

# Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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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



## Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Church

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**NALC Ladies' New Study**  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm at Abiding Word  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

The new Bible Study will be based on the book, "The Love Stories of the Bible" by Shannon Bream. Doris Glenewinkle will be leading this study. Everyone is welcome to come participate.

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## Poinsettia Pick-Up

They need to go to good homes! Please pick up a poinsettia from the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Take it home or take it to a neighbor or shut-in!



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On Sunday, January 21 we will receive our newest member, Linda Wellman. Please give her an AWLC welcome!



## Installation of New Council Members

Please join us this Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> as we install our new Church Council Members: Ken French, Roger Hibbs, Tom Insley, and Marilyn Watts.

We also thank Donna Kelling, Jon Hill, and Cathy Johnson as they step down, for their years of faithful service on the Church Council.

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## Giving Statements are Ready!

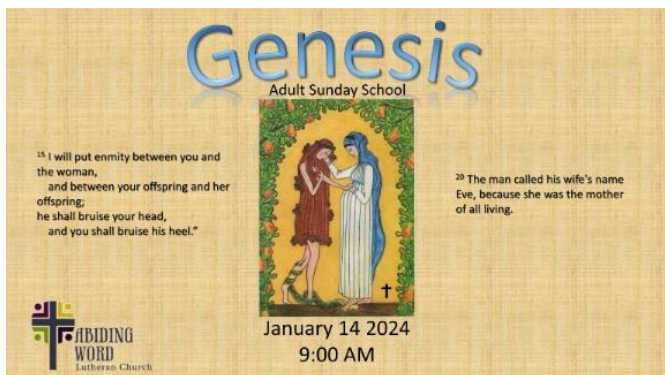
Giving statements are available. They will be at the church on the side table in the foyer for pickup through Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. All remaining statements will be mailed the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please let the church office know if you would like yours mailed before then. Please let Bob Rankin or the admin know if you have any questions regarding your statement.

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## Phone App Directory Update

We have been working on the Phone App Directory instructions and testing. Stay tuned next week for rollout (hopefully)!

Join us on January 14<sup>th</sup> as the adults start a new study on Genesis and Children's Sunday School resumes.



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### Committee Chairs – Year-End Reports due to the admin!

Also, as you appoint new Committee leaders, please send this information to the admin. The admin appreciates your help to make her job a little easier.

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**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, Jan. 28**  
**directly after the service.**  
**Please join us.**

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### Flowers for the Altar

We have openings to provide flowers for the altar. Please see the bulletin board to sign up or contact the church office.



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The **2024 Daily Bible Reading Guide** is on the Welcome Table at Church. Pick up your copy this Sunday.



The Fellowship committee is planning a “**Souper Bowl**” Lunch on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after the service. A Mardi Gras theme will also

be incorporated as this is the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday. A sign-up sheet for soup and sides is on the bulletin board.

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*The Season of Lent*



**LENTEN MEALS** will start on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The meals will consist of soup and sandwiches. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for those who would like to

contribute. The meals will start at 5:15 pm with the Lenten services starting at 6:00 pm.

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### After Hours Drop Box

We have installed a locked drop box by the church's front door. If you need to drop off letters, envelopes or small items for the church after hours, please make use of the drop box.



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### NALC Event

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 or Pat Dittrich: [pdittrich.wnalc@gmail.com](mailto:pdittrich.wnalc@gmail.com), cell 713-254-0044

God bless you! Michael & Pat Dittrich  
 Peace Lutheran Church, Rosenberg, TX

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

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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, January 14

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Roger Hibbs

Reader: Donna Kelling

Greeters: Jean King & Karen Johnson

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Roger Hibbs

Audio/Video: Charlotte Smith & Gary Crocker

Ushers: Berrie Etzel & Tom Insley

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Donna & Michael Kelling

## Our Servants the Following Sunday, Jan. 21

### Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Dottie Schaer

Greeters: Linda Horak & Sheila Demery

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Houston

Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & Wade Seidel

Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer

Little Lambs: Rev. Cody Mills

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Melody Perry & Peggy Campbell

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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\*

Herman Aschenbeck

Geraldine Johnson

Barbara Lighter

Wade Mills

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Stanley Schneider

Blake Shedd

Marjorie Stark

Judy Weatherly

Patsy Wegner

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

Lindsey Eckert

John Jensen

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Otto Kemper

Lucreacia

Lila Miller

Manuel Perez

Joetta Raylots

Kim Sauer

Donna Stump

Rita Werner

Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX

For rain and those affected by the drought

National and 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](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 – 8:30 am – 11:30 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

\*Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – First Communion and Council Installation

\*Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – New Member Reception

\*Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting

\*Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – “Souper Bowl” lunch

\*Wed., February 21<sup>st</sup> – Lenten meal & services start

# January 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                       | Mon                               | Tue                                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                           | Thu                                                                                     | Fri                                              | Sat                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>7</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>No Adult or Children's<br>Bible Study<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Gayle Hill                                     | <b>8</b><br>Bob Smith             | <b>9</b><br>Homeschool Co-Op<br>10:00 am<br>Outreach<br>Committee 5:30 pm                            | <b>10</b><br>Ladies' Evening<br>Bible Study 6:30<br>pm<br>Marilyn<br>Heckmann<br>Bill Lighter | <b>11</b>                                                                               | <b>12</b><br>Betty Becker<br>Dorothy<br>Stanford | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>14</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>First Communion &<br>Council Installation | <b>15</b>                         | <b>16</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm | <b>17</b>                                                                                     | <b>18</b><br>NALC Ladies'<br>Bible Study<br>1:30 pm<br>Trail Life Open<br>House 6:30 pm | <b>19</b><br>Doris Porter                        | <b>20</b><br>Sue Vierus                                                                                                                  |
| <b>21</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>New Member                                | <b>22</b><br>Paul & Jan<br>Koska  | <b>23</b><br>Dennis Penkert                                                                          | <b>24</b><br>Charlotte Smith                                                                  | <b>25</b>                                                                               | <b>26</b>                                        | <b>27</b> Jan Koska<br>Westen Muske<br>Wayne<br>Winkelmann                                                                               |
| <b>28</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Congregational Meeting                    | <b>29</b><br>Lloyd & Pat<br>Quebe | <b>30</b><br>Jean King                                                                               | <b>31</b><br>Kim Bosse                                                                        | <b>February 1</b><br>Sue Mahoney                                                        | <b>2</b>                                         | <b>3</b><br>Men's Breakfast @<br>Smitty's 8:30 am<br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding<br>Anniversary |

**Happy Birthday**  
**Betty Becker, January 12**  
**Dorothy Stanford, January 12**



**Trail Life Open House**  
**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm at the Church**  
 This is open to any family  
 wanting more information  
 about their boy participating in  
 Trail Life and any adult  
 interested in volunteering.

- 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>

**VBS**

We are planning to have our VBS June 3-6 (Monday – Thursday). Volunteers: please check your calendars to see if you will be available. Contact Mia Mills for more information or if you want to volunteer.

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 end of day the Wednesday before. Thank you.