



Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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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

Trail Life Troop TX-777 Update

Rev. Cody Mills

Greetings to the congregation of Abiding Word Lutheran on behalf of Troop TX-777. March 7th, 2024, we will have the first troop meeting at Abiding Word Lutheran Church. We invite you to pray for these young men and the leadership charged with mentoring them.

We currently have eleven young men registered for the program. We still know that we have the potential to have close to fifty in number. For now, I think the smaller amount is a great start for us to learn and grow. Even with eleven young men, we are 1/5 of the way to potential. Others are waiting to see how Trail Life develops.

Our troop has a strong foundation with capable leaders on the core ministry team. However, we need more individuals to take a role as leaders and guides within the troop. Even though we do not have leaders and guides right now, we can certainly use men in the church to be additional eyes and ears when we meet. Women can also be teachers for ages 5-10 years old. All the lessons are a 'boxed set' and relatively easy.

I will certainly keep you apprised with information as we move forward in our new adventure.

If you visit the Abiding Word Lutheran Church website, you will find a link on a banner promoting Trail Life USA. This takes you to Troop TX-777 information and events. You can also click on <https://www.abidingword.org/traillife-brenham> for more information on structure, core ministry board, and leadership. Hopefully, it will answer any questions you may have.

These are some pictures from our Open House last week.



Discipleship and Outreach Committee

Rev. Cody Mills

The Discipleship and Outreach Committee met on the 13th of February. We need more individuals to be part of this committee and we are seeking a chair for the committee. Michael Kelling is filling in as the Vice-chair at this point. However, we need an individual to step up to the plate to be the main chair of the committee. At the meeting, we had four individuals including myself.

Right at this moment, I let the committee know we are going to suspend any new outreach ideas and opportunities. This is for two reasons.

First, it gives us time to evaluate our current outreach, education, and missions. This will allow us to get the entire congregation pulling in one direction to be efficient in what we have implemented. It will also allow us to look at some of the different aspects of our current work and see where we can use our current skillsets and current missional work to support another. For instance, the Make It/Take It can be used to help young families in the Brenham Pregnancy Center. We can support the Brenham Pregnancy Center families by utilizing a mission already in use. We will find these crosssections, and do it efficiently and well.

Second, we can function in a manner that will be less stressful and lower burnout.

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### **Mortgage Burning Celebration Luncheon Sunday, Feb. 18th**

We will celebrate the mortgage burning with a catered lunch from Lone Star Grill this coming Sunday, February 18th. The lunch will be a grilled chicken breast with rice, mashed potatoes, green beans and salad. Anyone wishing to bring a dessert is welcome. Please join us for this exciting time for our church even if you forgot to RSVP!

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Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study Tuesday, February 20th 10:00 a.m. at the Church



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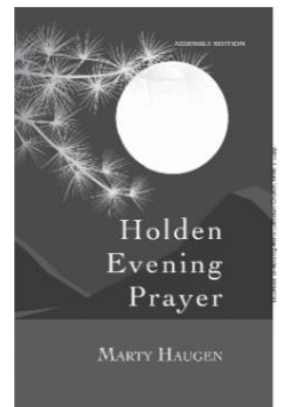
### **THE SEASON OF LENT February 21 & 28 March 6, 13, 20**

We will begin with a **LENTEN MEAL** of soup and sandwiches **at 5:15 pm.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who would like to contribute.

Our **LENTEN SERVICES** will begin at **6:00 pm, following the meal.**

This year for our Lenten Services we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service.

**\*Please note we will need A/V Sound, Readers, and Greeters from the previous Sunday to serve the following Wednesday Lent services.**





The choir will be singing on Easter. There will be practice next Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> after the Lenten service.

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Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter Lilies, they are \$13 each. There is a sign-up

sheet and envelope in the foyer. Deadline is March 10th.

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## Spring Art Show at the Downtown Brenham Art Gallery



**Saturday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1 pm – 4 pm**

Local Artists' will have art on display including 2 of our own Brenham youth! Please come show your support!

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PHONE DIRECTORY APP!!

If you haven't filled out your Consent Form and want to use the Phone Directory App, it's not too late. Fill out a form, return it to the church office, and we will send you instructions to access the app. If you have questions, please contact Jan Kelm, 979-251-4066, jankelm61@gmail.com.

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## Committee Chairs

The admin is updating the list of Committee Representatives and officers for 2024. As you appoint officers for the year, please let the Church Office know. Thanks for your help.

## Upcoming Dates and Times for Holy Week Services

March 28, 6:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service  
March 29, 6:00 pm – Good Friday Service  
March 31, 7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service  
March 31, 10:00 am – Easter Service

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Congregational Reports are still available. Pick up your copy from the Welcome Table or request one from the Church Office.

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## Volunteers Needed for The Outreach Committee

Please contact Marilyn Watts if you are interested in being part of this vital ministry!

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Please note: The admin will be working a shorter, morning schedule this coming week. Please plan accordingly.

Monday – Off

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7 am – 12 pm

Friday – 6:45 am – 10:45 am

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## Ladies!



### SAVE THE DATE

**April 20, 2024**

*"Be the fruit"*

Event: Women's South TX District Gathering  
Where: Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1900 Hwy 72 East, P.O. Box 130  
Three Rivers, TX 78071  
Contact: [Oursaviorluth@gmail.com](mailto:Oursaviorluth@gmail.com) ph: 361-786-3327  
Diane Roeske at [dbroeske@outlook.com](mailto:dbroeske@outlook.com)  
ph: 361-449-7998

This event is open to all WNALC women. For more information contact Pat Dittrich, WNALC Representative SE TX Mission District. [Pdittrich.wnalc@gmail.com](mailto:Pdittrich.wnalc@gmail.com), cell: 713-254-0044

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### First Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-11

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading: James 1:12-18

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

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Our Servants This Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Becky Bosse

*Reader: **Charlotte Smith**

*Greeters: **Susie Houston & Linda Horak**

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Becky Bosse

*Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & **Roy Kelm**

Ushers: Sheila Demery & Larry Stark

Little Lambs: Charlotte Smith

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Donna & Michael Kelling

ERT: Tom Insley

Our Servants the Following Sunday, Feb 25

Second Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Gary Crocker

*Reader: **Dottie Schaer**

*Greeters: **Jean King & Karen Johnson**

Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Gary Crocker

*Audio/Video: Lois & **Bill Rankin**

Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer

Little Lambs: Wade Mills

Sunday School: Cathy Johnson

Altar Guild: Lois & Bill Rankin

ERT: Berrie Etzel

** **Readers, Greeters, and A/V Sound** needed for the following Wednesday Lent Service. (This is a change from the Servant Schedule)*

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**Servants: If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let the Church Office know. Thank you.**

## Thank You

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

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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.

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## Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family\*

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Herman Aschenbeck      | Mike Johnson        |
| Barbara Lighter        | Wade Mills          |
| Ronnie Lueckemeyer     | John Porter         |
| Doris Penkert & Family | Ray & Ethel Sanders |
| Stanley Schneider      | Judy Weatherly      |
| Patsy Wegner           |                     |

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Amy O'Malley Brink                            | Jane Barker  |
| Alisa Breese                                  | John Jensen  |
| Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling             |              |
| Family of Jase Lackey                         | Lucreacia    |
| Lila Miller                                   | Manuel Perez |
| Joetta Raylotts                               | Kim Sauer    |
| Donna Stump                                   | Rita Werner  |
| 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.



## February 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                         | Tue                                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                              | Thu                                                                  | Fri                        | Sat                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>11</b> Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>"Souper Bowl" Lunch       | <b>12</b>                                                   | <b>13</b><br>Raising Arrows<br>Homeschool<br>Gathering 10:00 am<br><br>Outreach<br>Committee 5:30 pm     | <b>14</b><br>Ash Wednesday<br>Service 6:00 pm<br>Valgene Horak<br>Jon & Gayle Hill               | <b>15</b><br>NALC Ladies'<br>Bible Study 1:30<br>pm<br>Sheila Demery | <b>16</b>                  | <b>17</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>18</b> Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Mortgage Burning<br>Lunch | <b>19</b><br>Dorothy Gibson<br><br>Dwayne &<br>Laurie Muske | <b>20</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br><br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm | <b>21</b><br>Lenten Meal<br>5:15 pm<br><br>Lenten Service<br>6:00 pm<br>Roger & LilaJan<br>Hibbs | <b>22</b><br>Wade Seidel                                             | <b>23</b>                  | <b>24</b><br><br>Roy & Jan Kelm                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>25</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                           | <b>26</b>                                                   | <b>27</b>                                                                                                | <b>28</b><br>Lenten Meal<br>5:15 pm<br><br>Lenten Service<br>6:00 pm                             | <b>29</b>                                                            | <b>March 1</b>             | <b>2</b><br>Men's Breakfast @<br>Smitty's 8:30 am                                                                                                                      |
| <b>3</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                            | <b>4</b>                                                    | <b>5</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br><br>Worship Committee<br>5:30 pm       | <b>6</b><br>Lenten Meal<br>5:15 pm<br><br>Lenten Service<br>6:00 pm<br>Roy Kelm                  | <b>7</b><br>Trail Life 6:30<br>pm<br>LilaJan Hibbs                   | <b>8</b><br>Alicia Willard | <b>9</b><br><br><div>           Red = Adult's Birthday<br/>           Blue = Child's Birthday<br/>           Green = Wedding<br/>           Anniversary         </div> |

### 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

**Sheila Demery, February 15**  
**Dorothy Gibson, February 19**  
**Wade Seidel, February 22**

### Happy Anniversary

*Dwayne & Laurie Muske, February 19*  
*Roger & LilaJan Hibbs, February 21*

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.

The admin does her best to be 100% accurate with the newsletter. But there has only been one perfect person – Jesus Christ. The admin is human and busy running the Church Office and supporting the pastor and the congregation, thus prone to mistakes as any other human. Grace is appreciated. If you do see dates, times, or details that need to be changed, please kindly let her know.