



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

Faith Lutheran Abilene

September 2019

Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."



Dear Friends,

We are back to school. Wow....where did the summer go? In the spirit of "school," let me talk with you briefly about "Sunday School" and the importance of faith formation.

Let me first give you some interesting facts.

First, as reported by Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the LCMS has only retained 35 percent of our confirmands into adulthood (President's Report, Part 2).

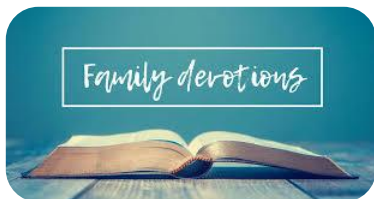
Second, as listed in Haug and Warner, *Vol. 2 of Population Studies No. 31*, [Strasbourg 2000], when the father and mother attend church regularly, 33 percent of their children end up as regular churchgoers; when the mother attends regularly but the father is non-practicing, only two percent of their children become regular churchgoers; when the father attends regularly but the mother is non-practicing, 44 percent of the children become regular churchgoers.

Third, as reported by Nick Cady, *The Impact on Kids of Dad's Faith and Church Attendance*, June 20, 2016, www.nickcady.org, when both parents attend Bible study in addition to the Sunday service, 72 percent of their children attend Sunday School when grown; when only the father attends Sunday School, 55 percent of the children attend when grown; when only the mother attends Sunday School, 15 percent of the children attend when grown; when neither parent attends Sunday School, only six percent of the children attend when grown.

The Nick Cady survey also found that if a child is the first person in a household to become a Christian, there is a 3.5 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow; if the mother is the first to become a Christian, there is a 17 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow; when the father is first, there is a 93 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow.

It is the duty of parents to pass the faith on to their children. The surveys not only show this, but even before surveys were known, the Holy Scriptures taught us as much.

So, what do we do and where do we go from here? Let's start with prayer. Pray that the Lord God would give you strength and assistance in the task of raising your children in the faith. Pray that the Lord God is already raising up for them a Godly spouse. If your children are already grown and do not attend worship services regularly or at all, pray for them. We have this promise from Holy Scripture. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).



Next, be intentional, not only in praying for your children and teaching them how to pray, but also be intentional in setting aside time each evening (or morning, whatever works best in your schedule) for family devotions. You have the resources of the *Portals of Prayer* and *My Devotions* which are provided to you by the church as one such examples.

Finally, be intentional in coming to weekly church services. What you have been doing in the home throughout the week to find your "rest in Him," culminates on Sunday—the first day of the week, the day that we remember that our Savior was bodily raised from the grave. What a joy to gather together as the family of God—to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness, and to study His Word.

Maybe you have no children. Maybe your children are grown and out of the house. Maybe you are an aunt or an uncle. Maybe you are the grandparent of children who do not attend church. What can you do to influence them with the Good News of Jesus Christ? What can you do to be a faith leader to them?

School has begun. I am simply urging and encouraging you to set aside time at home with the Lord and to finish that time each week by spending time with Him in the worship service and then with Sunday School. God be with you and strengthen you for the Godly vocation you have been given. ~ *Pastor Panzer*

Fall Bible Study Opportunities “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” ~ Psalm 119:105



✠ **Christian Education “Rally Day” is Sunday, September 8th** ✠
Installation of teachers and new classes begin!

+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.

+Jr. Confirmation Class will be each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Bring all of your books and remember to do your homework!

+Wednesday Evening Midweek Program Begins September 11:

A 10-week midweek program offered for children ages pre-school through 6th grade begins at 6:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 11 and continues through November 13.

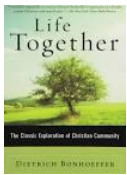
****Midweek program** begins with a light meal being served each week at 6:00pm. The first meal is on Wednesday, September 11. We are seeking individuals/families to sign-up to bring a portion of the meal each week and to provide the kitchen clean-up.

****The Board of Education** is seeking help. Teachers and substitute teachers for our Sunday and Wednesday classes are needed.

+Adult Wednesday Evening Study – 6:30pm: Join us for the meal that begins at 6:00pm. Couples and individuals young and old are encouraged and invited to participate in this study together!

Chuck Eaton will teach the class starting Wednesday, September 11th:

What is the nature of Christian life and discipleship?



Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s short and simple, yet powerful and deep classic, *Life Together*, explores the Biblical means of recovering the practices of Christian fellowship and discipleship. As the various forces of the modern world school us in the values of freedom, individualism, self-reliance, and self advancement, the church is sent to form people with different gifts, different patterns of thinking and behaving, and different “habits of the heart”.

Join us in walking through Bonhoeffer’s treatise on The Communion of Saints as we explore Community, The Day with Others, The Day Alone, Ministry and Confession and Communion.



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>

***Men of Faith** will serve the meal at the *Salina Rescue Mission* **Tuesday, September 3** at 6:00pm. Carpool will leave the church around 5:15pm, and we need about 4 of our men to help. A sign-up sheet is on the parent cabinet. Contact Chris Bielefeld if you have any questions.



LWML will meet Monday, September 9 at 6:00pm for a Salad Supper.

Please bring your favorite Salad and enjoy being together again! We will join in a short business meeting and Bible Study. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us! If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Debbie Jenne at 785-280-0985.

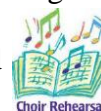
***Fellowship Breakfast** will be held at The Hitching Post on **Thursday, September 12, 8:30am.** A sign-up sheet will be placed on the parent cabinet. See you there!



Women's Book Club will be Sunday, September 22, 3 PM, at the home of Karen Schoenbeck, 1903 Faith Ave. The book is, "Ordinary Grace," by William Kent Krueger. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen (263-7779) if interested.



"O Sing to the Lord!" Choir will start forming Aug 25th after worship to determine when to start practice in September. All voices are desired and encouraged. Also, please contact Laura Fortier with names of all who can play an instrument to enhance our worship! Text her at: (214) 542-1864 or email her: laura.a.s.fortier@gmail.com .



LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship) News – "Kick off" is Sunday, September 15th!

We will "kick off" the year on Sunday, September 15th after Sunday School at 11:30 by joining together in the church basement for a small lunch, brief Bible study and planning for the upcoming year. Youth group is intended for all ages 7th-12th grade. Please join us and bring a friend!

September Anniversaries

Steve & Kelly Backhus
Jeff & LaShon Turner
Jim & Karen Schoenbeck

9-2-1989
9-3-2016
9-4-1965



Gary & Teresa Stuart 9-23-1995

Larry & Cindy Brake 9-7-1979
Tim & Sarah Garth 9-13-2014
Justin & Jamie Rogge 9-20-2008

- 2 - Barb Bauer
- Katie Medlock
- Ember Minneman
- 3 - Ethan Backhus
- 4 - Heather Bohannan
- Kaiden Kuntz
- Haileigh Pursell
- 5 - Meagan Smith
- 10 - Rachel Fortier
- Steven Kiggans
- Myranda Patrick
- 11 - Ethan Juhl



- 15 - Gladys Herpich
- Andrew Minson
- 16 - RW Cook
- 17 - Emily Minneman
- 18 - Michell Foster
- 19 - Bryan Corn
- 20 - Hunter Capsey
- 21 - Patty Chewning
- Carolyn Herrs



- 22 - Wade Hageman
- 23 - Mason Kuntz
- 24 - Sharon Anderson
- 25 - Seth Bielefeld
- 27 - Jay Leusman
- 28 - Christina Krause
- 30 - Ellen Basso

July Voter's Meeting Highlights
- July 28, 2019



Education: Mindy Sanders is now the Educational Superintendent. Rally Day will be September 8th. A new Prayer Partner list will soon be developed. **Missions:** People are needed to sign-up for after worship fellowship food and tasks. **New Business:** Annual Voters Meeting will be October 20th. Chris Bielefeld, Vice President, is chairing the nomination committee for offices and board chair nominees. The FLC Operating Manual, emailed to the congregation on July 12th, was approved by vote. FLC Church Council was granted the authority to enact the anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with KS District LCMS regarding Pastor Panzer serving part time LCMS KS District President & Pastor at FLC, Abilene. Amber Kuntz is now posting FLC's calendar online at <http://www.faithabilene.org/monthly-newsletter.php>.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at Faith Lutheran Church on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 8:30am to 5:30pm.

**** 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."

ATTENTION! Disaster Response Training: We will host a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training event here at Faith on **October 19, 2019**, from 9AM to 3PM. Plan to attend! Complete the pre-registration form to reserve a place and materials at <https://kslcms.org/caring-ministry/disaster-response/> Contact Shawna Riffel, local coordinator, with any questions at riffelclan@eaglecom.net or call her at 785-479-1896.



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."

Save the Date: Dickinson County Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:00pm. Participants will meet at Faith Lutheran Church parking lot. St. Andrew's Catholic Church is serving as coordinator.



FAITHful SERVANTS for the month of September **2018**

Elder: B. Hageman
Altar Guild: M. Rippert & H. Rippert
Organists: K. Gilchrist (9/1, 9/8, 9/29),
B. Schwab (9/15, 9/22)

Ushers: Sept 1st: A. Minson & B. Minson
Sept 8th: J. Rogge & R. Sanders
Sept 15th: L. Riffel & T. Rahe
Sept 22nd: G. Stuart & J. Rippert
Sept 29th: J. Rogge & G. Minson

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Greeters	Bulletin Bureau
September 1	L. Corn	1 st Reader: Elders	Aufdemberge	J. Zwiebel
	Caed. Biggs	2 nd Reader: Elders		
September 8	Cael. Biggs	1 st Reader: H. Corn	D, Jenne	D. Jenne
	E. Gustin	2 nd Reader: T. Rahe	D. Holt	
September 15	I. Rippert	1 st Reader: J. Basso	C. Manning	Corn Family
	G. Panzer	2 nd Reader: E. Juhl	R. Manning	
September 22	C. West	1 st Reader: E. Panzer	Biggs	P. Taplin
	L. Corn	2 nd Reader: C. Eaton		
September 29	Biggs	1 st Reader: K. Horsfall	Youth	Helmke
	Biggs	2 nd Reader: J. Kuntz	Youth	

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 8318 lbs of cans for \$3224.68 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."

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](http://ThriventChoice.com) – 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.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Study	2 LABOR DAY	3 Pastor @ Topeka 6pm Salina Rescue Mission John 20-21	4 6pm Jr. Confirmation Acts 1	5 Acts 2	6 Acts 3-4	7 8am Men of Faith Breakfast 4pm Installation @ Atwood Acts 5
8 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Christian Education Rally Day</i> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies	9 6pm LWML @ Faith 6pm Elders Pastor @ Topeka Acts 6-8	10 Acts 9	11 <i>Patriot Day</i> Midweek Begins 6:00pm Midweek Meal 6:30pm Midweek Classes Acts 10-11	12 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 6:30pm Boards Meeting 7:00pm Council Acts 12	13 Pastor COP @ St. Louis Acts 13-14	14 † HOLY CROSS DAY 11am LWML Planning Committee Acts 15-16
15 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 11:30am LYF "Kick off" Pastor COP @ St. Louis	16 Acts 17:1-18:22	17 Acts 18:23-21:16	18 6:00pm Midweek Meal 6:30 pm Midweek Classes Acts 21:17-23:35	19 Acts 24-26	20 Acts 27-28	21 ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST OCTOBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW Romans 1-2
22 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 3:00pm Women's Book Club	23 <i>Fall Begins</i> Pastor @ Topeka Romans 3-4	24 Romans 5	25 6:00pm Midweek Meal 6:30pm Midweek Classes Romans 6	26 8:30am Lifeline Screening Romans 7	27 Romans 8	28 Romans 9-11
29 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>St. Michael & All Angels</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies	30 Pastor @ Topeka Romans 12	1 Acts 1	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>			

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