

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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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

Communion

Rev. Cody Mills

Communion...community...common. What do these three words have in common? These words all point to who we are as a body in Christ. The worship committee (there is that standard comm again) voted to have communion every Sunday starting September 3, 2023. With this announcement, the committee felt it wise to write a newsletter article about communion, announce the change every Sunday during August, and put information on Facebook. As a pastor, I want to address a few common concerns. (1) The cost. (2) More work for the Altar Guild. (3) Communion isn't going to be as important.

The cost will be double with the current membership and attendance. However, if we continue adding individuals to our membership, we will need more supplies. Yes, we are going to be adding new members this year! As the news article continues, hopefully, I can convince you of the joy that comes from needing more supplies.

Yes, there will be more work for the Altar Guild. We need a few more individuals to prepare the elements and place them on the altar before service. Participating in the Altar Guild is a joyous occasion. Hopefully, you will consider helping on the Altar Guild as you continue to read the article. (Please contact Melody Perry about serving on the Altar Guild).

Finally, the most common topic in this discussion, "communion won't have the same meaning to me." Alas, when we get through the first two concerns, we will reach the heart of the issue for an individual. If I am so lucky and an individual starts with this issue, they retreat to the first two. So let us explore this specific issue in sections. (1) Receiving communion every Sunday does not diminish God's promise or His action done for you. (2) Your feeling of the importance of communion does not rely on you. (3) Feeling that communion is only special when you say it is special rejects God's promise.

That is okay if you feel you cannot participate in communion every Sunday. You will not have a judgment from me, and I advise nobody else from the congregation to persuade you into feeling guilty to join. Guilt is somebody for not receiving communion every Sunday is manipulation. It will close the ears to the Gospel and reception of the gifts! This is a warning to those that may pressure or urge an individual. As a Pastor, if I see an individual not wanting to participate in communion, this is a conviction of the Holy Spirit. I hope they can speak with me. I won't explain in the newsletter what that conviction is to sustain from communion; that is a pastoral issue.

I will leave you with this information. Scripture speaks of the importance of the Lord's Supper and receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior. The early church communed in the community under one common (shared) belief! We should always participate as a community gathered under one common faith and join in communion to affirm this faith and receive the blessing. When you receive the Body and Blood, you can be like Simeon and say, "Now my eyes have seen the Glory of the Son, and you can now let your servant go in peace."

Luke 2:29-32 (ESV) ~²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, [including the enemy – the devil] ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."



Saturday,
August 5th
at 8:30 am
at Smitty's

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**"Abiding Hims"**

Practice on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30 a.m.

All men in the congregation are invited to sing on Sunday, August 13, as part of the "Abiding Hims". Please attend practice this coming Sunday.

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Ladies' Evening Bible Study
Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 pm
at the Church

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*The flowers for Sunday are given by Karen Johnson in honor of her mom's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**NALC Women's Lunch August 17,  
11:30 am at On Deck**

Cost for the catered meal is \$10. RSVP to Lottie Tegeler.



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To watch Sunday services online, go our website at abidingword.org.

Click on "Worship" > then "Livestream"

<https://www.abidingword.org/live-stream>

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**TO Sign UP!**

**Basic First Aid/CPR/AED  
Free Training Class  
Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m.  
At the Church**



With 20-25 participants, the class will last 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office. This is NOT a certification course. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Insley.

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**October 3rd
National Night Out
(Texas Night Out)**

Abiding Word Lutheran Church will be hosting an event for the local neighborhoods. All members and our neighbors are invited for fellowship, fun, education about the community, etc. Members are encouraged to participate and welcome our neighbors to our property. More details coming soon. Contact Berrie Etzel and Wayne Winkelmann for more information.

Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Responsive Reading: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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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, August 6

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Becky Bosse

Reader: Sandra Aschenbeck

Greeters: Preston & Melody Perry

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Becky Bosse

Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith

Ushers: Lottie Tegeler & Berrie Etzel

Little Lambs: Charlotte Smith

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson, Melody Perry

Our Servants Next Sunday, August 13

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Dottie Schaer

Greeters: Gary Hind & Mary Ann Schulte

Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm

Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer

Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson, Melody Perry

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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\*

Barbara Lighter

Wade Mills

Laurie Muske

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Don Schlaudraff

Stanley Schneider

Susie Seidel & family

The family of Glyn Spies

Patsy Wegner

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

Linda Grawunder

Family & friends of Carol Crosby

Family of Cole Dismikes

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Lucreacia

Kim Sauer

Don Walsh

Thomas Weatherly

Rita Werner

For rain and those affected by the drought

Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX

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.

## 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

*Men's Breakfast, 1st Saturdays, August 5 at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe

*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2nd Wednesdays, August 9th at 6:30 pm at the Church

*Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesday, September 5, 10:00 a.m.

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 5 th Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am Favorite Hymn Sing-along 9:45 am Worship 10:00 am	31	August 1 Journey Together Ladies Lunch & Devotional 11:00 am home of Susan Davies Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	2	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am
6 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Ron Warschak Rev. Cody & Mia Mills	7	8 Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	9 Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm	10	11 Carter Reimer	12 Maggie Rankin
13 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am "Abiding Hims" Mallory Skalka	14 Scott & Kim Bosse Rev. Cody out through 21st	15 Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm Cheryl Beckermann	16	17 NALC Women's Lunch 11:30 at On Deck Douglas Heckmann	18	19
20 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bill & Lois Rankin	21	22 Douglas & Marilyn Heckmann	23	24 Tom Campbell Wayne Lessmann Ronnie & Pat Lueckemeyer	25 Don & Arline Schlaudraff	26 Via de Cristo Team Building
27 Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Reagan Wegner	28	29	30 Ralph & Sandra Becker	31	September 1 Wade & Susie Seidel	2 Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday 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>

Happy Birthday

Ron Warschak, August 6

Happy Anniversary

Rev. Cody & Mia Mills, August 6

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.