



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 2020

Greetings Everyone,

We (the Elders, Pastor Holtorf, Ginger, Justin, and myself) have had multiple meetings and discussions and I am excited to announce that we will be conducting our first physical church service on Sunday, May 31. How fitting that it will be Pentecost! We have decided to start with one service to see how it goes and then we will work from there. Unfortunately, due to our current situation with COVID-19 we will need to conduct our before, during and after service a little differently than normal. Below are some things to read and think about before attending our service:

Things to think about before our service:

- We will all need to practice 6 foot social distancing.
- Questions to ask ourselves before coming to church:
 - o Have you come into close contact with someone who has a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the past 14 days?
 - o Have you traveled out of the area or to a COVID-19 cluster area within the last 14 days?
 - o Do you have any of the following: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell?
 - o If you answer yes to any of the above questions; please, stay at home.
- Masks may be worn, but are not required.

When arriving at church:

- Please, arrive in good time, to allow for social distancing as we enter the church.
- Providing the weather is nice, we will have the doors open when you arrive and leave.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to have fellowship before or after the service.

What to expect in church:

- We will be staggering people in every pew, so please sit only where the bulletins are sitting. The ushers will seat you and guide you through this process.
- We will have an attendance sheet in the pew with the bulletins. Please, fill it out and we will have a box(es) for you to put the sheet, in as you leave church.
- We will have offering plates for you to put your offerings in, as you leave.
- We will be using bulletins for our service and will not be using the hymnals.
- We will be having communion that will allow for social distancing and will be explained during the service.
- We will have the **Benediction prior to communion** and we will be exiting directly after we receive communion.
- Sunday school will be held online as it has been, and will continue as such, until Rally Sunday, Sept. 13th, 2020.

I know it's a lot to think about and it is unfortunate we will have to leave right after communion and unable to have fellowship, but on the positive side we will be able to worship and have communion together once again! Also, please note that if you are unable or choose not to attend the service, it will be recorded as usual, but will not be available for viewing until a little later in the day, on "YouTube" only. That is all I have for now and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Elders or myself.

God's Blessings,
Mike, President
Faith Lutheran Church



Confirmation

Sunday, May 31st

We joyfully witness these as these young people publically profess their faith on Pentecost Sunday!

Caelyn Victoria Biggs - Caedyn Marie Biggs
Lydia Pauline Corn - Ethan Dale Gustin



Join us for the 2020 Faith Lutheran Church **VIRTUAL Vacation Bible School!** We will meet *virtually* June 15th-18th for a new adventure! This year, we will be RAINFOREST EXPLORERS! *We'll learn that: God keeps His promises, our loving God gives direction, Jesus is with us, Jesus is full of healing, and Jesus helps us share His good news!* **JESUS LEADS THE WAY!**

Parents, please enroll your students online at this link: <https://forms.gle/uvviBk3fZNzm6Ba19>. Each student will receive a VBS kit to participate during the week. The kit will include crafts, lessons, snack ideas, and other items to make this week memorable and FUN! When you enroll, you will receive a link to a private Facebook group. We will be interacting with your family through that page during VBS week! We hope to make this RAINFOREST EXPLORERS adventure one to remember. Please contact Mindy Sanders at minsans30@gmail.com if you have any questions. Jesus Leads The Way!

Summer Lawn Help Needed

On Tuesday, May 19th an email titled, "Summer 2020 Volunteer Mowing List," was distributed to members. It contained a listing of the Sundays in the growing season so people could sign up to cover that date. For mowing details or to sign up, call the church office @ 263-1842 or email faithabilene@gmail.com. The dates are on a first come, first serve basis!

- Dates listed are the Sunday for which you should have the yard mowed
- You may also sign up and donate \$50 to have the yard mowed professionally
 - We must know one week in advance if choosing this option
- Mow, trim, and then blow grass off sidewalks
- If you need instruction on the equipment, or to report any problems, please contact:
 - Chris Bielefeld 785-643-4759
 - Zach Krause 785-366-0479



LWML members have decided that due to health and safety concerns regarding the pandemic, the July summer Ice Cream Social has been canceled for 2020. ☑ Kansas District leaders have also distributed this message: Out of an abundance of care for your health and well-being, the LWML Kansas District Executive Committee has voted unanimously to **CANCEL the 2020 Convention in Topeka.**

Women's Book Club plans to meet in June on the 28th at 3pm. Karen Schoenbeck will be contacting the members regarding circumstances of where and which books will be discussed. Club books are usually borrowed using inter-library loan and that process is not available due to the pandemic. Watch your email for further information! All ladies are invited to participate. Please contact Karen (263-7779) if you are interested.



- 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
- 13 - Chuck Eaton

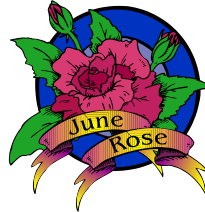


Happy Birthday

- 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
- 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
- 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
- Justin & Amber Kuntz 6/27/2009
- Jay & Karen Leusman 6/29/1996
- Kevin & Corinna Stout 6/29/1985
- Peter & Rhonda Johnson 6/30/1979

May Church Council Meeting

The Council meeting was held via conference call on Thursday, May 14th. The Call Committee has reviewed the ten potential pastors to call and asked any member to arrange to see the documentation and also suggest four choices. The July KaBoomers fireworks stand is still in planning. The parking lots will be re-stripped soon. A riding mower will be purchased for Faith. The summer Ice Cream Social has been canceled. VBS will be held virtually. The next Voter's Meeting is postponed until it is safely sanctioned to gather a large group of people. Next Council meeting will be June 18th.



Post Meeting Note: Since we have the new "gently used" mower, we need to sell the old riding lawn mower for a reasonable price! So if you know of someone that might be interested in our old riding lawn mower, please contact Zach Krause at 785-366-0479 or Chris Bielefeld at 785-643-4759.



Be sure to note some new pictures on Faith's walls. They have been purchased with Don Anderson's Family Memorial Funds. There will be more pictures arriving soon (and may already be hung when you arrive) purchased from the Bill Schmidt's Family Memorial Fund.

**** LCMS Kansas District News **** To keep up with the events of the District, please go their website at 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.



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



www.faithabilene.org

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





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>

2020 High School and College Graduates



⇨ **Kiersten Estell Bauer** a graduate of Abilene High School will be attending Cloud County Community College for her Associates Degree in Teaching, then transfer to Kansas State University and pursue her degrees in Culinary and Special Education.

Zachary Juhl is a graduate of Abilene High School. Zach will be pursuing college online pre-requisite courses while working a fulltime Sales position at Holm Motors. ⇨



⇨ **Jacob Leusman** is a graduate of Chapman High School, plans on attending Kansas University in Lawrence this fall.

Deserae Meade is a 2020 graduate of Abilene High School ⇨



⇨ **Haleigh Pursell** is a graduate of Fredonia High School. Since Haleigh received a cheerleading scholarship, she will be attending Coffeyville Community College this fall to complete her pre-requisites , then transfer to Pittsburg State. Her plans include medical school to become a psychiatrist.

Spencer Riffel is a graduate of Abilene High School will be attending ⇨ Cloud County Community College in Concordia this fall studying agriculture.



⇨ **John Augustine**, a May 2020 graduate of Kansas State University. He graduated with a Bachelor's and Master's degrees, both in Industrial Engineering, with a Minor in Business. Last fall, he accepted a full-time position from J.B. Hunt as a Logistics Engineer. Brittany and John will be moving to Northwest Arkansas in the next couple weeks. And will begin working at J.B. Hunt in mid-June. Brittany and John are very excited to begin this next chapter of their lives.

Abigail (Abby) Chewing graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. ⇨



⇨ **Jessica Hayes** graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Marketing. And will be pursuing a position in Marketing.





Jobs at St. Luke's Early Learning Center - Manhattan, KS

"My name is Tracie Hudson and I am the assistant director of St. Luke's Early Learning Center in Manhattan. We are super excited about our upcoming move to a new church and preschool facility over the summer. As part of this process, we will be hiring staff to join our ministry. I am connecting with you to ask if it would be possible for us to share our openings with your congregations? Maybe someone you know or someone in your congregation knows someone who would be a great addition! We will have a variety of needs: lead teachers, assistant teachers, floaters, kitchen help."

To apply:

Email: centerdirector@stlukesmanhattan.org

Call: 785-539-2604

FAITHful SERVANTS for May 31st & the month of June **2020**



Elder: May: R. Sanders **June:** B. Hageman

Organist: 6/7 & 6/14 – B. Schwab
6/21 & 6/28 – K. Gilchrist

Altar Guild: H. Bohannan & M. Rippert

Ushers: June 7th: Brian Zwiebel & Tom Rahe
June 14th: Andrew Minson & Joe Rippert
June 21st: Ben Minson & Rocky Sanders
June 28th: Gary Stuart & Laird Riffell

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Bulletin Bureau - See Notice Below:
May 31	Elders	1 st Reader: R. Sanders	
		2 nd Reader: R. Sanders	
June 7	Elders	1 st Reader: G. Taplin	M. Rippert
		2 nd Reader: B. Zwiebel	
June 14	Elders	1 st Reader: Z. Juhl	K. Gilchrist
		2 nd Reader: D. Minneman	
June 21	Elders	1 st Reader: H. Corn	J. Graves
		2 nd Reader: T. Rahe	
June 28	Elders	1 st Reader: J. Basso	J. Schenck
		2 nd Reader: G. Minson	

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

Attention Bulletin Board members: Ginger will be in touch with you to clarify what is needed due to the pandemic changes.

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 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."

**19 households' use resulted in \$53.98 donated to FLC the 1st Qtr of 2020. A total of \$1,958.81 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.*



"Giving back for the benefit of our communities"

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." \$1,154 has been collected!

BEST CHOICE



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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 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper **No Christian Education Classes**	1 Judges 17-18	2 Judges 19-20	3 Judges 21	4 Ruth 1-2	5 Ruth 3-4	6 I Samuel 1
7 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Online Sunday School **VBS Packet Pickup directly after church service	8 I Samuel 2	9 I Samuel 3	10 I Samuel 4	11 I Samuel 5-6	12 I Samuel 7	13 I Samuel 8
14 <i>2nd Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Online Sunday School **VBS Packet Pickup directly after church service	15 9:30am Virtual VBS via Facebook I Samuel 9-10	16 9:30am Virtual VBS via Facebook I Samuel 11	17 9:30am Virtual VBS via Facebook I Samuel 12	18 9:30am Virtual VBS via Facebook 6:30/7:30 Boards/Council I Samuel 13	19 I Samuel 14	20 JUNE CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW I Samuel 15
21 <i>3rd Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Online Sunday School *Return Baby Bottles*	22 I Samuel 16	23 I Samuel 17	24 I Samuel 18-19	25 I Samuel 20-21	26 I Samuel 22	27 I Samuel 23
28 <i>4th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Online Sunday School 3:00pm Women's Book Club	29 I Samuel 24	30 I Samuel 25				

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