

# Abiding Word Lutheran Church

464 Oak Tree Crossing Dr., Brenham, Texas 77833

Weekly Newsletter Friday, September 29, 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

## TUESDAY!

Please join your neighbors for food & family friendly activities.  
Also, feel free to ask about our Trail Life  
USA program at this FREE event!

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**Members Are Encouraged to Participate And Be A Part Of The Welcoming Committee!**

**\*Visit**

**\*Participate in Activities with the Neighbors**

**\*Enjoy**

**\*Food, Games, Prizes**

**\*Everyone is welcome!**

**\*Bring your lawn chairs if desired.**

**Set up of the grounds will begin at 2:30 pm. Volunteers are Needed!**

**Contact Berrie Etzel or Wayne Winkelmann for information.**



**First Communion Class** continues, Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Church. It's a great refresher for adults as well. Let Rev. Mills know if you are interested.

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**Worship Committee Meeting – Sunday October 1st** after service (Note different day than usual)

**Property Committee Meeting – Monday, October 2nd**  
6:00 pm

**Next Choir Practice – Wednesday, October 18th**

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*The flowers for Sunday are given by Gayle Hill in memory of her mother.*

*We still have open slots for flowers through the end of the year. There is a sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.*

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**Time and Talents**

Pick up your 2024 form from the Welcome Table, fill it out, and return it to the folder or to the Admin's

desk. Or you can scan your completed form and email it to the admin. 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.

**Please fill out a form even if you have done so in the past!**

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**A Thank You from the Family of Don Schlaudraff**

“Thank you all for the love and support shown to our family during the illness and passing of our dear Don. Thank you especially to Pastor for his visits, communion and kind words for the funeral service, to Debbie for providing the music, to the Kelm’s in the sound booth, to Pat in the office, and all the members who prepared and served the wonderful lunch (and all the others we may have failed to mention). Once again, we see and feel one of the things that makes AWLC so special – the love we have for one another.”



**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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**We've Made It...**

**Now It's Time to Take It!**

The casseroles in the freezer! 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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**Kitten found on the Church Property. Contact Rev. Mills if you would like to adopt the kitten.**



**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Congregational Meeting with election of Council Members and 2024 Nominating Committee Members**

**Potluck Lunch will follow the meeting**

**Nominees for Church Council:**

- Ken French (3-year term, 2024-2026)
- Roger Hibbs (3-year term, 2024-2026)
- Marilyn Watts (3-year term, 2024-2026)

**Nominees for the 2024 Nominating Committee:**

- Donna Kelling
- Ronnie Lueckemeyer
- Pat Lueckemeyer
- Lloyd Quebe
- Patti Swenson
- John Watts
- Wayne Winkelmann



Christ Lutheran Church of Brenham and the family of Pastor Mark Groves who passed away unexpectedly this past Sunday.

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



**Dennis and Doris Penkert**

**Cathy Johnson visits them on a regular basis and took this great picture of the Penkert's. Please keep them and all of our shut-ins in your prayers and stay in touch through calls, cards, and visits. It means the world to them.**

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- ❖ 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
- ❖ Mon. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm–Property Committee Mtg
- ❖ Tues. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm - National Night Out for the Community
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> after church - Altar Guild Mtg
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm – Via de Cristo Mtg
- ❖ Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Choir Singing in Church Service
- ❖ December – Downtown Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade, details to come
- ❖ Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Choir Singing in Church Service
- ❖ Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – NALC Ladies' Luncheon, 11:00 am at the Cannery; \$15 tickets available in Nov.

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

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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, October 1

### Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Wade Seidel

Reader: Susie Seidel

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

## Our Servants Following Sunday, October 8

### Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Seidel

Reader: Sandra Aschenbeck

Greeters: Gary Hind & Mary Ann Schulte

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Seidel

Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & Wade Seidel

Ushers: Michael Kelling & Lottie Tegeler

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson & Darlene Etzel

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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

Mary Swenson

The family of Don Schlaudraff

Patsy Wegner

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

Gary Grantham

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

The Family of Pastor Mark Groves

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Lucreacia

Steve Rogers

Kim Sauer

Rita Werner

Christ Lutheran Church of Brenham

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](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

\*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>24</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                                                                             | <b>25</b><br>Finance<br>Committee<br>Meeting 6:00 pm | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>27</b>                                                               | <b>28</b><br>Patti Swenson | <b>29</b><br>NNO Flyer<br>Distribution<br>10:00 am | <b>30</b><br>First Communion<br>Class 9:00 am                                                                  |
| <b>1</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>Worship Committee<br/>Meeting after service</b><br>Malachi Mills<br>Billy & Sandy Starnes | <b>2</b><br>Property<br>Committee<br>Meeting 6:00 pm | <b>3</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>11:00 am<br><b>National Night Out<br/>Community Event<br/>6:00 pm</b> | <b>4</b>                                                                | <b>5</b><br>Preston Perry  | <b>6</b>                                           | <b>7</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>at Smitty's 8:30<br>am<br><br>First Communion<br>Class 9:00 am                  |
| <b>8</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>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<br>Committee Meeting<br>5:30 pm                                                                       | <b>11</b><br>Ladies Evening<br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm<br><br>Tom Insley | <b>12</b>                  | <b>13</b>                                          | <b>14</b><br>First Communion<br>Class 9:00 am                                                                  |
| <b>15</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>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<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>11:00 am<br><br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm                    | <b>18</b><br>Choir Practice<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Bob Rankin                | <b>19</b>                  | <b>20</b>                                          | <b>21</b><br>First Communion<br>Class 9:00 am<br>Bob & Charlotte<br>Smith                                      |
| <b>22</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                                | <b>23</b>                                            | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>25</b>                                                               | <b>26</b>                  | <b>27</b>                                          | <b>28</b><br>Wade Mills<br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding<br>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](https://www.abidingword.org). Link on the Home page or click on "Worship" > then "Livestream" -  
<https://www.abidingword.org/live-stream>

## Happy Birthday

**Malachi Mills, October 1**  
**Preston Perry, October 5**

*Happy Anniversary*  
*Billy & Sandy Starnes, October 1*