

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter Friday, October 6, 2023

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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

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped make National Night Out a success!



A good time was had by all!
We couldn't have pulled this off without your support!





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ITS BASKET BRIGADE TIME AGAIN!!

Be ready to pick up a basket, or even more than one, this Sunday! We'll have our BB Flyer there so that you'll have all the information that you need for items to buy and for deadlines for returning

baskets! We'll also have envelopes there if you'd prefer to simply donate funds! You can also contact the church office if you need the information. This will be our 7th year to work with the Senior Center to help our Senior Citizens and show them how much we care! And what an honor and blessing it has been for all of us at AWLC!

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### Time and Talents



Pick up your 2024 form from the Welcome Table, fill it out, and return it to the folder or to the Admin's desk by Oct. 22nd! Or you can scan your completed form and email it to the admin. For those of you new to Time and Talents this is an opportunity to indicate where you would like to be involved in service at the church. This information is shared with Committee Chairs. **Please fill out a form even if you have done so in the past!**



### Altar Guild Meeting This Sunday, October 8th, directly after Church

If you are part of the Altar Guild or interested in being part of the Altar Guild (women or men), please stay after church on Sunday, October 8 for a short meeting. With our change to having communion every Sunday, we need more people to serve on the Altar Guild. Melody Perry will be working on a schedule, so please come prepared to sign up for Sundays to serve. And for those of you who also serve in other areas on Sundays, please be thinking about whether you would like to be scheduled the same Sundays or different Sundays. Contact Melody Perry for more information.

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First Communion Class continues, Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 am at the Church. It's a great refresher for adults as well. Let Rev. Mills know if you are interested.



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**2024 Budgets Due - Committee Chairs, please get your 2024 committee budgets to Gary Crocker, Treasurer in October. Thank you!**



Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Gary and Angela Crocker!

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Sunday, October 29th

Congregational Meeting with election of Council Members and 2024 Nominating Committee Members

Potluck Lunch will follow the meeting

Nominees for Church Council:

- Ken French (3-year term, 2024-2026)
- Roger Hibbs (3-year term, 2024-2026)
- Marilyn Watts (3-year term, 2024-2026)

Nominees for the 2024 Nominating Committee:

- Donna Kelling
- Ronnie Lueckemeyer
- Pat Lueckemeyer
- Lloyd Quebe
- Patti Swenson
- John Watts
- Wayne Winkelmann



Saturday, October 7th at Smitty's at 8:30 am

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**Ladies' Evening Bible Study**

Meets Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm at the Church

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We still have open slots for flowers through the end of the year. There is a sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

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- ❖ Sat. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – First Communion Class (Saturdays through Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>)
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> after church - Altar Guild Mtg
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm – VdC Ultreya Mtg
- ❖ Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
- ❖ Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 9-noon Children's Business Fair, event taking place in our community
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch
- ❖ Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Choir Singing in Church Service
- ❖ December – Downtown Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade, details to come
- ❖ Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Choir Singing in Church Service
- ❖ Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – NALC Ladies' Luncheon, 11:00 am at the Cannery; \$15 tickets available in Nov.

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:7-19

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

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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, October 8

### Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Susie Seidel  
Reader: Sandra Aschenbeck  
Greeters: Preston & Melody Perry  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Susie Seidel  
Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & Wade Seidel  
Ushers: Michael Kelling & Lottie Tegeler  
Little Lambs: Michael Kelling  
Sunday School: Cathy Johnson  
Altar Guild: Karen Johnson & Darlene Etzel

## Our Servants Following Sunday, Oct. 15

### Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills  
Musician: Debbie Heidemann  
Lay Minister: Becky Bosse  
Reader: Dottie Schaer  
Greeters: Gary Hind & Mary Ann Schulte  
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Becky Bosse  
Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm  
Ushers: Robert Mikeska & Berrie Etzel  
Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer  
Sunday School: Cathy Johnson  
Altar Guild: Karen Johnson & Patti Swenson

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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.

Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family*

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| Barbara Lighter | Wade Mills |
| The Family of Allen Mueller | Dennis & Doris Penkert |
| John Porter | Ray & Ethel Sanders |
| The family of Don Schlaudraff | Stanley Schneider |
| Mary Swenson | Patsy Wegner |

Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family*

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| Gary Grantham | Dawson Lee Jasinski & family |
| The Family of Pastor Mark Groves | |
| Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling | |
| Lucreacia | Steve Rogers |
| Kim Sauer | Donna Stump |
| Rita Werner | |
| Christ Lutheran Church of Brenham | |
| Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX | |
| For rain and those affected by the drought | |
| Those affected by the wildfires | |
| 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.

Updated 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 2-6 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

\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Church  
\*Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, October 17, 10:00 a.m. at the Church  
\*Men's Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, November 4 at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe

## October 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mon                                            | Tue                                                                                                                  | Wed                                                               | Thu                                        | Fri                                                                                                         | Sat                                                                                  |
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| <b>1</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>Worship Committee Meeting after service</b><br>Malachi Mills<br>Billy & Sandy Starnes | <b>2</b><br>Property Committee Meeting 6:00 pm | <b>3</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am<br><br><b>National Night Out Community Event 6:00 pm</b> | <b>4</b>                                                          | <b>5</b><br>Preston Perry                  | <b>6</b>                                                                                                    | <b>7</b><br>Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am<br><br>First Communion Class 9:00 am |
| <b>8</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>Altar Guild Meeting</b><br>Tom & Peggy Campbell<br>Gary & Angela Crocker              | <b>9</b><br>Angela Crocker                     | <b>10</b><br>Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm                                                                      | <b>11</b><br>Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm<br><br>Tom Insley | <b>12</b>                                  | <b>13</b>                                                                                                   | <b>14</b><br>First Communion Class 9:00 am                                           |
| <b>15</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>VdC Ultreya 3-5:30pm</b><br>Malancthon Mills<br>Susan Davies                         | <b>16</b>                                      | <b>17</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am<br><br>Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm                   | <b>18</b><br>Choir Practice 6:00 pm<br><br>Bob Rankin             | <b>19</b>                                  | <b>20</b>                                                                                                   | <b>21</b><br>First Communion Class 9:00 am<br><br>Bob & Charlotte Smith              |
| <b>22</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                         | <b>23</b>                                      | <b>24</b>                                                                                                            | <b>25</b><br>Choir Practice 6:00 pm                               | <b>26</b>                                  | <b>27</b>                                                                                                   | <b>28</b><br>Wade Mills                                                              |
| <b>29</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                                                         | <b>30</b>                                      | <b>31</b>                                                                                                            | <b>November 1</b><br>Choir Practice 6:00 pm                       | <b>2</b><br>Pat Lueckemeyer<br>John Schaar | <b>3</b><br>Becky Bosse<br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding Anniversary | <b>4</b><br>Men's Breakfast Smitty's 8:30 am<br><br>Herman Aschenbeck<br>Quinn Bosse |

### 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

**Angela Crocker, October 9**  
**Tom Insley, October 11**

## Happy Anniversary

*Tom & Peggy Campbell, October 8*  
*Gary & Angela Crocker, October 8*