



"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 2020

⇒ News from the Call Committee & President Mike Aufdemberge sent to the congregation on October 2nd

"We just wanted to update everyone with the recent news that our candidate, **Pastor Joseph Barlau**, has accepted our Call to serve as our next Pastor. We are excited for him and his family to join our congregation. Due to the fact that they are expecting their fourth child in October, needing to sell their current home, planning to search for a new home, and then add in the holidays; we are planning for his installation to be at the beginning of the new year.



While their arrival seems like a long way off, it will fly by fast and will give us time to get our 'House in Order' before they get here. So that being said, and as a reminder, we have had a lot going on over the last 9 months. So if anyone has any issues or concerns please feel free to contact me or one of the Elders to let us know.

This is an exciting time for our Church but let's not forget to keep Pastor Barlau's current congregation (Redeemer) in our prayers in addition to Pastor Barlau and his family during this time of transition.

God's Blessings, Mike Aufdemberge and the Call Committee, Faith Lutheran Church"

⇒ Update from President Mike Aufdemberge sent to the congregation on October 13th:

"I thought I would catch you up on Pastor Barlau's (our new pastor) timeline. He is planning on making his last Sunday at Redeemer in Seymour, IN on December 13. At that point he is going to use some vacation days and is wanting to physically move to Abilene on Dec. 14 and 15. We are then planning for his Installation to be on Jan. 3, 2021. We look forward to him and his family arriving!"

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 25 - 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!



2021 God's Creation Calendars are for sale. Cost of the calendar is \$7.00. Each month features a Bible verse with a beautiful picture of "God's creation." Proceeds go to support the LYF. Please, contact Shawna Riffel (785) 479-1896 or Jamie Hayes (785) 263-2907 for more information. Thank you!

2020 Fall Education/Bible Study Events



+ **Sunday Morning:** Classes are offered for children, youth, and adults after the worship service. The children and youth meet downstairs; the adults in the church sanctuary. (All but pre-school children are invited to wear masks.)

+ **MIDWEEK** will continue through Wednesday, November 18th at the church.

There will be NO MEAL for the fall midweek. The classes include: 3rd - 5th grade Bible Study and Adult Bible study at 6:30p.m. and ending at 7:30p.m.

+ **Junior Confirmation students and a parent meet with Pastor Holtorf.**

Be sure to remember to bring Bibles and materials to these classes.

+ **Adult Wednesday Evening Study – 6:30pm:** Couples and individuals young and old are encouraged and invited to participate in this study together! Chuck Eaton teaches the class titled, *"The Calling: Live a Life of Significance."*



***Small Group Bible Study:** Mindy Sanders is considering a small-group bible study for the adult members of our congregation. The small groups would meet outside of our time together on Sunday's. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Mindy Sanders at (785) 787-0388 or minsans30@gmail.com.

Children's Christmas Program Practice



The children's Christmas program is almost here! The program will be held on **Sunday, December 13th at 9 a.m.** during the worship service. Program practice will begin on Sunday, November 1st 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).

Please remember to practice the music and speaking parts!

This year, we will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 12th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

NOTE: Because of COVID-19 pandemic concerns, a reception will not be held following our November 1st Worship Service. Please keep in mind this special 70th Anniversary time for Abilene Faith Lutheran, LCMS, and the wonderful history of our church. We can look forward to many more years and plan to make our 75th Anniversary celebration in 2025 even more special!



LYF News – Rake 'n Run Event and much more!

The annual Rake and Run date is set for **Sunday, November 15th**. A light lunch will be served in the basement following Sunday School. *Please remember to bring rakes and gloves.* All youth in 7th to 12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend!



Mark your December calendar now! We will meet December 6 at 4 p.m. at the church. We will then proceed with Christmas Caroling and then have pizza at the Panzers.



Faith Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will meet **Nov. 2 at 6:30** at the church

for Bible Study and a short meeting. Laura Knaus will have the Opening Devotion, Donna Ascher will lead the Bible Study and Ginger Sanders will serve as Hostess. We will be planning for providing a Goodie Box for our college students; plus making plans for our Christmas season mission project

and activity. We invite all ladies of the congregation to attend. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Donna Ascher at 785-280-3120. A special Thank you to Becky Schwab for donating the cookies for our "We Care Cookie" distribution to the various Faith members and many thanks to all the volunteers who delivered them. It was a wonderful opportunity to check in on some families that we have missed during this Covid - 19 timeframe and was certainly appreciated.

Official Act

Transfer In: Tim and Tiffany Rahe, Anajlisha, Mary, and Gabriel from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Platte, NE



2020 Christmas Poinsettias



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! Contact the Church Office via email: faithabilene@gmail.com or via telephone (785) 263-1842 in order to sign up.

Live Nativity at Faith - Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 5:30pm

Join us as we will host a “live nativity” event at Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 N. Buckeye Ave. on Sunday, December 6th beginning at 5:30PM.

Everyone is needed to make this event a success. Contact Joyce Minson (785) 280-0968

or Joyce Graves (785) 479-0360 to find a way you can serve. *Prayerfully consider what you can do to help!*



“Men of Faith Meeting”

Men of Faith will meet Saturday morning November 7th at 8 am. Please join us for breakfast and Bible study! We look forward to seeing you there!



Faith Lutheran Choir practices on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30pm prior to the 6:30pm Midweek classes. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us in praising the Lord!



Women's Book Club is Sunday, November 22, 3 PM, The book is, A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS by Karen Kingsbury. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (785)263-7779, if you are interested.

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
Tiffany Rahe
8 - Teresa Stuart
10 - Janine Schaich
Jordyn Backhus
David Grave, 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
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



October Council Meeting Highlights

***Elders:** October is pastor appreciation month. Decision to collect donations for gift cards to the pastors who have served Faith in 2020. ***Mission:** The Live Nativity will be held this year. If traditional DK County Heritage Center event is canceled, the nativity will be on Faith's lawn only.

***Old/New Business:** Assessment & bids continue to repair church and rental property hail damage. ☑ Recommendations for issues to be presented to voters at upcoming annual meeting include distribution of Firework's stand earnings; 2020 offering overage distributions; rental house temporary use; barbeque wagon parking; and 2021 budget and elected officials nominations. The Voter's Meeting agenda was completed in preparation of bulletin publication prior to the meeting.

**** LCMS Kansas District News **** at www.kslcms.org.

Faith Lutheran has a "prayer chain." To begin a prayer request call or to be added as a caller to the prayer chain please contact Debbie Jenne(785-280-0985).



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

Website

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. 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>

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



Elder: R. Sanders

Organist: K. Gilchrist

Altar Guild: L. Knaus & Shawna Riffel

Church Service	Lectors	Ushers	Bulletin Bureau
November 1	1 st Reader: H. Corn	M. Gustin	K. Minneman
	2 nd Reader: T. Rahe	M. Aufdemberge	
November 8	1 st Reader: J. Basso	B. Minson	M. Rippert
	2 nd Reader: G. Minson	B. Hageman	
November 15	1 st Reader: K. Horsfall	L. Brake	K. Gilchrist
	2 nd Reader: J. Rippert	M. Aufdemberge	
November 22	1 st Reader: C. Eaton	C. Bielefeld	J. Graves
	2 nd Reader: R. Sanders	R. Hayes	
November 25 (Thanksgiving Eve)		R. Sanders	G. Sanders
November 29	1 st Reader: J. Kuntz	M. Gustin	J. Schenck
	2 nd Reader: E. Panzer	B. Minson	

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 8,665 pounds and \$3,297.73 and mailed in ink cartridges/cell phones for a total of \$1076.96. 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."

****20 households' use resulted in \$63.31 donated to FLC the 3rd Qtr of 2020. A total of \$2,091.44 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."

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.



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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.

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY FAITH'S 70 TH ANNIVERSARY 21 ST 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	2 6:30pm LWML Meeting Job 32-34	3 Election Day Job 35-37	4 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek/Bible Study Job 38-41	5 Job 42	6 Psalms 1-6	7 8am Men of Faith Breakfast Psalms 7-11
8 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study	9 Psalms 12-17	10 Psalms 18-22	11 VETERANS DAY 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek/Bible Study Psalms 23-28	12 6:30/7pm Boards/Council Psalms 29-34	13 Psalms 35-41	14 Psalms 42-47
15 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study 11:30am LYF Rake 'n Run	16 Psalms 48-53	17 Psalms 54-60	18 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek/Bible Study Psalms 61-66	19 Psalms 67-72	20 Psalms 73-77	21 DECEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW Psalms 78-82
22 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study 3:00pm Women's Book Club	23 Psalms 83-89	24 Psalms 90-95	25 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service Psalms 96-101	26 Thanksgiving Day Psalms 102-106	27 Psalms 107-113	28 Psalms 114-118
29 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Children's Christmas Program Practice Begins/Adult Bible Study 11:15am Decorate the Church for Christmas	30 Psalms 119			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>		