bosse  
\*Reader: **Charlotte Smith**  
\*Greeters: **Susie Houston & Linda Horak**  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Becky Bosse  
\*Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & **Wade Seidel**  
Ushers: Sheila Demery & Larry Stark  
Little Lambs: Charlotte Smith  
Sunday School: Cathy Johnson  
Altar Guild: Donna & Michael Kelling  
ERT: Tom Insley

*\* Readers, Greeters, and A/V Sound needed for Lent Service February 21<sup>st</sup>. (This is a change from the Servant Schedule)*

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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.

Our Servants Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills
Musician: Debbie Heidemann
Lay Minister: Lottie Tegeler
Reader: Roger Hibbs
Greeters: Darlene Etzel
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Lottie Tegeler
Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm
Ushers: Berrie Etzel & Tom Insley
Altar Guild: Kathleen Insley & Karen Johnson

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

**Thank you.**

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Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family*

Herman Aschenbeck	Barbara Lighter
Ronnie Lueckemeyer	Wade Mills
Doris Penkert & Family	John Porter
Ray & Ethel Sanders	Stanley Schneider
Blake Shedd	Judy Weatherly
Patsy Wegner	

Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family*

Amy O'Malley Brink	Jane Barker
Alisa Breese	John Jensen
Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling	
Family of Jase Lackey	Lucreacia
Lila Miller	Manuel Perez
Joetta Raylots	Kim Sauer
Donna Stump	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 or by calling the church office.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Choir & Worship 10:00 am First Communion Eden Swansey	5	6 Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Committee 5:30 pm Sandra Becker	7	8 Dennis Penkert Funeral 10:30 am Trail Life Open House 6:30 pm Arline Schlaudraff	9 Rev. Cody Mills	10
11 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am "Souper Bowl" Lunch	12	13 Raising Arrows Homeschool Gathering 10:00 am Outreach Committee 5:30 pm	14 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm Valgene Horak Jon & Gayle Hill	15 NALC Ladies' Bible Study 1:30 pm Sheila Demery	16	17
18 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Mortgage Burning Lunch	19 Dorothy Gibson Dwayne & Laurie Muske	20 Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm	21 Lenten Meal 5:15 pm Lenten Service 6:00 pm Roger & LilaJan Hibbs	22 Wade Seidel	23	24 Roy & Jan Kelm
25 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	26	27	28 Lenten Meal 5:15 pm Lenten Service 6:00 pm	29	March 1	2 Men's Breakfast @ Smitty's 8:30 am Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday Green = Wedding Anniversary

Upcoming Dates and Times for Holy Week Services

March 28, 6:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service
 March 29, 6:00 pm – Good Friday Service
 March 31, 7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service
 March 31, 10:00 am – Easter Service

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

Happy Birthday

Rev. Cody Mills, February 9
Valgene Horak, February 14
Sheila Demery, February 15

Happy Anniversary

Jon & Gayle Hill, February 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.

The admin does her best to be 100% accurate with the newsletter. But there has only been one perfect person – Jesus Christ. The admin is human and busy running the Church Office and supporting the pastor and the congregation, thus prone to mistakes as any other human. Grace is appreciated. If you do see dates, times, or details that need to be changed, please kindly let her know.