



"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 2020

Greetings Everyone,

We thought we would give you an update from our Congregational Call Meeting last Sunday. If you remember, we originally started with a list of 10 candidates from the District. Between the Call Committee and the Congregation we narrowed that list down to five. We then interviewed three of the candidates (Pastor Grimmer, Pastor Krusemark, and Pastor Gerike) and ended up calling Pastor Grimmer. He declined our call and took a call with his home congregation as the Senior Pastor.



The Call Committee then chose to reassess. We decided to contact two more candidates from the Call List (Pastor Packer and Pastor Uphoff), to see if they would be interested in a call and would be open to an interview.

In addition, we added another pastor to the Call List (Pastor Bramwell). To back up a little bit, District President Pastor Panzer wanted to add Pastor Bramwell to our original Call List, but a pastor has to have been in his current call for at least three years to become eligible for a call. Unfortunately, Pastor Bramwell didn't become eligible until we were too far in to the original process; so he wasn't added to our list the first time. Since he was eligible for the second round, we decided to add him to the Call List to see if he would be open to a call and an interview.

Now back to the present, we called Pastor Bramwell, Pastor Packer, and Pastor Uphoff to see if they wanted to interview. Out of that group, we interviewed Pastor Bramwell. We didn't have an interview with Pastor Packer and Pastor Uphoff declined. Pastor Uphoff had just received another call and wanted to make a decision on that one first.



In the end, we presented the top three candidates at our Congregational Call Meeting. They were Pastor Bramwell, Pastor Krusemark, and Pastor Gerike with Pastor Bramwell being our top recommendation. After our vote, the congregation elected to contact Pastor Bramwell and he agreed to consider our call. Monday morning we mailed him our packet of information and we will soon be having conversations on coming to visit, etc.

It is an exciting time and let's all pray for God's will to be done as Pastor Bramwell considers our call!

God's Blessings,

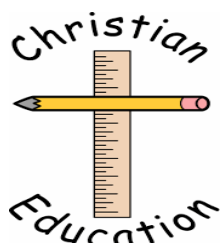
The Call Committee

## Sunday School Rally Day – Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Our rally day “kick off” is Sunday, August 16th. 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 School 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. Currently we are seeking a nursery-pre-K attendant and a K-1 teacher.



During the August 16th church service, all third graders will be gifted a Bible from the Board of Education. Please join us for this special event. Adult congregation members, please consider sending Mindy Sanders (mins30@gmail.com) your favorite bible verse to be highlighted in the Bibles for our 3rd grade students.



### *Expand your Minds & Learn of our Lord*

**2020 Fall Midweek** will begin Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and continue through Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the church.

**There will be NO MEAL for the fall midweek.**

Midweek classes include: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade bible study, Junior Confirmation for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade; and Adult Bible study at 6:30p.m. and ending at 7:30p.m.

Chuck Eaton will be leading adult bible study classes and Mindy Sanders will be leading the 3rd-5th grade bible study. *The nursery will be closed for Midweek classes.*

**2020 Jr. Confirmation Class** time and start date is to be decided. Parents/Guardians of Junior Confirmants, please be watching for an email with more information.

**Voter's Meeting set for Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> following church service.** All members of Faith who are 18 years and older are eligible to be voters. Please make plans to join in as we continue in the Lord's work and serve Him through the governing of our home church together.



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

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

### **Lutheran Witness Renewals**

Renewal packets for Lutheran Witness 2020/2021 subscriptions will be sent to each congregation in early July. All changes are due to the KS District office by August 15. Please speak with Ginger Sanders or email her at [faithabilene@gmail.com](mailto:faithabilene@gmail.com) if you are interested in renewing, canceling, or adding. Cost is \$15 per year.





**Women's Book Club** is Sunday, August 23, 2020, at 3pm. The place will be announced. The book is WONDERLAND CREEK by Lynn Austin. All ladies are invited to participate!

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

### August Anniversaries

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 - Ryan Feeney		21 - Rocky Sanders
4 - Samuel Holland		Jackie Staab
5 - Ashley Depew		22 - Laurie Aufdemberge
7 - Lucas Sanders		Kellen Horsfall
Corinna Stout		23 - Lydia Corn
10 - Jamie Rogge		Verda Gay
15 - Scott Hansen		24 - Joe Basso
Ralph Manning		Emma Horsfall
Pam Gable		Jackson Westendorf
16 - Darin Graves		25 - Lana Fischer
Caleb Minson		Ryan Hayes
17 - Nichole Maddy		27 - Konrad Corn
Raymond Rahe		Brandon Depew
18 - Ian Graves		28 - Lyle Westendorf
Hunter Stohl		30 - Dylan Beisel
21 - Kirk Byarlay		Myla Tichenor
		31 - Gunner Bohannan



### Official Acts for July 2020:

Transfer Out: Patty Chewning (Good Shepherd Lutheran - Lincoln, NE)

### July 26<sup>th</sup> Special Voter's Meeting

President Mike Aufdemberge called a special voter's assembly meeting on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, inviting the congregation to gather on behalf of the Call Committee. After the previously called minister declined our call, a new pastor was added to the original list and information packets on all ten remaining were made available to the attending voters to review prior to the meeting. President Aufdemberge relayed the processes of contacting several of the candidates and the Call Committee noted three of the top candidates who would consider a call and presented a recommendation that they be considered. Motions were made to use those three candidates for a vote, and after discussion, the vote was cast by ballot. The result of the first ballot cast was Rev. Tyrel Bramwell. Pastor Clark Davis called Pastor Bramwell to determine if he remained open to consider a call. Pastor Bramwell was and the appropriate call documents were prepared to be sent.



## July Council Meeting



Faith Lutheran Council & Elders met via conference call on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Plans for fall Sunday School and Midweek are in the making. Protocols for future fundraising will be written to insure the continuation of church tax-exempt status. The parking lots will have stripes painted. A Voter's Meeting will be called August 23<sup>rd</sup> following church service. Due to the current pandemic, the regular meetings have been postponed.

**\*\* LCMS Kansas District News \*\***To keep up with the events of the District, please go their website at [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org). If you are a Facebook user, the page to follow is, "Kansas District LCMS."



**Faith Lutheran has a "prayer chain."** To begin a prayer request call Debbie Jenne (785-280-0985) or one of the Elders. If you would like to be added as a caller to the prayer chain, please speak with Debbie.



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[www.faithabilene.org](http://www.faithabilene.org)

**Faith Lutheran** is on YouTube  
Search for "Faith, Abilene."



### **FAITHful SERVANTS** for the month of **August 2020**



**Elder:** R. Sanders  
**Altar Guild:** L. Aufdemberge & A. Horsfall  
**Ushers:**  
 Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt Gustin & Chris Bielefeld  
 Aug 9<sup>th</sup>: Joe Rippert & Ben Minson  
 Aug 16<sup>th</sup>: Gary Minson & Ben Minson  
 Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>: Joe Rippert & Chris Bielefeld  
 Aug 30<sup>th</sup>: Matt Gustin & Gary Minson

**Organists:** K. Gilchrist - 8/16, 8/23, 8/30  
 B. Schwab - 8/2, 8/9  
**Altar Flowers:**  
 Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. & H. Rippert  
 Aug 9<sup>th</sup>:  
 Aug 16<sup>th</sup>: V. Gay  
 Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>: D. & J. Graves  
 Aug 30<sup>th</sup>: G. Brown

***The Elders will serve as acolytes during the month of August***

Church Service	Lectors	Bulletin Bureau	Mowers
August 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: M. Aufdemberge	J. Minson	Proscape
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: B. Depew		
August 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: S. Riffel	E. Basso	Proscape
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: C. West		
August 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: G. Taplin	G. Sanders	J. Holland
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: B. Zwiebel		
August 23	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Z. Juhl	M. Rippert	Proscape
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: D. Minneman		
August 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: H. Corn	K. Gilchrist	Corn Family
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: T. Rahe		

*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 8565 lbs for \$3272.73 and mailed in ink cartridges/cell phones for a total of \$1038.46. Thank you for recycling!



### 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](http://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."  
\*\*18 households' use resulted in \$63.31 donated to FLC the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr of 2020. A total of \$2,022.12 has been now been received!  
*\*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.*



"Give back for the benefit of our communities"

BEST CHOICE



**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](http://ThriventChoice.com) – [www.thrivent.com](http://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/](http://smile.amazon.com/) instead of just [amazon.com](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com) portal to make a qualified purchase, you are donating to Faith.

# AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Online Sunday School	<b>3</b>  1 Kings 19	<b>4</b>  1 Kings 20	<b>5</b>  1 Kings 21-22	<b>6</b>  2 Kings 1-2	<b>7</b>  2 Kings 3-4	<b>1</b>  1 Kings 17-18  <b>8</b>  2 Kings 5
<b>9</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper ~NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	<b>10</b>  2 Kings 6-7	<b>11</b>  2 Kings 8	<b>12</b>  2 Kings 9-10	<b>13</b>  6:30/7 pm Boards/Council 2 Kings 11-12	<b>14</b>  2 Kings 13-14	<b>15</b>  2 Kings 15-16
<b>16</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies ~ RALLY SUNDAY!~	<b>17</b>  2 Kings 17	<b>18</b>  2 Kings 18-19	<b>19</b>  2 Kings 20	<b>20</b>  2 Kings 21	<b>21</b>  2 Kings 22-23	<b>22</b>  SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW  2 Kings 24-25
<b>23</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper ~Voter's Meeting right after service 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 3:00pm Women's Book Club	<b>24</b>  1 Chronicles 1-4	<b>25</b>  1 Chronicles 5-8	<b>26</b>  1 Chronicles 9-12	<b>27</b>  1 Chronicles 13-14	<b>28</b>  1 Chronicles 15-16	<b>29</b>  1 Chronicles 17
<b>30</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies	<b>31</b>  1 Chronicles 18-20			<b>Read the Bible in 2 years!</b> By reading the verses Printed at the bottom of Monday-Saturday, you will accomplish reading the Bible in 2 years.  <i>"Search the Scriptures, because they are these which            testify about Me." John 5:39</i>		

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