

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter Friday, November 10, 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

Quiz Time

Rev. Cody Mills

Our first communion students had to answer these questions at the end of their study for first communion. They did very well. I thought it would be fun for y'all to have a turn. The answers will be next week.

Divine Service

3. The following are components of the Divine Service. Draw an arrow pointing down if the Lord is speaking to us in this part of the service and an arrow pointing up if we are speaking or responding to Him. Some may have both up and down arrows. You may need to review these components of the Divine Service from the hymnal.

Invocation:

Confession and Absolution:

Hymn of Praise:

Readings:

Hymn of the Day:

Sermon:

Creed:

Prayers:

Offerings:

Preface to Communion:

Lord's Prayer:

Words of Institution:

The Peace:

Distribution:

Prayer and Thanksgiving:

Benediction:

4. How would you describe the rhythm of the Divine Service as you review the arrows pointing down and the arrows pointing up?
5. Why is it important that the hymns we sing first and foremost reflect God speaking to us?
6. Review the Lord's Supper liturgy. How do we prepare ourselves to receive the Supper? How do we respond to the blessings we receive in the Supper?



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

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



**Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study
NO Bible Study on Nov. 21**



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 2nd. Needed by Sunday, Nov. 26. Thanks for helping with this fun event!



Choir singing in the Service November 19th Join Us!

There will NOT be a Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.

The admin will be taking some time off around the Thanksgiving holiday. Any updates, changes, announcements for Sundays the 19th or 26th **MUST** be received by end of the day, **November 14!**

Thanksgiving week, Rev. Mill's Office Hours:
Tuesday the 21st from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday the 22nd – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Schedule subject to change; please call ahead.

The Church Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday the 24th. Rev. Mills will be available by phone for critical needs those days.

Join us at the Church Dec. 3rd for



**Christmas Sing-a-Long
Sunday, December 3rd, 9:45**

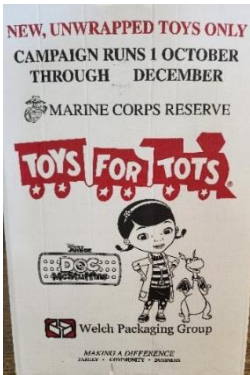
**NO Adult or Children's Bible Study
Sunday, Dec. 3rd
FOLLOWED BY**



**Tree Decorating
Sunday, December
3rd
After the Service
All are welcome to
stay and help.**

We need a 12' to 15' ladder. Contact the church office if you can bring one that Sunday.

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**Toys for Tots  
Toys Due Sunday,  
December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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.



Volunteers needed for lighting the Advent Candles each Sunday. Contact Rev. Mills, the church office, or Jan Koska if interested.

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Have you ever wanted to be Mary or Joseph in the school play?

Now is your chance with no acting skills required - other volunteers needed as well

December 9 & 10

Sign up on the Bulletin Board to participate

Contact Bill Rankin for more information

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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 (envelope on the admin's desk)**

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Responsive Reading: Psalm 70

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

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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, November 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

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Melody Perry & Pat Quebe

## Our Servants Following Sunday, Nov. 19

### Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Lottie Tegeler

Lay Minister: Wade Seidel

Reader: Donna Kelling

Greeters: Pat & Ronnie Lueckemeyer

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Wade Seidel

Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith

Ushers: Michael Kelling & Sheila Demery

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, 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*

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

John Jensen

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 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.

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, 6:00 pm

Sun. Dec. 3rd – Christmas Sing-a-Long before Service; Choir Singing in Church Service; Tree Decorating after 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/December 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mon                                 | Tue                                                                                                                              | Wed                                                                               | Thu                                                                                                                                     | Fri                                                                   | Sat                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>5</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Cristina Gomez                                                                                 | <b>6</b>                            | <b>7</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>11:00 am<br>Worship Committee<br>Meeting 5:30 pm<br>Bill & Barbara Lighter | <b>8</b><br>Choir Practice<br>6:00 pm<br>Ladies Evening<br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm | <b>9</b><br>Susie Seidel                                                                                                                | <b>10</b><br>Parade<br>Breakfast<br>9:00 am<br>Decorating<br>10:00 am | <b>11</b><br>Hollie Mills<br>                |
| <b>12</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Sandy Starnes                                                                                 | <b>13</b>                           | <b>14</b><br>Private Event 10:30<br>am<br>Outreach Committee<br>Meeting 5:30 pm<br>Arno Jahnke<br>Preston & Melody Perry         | <b>15</b><br>Choir Practice<br>6:00 pm<br>Grief Session<br>5:30 pm                | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>17</b><br>Michael Kelling                                          | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>19</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Choir & Worship 10:00 am<br>Laurie Muske                                                                          | <b>20</b><br>Dorothy<br>Schwettmann | <b>21</b><br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm<br>Pat Weeks                                                                      | <b>22</b><br>Gary Hind<br>Mike & Patti<br>Swenson                                 | <b>23</b><br>Mary Ann<br>Schulte<br><br>Office Closed | <b>24</b><br>Office Closed                                            | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>26</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Candy Canes Due                                                                               | <b>27</b>                           | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>29</b><br>Choir Practice<br>6:00 pm<br>Grief Session<br>5:30 pm                | <b>30</b><br>Lloyd Quebe                                                                                                                | December<br>1                                                         | <b>2</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>Smitty's 8:30 am<br>Christmas Parade<br>Downtown<br>Brenham<br>6:00 pm                           |
| <b>3</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>No Adult or Children's<br>Bible Study<br>Christmas Music Sing-a-<br>Long 9:45 am<br>Choir & Worship 10:00 am<br>Tree Decorating after<br>service<br>Bill Rankin | <b>4</b>                            | <b>5</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>11:00 am<br>Geraldine Johnson<br>Marita Mikeska                            | <b>6</b><br>Grief Session<br>5:30 pm<br>Robert Mikeska                            | <b>7</b><br>John Davies                                                                                                                 | <b>8</b><br>Dottie Schaer<br>Rick & Carol<br>Hutchens                 | <b>9</b><br>Bethlehem in<br>Independence<br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding<br>Anniversary |

**Happy Birthday**  
 Hollie Mills, November 11  
 Sandy Starnes, November 12  
 Arno Jahnke, November 14

*Happy Anniversary*  
 Preston and Melody Perry, November 14

We have received cards and messages from the seniors who have been very appreciative of their baskets from Basket Brigade. Thank you, Church Family, for giving to them.