



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

Outreach and Discipleship Committee Update

Rev. Cody Mills

Outreach met on the 12th of March, 2024. The committee needs a few individuals to help focus our ministry. The committee is also in need of a chair responsible for running the meeting and coming up with an agenda.

We are not going to pursue any more outreach programs that include extra planning and volunteers. I have no doubt if a ministry forms on its own, it will be naturally formed by the comradery and servanthood of Abiding Word Lutheran Church members.

Instead, the committee will focus on outreach programs we currently have so we can do these well and with efficiency. This means the chair position will not need be a heavy load.

Some of the areas we are going to focus on:

BPC: The committee decided we will ask people to sign up to be mentors to individuals that utilize the Brenham Pregnancy Center. Individuals/families/couples who are interested in forming a relationship with a family from the Brenham Pregnancy Center will need to complete a general application found in the Pastor's office. You will need to complete a simple background check through the Simple Church Program that we use for VBS and Sunday School volunteers. This is a free service. This is to protect the individual/family/couple and the person they are assisting from the BPC. In this mentorship/relationship program you can take the family out as often as you would want to, meet up in a park, invite them to a dinner, or however you see fit. This is not meant for a financial burden or otherwise. Presence and prayer go a long way. If you are interested, please let Pastor Cody know.

We will also implement a system where the family can do some of the work here at church as a volunteer. Cleaning the kitchen, sweeping, sharpening pencils, etc. They can bring a slip back to BPC that they did some of the volunteer work in exchange for Pregnancy Bucks which they use to purchase items in their store.

Trail Life USA TX-777: How to support Trail Life in its infancy and continuing mission. Whether support is through monetary means, volunteering, and other help, we need ongoing prayer and support for this mission. We currently purchased books for the families totaling \$264.99.

VBS: Our VBS hasn't had any issues filling up the last two years. We know that we can reach around 30 kids in attendance. This is amazing. We also know that we do not want to turn people away, so we will continue to figure out how we can handle more children. They certainly have a blast. We will be starting advertisement soon! Families can sign up at the Abiding Word Lutheran Church website now.

Faith Mission and Adult Teen Challenge: We are going to stop our contributions to Faith Mission. They get continual support from other churches in the area and do really well. Adult Teen Challenge is not supported by

other groups nearly as much. Therefore, food that is dropped off at the church will all go to Adult Teen Challenge.

Raising Arrows Homeschooling Co-op: This group is continuing strong as they meet here at Abiding Word Lutheran Church every month. We are allowing a certain amount of money to be budgeted for supplies for this group of homeschoolers and provide a place to meet. It has allowed for some great ministry work to be done also.

Make it/Take it: This outreach will be used for individuals that need food. These items can be used anytime for shut-ins, people who are burdened with medical and hospital visits, etc. We can also utilize this outreach to help families from the Brenham Pregnancy Center that may need a quick meal.

Basket Brigade: We need to focus on the completing this outreach once per year. It is such a great service for the community and congregation. We had several individuals calling the church office to say “thank you” for making their holiday more meaningful.

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We hope you were blessed by the Lenten services and the Holden Evening Prayer Service these past weeks as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week. Thank you to all who participated and brought food to share.

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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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### **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. There are also a few hardcopies on the Welcome Table.

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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. We were able to bless the Brenham Pregnancy Center this week with some of these soups.

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### **Items Collected for Adult and Teen Challenge**

- \* All paper products (plates, utensils, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- \* All cleaning supplies (disinfectants, laundry & dishwashing)
- \* Body wash, shaving supplies for the men

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Newsletter Schedule Change

Beginning in April, the newsletter will be published twice a month on the 2nd and 4th 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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### **SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS**

**June 3-6, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

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

# Holy Week, Easter Services



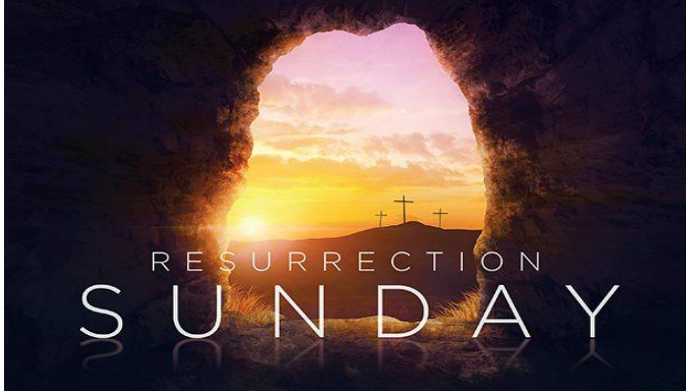
Palm Sunday Service  
March 24, 10:00 am



Maundy Thursday Service  
March 28, 6:00 pm



Good Friday Service  
March 29, 6:00 pm



**March 31 - Two Services**

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

 **10:00 am Easter Communion  
Service**

Please Note: No Adult or Children's Sunday  
School on Easter Sunday



**Continental  
Breakfast  
&  
Easter Egg  
Hunt between  
services**

**Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:**

**Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)**

Processional Reading: John 12:12-19  
First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:19-29  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11  
Gospel Reading: Mark 15:1-20



**Our Servants This Sunday, March 24**

**Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Becky Bosse  
Reader: Dottie Schaar  
Greeters: Tom & Peggy Campbell  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Becky Bosse  
Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm  
Ushers: John & Dottie Schaar  
Little Lambs: Michael Kelling  
Sunday School: Cathy Johnson  
Altar Guild: Melody & Preston Perry  
ERT: Scott Bosse

**Our Servants Maundy Thursday, March 28**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Susie Seidel  
Greeters: Ralph & Sandra Becker  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Seidel  
Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm  
Ushers: Lottie Tegeler & Tom Insley  
Altar Guild: Darlene & Berrie Etzel  
ERT:

**Our Servants Good Friday, March 29**

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Roger Hibbs  
Greeters: Cathy Johnson & Karen Johnson  
Audio/Video: Charlotte Smith & Gary Crocker  
Altar Guild: Mike & Patti Swenson  
ERT:



*Thank You*

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

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

**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



**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\***

John Jensen Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling  
Family of Jase Lackey Lucreacia  
Kim Sauer Donna Stump  
Lincoln Tiemann Faye Williams  
Friends and family of 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.

## March/April 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                              | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                           | Wed                                                                                                          | Thu                                                                                                                                                      | Fri                                                                                                                                                                      | Sat                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>17</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible<br>Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>John & Marilyn Watts                                                                               | <b>18</b>                        | <b>19</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br><br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm<br> | <b>20</b><br>Lenten Meal<br>5:15 pm<br>Lenten Service<br>6:00 pm<br>Choir Practice<br>7:00 pm<br>Roger Hibbs | <b>21</b><br>NALC Ladies'<br>Bible Study 1:30<br>pm<br><br>Betty Dove                                                                                    | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>23</b><br><br>Victoria Perry                                                                                     |
| <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><b>GOOD</b><br><b>FRIDAY</b><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><br>Worship Committee<br>5:30 pm                                                                                            | <b>3</b><br><br>Berrie & Darlene<br>Etzel                                                                    | <b>4</b><br>Trail Life 6:30<br>pm<br><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><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>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>13</b><br><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><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><br>Gene King                                                                                     | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>20</b><br>Lois Rankin<br><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

Victoria Perry, March 23  
 Abigail Towns, March 24

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.