



*Faith Lutheran Abilene*

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

## September 2021

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."  
Hebrews 10:19-25

Church seems like hard place to be. It's hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgment. It's hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world. It's hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't. It's hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service. It's hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service. Church is hard for the father with an estranged child. Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics. Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader. Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love. Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate. Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for sinners. It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

Yet, here is the beauty of church—Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

The Church is the body of Christ. The Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints. The Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love. The Church is where we stand as equals before the Throne of Grace. The Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors. Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are restored. Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

**The church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.**

The Church, the body of sinners and yet saints, encircled around God's Word and Sacrament. The Church is served by God, Himself, from the greatest to the least. From the hand of Great High Priest, Jesus, we are fed and nourished by the fruits of His life death, and resurrection. By His Word, we are healed and forgiven, blessed and sent out. So even on the hard days at church—know that God has never failed to serve us there, know that you belong because of God's grace is for all, know that you build up the church with your presence, service, and gifts.

Know that when you cannot be a part of the Church for whatever reason, know that you are missed.

I hope to see you there :)

Pastor B

# MidWeek

Midweek will begin Wednesday, August 18th, 2021. This year, students in 4th-5th grade are invited to attend a pre-confirmation class from 5:30-6:30 p.m., led by Amanda Barlau. Pastor Barlau will lead 6th-8th grade students in confirmation class from 5:30-6:25 p.m.. There will be a meal on Wednesday's. All classes will be held in the basement of the church!



We will have our Fall Kick Off gathering Monday September 13 at 6:30 at the church with everyone bringing their favorite appetizer to share. Donna and Elizabeth will share their experiences of going to Lexington, Kentucky for the national LWML Convention this summer and show pictures of their visit to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. We welcome all ladies of the congregation to join us as we plan for a new year of learning about and serving our Lord. If you have any questions or would like a ride, please contact Donna Ascher at 785-280-3120.

Thank you all for clipping and saving the Best Choice labels for us! October is the month that Kathy usually sends them in so don't forget to bring them in and place them in the collection box on the parament cabinet. We receive \$30. for each 1000 coupons sent in which helps to support our various mission projects. We also collect the Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels which we give to the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool in Junction City to benefit their preschool. So thank you for clipping and saving!

Did you know that the Children's Church Bags were one of the LWML mission projects? We are happy that the children are again able to use the bags and we also thank Heather Bohannon for getting the new bags with fun items to keep those little fingers busy. Heather tries to change the items seasonally and we have a variety of items to include. If you have a suggestion on what could be included, please let Heather know. Thank you again Heather!



**\*\*Men of Faith - Sat, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 8am**, church basement for breakfast/fellowship.



**\*Fellowship Breakfast** - Joe Snuffy's, **Thurs, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**. sign-up on the parament cabinet.

**Women's Book Club** - will meet Sunday, September 26th, 2021, at 3pm in the church basement. They will be discussing, *The Alice Network*, by Kate Quinn. 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).

## New Cancer Support Group

**What:** Support and encouragement for anyone who has or had cancer.

**Where:** First United Methodist Church on Cedar St. in Abilene room 200

**When:** September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

**What we offer:** Love and fellowship, Devotions, Wellness related topics, Understanding, Empathy, Snacks, Encouragement, Listening ear

**Everyone's Welcome!** For more information contact Doris Johnson at (620)364-9288  
Carpooling available if desired.

**1st & 2nd Samuel Bible Study — Starting September 21st, 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.

## September Anniversaries

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

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### **FAITHful SERVANTS** for the month of September 2021



**Elder:** B. Hageman

**Organist:** K. Gilchrist

**Altar Guild:** M. Rippert & H. Rippert

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers
<b>Sunday, Sept 5 - 9:00am</b>	Elder	R. Sanders	B. Depew & L. Riffle
<b>Sunday, Sept 12 - 9:00am</b>	Elder	G. Taplin	D. Graves & Tom Rahe
<b>Sunday, Sept 19 - 9:00am</b>	G. Rahe	C. West	C. Ascher & S. Backhus
<b>Sunday, Sept 26 - 9:00am</b>	J. Westenddorf	B. Zwiebel	J. Rogge & B. Minson

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

# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm Midweek 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	2	3	4
<b>5 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	6	7	8 5:30pm Midweek 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	9 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast	10	11 8am Men of Faith
<b>12 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study **LYF Meets**	13 5pm Elders 6:30 LWML Meets	14 Hosting Winkle	15 5:30pm Midweek 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	16 6:30pm Boards/ 7pm Council	17	18
<b>19 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	20 <i>October Calendar items due</i>	21 Adult bible study starts 2 pm at Abilene Senior Center	22 5:30pm Midweek 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	23	24	25
<b>26 St. Michael &amp; All Angels</b>  9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 3pm Women's Book Club	27	28 Adult bible study 2 pm at Abilene Senior Center	29 5:30pm Midweek 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm Wednesday Worship Service	30		