



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

Faith Lutheran Abilene

January 2021

Greetings Everyone!

It's been an interesting year with many challenges to say the least, but we can now look forward to the next chapter in our church, as we anticipate our new pastor's arrival. Thanks be to God! We should all be excited to add some normalcy to a year that has been far from normal.



Pastor Barlau's Installation Service is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 3rd. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we are still needing to limit the size of our worship services. In turn, we are needing to limit the number attending the Installation.

Pastor Barlau will have family and friends attending, in addition to area circuit pastors, and our church leadership. We won't turn anyone away, but are asking our congregation to limit the number attending, to follow local mandates and keep everyone safe. In addition, we are asking that it be a masked service with normal social distancing protocol. To help compensate for the limited number attending the service, Pastor Barlau will attend our two regular services that day to allow everyone to welcome him. We will also live stream the Installation Service.

It is unfortunate we have to do things this way, but we are hopeful that sometime, in the not so distant future, we can have an official reception for Pastor Barlau and his family, that we can all participate in. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

God's Blessings,

Mike Aufdemberge, President
The Elders

2021 Flower Chart: A sign-up poster is hanging in the church narthex and is available for you to bring flowers and place them on the church altar every Sunday of the worship year. Flowers may be given "to the glory of God" or "in memory of loved ones."



****Installation of 2021 Church Officers will be held Sunday, January 10th**

President - Mike Aufdemberge; Vice-President - Chris Bielefeld; Secretary - Ellen Basso; Treasurer - Jane Schenck; Financial Secretary - Mary Frances Rippert; Board of Education - TBD; Education Superintendent - Mindy Sanders; Board of Trustees - Zach Krause; Board of Stewardship - Justin Kuntz; Board of Missions - Dave Graves; Board of Elders - Gary Minson, Rocky Sanders, and Bruce Hageman.

Christian Education

- ✚ Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, January 10th. Sunday School offerings will continue to go to the mercy fund at church. Students will continue to meet between services, from 10:00-10:30 a.m. until we return to a more normal schedule.
- ✚ After Pastor Barlau is installed, Sunday Adult Bible Studies will be announced.



2021 Winter Midweek

✚ **Winter Midweek Program** will begin on Wednesday, January 13th and continue for 7-weeks through Wednesday, March 3rd. Classes will be available for 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th graders in confirmation, and adults. No nursery will be available and no meals will be served.

✚ **2021 Adult Midweek Bible Study** will begin at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 13th and continue for 7-weeks through March 3rd. Couples and individuals young and old are encouraged to participate. In the Adult Midweek Study led by Chuck Eaton, the group will explore the what, where, when, how, and whys of worship in our congregation.

"Lutheran worship puts the focus squarely on Jesus Christ, who is present for us and with us through His Word and Sacraments. Lutheran worship is, therefore, Christ-centered, not human-centered. When we are gathered for worship, we are not contemplating some far-off Christ or meditating on abstract concepts, or pondering various principles for living. Neither are we in church to be amused or entertained. Christ is living and active among us, right where He has promised to be in His Word and Sacraments. Jesus said, 'Lo, I am with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 18:20).' When He gathers us around His Word and Sacraments, He fills this promise to us once again." - What About...Lutheran Worship, Dr. A. L. Berry, President of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, 1992-2001.

*** Please note: Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m..***



Men of Faith Breakfast & Bible Study is scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 2nd at 8:00 am** in church basement kitchen. Contact Justin Kuntz at (785) 643-3383 for details! ALL men are invited.



LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship) News

LYF will meet Sunday, January 10th at the church after the second worship service. We'll join for a Bible study and play Board Games. Hosts are the Gustins and Ethan has the devotion. All youth 7th-12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a friend!

6" Super Bowl Subs are for sale. You will have the choice of a ham, turkey or combo sub. Sides include cheese, pickle, lettuce, and tomato. Cost is 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$14.00 with monies going to support the youth program. Subs will be made on Saturday, February 6th at 10am at the church basement and can be picked up around 11am or delivered to your home.



Quarterly Voter's meeting will be held Sunday, Jan 24th after the second worship service. All members 18 & older are eligible to vote. Please make it a priority to be involved the life and mission of your church.



Live Nativity "Thank you" --Thank you for your involvement and support of our church with the "Live Nativity" event held this year at Faith Lutheran as a drive-by. Many hands worked behind the scenes in preparing costumes and planning. We were blessed with good weather and a great amount of people. To God alone be the glory!



The LWML ladies will gather January 4th at 6:30 pm at the church. Also a reminder that we continue to collect Best Choice Labels and postage stamps, just place them in the little wooden box on the parament cabinet under the LWML bulletin board. A large Mite Box is also there for your convenience to deposit your Mites for Missions at anytime. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ascher 785-280-3120. We look forward to another fun year of serving our Lord through the *Lutheran Women in Mission*. Come join us!

Faith Lutheran has a “prayer chain.” If you would like to be added to the Telephone Calling Tree or just added to the Text Notification prayer list, please contact Debbie at 785-280-0985. All members are encouraged to participate.



Never underestimate the power of Prayers!

January Anniversaries

Fred & Gladys Herpich 1-2-1958
Scott & Meagan Minneman 1-9-2016



January Birthdays

1 - Baylee Stoll	10 - Lauren Eaton	22 - Alexia Maddy
2 - Mark Biggs, Sr.	11 - Lamonia Bauer	26 - Katie Sare
3 - Teresa Hageman	Killian Horsfall	27 - Abigail Chewning
4 - Ralph Bauer	Rachel McKee	Sharon Gibbs
Debbie Jenne	13 - Tristen Denham	Russell Stout
5 - Aaron Westerman	14 - Kelly Backhus	Jim Schoenbeck
6 - Josh Capsey	17 - Jacob Leusman	28 - Bruce Hageman
9 - Peter Johnson	Elena Soliday	29 - Cayden West
Rebekah Westerman		31 - Gary Minson



Women's Book Club is Sunday, January 24th @ 3pm. With COVID-19 precaution, the group will be Zooming again! The book is, "Halfway to Forever" by Karen Kingsbury. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (263-7779) if interested.



2021 Subscriptions to the *Portals of Prayer* are now being received. Subscription rate for the year is \$5.00. Checks can be written to “Faith Lutheran” and designated on the memo line or use the special offering envelopes included. Thank you!

December Council Meeting



Faith Lutheran Council met briefly via conference call on Thursday, December 10, 2020, to address a few business items. ☒ The offering taken at the upcoming January 3rd installation service will be designated for the Kansas District Scholarship Fund. ☒ A recent monetary gift to Faith will be used to purchase items to enhance the video and audio of Faith's worship service, as well as streaming it online to worshipers unable to attend services in person. ☒ Efforts have been and are being made to provide Pastor Barlau with the office furniture and materials he will need.



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>

† PRAY / ASSIST / COMMUNICATE – WHAT TO KNOW AND WHERE TO GO!

LCMS Kansas District News **

To keep up with the events of the District, please go their website at www.kslcms.org. It is easy to be added to the monthly newsletter mailing. Simply subscribe at the bottom of the website home page. If you are a Facebook user, the page to follow is, "Kansas District LCMS."



Faith Lutheran is on "Facebook."
Like us and follow us.

Website

www.faithabilene.org

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



Note: Because of the recent changes in worship services along with pandemic concerns, the following servant listings may not be complete at this time. Please be aware and watch upcoming bulletins as well as continue to check your email accounts for notifications that your help is needed. It is appreciated. Always feel free to volunteer, too!

We are kept safer during these days of health concerns by many
of us offering to be of service to others in small ways.

FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of January **2021**

Elder: G. Minson

Altar Guild: D. Jenne & H. Gustin

Organist: B. Schwab



Church Service	Lectors	Ushers	Bulletin Bureau
Jan 3 - 9:00am	M. Aufdemberge	M & B Hageman	M. Rippert
10:30am	G. Taplin	C. Bielefeld	
4:00pm		C. Bielefeld	
Jan 10 - 9:00am	B. Depew	K. Horsfall	K. Gilchrist
10:30am	B. Zwiebel	M. Biggs	
Jan 17 - 9:00am	B. Hageman	M. Cameron	J. Graves
10:30am	Tom Rahe		
Jan 24 - 9:00am	J. Basso	R. Hayes	J. Schenck
10:30am	G. Minson		
Jan 31 - 9:00am	K. Horsfall	J. Holland	D. Jenne
10:30am	J. Kuntz		

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 8,732 pounds and \$3,314.48 and mailed in ink cartridges/cell phones for a total of \$1108.44. 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 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."

***20 households' use resulted in \$63.31 donated to FLC the 3rd Qtr of 2020. A total of \$2,091.44 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.*



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](http://ThriventChoice) – 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.



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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.

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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. <i>“Search the Scriptures, because they are these which testify about Me.” John 5:39</i>					1 CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS NEW YEAR’S DAY Ecclesiastes 11-12	2 8am Men of Faith Song of Songs 1-3
3 <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper ~No Christian Education~ 10:30am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 4:00pm Rev. Joseph Barlau’s Installation	4 6:30pm LWML @ Faith Song of Songs 4-6	5 Song of Songs 7-8	6 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (MATTHEW 2:1-12) 5:30pm Choir Practice Isaiah 1-2	7 Isaiah 3-4	8 Isaiah 5	9 Isaiah 6
10 <i>1st Sunday after the Epiphany</i> The Baptism of Our Lord 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 11:30am LYF @ Faith	11 Isaiah 7-8	12 Isaiah 9-10	13 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Confirmation/ Midweek Bible Study Isaiah 11-12	14 6:30/7:00 Boards/Council Isaiah 13-20	15 FEBRUARY CALENDAR ITEMS DUE SUNDAY Isaiah 21-23	16 Isaiah 24-25
17 <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/Lord’s Supper	18 Isaiah 26-27	19 Isaiah 28-29	20 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Confirmation/ Midweek Bible Study Isaiah 30-31	21 Isaiah 32	22 Isaiah 33-35	23 Isaiah 36-39
24 <i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 11:30am Quarterly Voter’s Meeting 3:00pm Book Club via Zoom	25 Isaiah 40-41	26 Isaiah 42-43	27 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Confirmation/ Midweek Bible Study Isaiah 44-45	28 Isaiah 46-47	29 Isaiah 48-49	30 Isaiah 50-52
31 <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/Lord’s Supper						

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