



Faith Lutheran Abilene

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

August 2021

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:19-25



Church seems like hard place to be. It's hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgment. It's hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world. It's hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't. It's hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service. It's hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service. Church is hard for the father with an estranged child. Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics. Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader. Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love. Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate. Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for sinners. It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

Yet, here is the beauty of church—Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

The Church is the body of Christ. The Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints. The Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love. The Church is where we stand as equals before the Throne of Grace. The Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors. Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are restored. Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

The church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

The Church, the body of sinners and yet saints, encircled around God's Word and Sacrament. The Church is served by God, Himself, from the greatest to the least. From the hand of Great High Priest, Jesus, we are fed and nourished by the fruits of His life death, and resurrection. By His Word, we are healed and forgiven, blessed and sent out. So even on the hard days at church—know that God has never failed to serve us there, know that you belong because of God's grace is for all, know that you build up the church with your presence, service, and gifts.

Know that when you cannot be a part of the Church for whatever reason, know that you are missed.

I hope to see you there :)

Pastor Barlau

Fall Sunday School We are looking for a SS teacher for Middle School and High School. **** Rally Sunday will be August 15th ****



We invite the congregation to write their favorite Bible verses for the Third grade students who will receive their Bibles during the church service. Make plans to be there to see this important moment in the children's spiritual lives.

MidWeek

Midweek will begin Wednesday, August 18th, 2021. This year, students in 4th-5th grade are invited to attend a pre-confirmation class from 4:30-5:15 p.m., led by Amanda Barlau. Pastor Barlau will lead 6th-8th grade students in confirmation class from 6:45-7:45 p.m.. There will be no meal on Wednesday's. All classes will be held in the basement of the church!



Thank you to all who contributed to the July 11th Ice Cream Social. Your participation and contributions to the mission work of our ladies is greatly appreciated. The kids and Pastor Barlau had a fun time with the balloon toss. Some parents even got into the action by tossing water balloons at their kids, but had to run for cover when the kids started getting the parents wet! A fun time was had by all.



All the ladies are invited to a **Ladies Day Out in Wamego July 31st**. Lunch, shopping and visiting the park & sites are on the agenda. The sign up list is on the parament cabinet. We will plan to meet at the church at 10:00 and caravan to Wamego. If you want to meet in Wamego instead, please contact Donna Ascher, 785-280-3120 or Debbie Jenne, 785-280-0985. This is such a fun annual outing, sign up and plan to attend!



There will be **no LWML meeting in August**, but we will have our **Fall Kick Off meeting Monday, Sept. 13th at 6:30** with everyone bringing their favorite appetizer to share before a special program.

Keep clipping and saving those Best Choice Labels and bringing them to church.

The LWML is able to send them in and receive money to fund our mission projects. One of our ongoing projects I would like to highlight this month is our support of two Kansas men who are in the Seminary training to become Pastors. They both have spent this year on Vicarage and will return for their final year in August. So by helping the LWML, you too are helping to support these young men. Their names and addresses are on the bulletin board, please keep them and their families in your prayers.



**** Men of Faith - Sat, Aug 7th, 8am**, church basement for breakfast/fellowship.



***Fellowship Breakfast** - Joe Snuffy's, **Thurs, Aug 12th, 8:30 am**. sign-up on the parament cabinet.

Women's Book Club - will meet **Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 3pm** in the church basement. They will be discussing, **THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK**, by Kim Michele Richardson. Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (785-479-7013) if you would like more information. All ladies are invited to participate!



Faith Lutheran has a "prayer chain."

If you would like to be added as a caller to the prayer chain, please speak with Kathy. To begin a prayer request call Kathy Minneman (785-819-2167) or Pastor Barlau (785-263-1842).

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
Rev. Justin & Shelli Panzer	8-5-2000		Cliff & Donna Ascher	8-24-1969
	Lance & Vickie Gill			8-25-1976

- 1 - Ryan Feeney
- 4 - Samuel Holland
- 5 - Ashley Depew
- 6 - Miriam Barlau
- 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
- 27 - Konrad Corn
- Brandon Depew
- 28 - Lyle Westendorf
- 30 - Dylan Beisel
- Myla Tichenor
- 31 - Gunner Bohannon



FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of August 2021



Elder: R. Sanders

Organist: B. Schwab

Altar Guild: L. Aufdemberge & A. Horsfall

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers	Bulletin Bureau
Sunday, Aug 1 - 9:00am	Elder	J. Kuntz	M. Gustin & M. Aufdemberge	J. Graves
(Wed) Aug 4 - 5:45pm				
Sunday, Aug 8 - 9:00am	M. Jenne	G. Minson	B. Hageman & B. Minson	J. Schenck
(Wed) Aug 11 - 5:45pm				
Sunday, Aug 15 - 9:00am	Elder	R. Sanders	G. Minson & L. Brake	D. Jenne
(Wed) Aug 18 - 5:45pm				
Sunday, Aug 22 - 9:00am	G. Rahe	Tim Rahe	B. Minson & L. Westendorf	J. Minson
(Wed) Aug 25 - 5:45pm				
Sunday, Aug 29 - 9:00am	C. West	Tom Rahe	M. Gustin and D. Minneman	E. Basso

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	2 John 15-16	3 John 17	4 5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service John 18-19	5 John 20-21	6 Acts 1	7 8am Men of Faith Acts 2
8 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9 5pm Elders Acts 3-4	10 Acts 5	11 5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service Acts 6-8	12 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 6:30pm Boards/ 7pm Council Acts 9	13 Acts 10-11	14 Acts 12
15 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	16 Acts 13-14	17 Acts 15:1-35	18 4:30pm Midweek 4 th - 5 th grade 5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service 6:45pm Midweek 6 th - 8 th grade Acts 15:36-16:40	19 Acts 17:1-18:22	20 <i>May Calendar items due tomorrow</i> Acts 18:23-21:16	21 Acts 21:17-23:35
22 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 3pm Women's Book Club	23 Acts 24-26	24 Acts 27-28	25 4:30pm Midweek 4 th - 5 th grade 5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service 6:45pm Midweek 6 th - 8 th grade Romans 1-2	26 Romans 3-4	27 Romans 5	28 Romans 6
29 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study **LYF Meets**	30 Romans 7	31 Romans 8		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. "Search the Scriptures, because they are these which testify about Me." John 5:39		