



"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 2021

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen."

PHILIPPIANS 4:19-20

Grace and peace to you, Faith Family and Friends,

It has been one year since I accepted the Divine Call to serve you as pastor. So much has changed for my family and you in a year! Transition and change are hard for everyone. I have reflected for some time on this new chapter for me. My reflection is this—familiarity gives security. You know the people surrounding you; you feel their love and care. You see the community where to buy and get things. You know your routine—work, events, rest. These things are lovely and needed. They all come from the One who gives true comfort and contentment—the Triune God.

St. Paul's words are fitting. He faced many new chapters in life—some good and some not so pleasant. When Paul wrote to the Philippian Church, he was a prisoner **"in chains."** Yet, as Paul reflects on His life as an Apostle, he reflects on how good God is. He does supply all that we need.

Luther wrote in His explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed—"God the Father, gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil."

My family and I are blessed by God again and again. God's fatherly care, for Paul, for you and I, never changes. God's gracious care for us is especially true for periods of change and transition. God has shown us that in many ways—through your love and care as the people of God, through a community that we are honored to be connected to, by granting a new routine that is fulfilling—that He does supply our every need.

I pray that you can give thanks to God as well for all that He provides for you. Finally, I pray that my family and I are a blessing to you and will continue to be in the years to come.

O, give thanks unto the LORD, for His mercy endures forever,

Pastor Barlau



The Ladies of Faith LWML will be meeting Nov. 8th at 6:30 for Bible Study led by Pastor Barlau. Laura Knaus will be serving the snacks. We will also discuss the making of the College Finals boxes we make for Faith's college students and discussing a project to reach out to our Senior members of the congregation. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend, if you have any questions or would need a ride, contact Donna Ascher at 785-280-3120. Reminder to all of you who help us by clipping Best Choice labels, we will be sending in the labels soon so bring the labels that you have collected and place them in the wooden box on the parament cabinet. Thank you!



****Men of Faith - November 6th, 8am**, church basement for breakfast/fellowship.



***Fellowship Breakfast** - Joe Snuffy's, **Thurs, Nov. 13th, 8:30 am**. sign-up on the parament cabinet.



Women's Book Club - Book Club will meet Sunday, November 21 at 3:00 pm and the book is THE GLASS CASTLE by Jeanette Walls. Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (785-479-7013) if you would like more information. All ladies are invited to participate!



Faith Lutheran has a "prayer chain."

If you would like to be added as a caller to the prayer chain, please speak with Kathy. To begin a prayer request call Kathy Minneman (785-819-2167) or Pastor Barlau (785-263-1842).



1st & 2nd Samuel Bible Study—the class will meet on **Tuesdays @ 2 p.m. at the Abilene Senior Center**. — We're going way back to the good ol' days of God's people. Those days were far from "good," yet we will study together and see how good God is. Bring your Bible and a friend as we work through these books together.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE STARTING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST—December has been Faith's month to collect food and need essentials for our Local Food Bank located in the Sunflower Hotel. There will be paper grocery sacks with a grocery list handed out. We ask that you fill the bags with those recommended items and then return the filled bag to church. We will deliver the collected food and articles on Monday, December 20th.



FALL IS HERE, AND LYF IS READY TO SERVE! —On Saturday, December 4th, LYF will serve members who need help cleaning up their yards for winter. Please contact Pastor B if you would like the Youth to come and "Rake & Run" your yard or a yard near you!



Safe and Sound—Does your loved one need checked on? Or called to make sure they are alright? Abilene Senior Center is starting a new program. They will call you or your loved one that is shut-in daily Monday to Friday between 9:00 am to 10:00 am. To sign up your loved one or yourself, call (785)263-7059 or stop by the Abilene Senior Center located at 100 North Elm St.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 12/1 ADVENT MID-WEEK 1, 6:30 P.M.
"JESUS, THE SEED OF JESSE'S TREE"
- 12/8 ADVENT MID-WEEK 2, 6:30 P.M.
"JESUS, THE ROOT OF JESSE'S TREE"
- 12/15 ADVENT MID-WEEK 3, 6:30 P.M.
"JESUS, THE LIFE OF JESSE'S TREE"
- 12/19 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 9:00A.M.
"JESSE'S TREE"
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT, 6:30 P.M.
"JESUS, THE FIRSTFRUIT OF JESSE'S TREE"
- 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY, 9:00 A.M.
"JESUS, THE FULFILLING JESSE'S TREE"
- 12/26 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, 9:00 A.M.

November Anniversaries



Gary & Sharon Gibbs	11-1-1963	Ralph & Cindy Manning	11-22-1981
Marcus & Tristen Denham	11-3-2018	Steven & Katie Sare	11-22-2008
Mark Biggs & Jane Schenck	11-11-2011	Norman & Vickie Schmidt	11-23-2005
Conner & Elisabeth Kijowski	11-21-2017		

Happy Birthday

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 - Amanda Barlau 3 - Cindy Brake 5 - Cliff Ascher
Tiffany Rahe 8 - Teresa Stuart 10 - Janine Schaich
David Graves, Jr.
Jordyn Backhus 11 - Kathy Minneman,
Tom Rahe
Mary Frances Rippert 12 - Grier Panzer 13 - Addison Hughes
Stan Knaus 15 - Tyler Harder
Brooke Haley 16 - Paula Cook 19 - Bo Bohannan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 - 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 |
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FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of November 2021



Elder: R. Sanders

Organist: K. Gilcrest

Altar Guild: L. Knaus & S. Riffel

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, Nov 7 - 9:00am	Rebekah	K. Horsfall	M. Gustin & L. Westendorf
Sunday, Nov 14 - 9:00am	Gabriel	J. Kuntz	L. Brake & T. Flanick
Sunday, Nov 21 - 9:00am	Maddi	G. Minson	G. Minson & M. Gustin
Wednesday, Nov 24 - 6:30pm	Jackson	Tim Rahe	D. Minneman
Sunday, Nov 28 - 9:00am	Rebekah	Tom Rahe	B. Minson & L. Brake

NOTE: A master assignment list reflecting any changes will be posted in the upstairs office/cry room.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5:30pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	4	5	6 8am Men of Faith
7 <i>All Saint's Day</i> <i>Observed</i> 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	8 LWML Meets at 6:30 pm for Bible Study led by Pastor B	9 1 st & 2 nd Samuel Bible Study 2 pm at Abilene Senior Center	10 5:30pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	11 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 6:30pm Boards/ 7pm Council	12	13
14 25 th <i>Sunday after</i> <i>Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Nerf Wars 11am-2pm	15	16 1 st & 2 nd Samuel Bible Study 2 pm at Abilene Senior Center	17 5:30pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	18	19	20
21 <i>Last Sunday after</i> <i>Pentecost</i> 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 3pm Women's Book Club	22	23 1 st & 2 nd Samuel Bible Study 2 pm at Abilene Senior Center	24 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i> 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	29	30 1 st & 2 nd Samuel Bible Study 2 pm at Abilene Senior Center				

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