

# Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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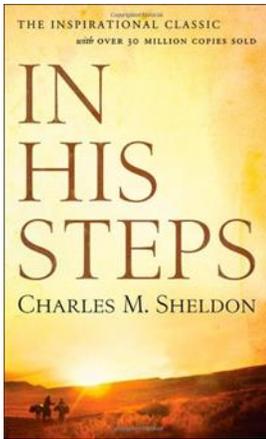
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.



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

## Book of the Month

*Rev. Cody Mills*



The book is enjoyable as it takes you into a fictional storyline where a church and pastor are faced with decisions about loving their neighbor. We should always ask ourselves how we can better serve our neighbors. At the same time, we should be careful to not think that serving is a task to gain reverence. As Martin Luther said nicely, "God does not need our works, but our neighbor does." With this in mind, something must be said about the What Would Jesus Do movement.

But remember the other part of What Would Jesus Do. He would give forgiveness of sins when you come to church and present to you the gifts of salvation. His Word is enough. He gives you his love so that you may love others. In some ways, this book can guilt you into thinking you aren't doing enough. This may be true in more than one way, but we cannot do it all.

The book can be found in the Abiding Word Lutheran Church Library.

### Back Cover:

When Rev. Henry Maxwell asked the members of his small church to pledge not to do anything, whether significant or mundane, without first asking themselves the question "What would Jesus do?" he had no idea what the next year would bring. Neither did those who agreed to this seemingly easy task. One by one, their lives would change. But what they never anticipated was how their entire town would be affected.

Now the novel that has changed millions of lives can change yours as well. Discover this classic story for yourself and find out why the words penned more than a century ago are more powerful than ever.

Charles M. Sheldon was a pastor in 1896 when he chose to preach one Sunday night on the question "What would Jesus do?" A sermon became a series, that became an article, that became a book, that became a movement. And the book has sold over 30 million copies.

# Save the Date for Vacation Bible School



**VBS 2023: You are God's Masterpiece**  
**June 27-29<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Rally Night:**  
Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm  
(picnic meal & activities)

**VBS: Tuesday - Thursday,**  
June 27-29, 5:30 - 8:00 pm  
(meal included)

Sign up on the Church's webpage: <https://www.abidingword.org/2023-vbs>  
Or Contact Geraldine Johnson at 979-203-3131. Pick up a flyer on the Welcome Table.

## Luncheon With In-Service for VBS Volunteers

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**After service until 2pm**

\*Please reach out to Mia, 218-282-0770  
with questions, comments, or concerns.

## Prayer Guide for VBS

If you would like to join the church in  
praying for VBS, please pick up a copy  
of "**14 Days of Prayer for VBS**" on  
the Welcome Table.

## VBS Prayer for the Week

(Adapted from Deeper Kidmin)

**Week 1:** 1 Corinthians 12:27. Today I pray  
for all of our volunteers and future  
students. Prepare their hearts and minds to  
serve the children that you bring to our  
door. I ask that you fill any remaining needs  
of the community. Prepare the children who  
are about to attend and those who have yet  
to register, may you lead them to a place  
where you are glorified. In the name of the  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Vacation Bible Schools at Local NALC Churches

As we prepare for our Vacation Bible School  
on June 27-29, we are hopeful that  
members will reach out to family, friends  
and neighborhoods to invite them to  
participate with us.

We recognize that our dates may not work  
for each family, and the child's Christian  
education is our primary concern. Therefore,  
we are sharing other church VBS dates as  
they are also sharing ours. Perhaps a child  
may want to attend two VBS sessions!

**Welcome** - June 12-15, 5:30-8:00 pm

**Salem** - June 19-23, 5:30-8:00 pm

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

**Now Taking**  
**Hymn Requests**  
**For July Services**



**Now through June 25 Write your favorite  
hymns on the back of your Welcome Card or  
contact the Church Office!**



**First Choir Practice  
Wednesday, June 7,  
6:00 pm**

The Church Choir will be singing on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome to join the choir. Just show up!



**Flowers for the Altar**

There are a number of openings in June and July to provide flowers. The sign-up list is on the bulletin board or call the church office.



**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/AbidingWordBr enham/>
- ❖ Online Giving is available through the Church Website.  
<https://www.abidingword.org/tithe>



The admin will be out of the office Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9. Responses may be delayed. Please have articles for the newsletter by Tuesday, June 7. Thanks.



**May Attendance**

May 7	58
May 14	66
May 21	61
May 28	60



**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 a.m.  
at Smitty's**



**Ladies Luncheon  
and Devotional  
Tuesday,  
June 6, 11:00 am**

At the home of Lois Rankin



**Servant Schedule**

The Servant schedule for the rest of the year is almost done. Please look for the email early next week.



**Community Event**

**Twenty-fifth Annual Gospel Jubilee  
and Sing-a-Long**

**Monday, June 19 at 7:00 pm**

At the family Life Center, St. John's United Church of Christ.

The Circle # 1 of St. John's United Church of Christ, Burton, TX invites you to the Gospel Jubilee and sing-a-long where you can enjoy the complimentary Ice Cream Social.

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Holy Trinity Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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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, June 4

### Holy Trinity Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Mia Mills

Reader: Susie Seidel

Greeters: Sandra Becker & Marilyn Watts

Communion: Rev. Mills & Mia Mills

Audio/Video: Benita Schramme & Wade Seidel

Ushers: Sheila Demery & Berrie Etzel

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson, Melody Perry

## Our Servants Next Sunday, June 11

### Second Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Dottie Schaer

Greeters: Darlene & Berrie Etzel

Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith

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\*

Tom Campbell

Cathy Johnson

Barbara Lighter

Ralph Martin & family

Marita Mikeska

Wade Mills

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Don Schlaudraff

Stanley Schneider

Patsy Wegner

## Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family\*

Carol Crosby

Sonya Graham

Mollie Grote

Will Hibbs

Starlyn Jasinski

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Kim Sauer

Glyn Spies

Eloise Wehring

Rita Werner

The family of Taylor Wick

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 (new hours)

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, June 3 at 8:30 am at Smitty's

\*Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, June 6, 11:00 am lunch at home of Lois Rankin

\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, June 14 at 6:30 pm at the Church

## June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	<b>29</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	<b>30</b> Gene & Dorothy Stanford Admin out of office	<b>31</b> Linda Horak	<b>June 1</b> <b>2</b> Jan Kelm	<b>3</b> Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am	
<b>4</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	<b>5</b> John & Doris Porter Bob & Maggie Rankin	<b>6</b> Journey Together Ladies Lunch & Devotional at Lois Rankin's home 11:00 am Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	<b>7</b> Choir Practice 6:00 pm Pat Quebe	<b>8</b> Cathy Johnson Admin out of office	<b>9</b> Admin out of office	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Outreach Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	<b>14</b> Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm Danny Johnson	<b>15</b> NALC Ladies Bible Study 1:30 pm Donna Kelling	<b>16</b> Paul Koska	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am VBS Workers In- Service after service- 2:00 pm Stanley Schneider	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm	<b>21</b>  <b>VBS Family Rally                      Night 5:30 pm</b> John & Susan Davies	<b>22</b> Larry & Marjorie Stark Tom & Kathleen Insley	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am <b>Last Sunday to                      turn in Hymn                      Requests</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>VBS 5:30-8:00 pm</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>VBS 5:30-8:00                      pm</b> Elsie Mills	<b>29</b>  <b>VBS 5:30-8:00                      pm</b>	<b>30</b> Robert & Marita Mikeska	<b>July 1</b> Men's Breakfast at Smitty's 8:30 am Red = Adult's Birthday Blue = Child's Birthday Green = Wedding Anniversary

### Happy Anniversary

*John & Doris Porter, June 5*  
*Bob & Maggie Rankin, June 5*

### Happy Birthday

**Jan Kelm, June 2**  
**Pat Quebe, June 7**  
**Cathy Johnson, June 8**