



"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 2020

Did you know that Faith Lutheran LCMS, Abilene, Kansas, was originally organized as a congregation on October 31, 1950? For those math whizzes among us, that means 2020 marks *Faith's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary*. Those whizzes and all the rest of us realize that 2020 is an unusual year, especially with a new flu lurking and threatening. With that consideration, and knowing that we all need to mark this special anniversary in some memorable manner we are happy to inform you that our



**Kansas District President, Reverend Justin Panzer** will be preaching at Faith on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. (Some of you may remember him as a pastor who conducted a *few* services here at Faith from 2003 until early 2020.) Depending on the pandemic situation at that time, we hope to follow worship with a brief reception beginning in the narthex and on to a socially distanced outdoors.

### **Pastors who have served at Faith Lutheran, Abilene, KS:**

- Rev. Harold W. Kamman: August 20, 1950 - November 27, 1957  
(Various area ministers and vicars served several years)
- Rev. Ronald P. Albers: July 10, 1960 - September 16, 1963
- Rev. Irvin Bruenjes: May 24, 1964 - March 4, 1974
- Rev. Norman R. Sawyer: June 30, 1974 - October 24, 1978
- Rev. Henry Wolter: October 14, 1979 - October 1986
- Rev. Gary Wolf: March 1, 1987 - November 23, 1997
- Rev. Tim Kersten: August 16, 1998 - December 22, 2002
- Rev. Justin Panzer: July 20, 2003 - January 12, 2020



## October is Pastor Appreciation Month



**Daylight Saving Time Ends Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween night before you go to bed. Otherwise, you could be sitting alone in the church parking lot for an extra hour waiting for church services on Sunday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>! (It also means you can sleep in another hour.)





## **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 expected to wear masks.) **Thank you for your snack donations! Our cabinet is FULL!**

**Attention High School Sunday School Students:** You will join the adult Sunday School in the sanctuary on the following Sunday's: September 27th, October 18th, and October 25th.

**+MIDWEEK** will continue through Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the church. There will be NO MEAL for the fall midweek. The classes include: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:minsans30@gmail.com).

**Circuit 9 Reformation Worship Service** has been canceled this year due to the pandemic.



Be sure to attend the LWML meeting **October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm @ Faith.** This is the meeting when officers for 2021 will be elected. Masks and social distancing will be observed.

The ***LWML Zone Fall Workshop*** will be held at Grace Lutheran, Strong City, Kansas on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Registration is at 9:30am.



\* **Men of Faith** will meet *Saturday morning October 3rd at 8 am.* Please join us for breakfast and bible study! We look forward to seeing you there!



\* **DK County Life Chain Rally** will be held on *Sunday, October 4* 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!



\* **Quarterly voter's meeting** will be held *Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>* after the worship service. All members 18 and older are eligible to vote. This is the annual meeting of the voters. The 2021 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 25, 3pm* in the church basement. The book is, "Waiting for Morning," by Karen Kingsbury. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen at 263-7779 if you are interested.



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



The 2020 KS District Pastors Conference opening worship will be held **Sunday, October 4, 6:30pm**, at Immanuel Lutheran, 630 S. Eisenhower Dr., Junction City. The conference theme is "One Body – 1 Corinthians 12:12." Rev. Justin Panzer will deliver the sermon. All are invited to attend!

### LYF News

We will be meeting at **Moose Creek Pumpkin Patch**, 1989 Rain Road, Chapman, KS, on **October 11 @ 1 p.m.** We will have Bible Study by the pond and be able to go to the pumpkin patch to pick pumpkins. Bottled water will be provided. Please bring your Bibles, lawn chairs, and extra cash if you wish to get more than one pumpkin.



### October Anniversaries



<i>Rein &amp; Katie Jenne</i>	<i>10-16-2010</i>	<i>Rick &amp; Lana Fischer</i>	<i>10-21-1976</i>
<i>Travis &amp; Devyn Love</i>	<i>10-17-2015</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Joyce Graves</i>	<i>10-21-1978</i>
<i>Bryan &amp; Monika Corn</i>	<i>10-30-2004</i>		



- 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
- 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 2020:

*Transfer In: Kyle Hunt from Prince of Peace Lutheran, Carrollton, TX*

### September Council Meeting Highlights:

**\*Mission:** Preparations for a December Live Nativity are underway. It is uncertain if the Dickinson County Heritage Event will be held, and if canceled, the Live Nativity will be located at Faith this year. **\*Old Business:** **Call Committee** reports that called minister, Pastor Joseph Barlau and his family will visit at Faith on Sept 19-21.

☑ Contract bids are sought to repair roof damage on the church & house property from a recent hail storm. ☑ Fireworks Stand netted \$7,768.35 and a recommendation on fund distribution will be presented to the voters at the October meeting.



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

To keep up with the events of the District, please go their website at [www.kslcms.org](http://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 Lutheran has a "prayer chain."** To begin a prayer request call 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](http://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 October **2020**



**Elder:** G. Minson

**Altar Guild:** J. Hayes & G. Sanders

**Altar Flowers:** October 4<sup>th</sup>:  
October 11<sup>th</sup>: Sanders  
October 18<sup>th</sup>: Graves  
October 25<sup>th</sup>:

**Organists:** B. Schwab (10/4; 10/11)  
K. Gilchrist (10/18; 10/25)

Church Service	Lectors	Ushers	Bulletin Bureau
<b>October 4</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: L. Brake	R. Hayes	Corn Family
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: B. Depew	K. Horsfall	
<b>October 11</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: M. Aufdemberge	B. Depew	P. Taplin
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: C. West	J. Holland	
<b>October 18</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: S. Riffel	M. Cameron	J. Minson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: B. Zwiebel	M. Aufdemberge	
<b>October 25</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: G. Taplin	C. Bielefeld	E. Basso
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: D. Minneman		

*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](http://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."

\*\*18 households' use resulted in \$63.31 donated to FLC the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr of 2020. A total of \$2,022.12 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."

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](http://Thrivent Choice) – [www.thrivent.com](http://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/](http://smile.amazon.com/) instead of just [amazon.com](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com) portal to make a qualified purchase, you are donating to Faith.

# OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Read the Bible in 2 years!</b> 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	3 8am Men of Faith  Ezra 7-8
				Ezra 3-4	Ezra 5-6	
<p><b>4</b> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 2-3pm DK Co. Life Chain 6:30pm 2020 KS District Pastors Conference @ Junction City</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30pm LWML @ Faith  Ezra 9-10</p>	<p><b>6</b>  Nehemiah 1</p>	<p><b>7</b> 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek  Nehemiah 2-3</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:30pm Boards 7:00pm Council  Nehemiah 4-6</p>	<p><b>9</b>  Nehemiah 7-8</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10am LWML Fall Workshop @ Grace, Strong City  Nehemiah 9-10</p>
<p><b>11</b> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 1:00pm LYF – Moose Creek Pumpkin Patch</p>	<p><b>12</b>  Nehemiah 11-13</p>	<p><b>13</b>  Esther 1-2</p>	<p><b>14</b> 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek  Esther 3-4</p>	<p><b>15</b>  Esther 5-7</p>	<p><b>16</b>  Esther 8-10</p>	<p><b>17</b> NOVEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW  Job 1</p>
<p><b>18</b> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 9:00am Worship w/ Lord’s Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies</p>	<p><b>19</b>  Job 2-3</p>	<p><b>20</b>  Job 4-5</p>	<p><b>21</b> 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek Job 6-7</p>	<p><b>22</b>  Job 8-10</p>	<p><b>23</b>  Job 11-12</p>	<p><b>24</b>  Job 13-14</p>
<p><b>25</b> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00am Worship w/Lord’s Supper 10:15am No Christian Education Classes ** Voter’s Meeting ** 3:00pm Women’s Book Club</p>	<p><b>26</b>  Job 15-17</p>	<p><b>27</b>  Job 18-19</p>	<p><b>28</b> 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Midweek  Job 20-21</p>	<p><b>29</b>  Job 22-24</p>	<p><b>30</b>  Job 25-28</p>	<p><b>31 Reformation Day</b>  Job 29-31</p>

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