



"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 2020



Kansas District Prayer Campaign: "Together We Pray"

The pandemic has made social distancing and going it alone the new normal. Here's an opportunity to buck that trend. On September 1, the Kansas District is kicking off a 90-day prayer campaign, "Together We Pray," which will include daily scripture verses and prayers through November 29, the first Sunday in Advent. If you're on Facebook, you can find the prayers on the Kansas District page (@kslcms). You can also find a booklet with all the prayers on the Kansas District website (kslcms.org), available August 31. Take a minute or two each day to join your fellow Kansans in prayer, with the confidence that He will hear us!

The following message is from the September 2020, Lutheran Witness KS District News, by Rev. Justin Panzer, District President:

We're in the middle of a long "day of trouble." People are sick and dying. They're lonely and afraid. We can't worship like we used to. We can't see the people we want to see. Restrictions and orders govern daily life. We continue to argue about the right course of action.

We need God. We need to be praying.

Prayer is part and parcel of the life of faith. Jesus Himself prayed often (Luke 5:16). He prayed by Himself and with His disciples (John 17:20). Paul tells the young pastor, Timothy, that it's good to pray for all people, especially for those in high positions (1 Tim. 2:1-5). Yes, we exercise our faith in a life of prayer (Matt. 21:22). Martin Luther said, "A Christian without prayer is just as impossible as a living person without a pulse." It's important for us to pray.



No doubt, there is fear and terror right now. We lament the challenges that we're facing (Ps. 130:1-2). In the face of this, Jesus says, "Fear not" (Luke 12:32) and tells us to come to Him (Matt. 11:28). So, we go to the Lord in prayer (Ps. 50:15), on our own and when we gather together.

Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts (Ps. 19:14). We pray in the name of Jesus (John 14:13-14), who now sits ascended at the right hand of God (Heb. 10:12). We pray for the forgiveness of our sins (Ps. 32:5). We give thanks for what we have received (Ps. 145:15-16). We should pray for everything we need, which is to the glory of God, and for both our own and our neighbor's welfare, temporal or spiritual.

But when we pray, we distinguish between temporal and spiritual benefits. For the former we always ask, "If You will," while for the latter we ask without condition. We also pray in order to praise God for His greatness and to thank Him for His many blessings (Phil. 4:6).

We pray whenever the need arises or the opportunity presents itself; in other words, we pray all the time. This doesn't mean that prayer must be constant speaking from morning until evening, nor that we need to engage in prayer marathons, but that our prayer life be a constant and consistent process. Our worship life is a great help in this regard. You see, prayer flows out of a life of worship (Col. 3:16). It's good for us to gather together (Heb. 10:25). Not only is it commanded by God, but church is the very place where you receive the gifts of our crucified and risen Savior for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith (Acts 2:42-43). Satan is attacking the body of Christ right now (1 John 4:4). Our spiritual body armor (Eph. 6:10-20) is taking a hit. The Word and Sacraments of Christ fortify the Christian believer in this time of testing (James 1:2-3, 12). Your pastors and church leaders are taking every precaution necessary to make sure that your churches are safe places to gather—and pray.

We're to pray not only in isolated circumstances or conditions, or in time of trouble, but always (1 Thess. 5:16-18). God has promised to hear and answer our prayer. He hasn't promised to answer our prayers the way or when we would like (James 1:6-7), but He will answer.



So let's pray — individually and collectively — as the body of Christ across Kansas. I invite you to participate with other LCMS Kansans in our "90 Days of Prayer," which began Sept. 1. Please take a minute or two each day to add your voice and pray the prayers, and encourage others to do the same.

You can find the daily prayers, which were developed by our district's circuit visitors and regional vice-presidents, on our Kansas District Facebook page and on our website (kslcms.org). Pray them. Share them. Take comfort in them. Let's pray for the end of this pandemic. Let's pray that we might not be fearful but trust in the Lord. Let's pray that our consciences might not be burdened but filled with joy.

Let's pray that our faith might not grow cold and that we might live at peace with one another. Let's pray in confidence (1 John 5:14), trusting that "Thy will be done" (Matt. 6:10)!

Faith Lutheran Christian Education workers are currently accepting **congregational prayer partners for the 2020-2021 school year. Adult prayer partners are paired with a 6th-12th grade student in a ministry that provides extra support for our youngest members. *Prayer partners PRAY...that's it!!*



If you are interested, please contact Mindy Sanders.**

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

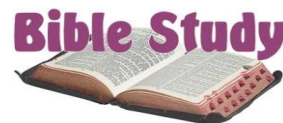


+Sunday Morning: Classes are offered for children, youth, and adults after the worship service.

The children and youth meet downstairs; the adults in the church sanctuary. **Any willing members are encouraged to provide individually packaged snacks for the children.** Just leave them in the church kitchen or notify Mindy Sanders of your intentions.

+Wednesday Evening Midweek Program Begins September 9:

Midweek will continue from September 9th 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.



Pastor Holtorf will also begin the Junior Confirmation classes Sept 9th with the following students:
7th Grade: Serenity Medlock, Grier Panzer, Inarie Rippert, & Caryss West
6th Grade: Rachel Fortier, Maddilyn Jenne, & Jackson Westendorf.

Incoming 6th graders will be learning the process of Acolyte's duties from Pastor Holtorf. Information will be forthcoming...stay tuned!

+Adult Wednesday Evening Study – 6:30pm: 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 9th.



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>



LWML will meet Monday, September 14th at 6:30 for a social time. **NO** salad supper. We will have just a nice time to get together and visit!! We miss you 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.

Women's Book Club will be Sunday, September 27, 3 PM, in the church basement. The book is, "Through Waters Roar," by Lynn Austin. All ladies are invited to participate! Please contact Karen (263-7779) if interested.



"O Sing to the Lord!" Plans to start the church choir this fall are currently being made. If you are interested in participating in the planning and singing, please make sure to contact Laura Fortier. Text her at: (214) 542-1864 or email her: laura.a.s.fortier@gmail.com.



LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship): With uncertainties surrounding the pandemic, we will not meet in person this September. As the school year begins, let's carefully track our county's actions and make decisions for the future. If you are interested in conducting time together via Zoom, please contact Shawna Riffel to get her know your preferences. This may be a safe alternative in the interim.

September Anniversaries

Steve & Kelly Backhus	9-2-1989		Larry & Cindy Brake	9-7-1979
Jeff & LaShon Turner	9-3-2016		Tim & Sarah Garth	9-13-2014
Jim & Karen Schoenbeck	9-4-1965		Justin & Jamie Rogge	9-20-2008
Gary & Teresa Stuart	9-23-1995			

2 - Barb Bauer		
Katie Medlock		
Ember Minneman		
3 - Ethan Backhus	15 - Gladys Herpich	22 - Wade Hageman
4 - Heather Bohannan	Andrew Minson	23 - Mason Kuntz
Kaiden Kuntz	16 - RW Cook	24 - Sharon Anderson
Haileigh Pursell	17 - Emily Minneman	25 - Seth Bielefeld
5 - Meagan Smith	18 - Mitchell Foster	27 - Jay Leusman
10 - Rachel Fortier	19 - Bryan Corn	28 - Christina Krause
Steven Kiggans	20 - Hunter Capsey	30 - Ellen Basso
Myranda Patrick	21 - Carolyn Herra	
11 - Ethan Juhl		

Save the Date & Time for Dickinson County Life Chain
Sunday, October 4th 2-3:00p.m. Participants will meet at Faith Lutheran Church parking lot. St. Andrew's Catholic Church is serving as coordinator.

August Council Meeting

Faith Lutheran Council & Elders met on Thursday, August 13th. Items presented and discussed ranged from how to maintain non-profit status for the IRS to basement repair and replacement needs. The agenda for the upcoming August 23rd voter's meeting was decided upon and the treasurer presented 1st and 2nd quarter 2020 receipts and disbursements information. Minutes of this meeting are posted on the church bulletin board above the parament cabinet or may be obtained from contacting Ellen Basso.

Voter's Meeting Highlights

- August 23, 2020

Council: Chris Bielefeld informed that procedures are being developed to comply with IRS requirements to maintain church non-profit status for fundraising monies. Also, nominations for 2021 positions are requested. **Trustees:** Zach Krause thanked many for all their work and help. He reported the status of downstairs bathrooms repairs and light fixture replacements. **New Business:** The Call Committee has a new call list and has called a special meeting for August 30th to determine the next call. Open Forum: Brian & Jennifer Zwiebel notified the group of the KaBoomers Fireworks stand earnings before expenses. Suggestions for disbursement of the funds were given with Mike soliciting others to make suggestions to Council members.



✠ **PRAY / ASSIST / COMMUNICATE - WHAT TO KNOW AND WHERE TO GO!**

**** LCMS Kansas District News ****To keep up with the events of the District, please go their website at www.kslcms.org. 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 (785-280-0985) or one of the Elders. 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."



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

Elder: B. Hageman

Altar Guild: M. Rippert & H. Rippert

Ushers:

- Sept 6th: Ben Minson & Laird Riffel
- Sept 13th: Justin Rogge & A. Minson
- Sept 20th: Brian Zwiebel & Joe Rippert
- Sept 27th: Gary Stuart & Tom Rahe

Organists: K. Gilchrist (9/20, 9/27)

B. Schwab (9/6, 9/13)

Altar Flowers:

- Sept 6th: Brake
- Sept 13th: Graves
- Sept 20th: Cook
- Sept 27th:

The Elders will serve as acolytes during the month of September

Church Service	Lectors	Bulletin Bureau	Mowers
Sept 6	1 st Reader: J. Basso 2 nd Reader: G. Minson	J. Graves	Corn Family
Sept 13	1 st Reader: K. Horsfall 2 nd Reader: J. Kuntz	J. Schenck	Clear Cut
Sept 20	1 st Reader: C. Eaton 2 nd Reader: J. Rippert	J. Zwiebel	Clear Cut
Sept 27	1 st Reader: E. Panzer 2 nd Reader: B. Hageman	D. Jenne	Clear Cut

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 7,665 pounds and \$3,297.73 and mailed in ink cartridges/cell phones for a total of \$1038.46. 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."

**18 households' use resulted in \$63.31 donated to FLC the 2nd 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 – 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 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1 Chronicles 21	2 1 Chronicles 22	3 1 Chronicles 23-27	4 1 Chronicles 28	5 1 Chronicles 29
6 <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies	7 2 Chronicles 1-2	8 2 Chronicles 3-5	9 Midweek Begins 6:30pm Midweek Classes 2 Chronicles 6-7	10 6:30pm Boards Meeting 7:00pm Council 2 Chronicles 8-9	11 2 Chronicles 10-11	12 10am LWML Zone Meeting @ Grace, Strong City 2 Chronicles 12
13 <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies	14 6:30pm LWML 2 Chronicles 13-14	15 2 Chronicles 15-16	16 6:30 pm Midweek Classes 2 Chronicles 17-18	17 2 Chronicles 19-20	18 2 Chronicles 21-22	19 OCTOBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE TOMORROW 2 Chronicles 23-24
20 <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies	21 2 Chronicles 25-26	22 <i>Fall Begins</i> 2 Chronicles 27-28	23 6:30pm Midweek Classes 2 Chronicles 29	24 2 Chronicles 30-31	25 2 Chronicles 32	26 2 Chronicles 33
27 <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:00am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult/ Youth Bible Studies 3:00pm Women's Book Club	28 2 Chronicles 34-35	29 2 Chronicles 36	30 6:30pm Midweek Classes Ezra 1-2	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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