



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

Faith Lutheran Abilene

November 2019



Luke 21:28, Jesus says, "Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

We are in the "Last Sundays of the Church Year." What that means is just like we have an earthly calendar that runs from January to December, so also, we have a church calendar that runs from the season of Advent to the Sundays after Pentecost. The church calendar is designed to teach us about Christ—His life and His Words for our lives.

These last Sundays after Pentecost direct our thoughts to the final return of our Savior. They are words not meant to scare us, but to long for Jesus to return soon. We hear words of warning that are meant to call us to repentance.

How can we know and believe this? Go back to Baptism where Jesus has claimed us as His beloved sons and daughters. Go back to His Word of truth where God tells us that He has sent His One and Only Son to be the final and complete sacrifice for our sins. Go here to the Altar where Jesus puts into our bodies His true body and blood in the unleavened bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

You see, God never leaves us in despair. Because of Jesus, we are forgiven in His sight. By faith, when God looks upon you and me, He sees His Son.

Look again at what God is showing to us through the Gospel writer Luke (chapter 21). Jesus is announcing a shift in the locale of God's presence—from the physical temple in Jerusalem to His own fleshly body. The destruction of the physical temple will prompt people to look for God's presence in the location where He has come to dwell forever—in Jesus, who comes to dwell in His Church through the Gospel—His Word and Sacraments.

Jesus' words invite us to see past the trouble, the sorrow and the evil in the world, to the Day when He will return to judge the living and the dead. On that Day, Jesus will remove all sin from our lives and make things right. His Word stands true. Because it is Jesus who says these things, we can be completely confident that God is going to rescue and redeem all His Christian people.

We long for Jesus to return soon. As we await His coming, we do so knowing exactly who's we are and we're where going. Who are we? We're the baptized children of God. Where are we going? We're going to heaven because of Jesus.

To that end, Luke 21 is a great "mission" text. We know exactly where we're going. Don't we want others there as well, especially our family and friends who may be doubting or who are without a church home? Statistics show that 80 percent of all people who come to church for the first time are there because they have been personally invited.

Hear the words of Jesus again in Luke 21:28, "Now when these things—the signs of the End Times—begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." "Stand and lift up your head." What a gracious word! As sinners, we deserve the opposite, but He makes us to stand. We are forgiven, accepted, and loved.

While fear and uncertainty can lead many to doubt, in Christ, we are saved and delivered. By the blood of Christ, we are ready and prepared to reach someone in our lives in need of that same comforting Word as well. ~ *Pastor Panzer*



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 3 @ 2am. Be sure to "Fall back" 1-hour!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 27 - 6:30 PM

We have much to give thanks for. So join us in worship as we "give thanks" to God for His many and abundant blessings that He continually showers upon us. To God alone be the glory!



2019 Fall Education/Bible Study Events



***Fall Wednesday Midweek Program** continues through Wednesday, November 13th. A light meal is served at 6:00 PM followed by midweek classes for pre-school through 6th grade at 6:30 PM. November Wednesday meals provided by: 6th - LWML; 13th - Panzers

***Adult Midweek Bible Study** continues each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM. Chuck Eaton is leading a Bible study based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic, *Life Together*. Come and hear the Word of the Lord. Couples and individuals young and old are encouraged to participate.



Adults: please join us for the meal that begins at 6:00 PM!

Children's Christmas Program Practice



The children's Christmas program is almost here! The program will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 9 a.m. during the worship service. **Program practice will begin on Sunday, November 3rd during Sunday School time** and will be held every Sunday until the program date. All kids, ages nursery to 8th grade, are invited to participate (a sign-up sheet is on the parent cabinet). This year, we will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 14th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Some adult bible study classes will meet in the basement fellowship hall.

2019 Christmas Poinsettia's



The church will purchase 2 poinsettias. You are encouraged to "purchase one or more" for a \$10 donation with proceeds going to help member families in need. Poinsettias can be given "to the glory of God" or "in memory of a loved one" and names will be listed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Checks can be made to Faith Lutheran. Please put "*Poinsettia*" in the memo line. All are encouraged to participate!



LYF News – Rake 'n Run Event!

LYF meets Saturday, November 9 at noon in the church basement for lunch provided by the Krause Family. We will continue with our annual "Rake & Run" event. *Please remember to bring rakes and gloves.* All youth in 7th to 12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend!



2020 God's Creation Calendars are now for sale for \$7.00. Each month features a Bible verse with a beautiful picture of "God's creation." Proceeds support the youth group. Thank you!



Faith's Lutheran Women in Mission will gather Monday, Nov. 4 at 6:30pm at the church for Bible Study led by Kathy Minneman who will be the hostess. Kay Ostermann will have an Opening Devotion with Kathy offering the Closing prayer. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. Mission Activities this month will be providing our College Students with snacks and encouragement during their "Final Exams" week and delivering Flowers to our congregation's Shut Ins. Contributions of items or money can be brought on Monday night or there will be a box in the Narthex before the meeting. Laura will be also ordering from Walmart to fill the boxes. We welcome all members of the congregation to participate. If you have questions contact Debbie Jenne at 785-280-0985.



***Fellowship Breakfast** will be Thursday, November 14, 8:30am at Joe Snuffy's, Abilene. A signup sheet will be placed on the parament cabinet.

Live Nativity at the Abilene Heritage Center: Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 5:30pm

Join us as we will host a "live nativity" event at the Abilene Heritage Center, 412 S. Campbell, on Sunday, December 8 beginning at 5:30PM. This event will be held in conjunction with the Dickinson County Historical Society's "Christmas In the Cabin." Everyone is needed to make this event a success. *Prayerfully consider what you can do to help!*



"Men of Faith"

Our men's group will once again serve a meal at the Salina Rescue Mission on Tuesday, November 5. Carpool will leave the church around 5:15pm, and we need about 5 of our men to help.

Faith Lutheran Choir practices on Wednesday afternoons at 5:00pm prior to the 6:00pm Midweek supper. Male voices are needed and everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us in praising the Lord!



November Anniversaries

Gary & Sharon Gibbs ~ 11-1-1963

Marcus & Tristen Denham ~ 11-3-2018

Mark Biggs & Jane Schenck ~ 11-11-2011



Conner & Elisabeth Kijowski ~ 11-11-2017

Ralph & Cindy Manning ~ 11-21-1981

Steven & Katie Sare ~ 11-22-2008

Norman & Vickie Schmidt ~ 11-23-2005

3 - Cindy Brake

5 - Cliff Ascher

8 - Teresa Stuart

10 - Janine Schaich

Jordyn Backhus

David Graves, Jr.

11 - Kathy Minneman

Tom Rahe

Mary Frances Rippert

12 - Grier Panzer

13 - Addison Hughes

Stan Knaus

15 - Tyler Harder

Brook Haley

16 - Paula Cook

17 - Eva Katzenmeier

19 - Bo Bohannan

Laura Knaus

Michael Manning

20 - Madelyn Stuart

21 - Dennis Minneman

Gerald Riffel

22 - Jennifer Zwiebel



23 - Nya Rippert

25 - Monika Corn

26 - Lois Soliday

John Vahsholtz

27 - Monica Harder

28 - Harley Harder

Morgan Melton

29 - Charlotte Jenkins

Austin Kuntz

Mark Minneman

30 - Steve Backhus



Women's Book Club is Sunday, November 17, 3 PM, at the home of Karen Schoenbeck, 1903 Faith Ave. The book is, **THE MIDWIFE OF HOPE RIVER** by Patricia Harmon. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen (263-7779) if you are interested.

October Council Meeting Highlights

***Education:** Christmas Program practice sign up starts Oct 20th. The program is scheduled for the Dec 15th Service. ***Mission:** The Live Nativity will be December 8th. ***Old/New Business:** Discussed feedback regarding the transition to Pastor's part-time jobs. Revised the agenda and continued preparations for the Oct 20th Annual Meeting included budget & elected position nominees for 2020, suggestions for budget overage, and January soup supper.



Official Acts for October 2019

Released from membership: PARSON, Michael & Amanda, Corbin, McKenzie, Cooper, Kory

**** LCMS Kansas District News ****



To keep up with the events of the District, please go their website at www.kslcms.org. It is easy to be added to the monthly newsletter mailing. Simply subscribe at the bottom of the website home page. 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 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.



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. 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>

FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of November **2019**



Elder: R. Sanders	Organists: 11/3	K. Gilchrist
Altar Guild: L. Knaus & Shawna Riffel	11/10	K. Gilchrist
Ushers: November 3 rd : M. Gustin & D. Minneman	11/17	B. Schwab
November 10 th : J. Rippert & C. Bielefeld	11/24	B. Schwab
November 17 th : B. Minson & R. Sanders	11/27 (Wed)	B. Schwab
November 24 th : L. Westendorf & G. Minson		
November 27 th : (Thanks Eve): D. Minneman		

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Greeters	Bulletin Bureau
November 3	C. West	1 st Reader: G. Minson	Gustin	D. Graves
	E. Gustin	2 nd Reader: R. Rahe		
November 10	L. Corn	1 st Reader: B. Depew	K. Gilchrist	J. Schenck
	I. Rippert	2 nd Reader: M. Aufdemberge	K. Schmersey	
November 17	Cael. Biggs	1 st Reader: D. Minneman	S. Anderson	J. Zwiebel
	S. Medlock	2 nd Reader: L. Brake	M. Meyer	
November 24	Caed. Biggs	1 st Reader: G. Taplin	Jenne	D. Jenne
	G. Panzer	2 nd Reader: E. Panzer		

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."

**19 households' use resulted in \$68.94 donated to FLC the 3rd Qtr 2019.

**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."

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.



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NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Read the Bible in 1 year! By reading the verses printed at the bottom of Monday-Saturday, you will accomplish reading the Bible in 1 year.</p> <p><i>“Search the Scriptures, because they are these which testify about Me.” John 5:39</i></p>				Board of Directors	1	2 Set clocks back 1 hr →
					Ephesians 5-6	Philippians 1
<p>3 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</p>	<p>4 LWML @ 6:30pm @ Faith Philippians 2</p>	<p>5 Election Day 6:00 pm Salina Rescue Mission Philippians 3</p>	<p>6 5:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek/Bible Study Philippians 4</p>	<p>7 Colossians 1</p>	<p>8 Colossians 2</p>	<p>9 12pm LYF "Rake & Run" Colossians 3-4</p>
<p>10 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00am Worship 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>11 VETERANS DAY 5:00pm Elders I Thessalonians 1</p>	<p>12 I Thessalonians 2</p>	<p>13 5:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek/Bible Study I Thessalonians 3</p>	<p>14 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast @ Joe Snuffy's 6:30/7pm Boards/Council I Thessalonians 4</p>	<p>15 I Thessalonians 5</p>	<p>16 DECEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW II Thessalonians 1</p>
<p>17 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study 3:00pm Women's Book Club @ Schoenbeck's</p>	<p>18 Pastor COP @ Houston II Thessalonians 2-3</p>	<p>19 I Timothy 1</p>	<p>20 I Timothy 2</p>	<p>21 I Timothy 3</p>	<p>22 LCEF Conference @ Houston I Timothy 4</p>	<p>23 → I Timothy 5</p>
<p>24 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>25 I Timothy 6</p>	<p>26 II Timothy 1</p>	<p>27 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship II Timothy 2</p>	<p>28 THANKSGIVING DAY II Timothy 3-4</p>	<p>29 Titus 1</p>	<p>30 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE Titus 2</p>