



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

Faith Lutheran Abilene

March 2020

This year the entire month of March falls within the season of Lent. Custom speaks of the 40 days of Lent and we are reminded of Moses' presence before the Lord on Sinai for 40 days, the 40 years in which God led Israel in the wilderness, Elijah's 40-day fast on his pilgrimage to Horeb, and of course, our Lord's fast of 40 days. Sundays are not counted because fasting is not appropriate to the day of our Lord's victory. Therefore, Sundays are carefully designated as Sunday in Lent, not of Lent.

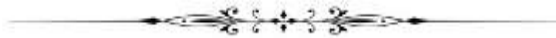


We will observe Lent this year by looking at different "Portraits of the Passion" on the 6 Wednesdays of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of the ashes. Please join with us as we look at our Lord and His Passion following the themes chosen for inspection:

February 26	Ash Wednesday	Silence and Sufficiency	Mark 14:55-65
March 4	Lent 1	Potter's Field	Matthew 27:1-10
March 11	Lent 2	Reed Kingdom	Matthew 27:24-31
March 18	Lent 3	Two Robes	John 19:1-7
March 25	Lent 4	City Limits	John 19:8:22
April 1	Lent 5	Heavier Cross	Luke 23:26-38

Blessings to you during this season as we reflect on our Lord's Passion for us.

Pastor Holtorf



Holy Communion Reception

Holy Communion will be offered during every Sunday in Lent. In Holy Communion, we receive the true body and blood of Christ in the unleavened bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation!



***Prayerfully consider a midweek offering for each service. It will be designated in support of the "JoyFully: Lutheran," project. Read more about it at <https://joyfullylutheran.org/about/> and find related resources at: <https://joyfullylutheran.org/resources/>



LENTEN MIDWEEK 2020 – WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Lenten Midweek services are designed for continued study and growth in God's Word as we reflect on our Savior's passion for our sins.

Make plans to join in worship on March 4, 11, 18, 25 - April 1

*****Junior confirmation class will be held Sundays at 11:15am following Sunday School.*****

Winter Midweek - Thank you to everyone who attended and taught and brought meals for our 2020 winter midweek. To God alone be the glory.



STAY CURRENT with the online version of Faith's calendar. Constant updates are available at <http://www.faithabilene.org/monthly-newsletter.php>. Bookmark this page on your browser right now and remember to check it for the most recent dates and times. Always know what is going on or if anything has changed!

LWML is March 2 at 6:30 with Ginger as hostess. Ginger has the opening and has the Bible Study and closing. Zone meeting is March 28 in Strong City. Be thinking about if you want to go Convention in Topeka in April!! Our delegates will be selected at this March 2nd meeting. Please contact Debbie Jenne at 785-280-0985 with any questions. All ladies are invited!



Vickie Gill

Thanks to those who made the banner for Convention. Blankets to be delivered to DCF (Department of Children and Families) so special thank you to all who helped tie and get them ready.

Due to scheduling conflicts LYF will not meet in the month of March



Starting March 8th the youth will be selling Russell Stover Easter Chocolate for \$1.00/box . All proceeds will be used for funding of the upcoming trip. (There are no plans to have a March garage sale this year.)

****Men of Faith** will meet **Saturday, March 7, 8am**, in the church basement for breakfast and Christian fellowship.



****Fellowship Breakfast** will be held at Joe Snuffy's on **Thursday, March 12th, 8:30am**. A sign up sheet will be placed on the parament cabinet. See you there!

March 3 rd – Macey Maddy Michael Schmersey Lori Wischer		March 21 st – Jacob Minson	
March 5 th – Larry Herrs		March 22 nd – Misty Brunk Kelly Schmersey	
March 7 th – Anthony Westendorf		March 24 th – Justin Byarlay	
March 10 th – Tanya Byarlay Matt Gustin Fred Herpich Madison Jenkins Natalie Jenkins		March 28 th – Laurel Manning March 30 th – Katelyn Capsey March 31 st – Jessica Lenegar	
March 11 th – Eli Panzer			Ryan & Adrienne Feeney 3-16-2004
March 12 th – Kaye Ostermann Mandi Wilson			Laird & Shawna Riffel 3-18-1995
March 13 th – Michael Whitford			David & Laura Fortier 3-18-2008
March 15 th – Robyn Hughes			James & Sabrina Holland 3-19-2010
March 16 th – Pat Martin			Randy & Lois Soliday 3-21-2009
March 19 th – Makayla Jenne			Brandon & Ashley Depew 3-26-2011
March 20 th – Sharon Byarlay James Holland Steven Sare	Ethan & Sara Backhus 3-28-2015		

February Official Acts: Transfer Out: Abi Zwiebel requested transfer to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Junction City, KS

Faith Lutheran Choir



Join us as we lift our voices to God! Choir practice is at 5:00pm Wednesdays. We are a multi-age choir and enjoy having younger voices mix with more experienced ones.

High School Graduation: Member Jacob Leusman graduated from high school last December. He plans to attend Kansas University in Lawrence at next fall term. Congratulations, Jacob!

Women's Book Club is Sunday, March 22, 3 PM, at the home of Karen Schoenbeck, 1903 Faith Ave. The book is, JUSTIFIABLE MEANS, by Terri Blackstock. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen (263-7779) if you would like to know more!



2020 Vacation Bible School *Rainforest Explorers* is the theme for this year's VBS. Dates are Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11, with a closing program and ice cream social held that night at 6pm. Volunteers for music, crafts, kitchen, and groups will be needed.

Please join us and start spreading the word!



February 2nd Voter's Meeting Recap



Education: VBS will be June 8-11th. **Elders:** Reminder of Elder Zones for primary contact based on member's last name: Gary Minson A-G; Rocky Sanders H-Minn; and Bruce Hageman Mins-Z. **Old Business:** The Soup Supper & Raffle realized over \$6,800 for community member, Silynda Christiensen. **New Business:** T.I.M. West African missionary Rev. Jacob Gaugert has replaced Rev. Ryan McDermott who has returned to the states. The Call Committee members have been appointed & voted on. They are, Mike Aufdemberge, chairman, Elders Minson, Sanders & Hageman, Council Member Dave Graves, & Faith members at large, Cliff Ascher & Chuck Eaton. **Open Forum:** Faith will operate 2020 fireworks sales in a tent for KaBoomers.



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>



Spring Clean-Up

We are tentatively planning for a Saturday in April to prepare the church yards for the upcoming year. Please watch bulletins and listen to announcements after services for the date and time. Plan on helping as we work together to beautify our church!

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.



**** 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 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 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.”



FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of **March 2020**



Elder: B. Hageman

Altar Guild: A. Kuntz & L. Fortier

Organists: B. Schwab (Sun: 3/1, 3/8, & Wed: 3/4)

K. Gilchrist (Sun: 3/15; 3/22; 3/29, & Wed: 3/11; 3/18; 3/25)

Ushers: Sundays:

March 1st: G. Stuart & T. Rahe

March 8th: J. Rippert & J. Rogge

March 15th: A Minson & B. Minson

March 22nd: B. Zwiebel & L. Riffel

March 29th: T. Rahe & J. Rippert

Ushers: Wednesdays:

March 4th (Wed-Lenten): J. Rogge

March 11th (Wed-Lenten): G. Minson

March 18th (Wed-Lenten): R. Sanders

March 25th (Wed-Lenten): G Stuart

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Greeters	Bulletin Bureau
March 1	S. Medlock	1 st Reader: K. Horsfall	Hollands	J. Minson
	I. Rippert	2 nd Reader: J. Kuntz		
March 4 -Wed	<i>S. Medlock & E. Gustin - Acolytes</i>			
March 8	G. Panzer	1 st Reader: L. Brake	S. Anderson	E. Basso
	C. West	2 nd Reader: B. Hageman	M. Meyer	
March 11-Wed	<i>G. Panzer & C. West - Acolytes</i>			
March 15	Biggs	1 st Reader: M. Aufdemberge	Aufdemberges	K. Minneman
	Biggs	2 nd Reader: B. Depew		
March 18 -Wed	<i>Biggs & Biggs - Acolytes</i>			
March 22	L. Corn	1 st Reader: S. Riffel	L. Riffel	M. Rippert
	E. Gustin	2 nd Reader: C. West	S. Riffel	
March 25 -Wed	<i>L. Corn & E. Gustin - Acolytes</i>			
March 29	S. Medlock	1 st Reader: G. Taplin	Youth	K. Gilchrist
	I. Rippert	2 nd Reader: B. Zwiebel		

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 8390 lbs for \$3237.73 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."

**21 households' use resulted in \$59.94 donated to FLC the 4th Qtr 2019. A total of \$1,844.89 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." \$1,104 has been collected!



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.



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MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:15am Confirmation Class	2 6:30pm LWML @ Faith Exodus 34	3 Exodus 35-36	4 5:00pm Elders 6:30pm Lent Worship Exodus 37-38	5 Exodus 39-40	6 Leviticus 1	7 8 am Men of Faith Leviticus 2-3
8 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:15am Confirmation Class	9 Leviticus 4-6	10 Leviticus 7-9	11 6:30pm Lent Worship Leviticus 10-11	12 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast Leviticus 12-15	13 Leviticus 16-17	14 Leviticus 18-19
15 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:15am Confirmation Class	16 Leviticus 20-22	17 Leviticus 23-25	18 6:30pm Lent Worship Leviticus 26-27	19 <i>Spring Begins</i> 6:30/7:30pm Boards/Council Numbers 1-3	20 Numbers 4-6	21 APRIL CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW Numbers 7-8
22 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:15am Confirmation Class 3:00pm Book Club @ Schoenbeck's	23 Numbers 9-10	24 Numbers 11-12	25 6:30pm Lent Worship Numbers 13-15	26 Numbers 16-18	27 Numbers 19-20	28 Numbers 21
29 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:15am Confirmation Class	30 Numbers 22-25	31 Numbers 26-27	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>			

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