



"Together in Christ's love, we joyfully serve, actively witness, and dedicate ourselves to caring, teaching, and growing through the Word."
Faith Lutheran Abilene

August 2019

Colossians 2:6-7, **"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him as established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."**



Dear Friends,

Faith and faithfulness. Those two words cannot be separated. They must always and forever remain linked together. That's what Paul puts before us in Colossians 2.

This faith comes from Christ. It is received by us through the means of grace. We now make up the church, which is the body of Christ. Baptized into Christ, we were buried and raised with Him. The forgiveness of sins is fully ours.

We don't get baptized to show our faithfulness to Christ. Christ gives Baptism to us as a gift that sinners need. Baptism supplies the power and the ability for us to live in a manner pleasing to God.

At the font you have been rooted in Christ. The miracle of Baptism has set you solidly in Christ Jesus. With water and the words—In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—you have been joined to the very death and resurrection of Jesus.

"Buried with Christ in baptism" (Col. 2:12), your sins have been forgiven as far as the east is from the west. As Christ was placed in that tomb, so also your sins have been buried. Your old sinful nature has been drowned and died. As Christ was bodily raised from the dead, so also in Baptism, you have been raised to new life in Him.

In Colossians 2, Paul describes it with the words "you have been filled with Him" (v. 10). In other words, Christ has given to you every spiritual blessing in Baptism. He has held nothing back from you.



Christ has held nothing back from you. In Baptism, you have received all the blessings of His death and resurrection. By your Baptism, you share Jesus' walk down the road to certain death. On His Cross, He crucified you with Himself, insuring that your old nature has been slain too.

Not just any man did this for you. Notice what Paul says in Colossians 2:9, "In (Christ) the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." Everything that is of God dwells in Christ. We confess this Scriptural truth in the Nicene Creed, "(Christ is) very God of very God.....being of one substance with the Father."

God sent His Son to make and to be the perfect, one-time sacrifice for you. His blood shed on the Cross has cleansed you from all sin (1 Jn 1:7).

You daily live in your Baptism where Christ has made you His own. Now, your old self will continue to deceive you. It will constantly ask "if you've done enough to be saved." But, it cannot condemn you. Christ's victorious action given to you insures your deliverance. Your sin is buried in Baptism. Raised with Christ, all the legal demands that haunt you have been perfectly satisfied.

Faith and faithfulness. Because of your Baptism, Christ dwells in you. Every step that you take is blessed by the hand of your indwelling Christ. As His child, He hears your prayers. How blessed to pray from the Lord's Prayer, "Deliver us from evil."

Is life tough? Sure it is. But you have been delivered in Christ Jesus. And in Christ, He uses you to be a blessing to others as you live out Your Baptism in your everyday walk of life. ~ *Pastor Panzer*

The 2019 LCMS Convention was held July 20-25 in Tampa, FL. KS District President Peter Lange was elected as the 1st Vice-President of the LCMS. This is a full-time position that will cause President Lange to move to St. Louis. Rev. Justin Panzer, current 1st Vice-President of the LCMS KS District, will now assume the role of KS District President.



District officials will be present at our July 28 voter's meeting to discuss with the congregation transition plans as Pastor Panzer prepares to become the KS District President and still remain the Pastor of Faith Lutheran, Abilene in part-time roles.



A second Divine Service will be held Monday, August 5th at 6:30pm. Traveling? Working? Anything else? Come to receive the gifts of Christ. We will try this on a trial basis and see how it goes! The Monday service will be a shortened service from the previous day.

Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Sunday School Rally Day – Sunday, September 8th

Our rally day “kicks off” the Sunday after Labor Day. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend as we continue to grow together in our Christian faith and life through the study of God’s Word. ****The Board of Education** is seeking teachers for our Sunday and Wednesday midweek classes, as well as members who might be willing to “substitute” teach for regular teachers who are going to be absent. If you are interested, please speak with Mindy Sanders or Shawna Riffel.



Expand your Minds & Learn of our Lord

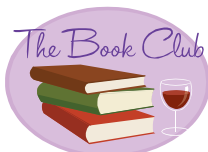
2019 Fall Midweek will begin Wednesday, September 11th and continue through Wednesday, November 13th at the church. A light meal will be served at 6pm, followed by classes for all ages: Pre-K – 5th grade; Junior Confirmation for the 6th-8th grade; and Adult Bible study at 6:30pm.

2019 Jr. Confirmation Class time and start date is to be decided.

Junior Confirmation Notes

Junior confirmation meeting with the parents and the first and second year students will be held Sunday, August 4th following the worship service.

*Class start date and time is to be determined. **Reminder:** All junior confirmands are highly encouraged/required to attend Sunday School throughout the year to receive the basic Bible stories*



Women’s Book Club is Sunday, August 25, 2018, 3pm, at the home of Karen Schoenbeck, 1903 Faith Ave. The book is **SOLD ON A MONDAY** by Kristina McMorris. All ladies are invited to participate!

Please contact Karen at (263-7779) if you are interested.



Ice Cream Social Update

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped in so many ways! Over one hundred people attended the social and \$745.00 was raised to support Faith's LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) mission work projects.

To God alone be the glory!



~Debbie Jenne, LWML President

Attention All Womers: A summer "Ladies' Night Out" will be announced soon! Make plans to join us in some much deserved fun and fellowship!

***Fellowship Breakfast** will be held at The Hitching Post on **Thursday, August 8th, 8:30am.**

A signup sheet will be placed on the parament cabinet. See you there!



August Anniversaries

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| Kellen & Angela Horsfall | 8-1-2009 | | Jeffrey & Abby Stoll | 8-8-2015 |
| Joe & Heide Rippert | 8-4-2012 | | Chuck & Lauren Eaton | 8-13-1977 |
| Pastor Justin & Shelli Panzer | 8-5-2000 | | Cliff & Donna Ascher | 8-24-1969 |
| Lance & Vickie Gill | | | 8-25-1976 | |

- 1 - Caitlin Horsfall
- 1 - Ryan Feeney
- 4 - Samuel Holland
- 5 - Ashley Depew
- 7 - Lucas Sanders
- Corinna Stout
- 10 - Jamie Rogge
- 15 - Scott Hansen
- Ralph Manning
- Pam Gable
- 16 - Darin Graves
- Caleb Minson
- 17 - Nichole Maddy
- Raymond Rahe
- 18 - Ian Graves
- Hunter Stohl
- 21 - Kirk Byarlay

Happy Birthday



- 21 - Rocky Sanders
- Jackie Staab
- 22 - Laurie Aufdemberge
- Kellen Horsfall
- 23 - Lydia Corn
- Verda Gay
- 24 - Joe Basso
- Emma Horsfall
- Jackson Westendorf
- 25 - Lana Fischer
- Ryan Hayes
- 26 - Michael Parson
- 27 - Konrad Corn
- Brandon Depew
- 28 - Lyle Westendorf
- 30 - Dylan Beisel
- Myla Tichenor
- 31 - Gunner Bohannan



Together In Mission – Faith Lutheran Church proudly supports Rev. Daniel Conrad and Rev. Ryan McDermott -missionaries to Mexico and Africa. Please keep them in your daily prayers

<http://www.faithabilene.org/mexico-and-west-africa-missionary-support.php>



July Faith Council

Faith Lutheran Council decided at the June meeting to communicate via email in July in order to finalize the agenda for the upcoming July 28th Voter's Meeting and to review the Operating Manual with plans to distribute electronic copies to voters and congregational members prior to the Voter's meeting.

Thursday evening, July 11th - The Council, Strategic Planning Committee, and Elders met together on July 11th. The meeting was held to inform the group of the discussion of the possible transition of Pastor Panzer to 1/2 time KS District President covered at the July 2nd meeting in Topeka with District officials, Faith President Mike Aufdemberge, Faith Board of Stewardship Chairman Justin Kuntz, and Pastor Panzer.

Listings of duties at Faith are being gathered and categorized. Delegation of some of those duties has begun in preparation for possible transition.



Faith to Go - a congregation of helpers

Need assistance with transportation? Volunteers are available to help you. Make the call!

Mary Frances Rippert: 785-342-0221 || Elizabeth Wischer: 785-342-4809 || Doris Johnson: 620-364-9288

Ellen Basso: 785-263-2174 || George Taplin: 785-263-0577 || Jim or Karen Schoenbeck: 785-263-7779

Faith Lutheran has a "prayer chain." To begin a prayer request call Pastor (263-1842) or Debbie Jenne (280-0985). If you would like to be added as a caller to the prayer chain, please speak with Debbie.



Faith Lutheran is on "Facebook."

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www.faithabilene.org

Faith Lutheran is on YouTube.

Search for "Faith, Abilene."



FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of August 2019

Elder: R. Sanders

Altar Guild: L. Aufdemberge, J. Cameron

Organist: K. Gilchrist (8/4, 8/11)

B. Schwab (8/18, 8/25)

Ushers: August 4th: M. Gustin & D. Minneman

August 11th: J. Rippert & C. Bielefeld

August 18th: B. Minson & L. Brake

August 25th: G. Minson & L. Westendorf

| Church Service | Acolytes | Lectors | Greeters | Bulletin Bureau |
|----------------|------------|--|-----------|-----------------|
| August 4 | L. Corn | 1 st Reader: G. Minson | Gilchrist | M. Rippert |
| | G. Panzer | 2 nd Reader: S. Riffel | | |
| August 11 | Biggs | 1 st Reader: M. Aufdemberge | Gustin | K. Gilchrist |
| | Biggs | 2 nd Reader: C. West | | |
| August 18 | E. Gustin | 1 st Reader: G. Taplin | Eaton | J. Graves |
| | I. Rippert | 2 nd Reader: B. Zwiebel | | |
| August 25 | C. West | 1 st Reader: Z. Juhl | Ostermann | J. Schenck |
| | G. Panzer | 2 nd Reader: D. Minneman | | |

NOTE: A master assignment list reflecting any changes will be posted in the upstairs living room/classroom.

Your Support is Appreciated!



Faith Lutheran Youth collect aluminum cans (please place behind the wooden fence) and ink cartridges/cell phones (please place in the church narthex). Monies raised go to help our youth group. Since September '03, the LYF group has collected 8318 lbs of cans for \$3224.68 and mailed in ink cartridges/cell phones for a total of \$1038.46.



Dillons Community Rewards (DCR #KA839)

Faith Lutheran is signed up as an eligible non-profit to receive rewards every time you shop. If you have a Shopper's Plus Card, please enroll your number in Community Rewards. In your browser type in www.dillons.com/communityrewards and sign in using your new or existing online account. Click on "Enroll now." Enter "Faith Lutheran Church – Abilene" or our organization number **KA839** and click on "enroll." Monies received benefit our "Mercy Fund."

**21 households' use resulted in \$74.90 donated to FLC the 2nd Qtr 2019.

**Please note that Faith Lutheran Church is not endorsing Dillons nor encouraging you to shop there. We are asking you to please take advantage of this reward offered.*



Faith Lutheran collects Auburn Pharmacy bottle caps for the "caps-to-cash" program. Please put the caps in the plastic bucket located in the church narthex. Each cap redeemed receives 25 cents that is placed into our church "Mercy Fund."



Faith Lutheran Women in Mission collect *Best Choice* and *Boxtops for Education* labels! The collection box is on the parament cabinet. It may seem like a small thing, but we were able to receive

\$300 in the past year from sending in these labels. That money was then used to support our various mission projects.



Boxtop for Education labels are given to Immanuel Lutheran Preschool, Junction City, for their use.



If you are a member of Thrivent, please consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran Church – Abilene, KS. All proceeds

benefit both the "Youth Group" and the "Contingency Fund."

Online:

1. Visit Thrivent Choice – www.thrivent.com
2. Click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register now" to register for full access.)
3. Look for your designated Choice Dollars on the right side of the screen.
4. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice® box on your MyThrivent page.
5. Search the catalog of organizations to find Faith Lutheran Church – Abilene, KS.
6. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to FLC – Abilene, KS.

By Phone:

1. Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice."
2. When prompted, say, "Choice Dollars."
3. Say or enter your Social Security number.
4. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.
5. A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars to FLC – Abilene, KS.



Consider using smile.amazon.com/ instead of just amazon.com. The sign-on is the same and so are all the products.

Type: "**Faith Lutheran Church, Abilene, KS**" as the charitable recipient of .05% of your purchases, and hit the search button. Faith Lutheran Church, Abilene, KS will appear for you to select. Amazon will send a check quarterly of all of our Faith-Abilene designated purchases. You only need to designate once, and every time you use the smile.amazon.com portal to make a qualified purchase, you are donating to Faith.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Read the Bible in 2 years! By reading the verses Printed at the bottom of Monday-Saturday, you will accomplish reading the Bible in 2 years.</p> <p><i>“Search the Scriptures, because they are these which testify about Me.” John 5:39</i></p> | | | | <p>1</p> <p>Board Of Directors @ Topeka</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark 15</p> | <p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark 16</p> | <p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1</p> |
| <p>4 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper ~Jr. Confirmation Meeting after worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies</p> | <p>5</p> <p>5:00pm Elders 6:30pm Worship w/Lord’s Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 2-3</p> | <p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 4-5</p> | <p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 6</p> | <p>8</p> <p>8:30am Breakfast @ Hitching Post</p> <p>6:30/7:30pm Boards/Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 7-8</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9am Meeting @ Topeka</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 9</p> | <p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 10</p> |
| <p>11 9th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies</p> | <p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 11-12</p> | <p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 13</p> | <p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 14</p> | <p>15 ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD</p> <p>Abilene/Chapman School Begins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 15-16</p> | <p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 17-18</p> | <p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 19-20</p> |
| <p>18 10th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies</p> | <p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 21-22</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Meeting @ Topeka</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 23-24</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Solomon School Begins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 1-2</p> | <p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 3</p> | <p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 4</p> | <p>24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 5-6</p> |
| <p>25 11th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies</p> <p>3:00pm Book Club @ Schoenbeck’s</p> | <p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 7-8</p> | <p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 9-10</p> | <p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 11-12</p> | <p>29 THE MARTYDOM OF ST. JOHN, THE BAPTIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 13-14</p> | <p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 15-16</p> | <p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 17</p> |

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