

The Tie That Binds

Abiding Love Lutheran Church



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Abiding Love Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:30 a.m. - WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. — NURSERY (3 years & under)
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.—Coffee/Fellowship (Reception Area)
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
 2 & 3 Year Olds — 2nd Story, 1st room on left
 Pre-K & Kindergarten — 2nd Story, 1st room on right
 1st & 2nd Grades — 2nd Story, 2nd room on left
 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades — 2nd Story, 3rd room on left
 Middle School — 2nd Story, M.S. Youth Room, last on left
 Sr. High — 2nd Story, Sr. High Youth Room, last on right
 Adult "Bible Boosters" — Classroom 1 & 2, Worship Ctr.
 Adult CD Study of Music — Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.—WORSHIP (Sanctuary)

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Our Children's Center web site address:
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"The Forgiveness of Sin"

Dear Friends in Christ:

Ash Wednesday begins for us a 40-day Lenten period that takes us to Good Friday's cross. The cross is the landmark which tells us whether we are on-course in our life-journey or not, and if we need a new direction in our lives.

The assigned Bible reading for Ash Wednesday is from the Old Testament prophet Joel (2:12-13):

**"Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing."**

The text is a call for us all to repent of our sin, and return to the Lord for forgiveness of our sin. Before we can fully enjoy Easter's resurrection, we must mourn and weep over our sins!

The prophet Joel says that God is "abounding in steadfast love" It is true that we all deserve to die for our sins, there is now doubt about that. But even when we are unlovable, God loves us anyway. God always has enough love, mercy, and grace to forgive us!

This wonderful story illustrates the overwhelming amazement of God's GRACE:

A gentle Christian lady of the Society of Friends (Quakers) lived alone. One night as she entered her bedroom, she found a burglar rifling through her bureau drawers. When she turned on the light, he pointed a gun at her heart. She gently said to him: "Put that thing away. If there's one thing I can't stand, it's guns. Besides, if your need is so great you have to steal, then you must need my things more than I do." She not only gave him what he was stealing, but shoved money it into his hand, all the while expressing concern for the circumstances he must be in. The next morning she found all her possessions on her front porch, along with a note which read; "Lady, I can face anger and danger and death itself, but I was powerless before your kindness."

— Pastor David Fetter



BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 21ST: "First Sunday in Lent"



Deut. 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Rom. 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 28TH: "Second Sunday in Lent"



Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Phil. 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35

From Pastor Lynnae

I remember the first time that I went to camp in the mountains. It wasn't really the 35 pound backpack that affected me. It wasn't that I was carrying my own sleeping bag and tent that impressed me. It wasn't the dry food packs or the iodine tablets that I had to put in the water that overwhelmed me. No, it wasn't the 'digger' the bear bag or the 'no impact camping' that I really remember even yet today. No, while all of these things were a part of the trip, what really changed my life was meeting God in the beauty of God's creation. Somehow, I felt smaller and yet more important as I tread the mountain paths with the guides from the camp. Praying in the wild flower fields and singing from the top of the crag was some of the most powerful communication with God that I have ever known.

This summer seven of our youth and three of their sponsors will be going to Sky Ranch Lutheran Summer Camp in the mountains of Colorado. I am so excited for all of the Godly encounters that I know they will have. Please join me in prayer for them and if you would like to give a scholarship for any of them, let me know!

See you in church,
Pastor Lynnae



"Jerusalem Speaks: Voices in the Shadow of the Cross"

by Rochelle Pennington

This Lent we will focus on the characters of the cross, with weekly dramas by members of our congregation. Come, hear the stories of those who knew Jesus and witnessed his life and death.



**Wednesdays in Lent, Feb. 17th — Mar. 21st:
5:45 p.m. Supper
6:45 p.m. Worship**

Week #1 — "A servant girl's narration of Peter's denial will introduce Peter's own confession of turning his back on Jesus the night before his crucifixion."

Week #2 — "Caiaphas the High Priest confesses his intentions to eliminate Jesus while Judas' narration gives details of his betrayal orchestrated through the religious leaders."

Week #3 — "Herod Antipas' narration details the five individual Herods who are spoken of in Scripture and how each affected Jesus Christ. Mary Magdalene shares her account of walking beside Jesus Christ during his earthly life as well as being present to witness his death and resurrection."

Week #4 — "Pontius Pilate shares the anguish of his political manipulation in sentencing Jesus Christ to death. Barabbas' narration includes details of his release and his confusion over watching Jesus die in his stead."

Week #5 — "A Roman soldier, present at the Crucifixion, shares his acknowledgment of Jesus as the Son of God following the events of Good Friday. Malchus, the high priest's servant, who had his ear cut off by Peter the night of Jesus' arrest in the Garden, ponders the happenings in Gethsemane."

Week #6 — "John recalls the prophecies of the Old Testament Scriptures, as well as the words of Jesus preparing his disciples for the coming crucifixion and resurrection, and pieces together the meaning of it all. Mary's heartache and hope are intertwined in the story she shares of her Son — from his birth to his death to his eternal life."

We hope that you will make this time a priority for you, your family, and friends as we take a deeper, inner look into our relationship with the One who alone has touched our lives forever with God's grace, mercy, peace, hope, and love— Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH:

Worship - 63 (8:30) + 116 (11:00) = 179 (Total)
 Sunday School - 67

*Offerings - \$10,239.61 (Mission & Ministry Fund) +
 *Other Offerings - \$3,681.50 (Imagine Capital Appeal Fund) +
 \$ (Food Pantry) +
 \$50.00 (ELCA Disaster Response-Haiti Relief)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH:

Worship - 101 (8:30) + 106 (11:00) = 207 (Total)
 *Offerings - \$6,123.00 (Mission & Ministry Fund) +
 *Other Offerings - \$8,184.50 (Imagine Capital Appeal Fund) +
 \$380.00 (Gift & Memorials) +
 \$100.00 (ELCA Hunger) +
 \$5.00 (Kairos Prison Ministry) +
 \$50.00 (ELCA Disaster Response-Haiti Relief)

NOTE: These offerings include those given through Simply Giving.

♥ **MEMORIALS:**

Mission & Ministry

For B.L. Parker by Erv & Barb Merz, Bob Von Bieberstein, Annette Smith, Craig & Laurie Hohertz, Greta Rymal, Lloyd & Karin Matthys, Diane McGowan, Audrey & Joel Lehman, Bill & Nan Hatcher.

Capital Appeal

For B.L. Parker by Bill & Di Brophy, Morris & Coleen Thompson, Ken & Diane Albin.

Gift & Memorials

For B.L. Parker by Clyde & Vicki Sutton, Jerald Segner, Beth Freeborn, O.R. & Billie Parker, Duane & Nan Howell, Peggy Suggs, Bob & Kim Thonhoff, Philip Drake & Laurie Donovan, Charlie & Ann Lunday, Alan & Betty Matejowsky, Lee & Georgia Wood.



The need continues to be great. Any donations of food or toiletry items will be very helpful. We especially need cereal, protein items, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. We collect children's books to distribute to families with children.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Diane McGowan, 892-4416.

Food Pantry Statistics:

	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
Households served:	209	199
People served:	1,079	782
New families served:	55	45

Thanks so much to all who have contributed or volunteered to make this ministry happen!



32nd Annual CROP Hunger Walk

Date: Sat., Mar. 6, 10:00 a.m.
 or
 Sun., Mar. 7, 2:30 p.m.



Location: Walter E. Long Park (by Expo Center)
 6614 Blue Bluff Road

Contact: Jan Haas, 892-6154 or janhaas@austin.rr.com



SERVING LIST

Sunday, February 21st:

Flowers—Jesse & Marilyn Essinger
Altar Guild—Zolene Curlee & Joyce Kuntschik (8:30) +
 Pat Andrews & Lenore Moltz (11:00)
Acolytes—Emma Albin (8:30) + Jared Jones (11:00)
Lectors—Diane McGowan (8:30) +
 Sue Milam (11:00)
Communion Assistant—Hazeldean Dumler (8:30) +
 Ruth Shane (11:00)
Ushers—Verla Cook & Karan Heidemann (8:30) +
 Herman & Karen Gonzalez (11:00)
Council Assistant—Joel Lehman

Sunday, February 28th:

Flowers—Craig & Laurie Hohertz
Altar Guild—Zolene Curlee & Joyce Kuntschik (8:30) +
 Pat Andrews & Lenore Moltz (11:00)
Acolytes—Kelsey Hollien (8:30) + Ben Collins (11:00)
Lectors—Drenda Haddock (8:30) +
 Joan Hokanson (11:00)
Communion Assistants—Gloria Rech (8:30) +
 Paul & Dolly Atkinson (11:00)
Ushers—Verla Cook & Karan Heidemann (8:30) +
 Herman & Karen Gonzalez (11:00)
Council Assistant—Barbara Tiedt
Coffee Service for February is Ruth Circle.



"TLU Film Night"

Join the TLU Alumni Association for "TLU Film Night" at Scholtz Beer Garden, located at 1607 San Jacinto, Austin, Texas. Here's what you need to know:

TLU Film Night
 Scholtz Beer Garden
 Thursday, February 25, 2010
 6:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$7.00

Includes Entry, Heavy Appetizers, & Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Please RSVP to Taylor Carleton
 tcarleton@tlu.edu or 830-371-8026

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Bob or Kim Thonhoff. Both are currently serving on the TLU Alumni Board and have been part of the planning process. Come and enjoy a hands-on experience with Chris Elley, a producer who is a well-loved alum from Texas Lutheran University!

..PEOPLE.....PEOPLE.....PEOPLE..



HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: Marcy Cornell

HOME FROM DAY SURGERY: Peggy Suggs

IN REHAB CENTER: Johnnie Strickland, Summit of Westlake Hills, #2231
Clif James, Monte Siesta, #228

NEW RESIDENCE: Frances Wogenstahl
1820 East Common St., #149
New Braunfels, TX 78130
830-620-9094
(She would enjoy receiving cards)

SCHEDULED FOR SURGERY: Donald Vowell (Feb. 22)

DEATH: Barbara Speer, sister to Coleen Thompson
Oran Percy's sister, Iola (age 99) & Linda Cohran's aunt

PRAYER-REQUESTS:

- ** Carolyn Johnson
- ** Blake Johnson
- ** Helen Page
- ** Edna Graeber
- ** Christian-Charles dePlicque
- ** Nik & Jerry Schappe (former members, now in Marble Falls area)
- ** Kally Moyer (Kim Thonhoff's sister)
- ** The family & friends of Brandi Becker at her death (friend of Ann & Charlie Lunday)
- ** Susan Rogers (Audrey Lehman's friend)
- ** Garrett & Amanda Kunz and unborn son, Braxton
- ** Alex Anderson (Beth Rivera's son & Del Prescott's grandson)
- ** Bobby Buretti in St. David's Rehabilitation Hospital (Kay Martin's grandson)
- ** Cheryl Allen (friend of Marcy Cornell)
- ** Susie Brown at The Summit in Westlake, Rm. 3307A
- ** Kayman Samuelson (Verla Cook's granddaughter)
- ** Deloris Wilson (Rose Leoni's sister)
- ** Amberlyn Fett (friend of Amber Karley)
- ** Phyliss Brooks (Dona Brooks' aunt)
- ** Deb Robison (Marge's daughter)
- ** Jim West (Mary Fetter's nephew)
- ** David Cosner (friend of the Kikta, Ayoub & Tharp families)
- ** Dawn Hudgens (Erv & Barb Merz's daughter)

Prayers of safety for the following:

- ** SSG Christy Kikta with U.S. Army in Iraq (Left U.S. on Jan. 26)
- ** Zoe Williams (Christy Kikta's daughter)
- ** 1st Lt. Melanie Meier with the US Air Force
- ** Sgt Jesse Andrews with the US Marines (now back in U.S.!)
- ** For all those in the military services overseas



Sadie Elizabeth Haddock was baptized on Sunday, February 14, at the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service. Her parents are Heath & Kristin Haddock. Sponsors are Phillip & Tracie Haddock. Grandparents: Marvin & Drenda Haddock.

We rejoice with Sadie and her family at her baptism!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

February

- 21—Kristin Alaimo, Marilyn Essinger
- 22—Kellie Stiegemeier
- 23—Alisha Kornfuehrer
- 24—Lisa Krabbenhoft, Abby Lunday
- 25—Kenny Fuchs
- 26—Lisa Carter, George Hatfield
- 27—Cat Lewis

March

- 1—Alex Villalobos
- 2—Willie Haas, Reggie Kikta
- 3—Edna Graeber, Ethan Kunz, Charles Mauldin, Erv Merz, Matthew Metz
- 4—Taylor Clarkson, Marcy Cornell, Sharon Perry
- 6—Tim Sulzbach



In Loving Memory of

B.L. Parker

May 25, 1931 — February 4, 2010

A faithful member of Abiding Love since 1986

Survived by wife, Marcie;

daughter, Marcilynn, and son-in-law, Ron League



Dedication of Credence Table



On Sunday, February 7th, a Credence Table was dedicated in memory of Marilyn Louise (Ahrens) Segner (October 2, 1955 - July 2, 2009). The Credence Table was given by the Sarah Women's Circle, and made by Morris Thompson.

FEBRUARY & MARCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

NIA CLASS—Sat., Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP—Sun., Feb. 21, 3:00 p.m.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1092—Sun., Feb. 21, 3:00 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS—Sun., Feb. 21, 4:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 28, 4:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY—Mon., Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 1, 1:30 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 555—Mon., Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 1, 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN ALIVE! BIBLE STUDY—Tue., Feb. 23 & Mar. 2, 7:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY—Tue., Feb. 23 & Mar. 2, 10:30 a.m.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL—Tue., Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m.

LEGEND OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.—Tue., Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN MEAL—Wed. Feb. 24, 5:45 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 3, 5:45 p.m.

LENTEN WORSHIP—Wed. Feb. 24, 6:45 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 3, 6:45 p.m.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY—Wed., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thu., Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.

Thu., Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CENTER CHAPEL—Thu., Feb. 26, 9:45 a.m.

Thu., Mar. 5, 9:45 a.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL—Thu., Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Thu., Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS RETREAT—Fri., Feb. 26-28 (Time-TBA)

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP—Sun., Feb. 28, 6:00 p.m.

Thank You!

- ◆ From the Parker family: *"We are so grateful to our very special church family for all of your support during the last few weeks. The many visits to the hospital, the unending prayers and hugs were a constant source of comfort and support. You showed B.L. such love in his last days and we know he felt so very blessed. He certainly loved you all and tried to express that to everyone that came to see him. Thank you to Pastor Fetter and Pastor Lynnae for your daily calls and visits and for your assistance with the service. Thank you also to Mixed Blessings and the choir for their gift of music at the funeral. Appreciation goes to the Membership Care board for their coordination efforts for the family lunch. As Pastor says, "It's all about love." And B.L. would respond to you all, 'Bless You' ".*
- ◆ To all the women who participated in worship leadership on Sunday, February 14th, as we celebrated a "Women in Ministry Thankoffering Service".
- ◆ To the Mixed Blessings for their musical leadership at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, Feb. 14th.
- ◆ To all who have contributed a total of \$1141.00 for the "Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief".
- ◆ From the Sr. High Youth Group for the most loving support of their Valentine's "A Sweet for your Sweetie" fundraiser which provided over \$800.00 for their summer camp trip to Colorado.
- ◆ To all women who shared their thankofferings on Sunday, Feb. 14, which also amounted to over \$800.00.
- ◆ To Clyde Sutton for checking on some roof leaks.
- ◆ To all who helped with the Family Lunch before the Funeral for B.L. Parker, and to all who served in the Worship Service.
- ◆ To Bob Von Bieberstein for trimming and mowing our church yard; to Joel Lehman for his help with lawnmower repairs; also to Frank Verzwylvet for his help with fixing tires and mowers.
- ◆ To all who helped at the Property Workday on Saturday, Feb. 13th: Bob Von Bieberstein, Lloyd Matthys, Joel Lehman, and Paul Atkinson. Thanks also for helping Philip Drake move a piano.
- ◆ To the parents and sponsors of the Middle School Youth for planning the games and fun for their activity, "Special Olympics", on Sun., Feb. 14th, and for the meal of pizza, cookies, and candy.
- ◆ Thanks to all who participated in Boy Scout Troop 555's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper fundraiser, on Feb. 16th.
- ◆ From Joan Hokanson to the Hannah Circle for the lovely staff appreciation Valentine's luncheon, balloon, cards and candy on Monday, February 8th. You all made us feel special!
- ◆ From Caleb Crainer: *"Thank you so much for your financial gift and continued prayers and letters. It means the world to me that you all have modeled hospitality so generously. I know I could not be here, be so excited about ministry, or be as engaged with the material without you all behind me all the way. Thank you. The beginning of January held some good news for me as well. I was accepted and placed at a Horizon Internship site in Minneapolis, Minnesota for Fall 2010! The Horizon program is a competitive program that places candidates from all the seminaries at good sites that otherwise would not be able to afford an intern. My site, Redeemer Lutheran, is an inner-city church with a beautifully diverse congregation... May God continue to bless you all and keep you in peace."*

BULLETIN BOARD

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be mailed on Wed., Mar. 3rd. Please get your articles to the Church Office by Mon. Mar. 1st. Articles may be sent via e-mail to abidinglove@austin.rr.com or to jhokanson@austin.rr.com, brought by the office on a CD or handwritten. Thank you notes or short announcements may be called in to Joan or Cindy, 892-4040.

The new **LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE** is available from the Church Office for \$28.50. Make checks payable to Abiding Love.



Abiding Love Annual 2010 Women's Spring Retreat Mark your Calendars April 23 – 25, 2010 Camp Lone Star (La Grange)

The Theme of our retreat is **Streams in the Desert**. Information on registration will be available in March. The costs are:

Friday - Sunday \$110
Friday- Saturday (3 meals \$85)
Sat- Sunday (3 meals \$85)
Saturday only (2 meals \$45)

Some scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Lynnae if you are interested in a scholarship. For further information on the retreat you may contact Cindy Atwell, 282-1621, or Diane McGowan, 892-4416.

Grief Support Group Sunday, February 21st 3:00 p.m. Church Library



Anyone is invited for any kind of grief. At the first meeting we will figure out the best date and time to meet regularly. This group is sponsored by Pat Koch, Laurie Donovan, and George Glaser.

ABIDING LOVE

Vision Statement

Growing together in God's love and sharing that love with our community.

Mission Statement

Growing in the Holy Spirit to serve God and celebrate the love Jesus Christ has for all people.

Core Values

The people of Abiding Love Lutheran Church will serve God and others by:

- Establishing a strong, unique, and focused ministry by giving joyfully and freely to the Lord;
- Inviting, welcoming, accepting and encouraging others by showing respect and love for all;
- Fostering fellowship among members by building Christian relationships;
- Striving to learn and equip themselves by being grounded and strengthened in faith through Christian education;
- Nurturing children and youth towards responsible, confirmed membership;
- Demonstrating love through actions;
- Being excited for Jesus; and
- Praying frequently.





First Communion Classes 2010

First Communion Preparation Classes for children and youth will be held on 4 Sunday afternoons in February and March:

- #1 February 21, 4:30—5:30 p.m.
- #2 February 28, 4:30—5:30 p.m.
- #3 March 7, 4:30—5:30 p.m.
- (Note: No class on March 14 due to Spring Break)
- #4 March 21, 4:30—5:30 p.m.

First Communions will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, March 28th, at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services.

Note: The readiness for attendance in these classes is based primarily on your child's desire, and an awareness of God's love for them through Jesus Christ, and not just age. One or both parents, or another adult mentor, are asked to attend each class with their child. Older children or youth who have not received instruction are, also, encouraged to attend with parents. Please contact Pastor Fetter or Pastor Lynnae for more information.

Pre-registration is not required, but would help if you would call the Church Office to let us know who will attend.



**Senior High Youth Group
"The R.O.C.K."
(Reliers on Christ the King)**

R.O.C.K. sponsors:
Jared & Callie Clarkson
Angela Renfro
Jeff Roberts

Sunday, Feb. 28th – meet at the church at 5:00 PM to go to the Hollen Ranch for an evening of CAPTURE THE FLAG!! We will be back around 8:30 PM

Sunday, March 14th – 6:00 PM Pie Making and Eating Contest! It is International Pie Day! (That is the math equation - Pi, Greek letter (π), is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day is celebrated by math enthusiasts around the world on March 14th. $\pi = 3.1415926535...$ Everyone come with your "best pie" for judging and get ready to eat some surprise pies in creative ways!

Friday, March 26th – Enter the SPURS ZONE – at Pastor Lynnae's house (3016 Jubilee Trail) to watch the Spurs – Cleveland game! Tip off is at 7:30 PM. No school the next day so we can watch to the end! Go Spurs Go! Everyone bring 'junk food' to share!



Middle School Youth Group

We started the New Year off exploring the possibility of a Make-A-Wish Service Project with direction from our very own Harley Fetterman. And we wrote down our own wishes for this year that we can achieve with God's help and grace. Those who chose to share their wishes have displayed them on the Middle School classroom wall. You're welcome to take a peek!

We had fun at our Special Olympics with pizza and other goodies, and fun activities on Sunday, February 14th! We especially enjoyed chilling out in the Sr. High Youth Room for a short time!

Due to scheduling difficulties, the Make-A-Wish Service Project will be scheduled later on this year.

February 26-28 — 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class Retreat will be just outside Giddings at Mary Ann & Kenneth Eichler's ranch.

March 6 -- Church-wide Garage Sale -- We need all hands on deck to help before, during and after this important event.

For information, contact sponsors LuAnn Glowacz (394-0355 or luann@glowacz.com) or Jill Hokanson (484-1313 or jillhokanson@gmail.com) to volunteer.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Feb. 26-28
at the Eichler Ranch

This February we will not be meeting on Sunday evenings for Confirmation. Please attend the Lenten dramas on Wednesday evenings and get ready for the CONFIRMATION RETREAT – **"The Life of Jesus"**. The cost is : \$15. We will be going to a ranch just outside of Giddings, sleeping in tents and getting to know the Bible stories of Jesus, his life, death and resurrection.

Parents are asked to help with food preparation and we need a few sponsors to attend with us! Call the church if you want to help!

Church Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, March 6

8:00 am – 2:00 pm



**Please Sign Up
To Help!**

**Sign-up Sheets for food or
working are on the table in the
Church Narthex.**

How can you help?

- **Clean out those closets and garages and save the items to be delivered to the church:**
 - ◆ Thursday, March 4, after 1:30 p.m., or
 - ◆ Friday, March 5, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you have items that need to be picked up, call Annette Smith at 280-4533 or 751-6429.
- **We will need people to help price and set up the Garage Sale and work at the Sale:**
 - ◆ Thursday, March 4, 1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Friday, March 5, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Saturday, March 6, 7:00 a.m. until closing
- **Donate \$\$'s and items of food for the workers, baked goods and concession stand sales**

WHOEVER YOU ARE! GOD CAN USE YOU!

God calls you to give of yourself in order to serve Him in whatever way you can, insignificant as that may seem. God wants you to bear witness to his unchanging love in an ever changing world, and He patiently continues to call you to VOLUNTEER. Perfection is not required, only a willingness to love and serve the Lord with gladness! For in Him we live and move and have our being. Acts 17:28

With our annual ALLC Garage Sale near on March 6th, we ask each of you to VOLUNTEER so God can use you to serve Him as we serve as a witness to our community for Him. You can become a VOLUNTEER by bringing your unused items, help set up or work at the sale as a greeter/helper, bagger or cashier, work in concession sales, bring sandwiches, snacks or drinks for the workers and concession, or make homemade cookies, candy, cakes, pies, jelly, etc. for the country store & concession sales or donate \$\$'s to help buy the needed kitchen supplies, help sort out and box up unsold items for our charitable causes, and help clean up as we close up and wind up another successful event for our Youth, our Church, our Community and our World. No experience is required! God Can Use You! He Needs You! And We Need You! Please VOLUNTEER and help in whatever way you can to help us serve God and to be a witness for Him!

If you enjoy walking, VOLUNTEER to join the Crop Walk for Hunger on Sunday afternoon, March 7th or help support our walking ALLC Youth and members with a donation.

Dear God, help me to do your will and to serve you in whatever way I can and wherever I am needed. Help me to always be a witness for you as I love and serve you and others and VOLUNTEER for you. Amen.

By Annette Smith "Garage Sale Granny"
ALLC Garage Sale and Youth Group Coordinator

"True life is found in serving God." — Matthew 16:25

Men's Work Retreat!

The 12th Annual Abiding Love Lutheran Men's Work Retreat will be held on Friday, May 14, through Sunday, May 16, at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville, TX.

This is a retreat where we will work together to repair and improve camping facilities for our camping youth. There will also be time for fun, fellowship and worship.

- ◆ Cost is \$20 per person. In addition, monetary donations are needed for purchasing the supplies and materials used to repair and improve the camp.
- ◆ Retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday morning.
- ◆ All meals (except Friday night) are provided. You may bring snacks, too.
- ◆ Carpooling available from the church Friday evening.
- ◆ Please register by Sunday, May 9th.

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation..." 1 Cor 3:10

Registration forms will be distributed in April!

For more information please contact Dale Sump at 512-288-1495 or dsump@sbcglobal.net

Choral Concert

sponsored by the St. Edward's University Music Department
Sunday, February 21, 2010
4:00—6:00 p.m.

St. Edward's University

3001 S. Congress Avenue

Ragsdale Center * Jones Auditorium

Donations to benefit Faith in Action Caregivers - South Austin
Free parking in the faculty parking lot, NW of Ragsdale Center



AUSTIN CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERING

Women of the ELCA

Peace Lutheran Church - Rockdale

March 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline - March 1st

Registration forms are available in the Armoire in the Reception Area. The cost is \$8.00 per person and includes lunch.



Christian Service Board's March Bin Emphasis QUILTS and Blankets

An LWR quilt or blanket is special! It brings warmth on a cold night, shelter from the sun on a hot day. It becomes a bed, a room divider, a backpack to carry belongings, and at times even a home.

Quilts distributed by LWR to refugees and other people in need were first made by recycling old but good clothes, blankets, and other items. Most LWR quilts are still made this way, although fabric samples, remnants, or other new pieces of fabric are also used. Each quilt is one of a kind, with a beauty all its own, made as a gift of hope by caring people.

How to make an LWR quilt

LWR quilts are easy to make. Place a piece of fabric measuring 64" X 84" right side down on the table. **Do not use fabric prints with religious symbols, U.S. flags or military insignia.** Place a filler measuring 60" X 80" on top, and then place another piece of fabric, also measuring 60" X 80", right side up on top of the filler. Tie the layers together, using crochet or similar cord. Bring the edges of the 64" X 84" piece over the top, pin and machine-stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible.

Finished quilts should measure approximately 60" X 80". **Please keep in mind that the ultimate purpose of a quilt is to provide warmth and choose your fabrics and filler accordingly.** Even in warmer climates, the temperatures can drop dramatically at night, requiring a quilt with sufficient filler.

General Assembly Instructions are available in the Armoire in the Reception Area for making LWR quilts.

TIPS:

- Quilt tops and bottoms can be made from whole pieces of fabric, or in any type of patchwork pattern of smaller squares. If squares are preferred, twelve 21" squares or 48 eleven-inch squares sewn together using a half-inch seam allowance make a 60" X 80" top for a beautiful quilt.
- Recommended fabrics for LWR quilts include pre-washed cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, and donated upholstery and drapery samples (no fiberglass). Please ensure that there are no stains or holes before using in making a quilt.
- Use crochet or similar cord for tying. It is easier to thread and pull through than yarn and is also more durable. Ties should be no more than 8 to 10 inches apart.
- LWR quilts are both precious and practical when babies and children can use their special gifts even as they grow older. Please donate full-size quilts (about 60" X 80") only.

Please note that new or gently used blankets donated to LWR should also be approximately 60" X 80".

Thanks so much for your help! Place your item in the plastic bin next to the Food Pantry Cart in the Reception Area.