



Faith Lutheran Abilene

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

June 2019

Acts 2:1-4, "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."



Dear Friends,

Sunday, June 9 will celebrate the Day of Pentecost—the 50th day after Easter. Pentecost is equally important to the Christian Church as both Christmas and Easter! Yes, we believe that if Jesus had not been born, He would not have been able to rescue us. Yes, we believe that if Jesus did not die on a Cross and bodily rise from the dead, then would not have the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life.

But the day of Pentecost stands with Christmas and Easter as equally important. Why? Because, beginning with Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fills believers and spreads the Gospel! By the Spirit's power, all are made aware of the Gospel's saving power, and now, all can be drawn by the Spirit's action to Christian faith and service.

Take heed to what St. Paul says about the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14, "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 12:3, "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."

The Scriptures clearly teach that the Holy Spirit is not merely the power or energy of God. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit's work is to not only bring people to faith through the message of Christ crucified and risen, but it's also to sustain that living faith that's been created.



It is the Holy Spirit that provides the power for Christian faith, life, and growth. It is indeed the work of the Holy Spirit that makes sure the Word of God will be effective. When that Word goes out, Scripture gives the promise that it will not return empty, but that it will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:11).

Knowing that message and receiving Christ in faith is of crucial importance, both then and now. The Holy Spirit is the agent that draws a person's heart to faith. To accomplish that work, our Lord has given to His Church on earth the means of water and the Word. In Baptism, Christ promises that we receive faith, the forgiveness of our sins, and are made heirs of life eternal. Through the means of the Word, the Holy Spirit works to create and sustain living faith. As Scripture is read in the Bible and devotion books; when it is sung and prayed in the liturgy and in hymns, the Holy Spirit is present and working in a very powerful way.

Faith Lutheran Church has been blessed by the working of the Holy Spirit over the past 69 years. Through the word preached here; through countless people received into God's kingdom through Holy Baptism; and through Christ's true body and blood given into our bodies for our forgiveness and salvation, the Holy Spirit has been poured out to prepare and equip many people.

When God pours forth His spirit, He doesn't want us to hold, hoard, and treasure it to ourselves. He makes it clear that there is more than enough grace, more than enough life, more than enough forgiveness for all. So, God pours out His Spirit upon us, and through us it overflows into the lives of other. It overflows until it reaches all creation. So, come to receive the gifts of Christ. Filled with Him, let His Spirit have His way and work with you!

~ Pastor Panzer



Beginning Monday, June 3 a second Divine Service will be held at 6:30pm. Traveling? Working? Anything else? Come to receive the gifts of Christ on the 1st Monday of each month. 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.



2019 Vacation Bible School

Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World

Dates: Monday, June 10 -- Thursday, June 13 **Time:** 9:00-11:30am
Closing program and Ice Cream Social: 6:00pm, Thursday, June 13th

Servants for music, crafts, kitchen, and groups are needed.

Worship in the Park -- Sunday, June 9 – 10 AM Worship at the Eisenhower Park in Abilene. We will gather for worship under the trees by the picnic shelters where we normally eat (close to the sand volleyball pits). Bring your lawn chair or a blanket and wear comfortable clothing! Please bring a dish to share for the picnic following the worship service. Chicken will be provided by the evangelism committee. **In case of inclement weather, worship will be held at the church –Faith, Abilene at 10am**



Women's Book Club is Sunday, June 30, 2019, 3 PM, at the home of Karen Schoenbeck, 1903 Faith Ave. The book is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. All ladies are invited to participate. Please contact Karen (263-7779) if you are interested!



LYF News

A group of 24 servants from Faith, Abilene and Our Redeemer/Zion Lutheran, Kinsley/Offerle served the people of God on a recently completed trip to Lutheran Valley Retreat - Woodland Park, CO. We are grateful to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus! Thank you also to the many hands who helped with the garage sale held in May!



Ordination

Ordination/Installation: The congregation is cordially invited to the ordination/installation of Candidate **Nathan Knaus** at 4pm, Sunday, June 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church - Chariton.

Matthew 9:37-38, "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Installation

THANK YOU

to all who joined the choir this year. We will break for summer with practices starting in the fall.

Psalm 71:23a "My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you."

SAVE THE DATE - July 14, 4:30-7:00 will be the annual Faith Lutheran Ice Cream Social. The LWML ladies will be in charge of organizing the event and will again be planning a water event with Pastor! So mark your calendar and plan to attend! If you have ideas or would like to help in the planning, please contact Debbie Jenne, 785-280-0985.

Monthly LWML meetings pause during summer months and will resume next September!





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>

- 1 - Harrison Corn
- 2 - Ella Westendorf
- 3 - Seirra McLaughlin
Ginger Sanders
- 4 - Eric Basso
Rein Jenne
- 5 - Adrienne Feeney
- 7 - Jessica Hayes
- 10 - Duncan Gay
Micah Minson
Vera Wegner
- 13 - Chuck Eaton

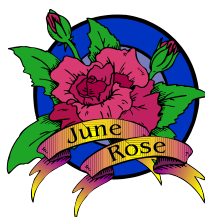


Happy Birthday

- 15 - Karen Leusman
- 16 - Aaron Schmersey
- 17 - Brody Zwiebel
- 18 - Shawna Riffel
- 19 - Justin Rogge
- 22 - Hazel Clark
- 23 - Everett Corn
Jessica Haslouer
- 25 - Gertie Brown
- 28 - Marisa Stahl
- 29 - Kory Parson
- 30 - Heather Gustin

Anniversaries

- Gary & Dixie Bergmeier 6/1/1958
- Russ & Janine Schaich 6/4/1983
- Aaron & Jennifer Westerman 6/7/2008
- Ryan & Jamie Hayes 6/12/1993
- Wesley & Andie Clark 6/14/14
- Brian & Brooke Haley 6/16/2018
- Bruce & Teresa Hageman 6/18/1977
- Walter & Debbie Holt 6/18/1994



- Chris & Katee Bowers 6/21/2018
- David & Jess Graves 6/22/2013
- Brian & Jennifer Zwiebel 6/23/2018
- Floyd & Lillian Bosch 6/27/1954
- Justin & Amber Kuntz 6/27/2009
- Jay & Karen Leusman 6/29/1996
- Kevin & Corinna Stout 6/29/1985
- Peter & Rhonda Johnson 6/30/1979

2019 Ice Cream Social -- Sunday, July 14 from 4:30 – 7 PM

Plan now to attend and help! Your gracious donations of homemade ice cream and sandwiches will soon be sought! A free will offering will be accepted with all monies directed through LWML for their mission projects. Questions? Please contact Debbie Jenne (785-280-0985) or someone in LWML.



Council Comments from May 16, 2019 Meeting:



Education - VBS soon and Summer Sunday school starts in June. **Mission** - June 9th Park Service is being planned. **Stewardship** - Research continues on how best to organize the Capital Campaign. **Youth** - Plans are being finalized for end of May servant trip to Colorado. **Old Business** - An Education Superintendent candidate will be contacted for acceptance. - A Special Council Mtg was held May 1st primarily to discuss possible transition of Pastor Panzer to KS District President. **New**

Business - A \$1,000 thank offering gift will be sent to Nathan Knaus from the monies in the Seminary Tuition account. The Churchworker's Education Fund account will be combined with the Seminary tuition account.



4th of July Fireworks Stand: FLC will work the stand for KaBoomers located at the Abilene Pizza Hut from June 30 - July 4. All permits and liability insurances are handled by the company. A managers' meeting will be held Saturday, June 1 in Wahoo, NE. Jennifer Zwiebel is working on a volunteer work schedule that will be available soon. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.



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.

***Fellowship Breakfast** will be held at The Hitching Post on **Thursday, June 13th, 8:30am.**

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



***Lawn Mowers Needed:** Please consider signing up on the parament cabinet starting this July to mow the church lawn. Mowing and trimming normally occurs on the day before worship, or as your schedule allows throughout the week. Questions? Please talk with Zach Krause.

Prayer and Action 2019 is excited to be preparing for another great summer of backyard missions, July 7-26.



A team consisting of seminarians and young adults will be the on-site leaders and will work together with youth to help with: **Painting homes - Cleaning - Yardwork - Minor Repairs**
The Salina Diocese will pay the expenses to complete the work. If you are interested in letting us help you, please call soon to sign up with the St. Andrew Church #263-1570.



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Like us and follow us.

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

www.faithabilene.org

Faith Lutheran is on YouTube.
Search for “Faith, Abilene.”



FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of **June 2019**



Elder: B. Hageman

Altar Guild: M. Rippert & H. Bohannan

Organists: K. Gilchrist (6/2, 6/9, 6/16),
B. Schwab (6/23, 6/30)

Ushers: June 2nd: B. Zwiebel & T. Rahe:

June 3rd: (Monday) J. Rogge

June 9th: A. Minson & J. Rippert

June 16th: B. Minson & R. Sanders

June 23rd: G. Stuart & T. Rahe

June 30th: B. Zwiebel & L. Riffel

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Greeters	Bulletin Bureau
June 2	C. West	1 st : S. Bielefeld	Manning	J. Graves
	L. Corn	2 nd : D. Minneman		
June 9	Worship in Eisenhower Park			J. Schenck
June 16	Biggs	1 st : H. Corn	Rippert	J. Zwiebel
	Biggs	2 nd : T. Rahe		
June 23	E. Gustin	1 st : J. Basso	Brake	D. Jenne
	I. Rippert	2 nd : E. Juhl		
June 30	G. Panzer	1 st : E. Panzer	Krause	Corn Family
	C. West	2 nd : W. Clark		

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."

**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.

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies	3 6:30pm Worship w/Lord's Supper Amos 9	4 12pm Mom's Group Pastor @ Topeka → Obadiah 1-21	5 Jonah 1-2	6 Jonah 3-4	7 Micah 1-2	1 <i>Pastor Ordination Anniversary (2003)</i> 8am Men of Faith Amos 8 8 Micah 3-4
9 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i> 10:00am Church in the Park *No Christian Education Classes 11:15am Church picnic potluck	10 9-11:30am VBS → 5pm Elders Micah 5	11 <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> Micah 6	12 Micah 7	13 8:30am Breakfast @ Hitchin' Post 6 pm VBS Closing Ice Cream Social Nahum 1-3	14 Habakkuk 1-2	15 Habakkuk 3
16 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies FATHER'S DAY	17 Zephaniah 1-2	18 Zephaniah 3	19 Haggai 1-2	20 6:30/7:30pm Boards/Council Zechariah 1-2	21 <i>Summer Begins</i> Zechariah 3	22 JULY CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW 10am Synod Convention Meeting @ Salina Zechariah 4
23 <i>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 4pm N. Knaus Ordination/Installation Trinity Lutheran - Chariton, IA	24 <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i> Zechariah 5	25 <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</i> Zechariah 6	26 Zechariah 7	27 Zechariah 8	28 Zechariah 9-10	29 <i>St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles</i> Zechariah 11-12
30 <i>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 3:00pm Women's Book Club @ Schoenbeck's				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>		