

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday, June 30, 2023

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VBS 2023: You are God's Masterpiece
June 27-29th

Thanks to all for a Successful VBS! Here are Some Pictures!

We had 24 students and 27 volunteers for VBS. Everyone had such a great time they wanted to do it another night!

We had a great turnout of families who came to the closing program! We give praise and thanks to God for sending them and for the volunteers who have gifted their time to serve and share with these families.





A Few More Pictures from VBS



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## Highlights AWLC Council Meeting June 20, 2023

### Rev. Cody's Report:

- Friday and Wednesday visits to shut ins and others in need continue.
- Working with the outreach committee for ideas of ministering to the community.
- Pastor Cody will be the chaplain for the Trail Life USA troop trying to form in Brenham.

### Committee Highlights:

- Fellowship – Karen Johnson - VBS Meals this month
- Finance – Gary Crocker - a Money Market account with Schwab is being established.
- Membership – Bill Rankin – the Membership Committee sent a recommendation that 19 adults and 3 children be removed from membership by confirmation of the Constitution.
- Outreach – Berrie Etzel - Council has approved use of our building for Timber Oaks Homeowner Association meetings.
- Property – Tom Insley – Security and Safety issues will be addressed in the near future.
- Worship – Donna Kelling – Patriotic music Sunday, July 2

If you have any questions about what's going on at Council or any of the church committees, please reach out to these representatives. The committees are open to visitors and suggestions or concerns at any time.

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Outreach Committee Request

The Outreach Committee continues to seek ways to bring people to our facility. The philosophy is if they feel comfortable here, they may come and worship / study here. The committee is considering numerous programs.

We are looking into the possibility of starting a Trail Life USA program. (Christian based boy scout troop). To learn more about the program go to <https://www.trailifeusa.com>. Your input is welcome.

Ted Hamilton, program leader for the Brazos Valley will be at the church on July 11th at 5:30 pm. He has agreed to come and answer our questions about the program. He has asked that we go to the website and be familiar with the program before the meeting.

We will need one or two men from Abiding Word to commit to this program that leads young boys. In addition, we can get three or four men from outside the congregation. Please join us at the meeting on the 11th and prayerfully consider this ministry.

For more information contact Rev. Cody.

VBS Encouragement Box

(On the small table by the sanctuary doors.)

Take an index card and write a VBS volunteers name with an encouraging note to them! Feel free to sign your name or remain anonymous and place it in the box. **The box will remain out until after service Sunday July 2nd**, then the notes will be collected and distributed.

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## One More Vacation Bible School at a Local NALC Church

If you didn't get a chance to participate in our VBS or another one, there is one more with a local NALC church. Christian education is our primary concern. Therefore, we shared other church VBS dates as they shared ours. Perhaps a child may want to attend multiple VBS sessions!

**St. John / Prairie Hill - July 31-Aug 6**

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Get the Word Out!

We want to tell the community that we exist. We want to share what we are doing at Abiding Word.

One way you can do this is to like and share the Abiding Word posts and ads on Facebook. If you have a Facebook or Meta account look up **Abiding Word Lutheran Church of Brenham** and click FOLLOW. The posts from the church will come to your page. When you see a post from the church, LIKE it and then SHARE it. The information from that page will reach out far and wide.



Patriotic Music Sing-a-Long

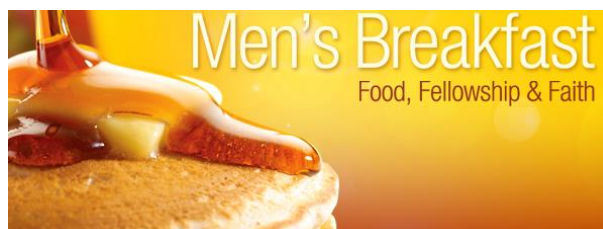
Sunday, July 2nd 9:45 am

Join us for a special music before the service.

Wear your **Red, White, and Blue!**

***No Adult Bible Study July 2nd**

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**Saturday, July 1 at 8:30 at Smitty's**

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The flowers for Sunday are given by Ralph Martin remembering Toni Martin on her birthday.

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**Have a safe and happy Independence Day!**

Church Office will be closed but Rev. Cody can be reached by cell phone for emergencies.

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:153-160

Second Reading: Romans 7:1-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:34-42

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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, July 2

### Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Marilyn Watts

Greeters: Ralph & Sandra Becker

Communion: Rev. Mills & Susie Houston

Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & Wade Seidel

Ushers: Michael Kelling & Larry Stark

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, Darlene Etzel

## Our Servants Next Sunday, July 9

### Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Dottie Schaer

Greeters: Herman & Sandra Aschenbeck

Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm

Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer

Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer

Altar Guild: Melody Perry, Pat Quebe, Darlene Etzel

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Prayer Time for Servants Before Worship Service

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*

Cathy Johnson

Barbara Lighter

Ralph Martin & family

Marita Mikeska

Wade Mills

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Don Schlaudraff

Stanley Schneider

Susie Seidel & family

Patsy Wegner

Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family*

Carol Crosby

Sonya Graham

Mollie Grote

The family of Lonnie Grawunder

Will Hibbs

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Starlyn Jasinski

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Harvey Ludwig

Marilyn Martin

Dee Neyhard

Kim Sauer

Glyn Spies

Don Walsh

Eloise Wehring

Rita Werner

Jack Williams

The family of Aubert V. 'Bert' Jaeger

Faith Lutheran Church

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 or by calling the church office.

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 9 am - 5 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 Lunch & Devotional, July 11, Texas Steak & Seafood, Market St., 11:00 am

\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, July 12 at 6:30 pm at the Church

\*Men's Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, August 5 at 8:30 am at Smitty's

## July 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                                               | Mon       | Tue                                                                                                                                                                 | Wed                                                                                                                                      | Thu                                                                                                                        | Fri                                  | Sat                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>25</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Choir Practice after service<br>Last Sunday to turn in Hymn Requests | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br><br><b>VBS 5:30-8:00 pm</b>                                           | <b>28</b><br><br><b>VBS 5:30-8:00 pm</b><br>Elsie Mills | <b>29</b><br><br><b>VBS 5:30-8:00 pm</b> | <b>30</b><br>Robert & Marita Mikeska | <b>July 1</b><br>Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am<br><br>Melody Perry<br><br>Ron & Judy Warschak                               |
| <b>2</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>NO Adult Bible Study<br>Patriotic Music Sing-a-Long 9:45 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                        | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Office Closed<br><br>McKenna Reimer                                    | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>7</b><br>Betsy Faske              | <b>8</b><br>Gary Crocker<br>Taylor Reimer<br><br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding Anniversary |
| <b>9</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Worship Committee Meeting after church                                | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>Journey Together Ladies Lunch & Devotional<br>Texas Seafood & Steak House 11:00 am<br><br>Outreach Committee Meeting & Trail Life Presentation 5:30 pm | <b>12</b><br>Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm                                                                                          | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>14</b>                            | <b>15</b><br>Via de Cristo Team Building<br><br>Winston Walters                                                                   |
| <b>16</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                         | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm<br>Mary Swenson<br>Patsy Wegner                                                                                         | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>20</b><br>NALC Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm                                                                              | <b>21</b>                            | <b>22</b><br>Judy Warschak<br><br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding Anniversary                |

### Reminders

- Youth Sunday School is breaking for the summer. Sunday Adult Bible Study will continue.
- **Check out Rev. Mills' weekly Facebook clip!** 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>

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 Wednesday noon before. Thank you.

## Happy Birthday

**Melody Perry, July 1**  
**McKenna Reimer, July 4**

## *Happy Anniversary*

*Robert & Marita Mikeska, June 30*  
*Ron & Judy Warschak, July 1*