



Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Newsletter Friday, March 29, 2024



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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

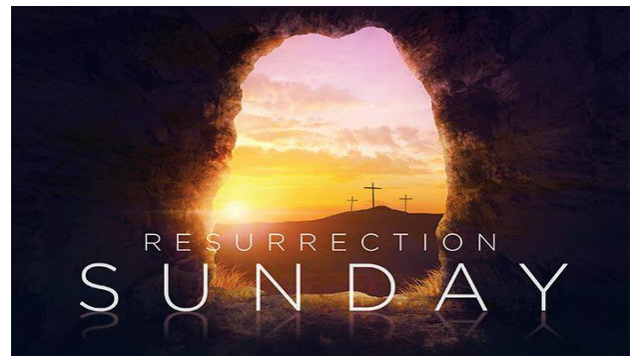


Good Friday Service

March 29, 6:00 pm

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**Easter Sunday, March 31**



**10:00 am Easter Communion Service**

**Continental Breakfast between services**



**Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 am.**



**Easter Sunday, March 31**

**7:00 am Easter Sunrise Communion Service**

**Please Note: No Adult or Children's Sunday School on Easter Sunday  
Children's bulletins are available for the Easter service**



**Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study**  
**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10:00 am at the Church**  
**AND**

**Ladies' Evening Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm at the Church**

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LOCATION CHANGE
SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 6 will NOT meet at Smitty's but will be meeting at the Church at 8:30 am. Mia Mills and Kathleen Insley will prepare breakfast. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost.

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**Trail Life Meets**  
**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm at the Church**

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The Altar Guild Schedule

has been set through June. **Altar Guild Team** - If you didn't receive an email with the schedule, please let the admin know.



Raising Arrows Homeschool Co-Op
Meets Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 am

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**Make It/Take It**

Please remember there are containers of soup in the church kitchen freezer to take to someone in need. You don't need to sign it out; just grab one for someone you know who needs a bit of encouragement.

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VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Sunday, May 19 after the Church Service

Please let Mia Mills know if you would like to help with VBS.

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*The flowers for Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> are given by Darlene & Berrie Etzel in honor of their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

*The flowers for Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> are given by Sue Anderson in honor of SSGT Rachael Hibbs Colman to thank her for her service.*

## NALC Women!

The **2024 Spring Gathering for the Women of the NALC of the South Texas Mission District** will be held at **Our Savior Lutheran Church in Three Rivers on Saturday, April 20th.**

Registration is due **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. There are registration forms on the Welcome Table.

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NALC Congregations!

Pastor Mark Braaten, Area Assistant to the Bishop will be at Peace Lutheran, Rosenberg, for another informative Sack Lunch Saturday!

Date: Saturday, April 27th 9:00 to 2:00

What: Pastor Braaten will be having a discussion about the Book of Revelation. He will also touch on the NALC, the 4 core values & updates of what the national church is doing.

Bring a sack lunch! Tea, water & coffee will be provided. Please RSVP to the phone numbers below, so they know how many to expect!

Hope to see you there! Michael & Pat Dittrich
Peace Lutheran, Rosenberg
Michael cell: 281-381-5588;
Pat cell: 713-254-0044

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## NALC Congregations!

The Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church invite you to their first

### **Regional Get-Together**

**July 23-25, 2024**

**Cedarbrake Retreat Center  
Temple, Texas**

It's time to gather our family from across the Region for food, fun, and fellowship! And, you'll be able to take some new learnings back to your congregation, too! Questions? Call Pastor Becky Thane (201-572-8073) or email

[BeckyThane@aol.com](mailto:BeckyThane@aol.com)

**Space is limited!** Register early to reserve your spot.

Registration forms are on the Welcome Table.

## Newsletter Schedule Change

Beginning in April, the newsletter will be published twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, instead of every week. Please have announcements, articles, etc. to the Church Office by the Tuesday the week the newsletter will be published. Please continue to send prayer request additions or changes throughout the month as you are made aware of them.

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Church Council Meeting Minutes have been posted on the bulletin board. The monthly financials are also posted on the bulletin board. You can also contact the church office for a copy.

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## Community Opportunity for Our Golfers

<https://secure.paperlessstrans.com/AdultandTeenChallengeofTexasEventbrenham>

## ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL - 2024

|                                                                         |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Robert Mikeska, President, Personnel Committee Representative           | (23-24-25) |
| Roger Hibbs, Vice President, Worship & Music Committee                  | (24-25-26) |
| Bill Rankin, Secretary, Membership Committee Representative             | (22-23-24) |
| Berrie Etzel, Treasurer, Finance & Stewardship Committee Representative | (23-24-25) |
| Gary Crocker, At Large Committee Representative                         | (22-23-24) |
| Ken French, At Large Committee Representative                           | (24-25-26) |
| Tom Insley, Property & Technology Committee Representative              | (23-24)    |
| Karen Johnson, Fellowship Committee Representative                      | (23-24-25) |
| Marilyn Watts, Outreach Committee Representative                        | (24-25-26) |

### 2024 AWLC Standing Committees

| <u>Committee</u>      | <u>Council Rep</u> | <u>Chair</u>  | <u>Vice-Chair</u>         | <u>Secretary</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Outreach              | Marilyn Watts      | Open          | Michael Kelling<br>(temp) | Marilyn Watts    |
| Fellowship            | Karen Johnson      | Susie Houston | Becky Bosse               | Karen Johnson    |
| Finance & Stewardship | Berrie Etzel       | Mike Swenson  | Gary Crocker              | Mike Swenson     |
| Membership            | Bill Rankin        | Bill Rankin   | n/a                       | Patti Swenson    |
| Nominating            |                    | Lloyd Quebe   | Patti Swenson             | Pat Lueckemeyer  |
| Personnel             | Robert Mikeska     | Wade Seidel   | Gary Crocker              | Sandy Starnes    |
| Property & Technology | Tom Insley         | Gary Crocker  | John Schaer               | Lloyd Quebe      |
| Worship & Music       | Roger Hibbs        | Jan Koska     | Michael Kelling           | LilaJan Hibbs    |

**Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:**

**Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

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Our Servants Good Friday, March 29

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Soloist: Melody Perry

Lay Minister: Roger Hibbs

Greeters: Cathy Johnson & Karen Johnson

Audio/Video: Charlotte Smith & Gary Crocker

Altar Guild: Mike & Patti Swenson

Passion Readers: Jesus – Mike Swenson

Peter – Wade Mills

Girl – Patti Swenson

Priest – Lloyd Quebe

Officer- Bill Rankin

Servant – Jan Koska

Pilate – Ken French

Crowd – Susie Houston

Our Servants Easter Sunday, March 31

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Michael Kelling

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Michael Kelling

10:00 AM Service

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Michael Kelling

Reader: Donna Kelling

Greeters: Darlene Etzel & Betty Dove

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills, Michael Kelling,

Tom Insley & Sheila Demery

Audio/Video: Bill & Lois Rankin

Ushers: Preston Perry & Berrie Etzel

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Altar Guild: Kathleen Insley & Peggy Campbell

ERT: Tom Insley

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*Thank You*

**To all our faithful servants every Sunday. The church couldn't function without you.**

**Our Servants the Following Sunday, April 7**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Wade Seidel

Reader: Charlotte Smith

Greeters: Ronnie & Pat Lueckemeyer

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Wade Seidel

Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm

Ushers: Sheila Demery & Larry Stark

Little Lambs: Charlotte Smith

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Mike & Patti Swenson

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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\***

The family of Herman Aschenbeck

Tom Insley

Mike Johnson

Barbara Lighter

Ronnie Lueckemeyer

Wade Mills

Penkert Family

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Stanley Schneider

Judy Weatherly

Patsy Wegner

**Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\***

Jim Campbell

John Jensen

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Family of Jase Lackey

Lucreacia

Kim Sauer

Donna Stump

Lincoln Tiemann

Faye Williams

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](mailto:admin@abidingword.org) or by calling the church office.

## March/April 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                              | Tue                                                                                                                | Wed                                                    | Thu                                                                                                                                                      | Fri                                                                                                                                      | Sat                                                                                              |
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| <b>24</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Abigail Towns<br> | <b>25</b>                        | <b>26</b>                                                                                                          | <b>27</b>                                              | <br><b>MAUNDY</b><br>Thursday<br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Service 6:00 pm | <br>Good Friday<br>Service 6:00<br>pm<br>Blaine Bosse | <b>30</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>31 Easter Sunday</b><br>Easter Sunrise 7:00 am<br>Continental Breakfast &<br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>           | <b>April 1</b>                   | <b>2</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Worship Committee<br>5:30 pm                     | <b>3</b><br>Berrie & Darlene<br>Etzel                  | <b>4</b><br>Trail Life 6:30<br>pm<br>Sandra<br>Aschenbeck                                                                                                | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>6</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:30 am @ the<br>Church                                           |
| <b>7</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                                        | <b>8</b>                         | <b>9</b><br>Raising Arrows<br>Homeschool<br>Gathering 10:00 am<br>Outreach<br>Committee 5:30 pm                    | <b>10</b><br>Ladies' Evening<br>Bible Study 6:30<br>pm | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                | <b>12</b><br>Newsletter<br>Published                                                                                                     | <b>13</b><br>Ronnie<br>Lueckemeyer                                                               |
| <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>Ralph Martin                                                                                       | <b>15</b><br>Cameron<br>Roehling | <b>16</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm<br>Tony Gomez | <b>17</b>                                              | <b>18</b><br>NALC Ladies'<br>Bible Study 1:30<br>pm<br>Gene King                                                                                         | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>20</b><br>Lois Rankin                                                                         |
| <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                                                                                                       | <b>22</b>                        | <b>23</b>                                                                                                          | <b>24</b>                                              | <b>25</b><br>Susie Houston                                                                                                                               | <b>26</b><br>Newsletter<br>Published                                                                                                     | <b>27</b><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](http://abidingword.org). Link on the Home page or click on "Worship" > then "Livestream" - <https://www.abidingword.org/live-stream>

**Happy Birthday**

**Blaine Bosse, March 29**  
**Sandra Aschenbeck, April 4**

*Happy Anniversary*

*Berrie & Darlene Etzel, April 3*

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.