



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



Mortgage Burning Celebration Thank you all for sharing in this wonderful milestone in our Church. God is so Good!



THE SEASON OF LENT

February 28

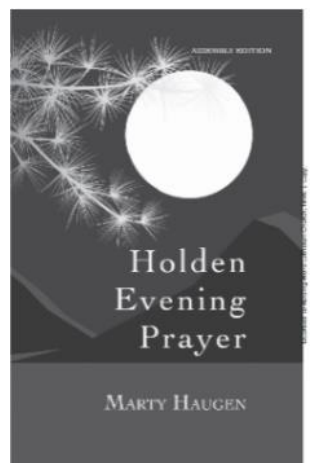
March 6, 13, 20



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/Tech and Greeters from the previous Sunday to serve the following Wednesday Lenten services.**



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.

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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## Update on Thomas Michael Kelling

Thomas Michael Kelling will turn one year old on March 1!!!

Thank all of you SO MUCH for your prayers and support as we journey through this miracle!



As a celebration of his first year of life, two successful open-heart surgeries, and a mountain of answered prayers, we would like to invite you to join us on March 10 to share breakfast with Thomas Michael and his family. Matthew, Aislinn, and Felicity will be with us starting at 9:00 am that Sunday morning at the church, and we ask that all of you join us to meet and share some time with God’s gift to us.

YOUR presence is the only gift needed!

Michael and Donna

## MAKE IT / TAKE IT RETURNS Wednesday, March 6th at 10:00 am

This time we are requesting you make a vegetable soup with frozen mixed vegetables. Drop off your soups on



Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Lottie will have a recipe on Sunday if you need a guide.

We will package the soups that same day at 10:00 am. If you are able, please help us package the soups.

The packaged soups will be stored in the freezer and available for anyone to take to someone in need. Please contact Kathleen Insley or Lottie Tegeler if you have any questions.

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Support our Student at her Local Gymnastics Competition

Saturday Feb. 24th, 2024

Velocity Gymnasium in Brenham

Yours truly Elsie will be performing at 1:30 pm.

Cash admission of \$10.00/person

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## Thank you from the Brenham Pregnancy Center

“We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support of Brenham Pregnancy Center. Your contribution helps us continue providing essential services to those navigating pregnancy and parenthood.

Your compassion makes a meaningful impact on the live of individuals and families in our community. We are truly grateful for your commitment to our mission.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey,

The Brenham Pregnancy Center Team.

**Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:23-31  
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11  
Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

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Our Servants This Sunday, February 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

Our Servants the Following Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills
Musician: Debbie Heidemann
Lay Minister: Roger Hibbs
*Reader: Jon Hill
*Greeters: **Preston & Melody Perry**
Communion: Rev. Cody Mills & Roger Hibbs
*Audio/Video: Jan & **Roy Kelm**
Ushers: Michael Kelling & Lottie Tegeler
Little Lambs: Michael Kelling
Sunday School: Cathy Johnson
Altar Guild: Mike & Patti Swenson & Jan Koska
ERT: Michael Kelling

*** Greeters and A/V Sound/Tech (no PowerPoint) are needed for the following Wednesday Lenten 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 | Penkert Family      |
| John Porter        | 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 Raylots                                | 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/March 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                     | Mon                                                      | Tue                                                                                             | Wed                                                                                                                                         | Thu                                                             | Fri                                                       | Sat                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>18</b> Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br><b>Mortgage Burning Lunch</b>                    | <b>19</b><br>Dorothy Gibson<br><br>Dwayne & Laurie Muske | <b>20</b><br>Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am<br><br>Church Council Meeting 5:45 pm | <b>21</b><br>Lenten Meal 5:15 pm<br><br>Lenten Service 6:00 pm<br><br>Roger & LilaJan Hibbs                                                 | <b>22</b><br>Wade Seidel                                        | <b>23</b>                                                 | <b>24</b><br>Roy & Jan Kelm                                                                                         |
| <b>25</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                  | <b>26</b>                                                | <b>27</b>                                                                                       | <b>28</b><br>Lenten Meal 5:15 pm<br><br>Lenten Service 6:00 pm<br><br>Choir Practice 7:00 pm                                                | <b>29</b>                                                       | <b>March 1</b>                                            | <b>2</b><br>Men's Breakfast @ Smitty's 8:30 am                                                                      |
| <b>3</b><br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                                   | <b>4</b>                                                 | <b>5</b><br>Journey Together Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am<br><br>Worship Committee 5:30 pm       | <b>6</b><br>Make It/Take It 10:00 am<br><br>Lenten Meal 5:15 pm<br><br>Lenten Service 6:00 pm<br><br>Choir Practice 7:00 pm<br><br>Roy Kelm | <b>7</b><br>Trail Life 6:30 pm<br><br>LilaJan Hibbs             | <b>8</b><br>Alicia Willard                                | <b>9</b>                                                                                                            |
| <b>10</b><br>Celebration Breakfast with Thomas Kelling 9am<br>Coffee & Connection 9:00 am<br>Adult & Children's Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am | <b>11</b><br>Mike Johnson                                | <b>12</b><br>Raising Arrows Homeschool Gathering 10:00 am<br><br>Outreach Committee 5:30 pm     | <b>13</b><br>Lenten Meal 5:15 pm<br><br>Lenten Service 6:00 pm<br><br>Choir Practice 7:00 pm                                                | <b>14</b><br>Dwayne Muske                                       | <b>15</b><br>Gerry Hartstack<br><br>John & Dottie Schaeer | <b>16</b>                                                                                                           |
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### 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 Anniversary*  
*Roy & Jan Kelm, February 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.