



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 2020

Please take a moment and become familiar with:

<http://www.faithabilene.org/>

During this time of pandemic and physical distancing, the online site for Faith Lutheran Church is an ongoing, timely source to help us stay informed with our church. Faithabilene.org home page has links to view Pastor Holtorf leading us in worship each Sunday as well as access to the church bulletins.

An online monthly calendar is also available at the faithabilene.org website. Simply click on the "Monthly Newsletter/Calendar" tab at the top of the screen. This calendar will be changing as the pandemic response progresses. It is your best source to check the current status of schedules for your church.

See some important information links accessible through Faith Lutheran's website & facebook below:



Facebook users, follow us at "Faith Lutheran - Abilene, KS" and have access to worship services on the "Facebook Live" platform. In order to view this facebook page and not have a facebook account, use <https://www.facebook.com/Faith-Lutheran-Abilene-KS-156624114441322/?ref=stream> to see the Faith Lutheran facebook page. Click on what you want to view and you will be able to see the service videos.



For non-users of Facebook, worship services are uploaded to You Tube and are available all the time. Just check them at the You Tube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEpuDJ5PLj8sToKk6leEahQ>



Access Faith Lutheran's up-to-date calendar at:
<http://www.faithabilene.org/monthly-newsletter.php>



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 Graduates

Congratulations to all high school and college graduates. God-speed as you begin a new path in your life



*High School graduates:

Jacob Leusman: Chapman High School

Haileigh Pursell: Fredonia High School

Kiersten Bauer, Zachary Juhl, Deserae Meade, Spencer Riffel: Abilene High School

*College graduate:

John Augustine (Kansas State: BS Industrial Engineering and Master's in Industrial Engineering)

Jessica Hayes (Emporia State: BS in Business Marketing)



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!

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. Please be thinking about how you can help. A sign-up sheet will be available when services resume.



Email sent April 23rd from Mike Aufdemberge, President of Faith Lutheran Church:

Greetings Everyone,

I just wanted to give you a quick update on where we are at in the call process. We recently received a list of 10 candidates along with their information from the District and then gave copies of that information to each member of the Call Committee. We are now taking several weeks to thoroughly go through everything and then will meet again to go over it all. In addition, sometime in May we will give all of you the opportunity to look through the information as well. We are excited at the thought of our next pastor being in the list!

We also wanted to remind everyone to join us for our online worship services on Sunday mornings via Facebook Live or YouTube. They have been very well put together and if for some reason you or anybody you know is having trouble getting the service; please, contact Ginger and she will do her best to help you.

I think that is it for now. God's Blessings on the rest of your week! Mike

Women's Book Club will meet at a date to be announced, 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 interested.



**** 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.”



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



- 22 - Maddilyn Jenne
- 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>Nate & Rachel McKee</i>	<i>5-11-2019</i>	<i>George & Pat Taplin</i>	<i>5-28-1964</i>
<i>Gary & Joyce Minson</i>	<i>5-12-1973</i>	<i>Larry & Carolyn Herrs</i>	<i>5-31-1975</i>

April Church Council Meeting

The Council meeting was held via conference call on Thursday, April 16th.

Call Committee update: A list of ten pastors has been received. the committee members are comparing their strengths to the results of the Faith member questionnaire that listed what members wanted from a minister as the next step in the call process. The LYF servant trip to Colorado planned for this year has been cancelled due to the uncertainty of the pandemic status at the time scheduled.



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."

**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.*



"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.

MAY 2020

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><i>“Search the Scriptures, because they are these which testify about Me.” John 5:39</i></p>					1	2
					Deuteronomy 31	Deuteronomy 32
<p>3 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Online Worship via YouTube & Facebook Live 10:15am Online Children’s Sunday School via YouTube/Church Website</p>	4 Deuteronomy 33	5 Deuteronomy 34	6 Joshua 1	7 Joshua 2-3	8 Joshua 4:1-5:12	9 Joshua 5:13-7:26
<p>10 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship - TBD 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies - TBD Mother’s Day</p>	11 Joshua 8-9	12 Joshua 10	13 4 pm Confirmands Review w/Pastor Holtorf Joshua 11-12	14 6:30/7:00 Boards/Council Joshua 13-15	15 Joshua 16-17	<p>16 Armed Forces Day JUNE CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW Joshua 18-19</p>
<p>17 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship - TBD 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies - TBD</p>	18 Joshua 20-21	19 Joshua 22	20 7 pm – Confirmation Questioning w/ Pastor & Elders Joshua 23	21 <i>The Ascension of Our Lord (Acts 1:1-11)</i> Joshua 24	22 Judges 1	23 Judges 2
<p>24 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am Worship - TBD 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies - TBD</p>	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30
<p>31 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship - TBD 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies - TBD</p>	Judges 3	Judges 4-5	Judges 6-8	Judges 9-10	Judges 11-12	Judges 13-16

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