

## The Tie That Binds

# Abiding Love Lutheran Church

*A 30-Year Legacy of Love*



7210 Brush Country Road  
Austin, Texas 78749  
512.892.4040



The Church Office  
will be closed for  
Independence Day  
on Monday, July 5th.



First Friday  
Free Movie  
July 2nd

6:30 pm - Doors open  
7:00 p.m. - Movie begins  
Fetter Activity Center

### Vacation Reminder List

- \* Place a hold on your mail
- \* Stop newspaper delivery
- \* Leave a contact number with a neighbor
- \* Look up a church in your vacation locale at:  
<http://www.elca.org/ELCA/Search/Find-a-Congregation.aspx>
- \* (and take a picture of the church to share), and
- \* Remember to make your regular offering.

—The Stewardship Ministry Team



Love Letter No. 1252

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June 23, 2010

## Abiding Love Lutheran Church

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**June 6 — September 5**

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. — Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:15 a.m. — Adult Study  
Adult "Bible Boosters" — Classroom 1 & 2, Worship Ctr.  
Adult Study - Reclaiming the "L" Word — Activity Center

6:00 p.m. — Worship Unplugged  
Casual, and family led!



### STAFF:

**Office Administrator:** Cindy Kunz  
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**Children's Center Director:** Donna Eastly  
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(Part-time program: T-F, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)  
Phone: 892-2777

**Our Children's Center web site address:**  
[www.main.org/allcdc](http://www.main.org/allcdc)



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## STAFF STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATE

At our May Congregation Council meeting, the Staff Study Committee presented their recommendations to date. The first recommendation was to Call our Associate Pastor, Pastor Lynnae Sorensen, to become our Senior Pastor. The second recommendation was to begin a Call process for a new Associate Pastor experienced in youth and family ministry and education. The Council voted to accept these recommendations and begin implementation. A resolution was passed to suspend the normal Call process for a new Senior Pastor, and request permission from our Southwestern Texas Synod to consider only Pastor Lynnae Sorensen for Call at this time. The Synod, since our May Council meeting, has granted us permission to proceed with this course of action. At our next Council meeting in June, the Council will consider setting a date for a Meeting of the Congregation to have a formal vote (a 2/3 majority of the quorum present is required) to Call the Associate Pastor as Senior Pastor. The probable date for this congregational meeting is Sunday, August 8, 2010. Again, this date must be confirmed by Council action before it is official. The second recommendation of Calling a new Associate Pastor will not proceed until the first recommendation of Calling Pastor Lynnae as Senior Pastor is resolved.

Also, at our May Council meeting, the Council took action to increase Pastor Lynnae's salary in the amount of \$500.00 per month to compensate her for the increased duties of "Acting Lead Pastor" since Pastor Fetter's retirement. In addition, please recall that Abiding Love has retained Pastor Paul Blom in a part-time position to assist Pastor Lynnae in performing pastoral duties for our church.

Our Congregation is in a period of pastoral transition, and now is the time for our church family to come closer together and consider our future direction for ministry and pastoral leadership.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer, and please call me should you have any questions on these recommendations of course of action.

Yours in Christ,  
Bob Thonhoff  
Congregation President

## We welcome new members to be received on Sunday, June 27th, at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service:

Linda Corhan  
7800 Southwest Parkway, #1914  
Austin 78735 899-8553  
Sponsor: Kay Nicholson

Melvin Sanders  
4617 Musk Deer Ln.  
Austin 78749  
469-853-8765

Ian & Kristina Didion, Sara & Emma  
8507 Caspian Dr.  
Austin 78749 785-5146  
Sponsors: Herman & Karen Gonzalez

Clif James  
4624 S. Lamar, #C207  
Austin, 78745  
899-2676

Brian & Amber Grisso, Sophia & Gavin  
6705-B Deaton Hill  
Austin 78745 351-8595  
Sponsors: Matt & Heather Hohertz



Aaron & Heidi Gysan, Lilla & Jonah  
4900 E. Oltorf, #710  
Austin 78741 786-395-0482  
Sponsors: Jeff & Jody Roberts

Sherry & Asabeth Petriella (Associate Members)  
2625-B Gwendolyn Ln.  
Austin 78748 786-1213

Rocky & Karen Ramero  
4301 Manzanillo Dr.  
Austin 78749

**"On your Mark, Get Ready, Set - GO!"**

## From Pastor Lynnae

We received news this month that our well was being dug and hewn for the village people of central Ethiopia! Water to Thrive workers wanted to know what to put on the sign! Can you believe that across the world, in the remote Oromiya Region of Ethiopia there will be a sign that reads - this well is a gift from "Abiding Love Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas, USA"!!

I read a story about a great Lutheran: "Matt Berg dreamed of bringing technology to Africa to help improve people's lives. Living that dream through the Millennium Villages Project and Child Count+ earned Berg, a Lutheran and the son of missionaries, a place this year among *Time* magazine's 100 people who most affect our world.

Berg, 32, has spent considerable time in Africa, particularly in the past three years, perfecting the use of simple mobile phone technology to create a system to monitor the health of children in Africa. That work got the attention of the people at *Time*.

In an interview with the ELCA News Service, Berg said he was "shocked and humbled" to learn that he had been named to the *Time* list. "The community that I work with was very happy," he said. "It's been really good for our work, a big validation that the work we're doing is really important."

A select group of people made the *Time* list, including such notables as Kathryn Bigelow, Bill Clinton, Steve Jobs, Conan O'Brien, Elizabeth Warren and Oprah Winfrey.

How awesome to be a part of a church that gets such recognition! We have missionaries that serve in 48 countries around the world! We participate in these mission ventures through our gifts, both monetary and in kind, and our prayers. With our name on a sign half way around the world, who knows what's next! I can't wait to find out! Let's go!



Six people attended the Grief Support Group on Sunday, June 13th. **The next meeting is scheduled for July 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the Library.**

**New Member Class  
Saturday, June 26th  
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**

**Are you not yet a member of Abiding Love?** Well, the time has come. We will be holding a New Member Class on Saturday, June 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and then will be receiving New Members on Sunday June 27th, at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service.

If you are interested in joining our Abiding Love family and have not yet been contacted by your Host, please call the Church Office at 892-4040.

\* † \* **STATISTICS** \* † \***SUNDAY, MAY 30TH:**

Worship - 62 (8:30) + 75 (11:00) = 137 (Total)

Sunday School -

\*Offerings - \$3,994.50 (Mission & Ministry Fund) +

\*Other Offerings - \$692.50 (Imagine Capital Appeal Fund) +  
\$250.00 (Good Samaritan Fund) +  
\$5.00 (Kairos Prison Ministry) +  
\$7.00 (Sunday School Farm Animals)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH:**

Worship - 139 (9:00) + 36 (6:00) = 175 (Total)

\*Offerings - \$10,074.08 (Mission & Ministry Fund) +

\*Other Offerings - \$4,248.50 (Imagine Capital Appeal Fund) +  
\$30.00 (Food Pantry) +  
\$100.00 (Mary Fetter Helping Hands Scholarship Fund for ALL Children's Center) +  
\$300.00 (M. David Fetter Seminary Scholarship Endowment for Future Church Leaders)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH:**

Worship - 103 (9:00) + 42 (6:00) = 145 (Total)

\*Offerings - \$6,649.50 (Mission & Ministry Fund) +

\*Other Offerings - \$1,447.50 (Imagine Capital Appeal Fund) +  
\$100.00 (ELCA Hunger) +  
\$10.00 (Food Pantry) +  
\$40.00 (Good Samaritan Fund) +  
\$15.00 (Kairos Prison Ministry) +  
\$100.00 (Sr. High Youth Fund)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH:**

Worship - 140 (9:00)

\*Offerings - \$7,199.00 (Mission & Ministry Fund) +

\*Other Offerings - \$1,537.50 (Imagine Capital Appeal Fund) +  
\$100.00 (Gifts & Memorials) +  
\$10.00 (VBS supplies) +  
\$40.00 (Youth Fund) +  
\$5.00 (Kairos Prison Ministry) +  
\$10.00 (Mary Fetter Helping Hands Scholarship Fund for ALL Children's Center) +  
\$20.00 (Foundation of Faith Scholarship Fund with Cross Trails Ministry for Camp) +  
\$80.00 (M. David Fetter Seminary Scholarship Endowment for Future Church Leaders)

NOTE: These offerings include those given through Simply Giving.

♥ **MEMORIALS:**Gifts & Memorials

For Bob Martins by Royce & Sherry Abrahamson, Kristine & Steven Anthony, Rachel & Jason Samsel.

For Doris Kouri by Royce & Sherry Abrahamson, Kristine & Steven Anthony, Rachel & Jason Samsel.

Imagine Capital Appeal

For Herbert Faithaeur by Marcie Parker.

Men's Retreat

For Bob Williams by Marcie Parker.

Mission & Ministry

For Phyllis Brooks by Annette Smith.

For Freddy Smith by Annette Smith.

For Fletcher Hamilton Smith by Annette Smith.

For Walter Von Quintus by Annette Smith.

♥ **SPECIAL GIFTS:**Foundation of Faith Camper Scholarship with Cross Trails Ministry

In honor of Pastor David Fetter and the 60th Anniversary of Lutheran Camp Chrysalis by Annette Smith.

M. David Fetter Seminary Scholarship Endowment

In honor of Pastor David Fetter by Len & Andy West.

In honor of Pastor David Fetter's 40th Anniversary of Ordination & Retirement, Caleb Crainer, and Pastor Lynnae Sorensen by Annette Smith.

Mary Fetter Helping Hands Scholarship for ALL Children's Center

In honor of Mary Fetter by Annette Smith.

Mission & Ministry

In honor of ALLC college graduates Heather Atkinson, Lindsey Drake, and Rachel Hokanson by Annette Smith.

Youth Fund

In honor of our 2010 High School Graduates: Katie Carswell, Justin Joe, Dustin Steigemeyer, and Emma Verzwylt by Annette Smith.

**JUNE SERVING LIST****SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH:**

Flowers—OPEN

Altar Guild—Billy Trostel (9:00)

Acolyte—Sarah Pavey (9:00)

Lector—Jeff Roberts (9:00)

Ushers—Verla Cook, Karan Heidemann (9:00)

Council Assistant—Pat Andrews

Coffee Service for June is the Ruth Circle.

See July Serving List on reverse side of July Calendar.

**Abiding Love Food Pantry**

**The FOOD PANTRY will be CLOSED, Monday, JULY 5th.**



**The Christian Service Board emphasis for July will be our Food Pantry.** The Abiding Love Food Pantry served an average of 223 families per month for the first five months of 2010. There was an average of 892 individuals in these families. On June 7 we had 72 families and on June 14 we had 54 families. Our clients include elderly adults, young singles, young working families, grandparents caring for their grandchildren, homeless adults, and come from all over the Austin metropolitan area.

We are able to provide service to these families because of a wonderful cadre of volunteers who perform several types of jobs. On Wednesday evening, food is ordered from the Capital Area Food Bank. On Saturday and Sunday mornings a dedicated group, our bread brigade, pick up breads and sweets from the HEB at Escarpment and Slaughter. This summer, Gordon Lehman picks up the food from CAFB on Monday mornings at 8 am. He is met at the Activity Center by about 8 more volunteers who sort the food and bread to get ready for the crowd which begins to line up about 9 am for our 1:15 pm opening. About 8 to 12 more volunteers come to help about 1 pm. We can serve 50 families in about an hour because of the streamlined methods we have developed over 5 ½ years!

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact Diane McGowan, 892-4416, or Colleen Thompson, 282-4130.**

We are able to pay the average of \$150 handling fee per week because of the generous financial contributions from our congregation. The generous food donations from our congregation and from St Catherine's of Sienna Catholic Church are a great help in meeting the needs of our clients. **We can always use any canned items, protein, peanut butter, vegetables, pasta, and beans.**

**..PEOPLE.....PEOPLE.....PEOPLE..**

**TONSILS REMOVED:** Annie Verzwylt  
Abbie Verzwylt

**ADENOIDS REMOVED:** Blake Johnson

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** Gisela Armstrong  
Annette Smith  
Ben Fuelberg

**SCHEDULED FOR KNEE SURGERY:** Zolene Curlee (June 29)  
Janea Escobedo (July 5)

**PRAYER-REQUESTS:**

- |                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ** Carolyn Johnson      | ** Marcy Cornell               |
| ** Jesse Essinger       | ** Edna Graeber                |
| ** Ann & Charlie Lunday | ** Woody Joe                   |
| ** Betty Mason          | ** Christian-Charles dePlicque |
| ** Braxton Kunz         |                                |
- \*\* John Mack (Elizabeth Frisch's father)  
 \*\* Elizabeth Davis & her family  
 \*\* Johnnie Strickland, at The Summit at Westlake, #1110  
 \*\* Irma Andrews, Emeritus at Beckett Meadows, #1128  
 \*\* Ted Johns (friend of Jill Feary)  
 \*\* Chris Bell (Kim Thonhoff's sister)  
 \*\* Gerald Dew (Greg Dew & Karen Joe's father)  
 \*\* The family & friends of Pastor Lange of Faith Lutheran, Seguin at his death  
 \*\* Alex Anderson (Beth Rivera's son & Del Prescott's grandson)  
 \*\* Bobby Buratti in St. David's Rehab (Kay Martin's grandson)  
 \*\* Deloris Wilson (Rose Leoni's sister)  
 \*\* 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) Williams with U.S. Army in Iraq  
 \*\* Chris LeDuc in Iraq with U.S. Army (Christy Williams' fiancé)  
 \*\* 1st Lt. Melanie Meier with the US Air Force  
 \*\* Sgt. Jesse Andrews with the US Marines  
 \*\* Adam Rogers in Afghanistan with the U.S. Marines (cousin to Greg & Nanette Dew, & Karen & Justin Joe)  
 \*\* Allen Kelley (son of Reggie Kikta) going to Afghanistan with a security company.  
 \*\* For all those in the military services overseas

**BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:****June**

- 13—Carol White  
 14—Karen Gonzalez  
 15—Teresa Krause  
 16—Jean Austin, Tyler Glowacz  
 18—Janea Escobedo  
 19—Audrey Armstrong, Grace Kunz  
 21—Jesse Essinger, Pat Koch  
 22—Joaquin Martinez  
 23—Zolene Curlee  
 24—Bob Koch, Wendell Koenig, KimThonhoff

**BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE 27TH:  
"Fifth Sunday After Pentecost"**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
 Psalm 16  
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
 Luke 9:51-62

**BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY 4TH:  
"Sixth Sunday After Pentecost"**

Isaiah 66:10-14  
 Psalm 66:1-9  
 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16  
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY 11TH:  
"Seventh Sunday After Pentecost"**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 Colossians 1:1-14  
 Luke 10:25-37

**BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY 18TH:  
"Eighth Sunday After Pentecost"**

Genesis 18:1-10a  
 Psalm 15  
 Colossians 1:15-28  
 Luke 10:38-42

**BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY 25TH:  
"Ninth Sunday After Pentecost"**

Genesis 18:20-32  
 Psalm 138  
 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]  
 Luke 11:1-13

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:****June**

- 25—Chris Von Bieberstein  
 26—Paul Buaas, Matthew Perry  
 27—Rhonda Marks, Nancy Shugart  
 28—Zephyr Van Dyke  
 29—Miller Roberts, Matthew Gonzalez

**July**

- 2—Harley Fetterman, Debbie Hartzler  
 4—Lee Page  
 5—Brad Ballard, Ron Leoni, Andrea Wyatt  
 6—Joe Titus  
 9—Elizabeth Escobedo  
 10—Bruce Atwell, Wade Belew, Gary Page  
 11—Jennifer Cox, Amber Lewis, Margaret Luedecke  
 12—Josh Heidemann  
 13—Larry Grimm, Elizabeth Segner-Zarate  
 14—Bobby Hohmann  
 15—Dianne Davis, Taylor Lunday, Marge Robison  
 16—Oran Percy, Travis Tharp  
 18—Heath Hohmann, Tricia Slovacek  
 19—Sara Carswell  
 20—Carl Schattenberg  
 21—Austin Rabb  
 22—Garrett Kunz  
 23—Alexsandra Santos, Heather Struss  
 24—Pat Dove, Karan Heidemann, Remy Martinez





- ◆ From Kim Thonhoff, on behalf of the young children of Abiding Love (2 years -5<sup>th</sup> Grade), thanks to the Christian Education Board, Church Council, and Pastor Lynnae for helping our Sunday School committee put the "Godly Play" curriculum in motion for the 2010-2011 year. It will be a unique and exciting adventure for our Sunday School kids! Thank you for your support.
- ◆ From Kim Thonhoff to the members of the Sunday School committee, Pastor Lynnae, and Cindy Atwell, our Christian Education Board Director, for the many hours of time spent researching curriculums for our 2010-2011 educational programs for our youth on Sunday mornings. Committee members are Holly Leoni, Jamie Villalobos, Debra Ayoub, Mary Fetter, and Joan Hokanson. (We're happy to add others to our membership if you are willing to participate!) Thanks to all of you for your input, guidance, and direction.
- ◆ From Kim Thonhoff to Sharolyn Browning, the Children & Family Minister, at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. She is also a trainer for the Godly Play Foundation. Sharolyn has been very helpful and supportive in our Godly Play pursuits. We thank her for all the wonderful information, training and mentoring shared.
- ◆ From Kim Thonhoff to the following people for their willingness to participate in 3 full days of "Godly Play" training on July 8-10 at St. Martins Lutheran Church: Pastor Lynnae, Jan Haas, Holly Leoni, Debra Ayoub, Jamie Villalobos, Tammy Santos, Mary Fetter, and Joan Hokanson. We ask for your prayers so that these training experiences will guide and direct our steps as we begin to pilot a new curriculum on Sunday mornings this Fall.
- ◆ From Annette Smith: *"Thank you for the prayers, visits and best wishes which I have been blessed with since my accident and hospitalization, and for being a dear friend in Christ for me."*
- ◆ From Pastor David & Mary Fetter to everyone who took pictures, recorded and video-taped all the special activities on Sunday, May 23rd!
- ◆ From Pastor Fetter to our Boy Scout Troop 555 (the "Triple Nickel") for the special honor given him on Sunday, May 23rd at the "Sending Celebration". The framed Norman Rockwell picture (A Scout is Reverent) hangs in our home office as a reminder of the importance of this program in Abiding Love's community outreach to youth and their families!
- ◆ From Pastor David and Mary Fetter: *"As we continue to reflect on ALL the expressions of your love for us and for the Lord Jesus Christ, we are filled with great joy! We will forever cherish ALL the times that have bound us together as friends in Christ forever!"*
- ◆ To all the Vacation Bible School volunteers and staff, especially Cindy Atwell, Director — it was a Blast!
- ◆ From Pastor Paul Blom for the welcoming reception given for him on Sun., June 13th following our 9:00 a.m. Worship.

### Seminar and Support Group - 13 Weeks

Sunday, June 27th  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Downstairs Classroom  
Abiding Love Worship Center

There aren't many people around you who understand the pain your separation or divorce has caused. To you. Your family. Your friends. That's the reason for *DivorceCare*.

It's a special weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. Most importantly, you'll learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life.

**Led by Pastor Brian Peterson, ELCA Pastor**

Ascension Lutheran Church in Austin

Call Pastor Lynnae Sorensen for more information, 892-4040.

## BULLETIN BOARD

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER** will be mailed on Wed., July 28th. Please get your articles to the Church Office by Wed., July 21st. Articles may be sent via e-mail to [abidinglove@austin.rr.com](mailto:abidinglove@austin.rr.com) or to [jhokanson@austin.rr.com](mailto: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.

### A note of thanks from David Blank of Cross Trails Ministry:

Abiding Love Men's Group, Another work weekend at camp has come and gone with great success. The work done this year was stellar, for what was involved. Many projects were completed with ease while others were completed that were not of ease. A very heartfelt thanks to everyone. When I see projects piling up I have no fear Abiding Love men appear. Thank you for the years of commitment, willingness and dedication.

Your Servant In Christ,  
David

Note: Abiding Love contributed \$750.00 in honor of Pastor Fetter to the Cross Trails Ministry Foundation of Faith Scholarship Fund for Campers.



The 23rd annual Women of the ELCA Synodical Convention will be held October 1-3, 2010 at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center in beautiful downtown New Braunfels.

The theme Bible verse is Romans 12:4-5— *"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."*

The theme, "Belonging, Becoming, Blessing", focuses on the three mission areas of Women of the ELCA— Mission: Community, Mission: Growth and Mission: Action. Inez Torres Davis, Women of the ELCA Director for Justice, will attend, as will Sydney Brinkman, church-wide representative and member of the executive board. The Southwestern Texas Synod's own Charlene Spillmann, Women of the ELCA Vice President, will be the keynote speaker.

## 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.



### 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



Six youth and two sponsors went camping at Pace Bend Park on Friday June 4th for one night, to practice camping for our BIG TRIP! We had fun swimming, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows. We even made bacon and eggs on the campfire the next morning. Those participating were Katherine Albin, Kyle Ayoub, Ben Collins, Kelsey Hollien, Audrey Huddleston, and Sara Pavey. Sponsors were Jared Clarkson and Angela Renfro. We can't wait until our trip to Colorado.

Seven youth, and three sponsors are preparing to go to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Fort Collins, Colorado, July 18-23!



Our **2010 High School Graduates** were honored on Sunday, June 6th at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. Justin Joe was present.

**Kathryn Sue "Katie" Carswell** graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School on Thursday, June 3, 2010. While in high school, Katie participated in Austin High Red Jackets and Abiding Love Sr. High R.O.C.K. Youth Group. Katie is planning to take a year off, then go to Austin Community College for 2 years, and hopefully transfer to Texas State after that. Katie loves to dance, and loves to meet new friends or people in general.

**Justin Kendall Joe**, son of Karen and Woody Joe, graduated in the top 10% of James Bowie High School on Thursday, June 3, 2010. He was a member of the National Honor Society. Justin attended Brazoswood High School for 3 years in Clute, Texas, before moving to Austin. As a member of the Brazoswood Marching Band, Justin lettered 1 year; attended competitions in Regional and Super Regional Finals; and twice was awarded Lone Star Preview Marching Competition Champion. His senior year, Justin played French horn in the James Bowie Outdoor Performing Ensemble; participated in competitions for Regional, Super Regional, and Grand National Bands of America Finals; and earned a letter. He was an All-City Band Member, and Division I Soloist 7 times. Justin has decided to pursue a Bachelors of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems at Texas State University-San Marcos, then pursue a Doctorate in Optometry from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.

**Dustin Thomas Stiegemeier**, graduated from James Bowie High School on Thursday, June 3, 2010. He is the son of Tom & Kellie Stiegemeier. Dustin will be attending Western Colorado University with an athletic scholarship in wrestling.

**Emma Marie Verzwylvelt**, daughter of Cynthia Langham and Frank Verzwylvelt, graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School on Thursday, June 3, 2010. Emma was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in the Austin High Choir. Emma plans to attend Colorado State University in the fall.

### Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience (LYLE)

The LYLE program is a leadership development program that combines leadership skills, service, and each young person's individual God-given gifts and interests.



Youth attending LYLE Camp at Camp Chrysalis this summer are: Katherine Albin for three weeks, and Emma Albin, Kelsey Hollien, and Bethany Sump for one week.



### Middle School Youth Group



**June 27, 6:00 p.m.** – We are leading the first ever Sunday Evening Worship Unplugged "Coffee House" at Abiding Love!

This is your chance to perform your instrument and vocal solos. You can also sign up to read poems, tell (family friendly) jokes, perform just about anything – use your imagination! If you like to create wearable or decorative art, we will also have a small "silent auction" to raise Good Samaritan funds!

**We also need middle school-ers and their families to help serve coffee and tea.**

The Coffee House will be an open-mic type of format, similar to a talent show. So we need plenty of help and plenty of talent of all ages.

Please contact LuAnn Glowacz at [luann@glowacz.com](mailto:luann@glowacz.com) or 512-394-0355 to sign up by **Friday, June 24th**.

### Confirmation Campers

Ten Confirmation Youth attended Ebert Ranch, a Cross Trails Ministry Lutheran Camp near Harper, June 6 – 11. Pastor Lynnae and Dolly Atkinson attended as camp sponsors. They all had a wonderful time. Those attending were:

**Audrey Armstrong**  
**Sam Collins**  
**Elizabeth Escobedo**  
**Kyle Huddleston**  
**Camille Lunday**  
**Ryan Pavey**  
**Matthew Perry**  
**Alexsandra Santos**  
**Annie Verzwylvelt**  
**Deanna Vowell**



### Children's Center Corner

The children at ALLCC are enjoying the summer schedule with lots of water play and splashing, and swimming at the pool. The older children have been bowling and are planning a trip to see Toy Story III. We've had a magician come and entertain us, and next week we're having a dress-up parade, a 1950's day, and a day of waterslide play.



Donna Easty, Director



## Christian Education



Now that VBS has passed, it's time to think about our 2010-2011 Sunday morning educational programs for our children at Abiding Love Lutheran Church.

### New Curriculum and Training! "Godly Play"

This past April a Sunday School Committee, chaired by Kim Thonhoff and Holly Leoni, was formed through the Christian Education Board. After several months of research, a wonderful curriculum was found for our younger children (2 years- 5<sup>th</sup> grade), called "Godly Play." **The program, developed by Jerome Berryman, encourages children to journey on a spiritual quest by entering into parables, silence, sacred stories, and sacred liturgy to discover God.** The materials used in this program are mostly non-consumable. The curriculum spirals as stories are shared in an "I Wonder" format that entices the children to imagine God.

With the support of the Christian Education Board and the Church Council, the initial phase of the "Godly Play" curriculum has been delivered for the Fall and hopefully, will expand over time into a rich and inviting program for years to come! Components of the program can be explored by searching the Internet for the "Godly Play Foundation." "Godly Play" has 30 years of history that documents an amazing journey using a new method of religious education. We encourage you to join us on this fascinating adventure.

On July 8-10, Pastor Lynnae and 9 other Abiding Love volunteers will be trained by St. Martin's Lutheran Church's Family & Children's Minister, Sharolyn Browning, who is also a trainer for the Godly Play Foundation. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful mentor like Sharolyn nearby! After the training, our church will have 10 skilled storytellers to guide the program through its pilot year. We thank those willing volunteers for participating in this extensive training opportunity.

In mid-July, our committee will set up a display of our "Godly Play" teaching tools, and give you an opportunity to support our investment in these non-consumable teaching tools and bookcases needed to properly store the materials. Checks can be made to Abiding Love with "Godly Play" notated in the memo line.

### We Need Facilitators!

The Sunday School committee is ready to begin recruiting for "Godly Play" staff, and also facilitators for our Middle School and High School. We are planning a Sunday morning class for parents and others, whose families will be involved in our Sunday morning experiences! So, when your phone rings, please be ready with an enthusiastic "yes!" Better yet, just call Kim or Holly and volunteer! The children at Abiding Love want you to be a part of their spiritual journey! We promise a personal growth experience for those involved in the Godly Play program for our children, and meaningful curriculum for our youth and adults! We welcome input!

**If you have any questions or concerns**, please contact Kim Thonhoff at 282-4480 or kimthoff@sbcglobal.net or Holly Leoni at 282-2495 or hollyleoni@yahoo.com

### Rally Day 2010! Mark Your Calendars!

**On Sunday, September 12, we will kick off these new Sunday morning adventures in our Rally Day celebration.** Reserve this special date on your calendars at home. For now, we'll be happy to give you an opportunity to "Give Back the Blessings" by becoming connected in a special way with the children in our congregation on Sunday mornings. Your donations of time, funds, and materials are already appreciated! Thank you.

## THANK YOU FOR THE POWER OF PRAYER

This thought came to me after the recent hospital emergency of one of our dear members in Christ at Abiding Love and then my hospital admittance the following week as we both rejoiced with thanksgiving for the many prayers and the positive outcome experienced.

Do you know that we have an active and very busy ALLC Prayer Chain that is praying continuously for our ALLC members and family and friends as they become aware of prayer concerns? Thanks to our prayer chain coordinators and for those who have become a part of this great prayer chain ministry; what a difference this power of prayer has made in the lives of so many and for our church throughout these many years.

Often times we or one of our members have been disappointed when a member's needs and their need for prayers were not known until later. Therefore, this is written to encourage you to become a part of our ALLC Prayer Chain and let your needs be known and ask for prayers when you or a loved one is in need of the power of prayer. We never know when we will be the receiver or the giver. God has taught us that praying for others is a form of worship and sharing God's love with others. What a difference we can make through the "Power of Prayer" if each of our members will join us in praying with this special prayer chain.

Please let us know if you have a prayer request or want to become a part of the prayer chain. You can call the church office at 892-4040 during business hours or send an email to [abidinglove@austin.rr.com](mailto:abidinglove@austin.rr.com) or contact one of the following coordinators who will forward on the information to all others. When a prayer request is received, the prayer partners lift that request to God in prayer and then continue to pray as needed; and we rejoice and offer prayers of thanksgiving when prayers have been answered.

The following are our Prayer Chain Coordinators for the summer: June- Margaret Dove @ 233-0230 or [mpdove@aol.com](mailto:mpdove@aol.com); July- Hal Schultz @ 280-4999 or [halschultz@hotmail.com](mailto:halschultz@hotmail.com); August- Debra Ayoub @ 301-5438 or [dayoub@austin.rr.com](mailto:dayoub@austin.rr.com) and returning in September- Audrey Lehman @282-2047 or [audrey.lehman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:audrey.lehman@sbcglobal.net).

Jesus said *"Whenever two or three of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven; For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."* Matthew 18:19-20. (TEV) This is the power of praying with others.

Dear God and Heavenly Father,  
Help me to become a prayer partner with you and always remember those in need of your love or healing touch. Be with each one of us as we pray together, lift our prayers to you and experience the power of prayer in your response to our prayers. In thy dear name I pray. Amen

By Annette Smith/ALLC Prayer Chain Partner/Receiver and Giver

## Lutheran Camp Chrysalis 60th Anniversary



This summer marks the 60th anniversary of camping ministry at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis. Camp Chrysalis was dedicated on June 18, 1950. Sixty consecutive hours of prayer was observed June 18-20 to give thanks and praise for the past sixty years of ministry. On Sunday, June 20th, Abiding Love participated in 60 Seconds of Prayer with a litany bulletin insert.

Camp Chrysalis will also commemorate their 60 years of ministry with a "Diamond in the Rough" Anniversary Celebration on October 16, 2010.

The evening will include a dinner and dance that will take place at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville. Prior to this will be a full day of celebration at Camp Chrysalis. For more information go to their website: [www.crosstrails.org/?page\\_id=1012](http://www.crosstrails.org/?page_id=1012)



# JULY

\* \* SERVING IN JULY \* \*

ACOLYTES:

4 - Emma Albin  
11 - Jared Jones  
18 - Jacob Hartzler  
25 - Kyle Huddleston

TRAY HOLDERS:

4 - Jonathan Mettke  
18 - Katherine Albin

FLOWERS:

4 - OPEN  
11 - J.D. & Karron Lewis  
18 - OPEN  
25 - Pat & Margaret Dove

LECTORS:

4 - Paul Mettke  
11 - Diane Albin  
18 - Rosa Hatfield  
25 - Diane McGowan

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

4 - Dale Sump  
11 - Reggie Kikta  
18 - Jeri Lyn Sump  
25 -

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

4 - Verla Cook  
11 - Murray & Elizabeth Collins, Gloria Rech  
18 - Lenore Moltz  
25 - Janice Duncan, Willie & Jan Haas

ALTAR GUILD: Hazeldean Dumler & Peggy Suggs

USHERS: Darrol Bauer & Lloyd Matthys

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS: Jill Feary (4th); Hal Schultz (18th); Paul Atkinson (25th);

COFFEE SERVERS: Sarah Circle