



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

Faith Lutheran Abilene

October 2019

Dear Friends,

Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Sola Scriptura. Solus Christus. Grace alone. Faith alone. Scripture alone. Christ alone. Those are the watchwords of the Reformation—an event that we remember again this month. They confess clearly that we are saved by grace through faith for Christ's sake.

If you think about it, we, as Christian members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are a peculiar people. Why do I say this? Because we hold the Word of God to be true. As LCMS Christians, we believe, teach and confess that Holy Scripture is the sole authority of doctrine and life. Boldly and joyfully we say, "I believe that the Holy Scripture is the inspired and the inerrant Word of God." Yes, the Holy Scriptures are inspired. *2 Peter 1:21, "For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."* Yes, the Holy Scriptures are inerrant. *2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

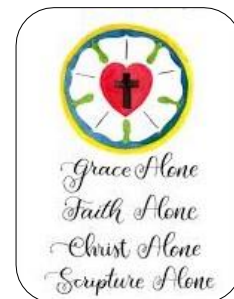
On the day of your confirmation, you and I confessed publicly before God and His Church the saving truths of the Christian faith which we were taught in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. One of the questions we were asked said, "Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God? We confessed, "I do."

What a phenomenal confession of faith! The Holy Scriptures drive us to the truth that Jesus alone is the Savior (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). As faithful witnesses, we need to be willing to speak up for that confession. Why does this matter? On August 8, 2019, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted in convention the following: "A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment: A Policy Statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." Lines 630-655 of the statement, labeled "Limits on our knowing," are particularly troubling, as they state that "we must be careful about claiming to know God's judgments regarding another religion" (lines 639-640). After very brief debate, convention delegates defeated a proposed amendment which would have struck this language.

By a final vote of 97.48%, the ELCA in convention adopted the full document, effectively confessing that there may be many paths to heaven. This is against what Jesus says clearly in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Unfortunately, such a statement should not surprise us, as that church body confesses that Holy Scripture contains the Word of God.

Holy Scripture calls us to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15). We are called to "Witness Faithfully." How do we do this? By proclaiming what we know and living out what we've been given as the children of God in our baptism.

I invite and encourage you to faithfully and joyfully speak of what you have been given in your daily vocations. We all know people who are members of the ELCA, including some of our own family members and friends. Start a conversation with them and invite them to our church. Share with them a copy of Luther's *Small Catechism*. Encourage them with the saving truths of God's Word. Truly, as His Word goes out, it will do what it says. ~ Pastor Panzer



Disaster Response Training: We will host a *Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)* training event here at Faith on Saturday October 19, 2019, 9AM - 3PM.

You are needed! Learn now how to help in the future when a certification

badge will be required to enter a disaster zone. Shawna Riffel is your local coordinator:

riffelclan@eaglecom.net or 785-479-1896. <https://kslcms.org/caring-ministry/disaster-response/>



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. October Wednesday meals provided by: 2nd - Schenck & Biggs; 9th - LYF; 16th - Sanders; 23rd - Board of Education; & 30th - Mindy Sanders.

***Adult Midweek Bible Study** continues each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM. Chuck Eaton is leading a Bible study based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's short and simple, yet powerful and deep 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!!

Circuit 9 Reformation Worship Service is Sunday, October 27, 4pm, at St. John's, Lincolnville.
A light meal will follow.



LWML meeting is October 7th @ 6:30pm @ Faith, Hostess is Shelli,

Opening devotion is Shelli, Bible study and closing is Debbie. We are in need of someone to plan an activity for the Christmas party and to plan a Ladies

Day Out in the summer. Fall Zone Rally is October 12 at Shady Brook at 9am. It

is also Pastor appreciation month so especially keep Pastor, Shelli and the kids in our prayers. Please join us!!

Saturday, October 12th will be the LWML Zone Fall Workshop at Immanuel, Shady Brook, Herington.

Pastor Werner will lead a Bible Study on Ruth and a lunch will be provided by the Immanuel Ladies. There will be an ingathering of new children's underwear to be donated to the Orphan Grain Train. All ladies are encouraged to make plans to attend. Workshop starts at 9:30 & \$5 registration at 9:00am. **LWML Sunday is October 13.** Installation of new officers will take place during service.

***Breakfast - Bible Study - Fellowship**

Men of Faith, ever wondered if some texts were intentionally



excluded from the Bible and why? In Lost Books, we will look at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short. Please join us Saturday morning October 5th 8 am. We will enjoy breakfast while working on this Bible study.



***DK County Life Chain Rally** will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 2-3pm. Join us and other Christians in the area as we stand and pray for 1-hour for God's gift of human life from womb to the tomb. Please meet in the west church parking lot!



***Fellowship Breakfast** will be Thursday, October 10, 8:30am at a location to be announced. A signup sheet will be placed on the parment cabinet with the place listed.



Voters Meeting

***Quarterly voter's meeting** will be held Sunday, October 20th after the worship service. All members 18 and older are eligible to vote. This is the annual meeting of the voters. The 2020 budget will be decided and elected positions will be voted on. Please take an active role in the life and mission of your church!

Women's Book Club is Sunday, October 27, 3pm at the home of Karen Schoenbeck, 1903 Faith Ave. The book is, "Grace," by Richard Paul Evans. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen at 263-7779 if you are interested.



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!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month



LYF News



LYF will meet Sunday, October 13. The Corn family will serve as hosts with Harrison Corn and Lydia Corn leading the group in devotions. Please be watching email and text for further information on where and when. All youth 7th-12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a friend!

☑ Youth are also urged to register and attend the LERT training offered at Faith on October 19, 9am-3pm.

October Anniversaries



Joshua & Brittany Chaput 10-8-2016
Rein & Katie Jenne 10-16-2010
Rick & Lana Fischer 10-21-1976

Travis & Devyn Love 10-17-2015
Dave & Joyce Graves 10-21-1978
Bryan & Monika Corn 10-30-2004



- 1 – Dylan Capsey
- 4 – Inarie Rippert
- 5 – Reeve Banks
Eric Sulanka
- 10 – Vickie Gill
- 11 – Marilyn Backhus
Donna Cook
Deserae Meade
- 13 – Elizabeth Wischer
- 14 – Gerri Bucher
- 17 – Elisabeth Kijowski
- 19 – Allie Schmersey
- 21 – Tim Garth
- 23 – Kevin Stout
- 24 – Tisha Fischer



Happy Birthday!

- 25 – Henry Corn
Joyce Graves
Sarah Minneman
- 26 – Cecelia Helmke
- 27 – Serenity Medlock
Jane Schenck
- 28 – Norman Helmke
Laird Riffel
- 29 – Calen Depew
Casen Depew
Rev. Justin Panzer
- 30 – Marshall Hageman
Benjamin Minson
- 31 – Justin Kuntz
Donna Riffel
Karen Schoenbeck

Official Acts for September 2019:

Transfer Out: Wesley & Andie Clark - Hazel, Maudie, Leona (Zion Lutheran, Pampa, TX)

September Council Meeting Highlights:

***Education:** In months with five Sundays, Sunday School will meet as a group on the 5th Sunday. **Trustees:** A Fall Cleanup will be scheduled TBA. ***Old Business:** The LERT Training event at Faith on Oct 19th needs enrollees. Certification is necessary for volunteers to aid at disaster sites. ***New Business:** Ginger Sanders is serving Faith as the Administrative Assistant. ☑After cost reimbursements and a balance retained in the checking account, the money received from July's fireworks stand resulted in \$1,000 toward LYF's spring trip and another \$3,826.20 in the building fund.



**** 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 October **2019**



Elder: G. Minson

Altar Guild: J. Hayes & S. Holland

Ushers: October 6th: B. Hageman & M. Hageman
October 13th: R. Hayes & J. Holland
October 20th: K. Horsfall & M. Aufdemberge
October 27th: C. Bielefeld & M. Biggs

Organists: B. Schwab (10/13; 10/20)
K. Gilchrist (10/6; 10/27)

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Greeters	Bulletin Bureau
October 6	L. Corn	1 st Reader: B. Hageman	Ostermann	E. Basso
	E. Gustin	2 nd Reader: B. Zweibel		
October 13	S. Medlock	1 st Reader: LWML	LWML	K. Minneman
	G. Panzer	2 nd Reader: LWML		
October 20	C. Biggs	1 st Reader: R. Sanders	Eaton	M. Rippert
	C. Biggs	2 nd Reader: C. West		
October 27	I. Rippert	1 st Reader: J. Rippert	Rippert	K. Gilchrist
	C. West	2 nd Reader: H. Corn		

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."

**21 households' use resulted in \$74.90 donated to FLC the 2nd 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."



Faith Lutheran Women in Mission collect *Best Choice* and *Boxtops for Education* labels! The collection box is on the parent 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.

OCTOBER 2019

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 Romans 13-14	2 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek Romans 15-16	3 I Corinthians 1-2	4 I Corinthians 3-4	5 8am Men of Faith I Corinthians 5-6
<p>6 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 2-3pm DK Co. Life Chain Pastor’s Conference @ Bethany, Overland Park</p>	<p>7 6:30pm LWML @ Faith I Corinthians 7</p>	<p>8 I Corinthians 8-9</p>	<p>9 Educator’s Conference @ Overland Park 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek I Corinthians 10</p>	<p>10 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 6:30pm Boards 7:00pm Council I Corinthians 11-12</p>	<p>11 I Corinthians 13-14</p>	<p>12 9:30am LWML Fall Workshop @ Immanuel, Shady Brook I Corinthians 15</p>
<p>13 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship – LWML Sunday w/Installation of Officers 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:30am LYF Installation @ Chanute</p>	<p>14 5pm Elders I Corinthians 16</p>	<p>15 II Corinthians 1-2</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek II Corinthians 3-4</p>	<p>17 II Corinthians 5</p>	<p>18 ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST II Corinthians 6-7</p>	<p>19 NOVEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW 9am – 3pm LERT Training @ Faith II Corinthians 8-9</p>
<p>20 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/ Lord’s Supper 10:15am No Christian Education Classes ** Voter’s Meeting ** 4:00pm Village Manor</p>	<p>21 II Corinthians 10-11</p>	<p>22 II Corinthians 12-13</p>	<p>23 ST. JAMES, BROTHER OF JESUS AND MARTYR 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek Galatians 1-2</p>	<p>24 Galatians 3</p>	<p>25 Galatians 4</p>	<p>26 5:30pm Concordia, KS Reformation Service Galatians 5-6</p>
<p>27 20th Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 3:00pm Book Club @ Schoenbeck’s 4:00pm Circuit 9 Reformation Service @ St. John’s, Lincolnville</p>	<p>28 Ephesians 1</p>	<p>29 Ephesians 2</p>	<p>30 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek Ephesians 3</p>	<p>31 REFORMATION DAY Board of Directors @ Topeka</p>		

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