



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

June 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Summer is here and for some youth and adults, it means beginning a new career or applying for your very first job. Part of the process is building a résumé. A résumé shows people what you do and have done. Think about it even if you're in school, retired, working your dream job, or searching for work. What would you put on your life's resume?

That question may leave your fingertips at a standstill. Normally we build our résumés off of the experience we have gained...from schooling, clubs, volunteering, sports, and extra-curricular, even past work experience. These all make the list. We work hard at building our résumés, but there are so many things that we might not think to be of great importance and maybe because it may look like we are being prideful. We don't put on our résumés that we've been married for 30 years or that we've been the Church's President or the Sunday School Superintendent, or we've raised three beautiful children who are now model citizens in their respective towns, or for that matter, ultimately, our faith in God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Who would put such things like that on their résumé? You may or may not put these things down in "black and white," but they are a part of who we are especially about our faith in God.

James, in chapter 1, writes down in "black and white" for us to consider our faith in God: ²² **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.** ²³ **For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.** ²⁴ **For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.** ²⁵ **But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.** While Faith receives the gifts that God gives freely, it is also active in "doing." Another way of looking at it is that the gifts we receive from God's hand affect our whole life; it moves us to be doers of the Word!

Sadly, for many in this world and even among Christians all their time is spent in developing skills that look good only in "black and white." While they build important criteria for the world, they let not only hearing the Word of God wane but being doers of the Word wane. This happens for a variety of reasons, but the source ultimately is that God's Word and their faith were of little importance than the rest of life's experience.

I pray that as you're building your life's résumé that you don't move God to the sidelines and out of the picture. Rather, I pray, that He is at the top of the list—THE PRIORITY—driving and guiding the rest of your life. Remember James' words in chapter 1—"Be doers of the Word." Know that God forgives you when you fail to be a "doer." If a change is needed in your faith life—reach out for help and trust that but care and love will be given. If you feel like you have the desire to serve in the life of the church—reach out to me and the leaders of the Church—we need you, your motivation, your care, and your wisdom.

God Bless,

Pastor Barlau



2021 Vacation Bible School

"**GOD'S WONDER LAB: Jesus Does the Impossible,**" is the theme for this year's VBS Monday, June 7 through Thursday, June 10 mornings 9:00 - 11:30, with

a closing program on Thursday evening, June 10th from 6 - 7pm at Eisenhower Park.

PLEASE NOTE: VBS registration link: <https://forms.gle/ANpXNzn6JJin7eej7>.

We invite students in grades PK - 5 to participate in Vacation Bible School.

Please speak to Heide Rippert if you would like to help with VBS!



***Summer Sunday School** begins Sunday, June 6th! We are looking for people to help with summer Sunday school. Teachers should be members of our congregation, High School through age 155, with a desire to spread the word of Jesus to our youngest church members! The sign-up sheet will be on the parament cabinet.

**** Rally Sunday** will be August 15th and third grade students will receive their Bibles.

****Men of Faith** will meet Saturday, June 5th, 8am, in the church basement for breakfast and Christian fellowship.



****Fellowship Breakfast** meets at Joe Snuffy's, Thursday, June 10th, 8:30 am. There will be a sign-up sheet on the parament cabinet or call Gertie, 785-571-7153. Eating and talking together (not at the same time) is such a treat!!



We are looking forward to being able to have our annual Ice Cream Social again this year on Sunday July 11. Pastor Barlau has agreed to participate in the traditional "Water Balloon Toss with the Pastor" so we look forward to giving the kids an opportunity to initiate him. We will have a planning meeting June 7 at 6:30 to finalize plans so be watching for more details to come. Your generous donations of ice cream, pies & cakes, and help for the event are certainly appreciated. The freewill offering will be going to the many mission projects the LWML ladies do throughout the church and the community.

SAVE THE DATE - JULY 11th

and plan to attend and bring a friend! You need not be a member of the planning, just contact Donna Ascher, 785-280-3120 or come to the June 7.



the LWML to help with meeting on Monday

LYF Announcements



LYF will meet Saturday the 26th of June from 4-8 p.m. at church. We will be preparing sack lunches for Redeemer Lutheran Youth Group to take with them, on Sunday, as they travel to Lutheran Valley Retreat. We will also set up the fellowship hall for supper. Redeemer will be arriving at church around suppertime! We will welcome, eat, and play a few games with them!



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>



2021 Fireworks Stand Information & Timeline from Jennifer

Sat, June 5th: Jennifer & Brian Zwiebel go to KaBoomers for their training/meeting

Fri, June 11th @ 6:30pm: Come out to 2102 W 1st for a time of ideas, fun, and fellowship.
Pizza will be served!

Mon, June 28th @ 6:30pm: Meet at the church to get tables and set up.

Tues, June 29th @ 5:30pm: Be at the Pizza Hut parking lot to start inventory and unloading the truck. (PS, I will have the inventory sheet alphabetized...)
We will also need an overnight person this night!

Wed, June 30th: We start selling! This year is another 3 day holiday weekend for most. We anticipate Friday and Saturday and Sunday to be very busy. Please help any and all you can.

Sun, July 4th: After sales, close down and inventory. All help is encouraged!

If you can help with set up, sales, and/or close down; please, let Pastor Barlau know. If you can't help with set up, sales, & close down, stop by the tent, check on us and bring us water, ice, Gatorade, and fruit!



- 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

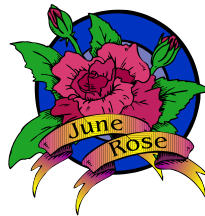


Happy Birthday

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

Anniversaries

- 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



Kevin & Corinna Stout 6/29/1985

- Chris & Katee Bowers 6/21/2018
- David & Jess Graves 6/22/2013
- Brian & Jennifer Zwiebel 6/23/2018
- Justin & Amber Kuntz 6/27/2009
- Rev. Joseph & Amanda Barlau 6/28/2014
- Jay & Karen Leusman 6/29/1996

Official Acts for May 2021:

Adult Confirmation: Rachel Barlau, Kyle Bowers, Garrett Bulk, Matthew Carlsson, Anajlisha Rahe, Mary Rahe, & Tiffany Rahe

Junior Confirmation: Grier Hailee Panzer, Inarie Ann Rippert, & Caryss Christine West



Women's Book Club will meet Sunday, June 27, 3PM in the church basement. They will be discussing, **ALL THE FLOWERS IN PARIS** by Sarah Jio. Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (785-479-7013) if you would like more information.



For information about Faith's choir this month, contact Laura Fortier at laura.a.s.fortier@gmail.com

Worship in the Park

Sunday, June 20th – 9 AM Worship at the Eisenhower Park in Abilene followed by a short Sunday School lesson time. 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 and your own table service for the picnic following Sunday School, approximately 11:00-11:30. Volunteers will be asked to serve the food instead of a serve-yourself buffet line. Chicken and water to drink will be provided by the evangelism committee.



In case of inclement weather, worship will be held at the church – Faith, Abilene at 9am

May Church Council



Faith Council meeting was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Seven adults will be confirmed on May 16th & three youth confirmed on May 23rd. The LYF servant trip has been canceled this year with a fun trip to World's & Oceans of Fun planned along with a Day of Service later in the summer. The Common Cup will be offered during Holy Communion beginning May 16th. VBS help is needed. A free service for online giving has been identified and hopefully will be available for Faith members. -- Meeting minutes are posted on the west bulletin board in the narthex.

Faith Yard Maintenance

Faith Church Council voted to accept the offer from a Faith member family to handle the entire season of mowing & trimming at \$50 a time. Please consider sponsoring a week or two (or month!) in addition to your regular giving to keep our church yard beautiful. Any amount would be helpful.



Just mark your envelope or check for "mowing."



Pregnancy Service Center Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Please check the narthex area for further information . The fundraising campaign began on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9 and will ends on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. Don't forget to turn your Baby Bottle in or use the online giving option to contribute.

A **GriefShare group** began Thursday, March 25, at Community Bible Church, 1400 N. Cedar Street, Abilene, and continues through June 17, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.



It doesn't matter how long ago you lost a loved one, you are always welcome at GriefShare. For more information contact Teresa Weishaar at 785-280-1568 or the Community Bible Church office at 785-263-4025.



Faith Lutheran has a "prayer chain."

To begin a prayer request call Kathy Minneman (785-819-2167) or Pastor Barlau (785-263-1842).

If you would like to be added as a caller to the prayer chain, please speak with Kathy.

**** 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."



There are many resources available at the district web site. Challenge yourself to spend time and discover some of them. You will be amazed at what all there is to offer. Take a moment. Take an hour. Take a day. But especially, take a look!!



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



www.faithabilene.org

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



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



Elder: B. Hageman

Organists: B. Schwab & A. Barlau (6/6)

Altar Guild: M. Rippert & H. Bohannan

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers	Bulletin Bureau
(Wed) June 2 - 5:45pm				
Sunday, June 6 - 9:00am		R. Sanders	J. Rogge & B. Depew	D. Jenne
(Wed) June 9 - 5:45pm				
Sunday, June 13 - 9:00am	M. Jenne	G. Taplin	L. Riffel & Tom Rahe	Office
(Wed) June 16 - 5:45pm				
Eisenhower Park Sunday, June 20 - 9:00am		C. West	G. Minson & B. Minson	Office
(Wed) June 23 - 5:45pm				
Sunday, June 27 - 9:00am	G. Panzer	B. Zwiebel	J. Rogge & Tom Rahe	J. Minson
(Wed) June 30 - 5:45pm				

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

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 8812 lbs for \$3334.48 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 \$80.80 donated to FLC the 1st Qtr 2021. A total of \$2,172.24 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." \$1,104 has been collected!

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 – 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 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p> <p>“Search the Scriptures, because they are these which testify about Me.” John 5:39</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Zechariah 11-12</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service</p> <p>Zechariah 13</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Zechariah 14</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Malachi 1-2</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8 am Men of Faith</p> <p>Malachi 3-4</p>
<p>6 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9 am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am VBS 5pm Elders 6:30pm LWML Planning Meeting</p> <p>Matthew 1-2</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Matthew 3-4</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service</p> <p>Matthew 5-7</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 6:00pm VBS Dinner & Program @ Park</p> <p>Matthew 8-9</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm KaBoomers’ Meeting @ Zwiebel’s</p> <p>Matthew 10-11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Matthew 12-13</p>
<p>13 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9 am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Matthew 14-15</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Matthew 16-17</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service</p> <p>Matthew 18-19</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Matthew 20-21</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>May Calendar items due tomorrow</i></p> <p>Matthew 22-23</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Matthew 24-25</p>
<p>20 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9 am Worship in the Park 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 11:15am Picnic in the Park</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Matthew 26-27</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Matthew 28</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service</p> <p>Mark 1-2</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mark 3-4</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Mark 5-6</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5pm Redeemer LYF</p> <p>Mark 7-8</p>
<p>27 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9 am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 3pm Women’s Book Club</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30pm KaBoomers Setup</p> <p>Mark 9</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm KaBoomers Inventory & Unloading</p> <p>Mark 10</p>	<p>30</p> <p>KaBoomers Firework Stand Open 5:45pm Wednesday Worship Service</p> <p>Mark 11</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

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