



Faith Lutheran Abilene

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

May 2019

John 10:14, Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd."

Dear Friends,

I want you to remember this—Jesus is the only person who could die for your sins on the Cross and bodily rise from the dead on Easter morning. Jesus did this so that your sins might be forgiven and that you might now be His dear child, an heir of life eternal.

There is absolutely nothing that we could do on our own to save ourselves and "to get right with God" as some churches or religions teach. We can't pray to Mary or knock on enough people's doors or go on a 2-year mission journey or even put enough money into the offering plate to somehow buy our way into heaven. Salvation is found in Christ alone. By His life, suffering, death and resurrection, Jesus has proven that He is God's Son—the great I AM.

In Psalm 23, David describes Jesus as the Good Shepherd. By faith, He has included us to be part of His flock, leading us to green pastures and still waters. He guides us down the paths of righteousness, even in the midst of death, with the rod and staff of His Word. He gives Himself to us in such a way that our cups are not just full, but they are overflowing. He promises that we will dwell in His house forever.

By faith, we are a part of Christ's flock. Jesus tells His flock that He will lay down His own life for us upon Calvary's Cross.

It's not so much that we know Him, but it's that He knows us. He calls us by name. He gives us the faith to confess His Name. Where? In Holy Baptism, He has covered us with His blood. We now wear the white robe of righteousness. We are granted faith, forgiven of our sins, and made to be His sons and daughters—now and forever.

You must keep hearing the voice of the Shepherd to be strengthened and grow in the Christian faith. Think about this—to cut yourself off from the flock is to cut yourself off from the Shepherd. You must continue to worship here at church to hear and study His Word. You must hear that voice at home. Take time to daily read the Bible. Spend a few minutes with the Lord by using a devotion.



You must be fed by the Shepherd at His Table. When you eat and drink His true body and blood in the unleavened bread and wine of His Supper, Jesus says that He is living in you to forgive your sins and strengthen your faith. Think about this—If Jesus is living in you, it makes the attack of Satan that much harder on you.

Jesus also says of Himself in John 6:35 concerning His Supper, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst." Come and receive often what the Lord wants to give to you at His Table. He feeds and cares for you now and forever. He cannot lie. He cannot deceive. His word is always true!

You see, that's the kind of Shepherd we all need. The Shepherd who stays with His flock—feeding, protecting, caring, and nurturing you throughout all of your earthly days until He calls you to be with Himself on the Last Day. ~ *Pastor Panzer*



2019 Graduates

Congratulations to all high school and college graduates. God-speed as you begin a new path in your life! Senior recognition will be Sunday, May 5th during the worship service.



***High School graduates:**

Madeyln Stuart: Solomon High School

Seth Bielefeld, Briannah Feeny, Travis Luthi: Abilene High School

***College graduate:**

Megan Bielefeld - Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management from Fort Hays State University



*LYF will meet on *Sunday, May 5th* at the Hayes' - 300 N Van Buren, Abilene. The Hayes family will provide us with a light meal. We'll join together for Bible study and fellowship (please bring a Bible). All youth 7th-12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend!

***Garage Sale** - *Friday, May 3 (3-6pm) & Saturday, May 4 (8am-Noon)*. Please bring good used items and clothing to the church the week of April 29. All proceeds will benefit the youth group. Thank you!



*LYF servant event trip is to **Lutheran Valley Retreat - Woodland Park, CO**. The group will leave after worship on **Sunday, May 26** and return **Friday, May 31**. www.lvr.org



Sunday, May 5 at 3:30
Mothers & Daughters Luncheon



Aloha!! We would like to invite all the Mothers and Daughters of the congregation to join us for a festive Luncheon In Hawaii on Sunday May 5 at 3:30. Bring your favorite Hawaiian dish to share. Contact Laura Fortier in church after worship or call her at 214-542-1864 for special recipes. Any questions? Call Debbie Jenne at 785-280-0985. Hope to see you there!



2019 Vacation Bible School

Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World

is the theme for this year's VBS. Dates are Monday, June 10 through Thursday, June 13, 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!

Summer Lawn Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to mow and trim the church. Mowing normally occurs on the day before worship, or as your schedule allows throughout the week. A sign-up sheet is on the parent cabinet. Questions? Please speak with Zach Krause.



Official Acts for April 2019:

Confirmation: Eli Panzer & Ethan Juhl

Holy Baptism: Leona Clark



Women's Book Club will not meet in May. The book to be discussed at the June 23rd meeting will be announced toward the end of May.



***Fellowship Breakfast** will be held at The Hitching Post on **Thursday, May 9th, 8:30am**. A sign up sheet will be placed on the parent cabinet. See you there!



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>



Beginning Monday, June 3 a second Divine Service will be held.
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.



Worship in the Park – SAVE THE DATE -

Sunday, June 9th – 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



- 2 - Dave Graves
- 3 - Gary Gibbs
- 5 - Bella Schmersey
- 7 - Caelyn Biggs
- 8 - Caedyn Biggs
- Maudie Clark
- 12 - Trenton Haslouer
- 17 - Killian Backhus
- Ryanne Feeney
- 18 - Aiden Soliday
- 20 - Mike Aufdemberge



- 22 - Taylor Dean
- Maddilyn Jenne
- Amanda Parson
- 23 - Laura Wilson
- 24 - Larry Brake
- Camden Depew
- Justin Soliday
- Eli Tichenor
- 28 - Elizabeth Juhl
- 29 - Kiersten Bauer
- Briannah Feeney
- Marie Schultze
- 31 - Cara Maddy

May Anniversaries

<i>Mike & Laurel Manning</i>	<i>5-1-1998</i>	<i>Gerald Riffel & Janet Johnson</i>	<i>5-12-2012</i>
<i>Rick & Laura Wilson</i>	<i>5-2-1994</i>	<i>Mark & Jeanie Cameron</i>	<i>5-17-1997</i>
<i>Zach & Christina Krause</i>	<i>5-5-2012</i>	<i>Tyler & Heather Savery</i>	<i>5-23-2015</i>
<i>Trent & Marisa Stahl</i>	<i>5-8-2011</i>	<i>Joe & Ellen Basso</i>	<i>5-26-1973</i>
<i>Gary & Joyce Minson</i>	<i>5-12-1973</i>	<i>George & Pat Taplin</i>	<i>5-28-1964</i>
<i>Larry & Carolyn Herrs</i>	<i>5-31-1975</i>		





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



April Voter's Meeting Highlights - April 7, 2019



Education: 2019 VBS, June 10-13. - The Education Superintendent position remains open. Speak with Shawna Riffel or Pastor with suggestions.

Elders: A second service will be offered monthly beginning Monday, June 3rd.

Trustees: A mowing sign-up list will be placed on the parament cabinet soon.

New Business: The Ice Cream Social was set for July 14th with LWML ladies chairing the event. Proceeds will be used for LWML missions. - A formal 3-year capital campaign with the goal to raise \$300,000 to support expansion of the church was voted in. The Board of Stewardship will develop details on how to proceed and report back to the congregation.



Faith to Go - a congregation of helpers

Need assistance with transportation? Volunteers are available to help you. Make the call!

Mary Frances Rippert: 785-263-0053 or 785-342-0221 (cell) || 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.

FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of May 2019



Elder: R. Sanders

Altar Guild: S. Panzer & C. Krause

Organists: B. Schwab (5/5, 5/26)

K. Gilchrist (5/12); J. Schaich (5/19)

Ushers: May 5th: M. Gustin & D. Minneman

May 12th: J. Rippert & C. Bielefeld

May 19th: B. Minson & L. Brake

May 26th: G. Minson & L. Westendorf

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Greeters	Bulletin Bureau
May 5	G. Panzer	1 st : R. Sanders	Gustin	M. Rippert
	C. West	2 nd : B. Depew	Jenne	
May 12	C. Biggs	G. Minson	Eaton	K. Minneman
	C. Biggs			
May 19	I. Rippert	1 st : M. Aufdemberge	Corn	E. Basso
	L. Corn	2 nd : C. West		
May 26	I. Rippert	1 st : G. Taplin	Ostermann	K. Gilchrist
	E. Gustin	2 nd : 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 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.



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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.

MAY 2019

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 St. Philip & St. James, Apostles Ezekiel 44	2 Ezekiel 45-46	3 3-6pm LYF Garage Sale Ezekiel 47-48	4 8am Men of Faith Breakfast 8am – noon LYF Garage Sale Daniel 1
5 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper ~ Graduate Recognition 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:30am LYF @ Hayes 3:30pm Mother/Daughter Celebration	6 9:30am Mom’s Group Daniel 2	7 Daniel 3-4	8 Daniel 5	9 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast @ Hitching Post Board of Directors meeting @ Topeka Daniel 6	10 Daniel 7-8	11 2pm Solomon High School Graduation Daniel 9
12 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies Mother’s Day	13 12pm Mom’s Group 5pm Elders Daniel 10-12	14 9am Circuit 9 @ Shady Brook Hosea 1-2	15 Hosea 3-4	16 6:30/7:30 Boards/Council Hosea 5-6	17 Hosea 7-8	18 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> JUNE CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW Hosea 9-10
19 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 1:30pm Abilene High School Graduation	20 9:30am Mom’s Group Hosea 11-12	21 Hosea 13	22 Hosea 14	23 Joel 1	24 Joel 2	25 Joel 3
26 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies LYF Service Trip leave after service	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> 12pm Mom’s Group Amos 1-2	28 Amos 3	29 Amos 4-5	30 <i>The Ascension of Our Lord (Acts 1:1-11)</i> Amos 6	31 LYF Returns Amos 7	

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