

The Tie That Binds

Abiding Love Lutheran Church



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Diving deep into God's Word has been fun and exciting this week at Abiding Love. Bible stories, songs, crafts, science, snacks, and games helped the children to know, grow & show God's love.



Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, June 17th at the 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services.



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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
For children 3 years & under

9:30—9:45 a.m.— Coffee/Fellowship (Reception Area)

9:45—10:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL (Opening in Sanctuary for 2 yrs. through 2nd Grades; in 2nd Story Commons Area for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades)

Class locations:

2&3 Yrs. Old — 2nd Story, Rm. 207

Pre-K & Kinder — 2nd Story, Rm. 206

1st & 2nd Grades — 2nd Story, Rm. 205

3rd Grade — 2nd Story, Rm. 201

4th & 5th Grades — 1st Floor, Classroom 1&2

Middle School — 2nd Story, M.S. Youth Room 204

Sr. High — 2nd Story, Sr. High Youth Room 203

Adult "Bible Boosters" — Library (Worship Center)

Adult "Study on Hebrews" — Cry Room (Worship Center)

11:00 a.m.—WORSHIP (Sanctuary)

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www.main.org/allcdc

“THANKS BE TO GOD FOR DADS!”

Dear Friends in Christ:

The month of June brings the annual celebration of Father's Day on the third Sunday, June 17th!

Over the years, I've read and heard many wonderful tributes to fathers. This week I came across the following article in which a son tells about his father who retired at the age of sixty-four. The son wanted to buy his Dad something to thank him for all his hard work and sacrifice. As he shopped, however, he realized there was nothing he could buy that could thank him enough. His father had taught him through his own hard work and faith in God that the greatest gifts come from the heart and not the store. So, that night, he sat down and wrote a list of “Thank You's” to his father for all he had done for him. He left it on the kitchen table for his Dad to read before he went to work on Friday before Father's Day. This is what it said:

“THANK YOU, DAD!”

- For waking up every morning when it was still dark outside and going to work, while we slept in our warm beds.
- For wearing that ugly paper tie I made you in first grade.
- For teaching me how to pray.
- For coming to all my Little League games and for keeping quiet when others wouldn't.
- For loving my mother with all your heart.
- For teaching me I can never say “please” and “thank you” too often.
- For taking me out for ice cream the night I struck out with the tying run on third.
- For giving me a hug when I badly needed one.
- For building that voice inside me that said “no” when I was tempted to get in a car after I had been drinking.
- For helping me buy my first car.
- For being a wonderful grandfather.
- For telling me it's okay to cry.
- For being my hero, for being my friend.
- Being a loving father does not come naturally. It is hard work. It means ignoring your own needs at times so that you can focus your attention on the needs of others.

Someone once said that this is a parent's calling to reflect “Christ-like love” to their children. This love says: “I love you for being you—not for your achievements; not for being an honor student; not for being outstanding in sports. I love you without reservation simply and solely because you are my child!” This is the love that we all receive from God through Jesus Christ, and this is the love that we are asked by God to give to not only our children, but to everyone.

As a father, and now a grandfather, these words of St. Paul have always been instructive to my relationship with our daughters and grandchildren:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a... “love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”

Galatians 5:22-23 “...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

For this Father's Day, our new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book contains a very appropriate prayer: “*Gracious God, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of husbands and wives to one another, that they may mirror your covenant faithfulness; pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love; and empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*”

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

—Pastor David Fetter



Dear friends,

I was asked to include the list of modern cultural idols from the June 3rd, Trinity Sunday sermon. That is so cool, 'cuz then I don't have to write a newsletter article! Directly from the sermon:

“On this day when we celebrate the One God, maybe we ought to take a little time to get rid of all the other things, and people that we seem to worship. Like the early church we too are fighting polytheism. While it is not Aphrodite and Zeus that we are refuting, we are still confronted with idolatry - the idolatry of our culture.

So let's name a few of our idols and try to remove them.

Let us remove the god of efficiency! No more may we be characterized by the need to do everything faster and more effectively! Instead let us waste time with God and for each other.

Let us remove the god of the almighty dollar! No more may the market economy dictate our habits, desires and fears. Instead let us be about genuine and truthful and giving lives. Lives that are lived in response to love.

Let us remove the god of traditionalism. No more may we say, “but we've always done it this way!” Instead let us dance to a new melody and engage new ideas!

Let us remove the god of vicarious performance. No more may we revel in the famous and newsworthy personalities. Instead let us recognize our own values and our own daily experiences that make us Godly people.

Let us remove the god of competition and success. No more may we measure our successes. No more may we need to be better before others. Instead let us be genuine disciples attracted to a life of deep spirituality.

Let us remove the god of power. No more may we seek personal agendas, demanding rights no matter how heretical they may be. Instead let us love one another seeking joy and grace. Let us know the only real power is the power of God.

Let us remove all the false gods that lead us into idolatry and seek the one true God. It is in right relationship with God and one another that we come to recognize the true personas of the Holy Trinity. Martin Luther said, “To try to deny the Trinity endangers your salvation, to try to comprehend the Trinity endangers your sanity.”

The doctrine of the Trinity - the belief in the One true God is indeed a mystery.

Maybe we will always be trying to figure out the mystery, but this much I know for sure. God has come to me as creator, savior and spirit of truth. This I must confess.”

Pastor Lynnae

2007 Synod Offering Update for 100th Anniversary of Lutheran Campus Ministry

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
The offering for the Synod Assembly this year was in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Campus Ministry. A rather audacious goal of \$100,000 was set by the assembly offering planning committee. They dreamed big and prayed hard, so that we began with an \$87,000 offering at the opening worship and a \$9,000 special appeal received on the last day of the assembly almost as voting members were ready to walk out the door. We know that congregations and individuals will still be sending their gifts, as some made pledges at the assembly that haven't been received yet. However, it is with great joy and thanks to God to report that the total gifts and pledges for campus ministry, as of the end of May, is \$100, 232.70! For those who have pledges outstanding, thank you for that commitment. For those who have yet to send in a gift, I encourage you to do so.

Peace,

Bishop Ray Tiemann, Southwestern Texas Synod

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to:

June 17—Wendy Stuewe
 June 18—Janea Escobedo, Kimberly Knutson
 June 21—Jesse Essinger, Pat Koch
 June 22—Joaquin Martinez
 June 23—Zolene Curlee, Kyle Thompson
 June 24—Bob Koch, Kris Lundberg, Kim Thonhoff
 June 25—Gary Ingram, Chris Von Bieberstein
 June 26—Paul Buaas, Dory Ingram, Luke Ingram, Matthew Perry
 June 28—Zephyr Van Dyke
 June 29—Kendra Cavazos, Matthew Gonzalez

JUNE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WEDDING REHEARSAL DINNER—Fri., June 15, 5:00 p.m.
WEDDING REHEARSAL—Fri., June 15, 7:00 p.m.
VBS COLSING PICNIC & PROGRAM—Fri., June, 6:30 p.m.
YOUTH & SPONSORS LEAVE FOR WORKCAMP IN KANSAS—
 Sat., June 16 (8:30 a.m.)— Sat., June 23.
PROPERTY WORKDAY—Sat., June 16, 8:00 a.m.
NIA CLASS—Sat., June 16, 9:00 a.m.
 Sat., June 23, 9:00 a.m.
EICHLER/OVALLE WEDDING—Sat., June 16, 10:30 a.m.
"FATHER'S DAY"—Sun., June 17
**PASTOR FETTER ATTENDS LUTHER ACADEMY OF THE
 ROCKIES CONTINUING EDUCATION RETREAT**—June 17-30
NO ULTREYA FOR THE SUMMER
FELLOWSHIP, GAMES & LUNCH—Mon., June 18, 9:30 a.m.
FOOD PANTRY—Mon., June 18, 1:30—4:00 p.m.
 Mon., June 25, 1:30—4:00 p.m.
BOY SCOUT TROOP 555—Mon., June 18, 7:00 p.m.
 Mon., June 25, 7:00 p.m.
SARAH CIRCLE—Mon., June 18, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S BREAKFAST—Tue., June 19, 6:20 a.m. (Dan's Restaurant
 at the NW corner of Ben White & Manchaca)
WOMEN ALIVE! BIBLE STUDY—Tue., June 19, 7:00—8:30 a.m.
 Tue., June 26, 7:00—8:30 a.m.
BIBLE STUDY—Tue., June 19, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
 Tue., June 26, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
RUTH CIRCLE—Tue., June 19, 7:00 p.m.
CHURCH HISTORY CLASS—Wed., June 20, 7:00 p.m.
 Wed., June 27, 7:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CENTER CHAPEL—Thu., June 21, 9:45 a.m.
 Thu., June 28, 9:45 a.m.
S. S. TEACHER APPRECIATION TEA—Sat., June 23, 10:00 a.m.
"BRING A GUEST SUNDAY"—Sun., June 24
SR,HIGH R.O.C.K. CAMPING AT GARNER STATE PARK—
 Mon., June 25—Fri., June 29
WORSHIP PLANNING—Mon., June 25, 7:00 p.m.
CONGREGATION COUNCIL—Tue., June 26, 7:00 p.m.



New Members will be received on Sunday, July 15th. If you desire to be included, or for more information, please contact either Pastor Fetter or Pastor Lynnae.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Would you like to serve your church and the Lord on Sunday morning in a very simple yet very important way? Volunteer to be a Communion Assistant to help serve Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays during the summer. You can serve one or both Sundays at either early or late service. There is no training required, just a willingness to serve. Please contact Rosa Hatfield @ 899-1181 or email rhatfield@austin.rr.com.

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

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** John England, Seton ICU A, Bed 8**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** Denise Alaimo**SCHEDULED FOR SURGERY:** Rosemary Shelburne (June 12)
Murray Collins, (June 19 at Seton)**PRAYER-REQUESTS:**

** Sylvia Davis
 ** Amber Karley
 ** Edna Graeber
 ** George Hatfield
 ** Carolyn Johnson
 ** Blake Johnson
 ** Marilyn Segner
 ** Kenneth Eichler
 ** Harley Fetterman
 ** Amanda Kunz
 ** Tom Thomas
 ** Meagan Prehn
 ** Nik Schappe
 ** Murray, Elizabeth, Ben & Sam Collins
 ** Christian-Charles de Plicque
 ** For the family & friends of Pastor Daryl Koenig at his death
 ** Carolyn Sorensen (Pastor Lynnae's mother)
 ** W.H. Godfrey (Johnnie Strickland's brother-in-law)
 ** Donna Allen (mother of Jason Renfro)
 ** Arnoldo & Diana Ramirez (Rick's parents)
 ** Jane & Don Lamm (Anna Jones' parents)
 ** Clayton Matthys (Lloyd's brother)
 ** Jim West (Mary Fetter's nephew)
 ** Jared Henderson (Jody Roberts' brother)
 ** Dawn Hudgens (Erv & Barb Merz's daughter)
 ** Rachel Hokanson as she cycles across America and builds houses along the way for Bike & Build.
 ** Brad Haas as he serves with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.
 ** Prayers of safety for the following:
 ** LCpl Matt Hohertz while serving at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina with the U.S. Marine Corps.
 ** SGT Christy Williams while serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army.
 ** Staff Sgt. Paul Buaas (son of Monte Jane Buaas) who is serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army Reserves.
 ** Sgt. Adrian Edmundson serving in Iraq with the Texas National Guard Reserves.
 ** For all those in the military services overseas.

**Wedding Congratulations !**

To Amanda Phipps & Cole Storey who were married on Saturday, June 9th. Pastor Fetter officiated at the ceremony. Amanda is the daughter of Gary & Nancy Phipps.

**Wedding Congratulations !**

To Marianela & Michael Eichler who were married on Saturday, June 16th at Abiding Love. Pastor Fetter officiated at the ceremony. Michael is the son of Kenneth & Mary Ann Eichler.

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE 17TH: "Third Sunday After Pentecost"



2 Samuel 11:26-12:15
Psalm 32
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE 24TH: "John the Baptist Sunday"



Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 141
Acts 13:13-26
Luke 1:57-80

JUNE SERVING LIST

SERVING, SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH:

Flowers—Escobedo, Hohertz
Greeters—Ashton (8:30) + P. Atkinson (11:00)
Acolytes—Tim Sump (8:30) + Katie Carswell (11:00)
Worship Assistants—Marge Robison (8:30) +
Audrey Lehman (11:00)
Communion Assistant—Joel Lehman (11:00)
Altar Guild—Coleen Thompson & Margaret Dove (8:30) +
Denise Alaimo & Ruth Shane (11:00)
Ushers—Willie Haas & Morris Thompson (8:30) +
Middle School & Sr. High Youth (11:00)
Council Assistant—Pat Dove

SERVING, SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH:

Flowers—M. Kikta, Merz
Greeters—Atwell (8:30) + Alaimo (11:00)
Acolytes—Travis Tharp (8:30) + Josh Escobedo (11:00)
Altar Guild—Coleen Thompson & Margaret Dove (8:30) +
Denise Alaimo & Ruth Shane (11:00)
Ushers—Willie Haas & Morris Thompson (8:30) +
Middle School & Sr. High Youth (11:00)
Council Assistant—Denise Alaimo
Coffee Service for June is the Sarah Circle.

* † * STATISTICS * † *

SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD:

Worship - 67 (8:30) + 105 (11:00) = 172 (Total)
*Offerings - \$10,397.00 (Current) + \$755.00 (Debt Fund) +
*Other Offerings - \$90.00 (Gifts & Memorials) +
\$50.00 (Building Fund) +
\$160.00 (Food Pantry) +
\$505.00 (Thrivent Builds) +
\$150.00 (Good Samaritan Fund) +
\$100.00 (Audrey Lehman's Mission Trip) +
\$200.00 (Sign Landscape Maintenance) +
\$100.00 (Evangelical Lutheran Worship books)

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH:

Worship - 62 (8:30) + 110 (11:00) = 172 (Total)
*Offerings - \$7,102.00 (Current) + \$705.00 (Debt Fund) +
*Other Offerings - \$425.00 (Gifts & Memorials) +
\$25.00 (Food Pantry) +
\$160.00 (Evangelical Lutheran Worship books)

*NOTE: These offerings include those given through Simply Giving.

♥ MEMORIALS:

Food Pantry

For Mary Jane Krause by Tom & Joan Hokanson.
For Y.F. Miller by Tom & Joan Hokanson, Ron & Cindy Kunz.

General Fund

For Mary Jane Krause by Annette Smith.
For Wallace Benson by Annette Smith.
For Y.F. Miller by Morris & Coleen Thompson, Kim & Bob Thonhoff.

Gifts & Memorials

For Y.F. Miller by Robert Halfmann, Mary Rodenbeck & Family, Margaret Thaler, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Rodenbeck, Harvey Klotz, Paul & Amelia Mettke, Alan & Betty Matejowsky, Margaret Borchardt, Lee & Georgia Wood, Bill & Di Brophy, Zolene Curlee, Mr. & Mrs. John Wesley Miller, Dr. & Mrs. Fred Hartman, Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kloppe, Juanita Krause, Hazeldean Dumler, Katy Mikus, Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Henry, Isabel Voelkel, Geneva Proske.



The New Hymnal/book of Worship "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (ELW)



Our goal of \$5,200.00 has been met and surpassed by \$15.50, which will help cover the shipping costs of \$333.04, and the \$140.00 cost of the "Altar Book". We pray that this total need will be reached by June 30th. Please use the special offering envelope provided in the pew holders, or on the display table in the Worship Center Narthex.

"Thanks be to God!"

Please note if your offering is given for a special reason, otherwise your name(s) only will be listed on the inside cover "bookplate".

Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry continues to serve the Community every Monday from 1:15-4:00 p.m. We greatly appreciate the contributions made to keep the Food Pantry shelves full. The Christian Service Board would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations which were shared on the FIRST SUNDAY/FOOD PANTRY day on Sunday, June 3.

We will continue to accept donations throughout the month in our Food Pantry cart which is located in the Reception Area. If you wish to contribute, the Food Pantry always needs **canned meats, vegetables, fruits, and soups**. We continuously need **cereal, dried pinto beans & pasta, peanut butter, toiletries, toilet paper, & diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6)**. We are also continuing to share **children's books** with our Food Pantry families and need more books to share. Of course, monetary contributions are always welcome. You can make your checks out to "Abiding Love Lutheran Church" with "Food Pantry" on the byline. Thanks so very much for your continued support of this outreach project.



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



Thrivent Builds Celebration-

The Christian Service Board is very excited to share the successes of our Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity campaign. Our Congregation donated \$970 and WELCA donated \$961.22 of their Spring Garage Sale proceeds also. So, collaboratively, Abiding Love Lutheran Church was able to support this outreach with a very generous donation of \$1931.22. We thank you for your financial support. We also had 19 very dedicated Labor Volunteers show up on a very hot day at the construction site on Saturday, June 9, to paint, sand, do yard work, etc. which kept the Habitat House right on schedule for its completion by late June! The volunteers were Daniel Page, Bruce, Cindy, Erik & Carly Atwell; Alan, Betty & Brad Matejowsky; George Glaser, Paul & Dolly Atkinson, Tom & Rachel Hokanson; Willie & Jan Haas; Nader Ayoub, J.D. Bostick, Kim Sump and Pastor Fetter.

Our construction workers were treated to wonderful homemade breakfast tacos prepared by Sergio Escobedo and his mother. Our OWLS Koinonia Group provided bottled water and the funds for the special breakfast! Finally, Hope Lutheran Church complemented the experience by providing 5 Labor Volunteers and a delicious lunch! The Christian Service Board would like to thank all of you who made our Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity a very successful outreach!

At this time, the Habitat House for Maria Villegas is moving along right on schedule. The last work day will be on Saturday, June 23. The dedication has been scheduled for July 7th. You can monitor the progress of this Build by visiting the Thrivent Builds website at www.thriventbuilds@thrivent.com. What a wonderful display of Christian love. We ask that you keep this home and its volunteers in your thoughts and prayers throughout the remaining construction days! Celebrate a job well done!

South Travis County Chapter

Activity: Thrivent Builds Home Dedication
Date: Saturday, July 7, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: 1206 Frontera Lane (off Riverside Drive)
Contact: Jayna Burgdorf or Bernice Pounds
 892-4875 or jayna.burgdorf@thrivent.com

Please join us for the dedication of the Thrivent Builds home for Maria Villegas and her family. Austin area Lutherans have pounded nails and raised funds for the past four months in partnership with Austin Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial. Please call for more details!

Building Hope. Changing lives.

www.thriventbuilds.com



Weather Report says—

There is a 100% Chance of Rain!

Beginning June 24th —

Ending July 1st!

Don't miss it!

Get on the boat with our study of Genesis and
the Great Flood Story!

For children and adults!

Needed: Ark-itects



Summer Sunday School

(for 5 year old through middle school)

One Room School House!

Come one - come all!

This Sundays Theme : A Father's Love
The Abraham and Isaac story

Blessing Prayer for the Group WorkCamp Participants

Please pray:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have created a wide and wonderful world in which we can travel and work. We ask your blessing upon **Kyle Ayoub, Wade Belew, Rodger Buie, Katie Carswell, Logan Davis, Emily Hohertz, Andie Jones, Lauren Perry, Alyssa Ramirez and Jay Urban, Dolly Atkinson (adult sponsor), Brad Ballard (adult sponsor) , and John Urban (Group WorkCamp Coordinator)** as they go on their journey. May the highways be free of harm and evil. May they be accompanied by your Spirit as they work in Kansas with those whose situations are not as fortunate as ours. May the Abiding Love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon them throughout their trip and bring them home again in safety and peace. Amen.

THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU!

In addition to donations, we still need volunteers from 1:15-4:15 on Mondays, especially in the summer months when many of our regular volunteers are going on vacations. We also need additional assistance with morning set ups and food pick ups from the Capital Area Food Bank on Monday mornings. If you can help with the Monday morning Food Pantry jobs, please contact Diane McGowan at 892-4416 to make arrangements. Don't forget! Our High School and Middle School Youth can earn community service hours when they volunteer! So, we hope you will participate in this wonderful service project! Thanks, in advance, for all your help and support.

Dear Marty,

I love scary movies! Really I do! I love things jumping out and lots of blood. And, while we are on the topic....I love things that blow up and chase you around! I have bad dreams sometimes, but that isn't because of the movie! Duh. My mom says that I am polluting my brain. My dad doesn't say much of anything. What's your take on the "PG" - perfectly great or parental guidance?

Signed,

Zombie wanna be

Dear Zombie,

Well, first of all, I think it is - PN - perfectly normal for you to like the scary and action type films. You sure never get bored watching them! The thing is sometimes too much of the scary and otherwise gory is over kill (ha ha).

What I mean is, sometimes it starts to take over your thinking and get in the way of your relationships with others and with God. If you find yourself sitting in front of the TV for hours on end and ignoring your responsibilities and lessons, well then maybe it's time for a break. If you find yourself thinking about the movie characters and stories even when you aren't watching them...well then maybe you are not spending enough time in the real world.

Parental guidance is about your good welfare not about a punishment. Sometimes it is difficult to tell the difference between a story and real life. When you really get scared - for yourself - well then I would say it is time to shut the show off!

Signed,

Marty Rambo

R.O.C.K. Sr. High Youth!

A **camping trip** is scheduled for June 25th through 29th for all High School Youth. We will be relaxing at Garner State Park and enjoying the beautiful scenery. If you are interested in joining us, let Janea know.

Please contact Janea Escobedo at allcyouth@austin.rr.com. You can also call her anytime at 512/695-1966.

CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY

Brochures from Cross Trails Ministry are available in the Reception Area. Camp schedules for Lutheran Camp Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch Camp, Beach Camp, and Congregational Day Camp are included. Contact the Cross Trails Ministry office with any questions at (830) 257-6340 or info@crosstrails.org



- ◆ From Logan Davis to the many people in our congregation that supported him with contributions of money, food, labor, encouragement, and prayer in completing his Eagle Project. Special thanks to the members of Koinonia 10, who donated lunch on Saturday, June 2nd; to Pat Hohertz and Barbara Tiedt who served lunch; to the Senior High Youth Group and their families who helped with planting; to Craig Hohertz who cleaned the Gatorade dispenser Sunday night, to Brad Ballard who trimmed the prayer garden on Monday; to Pastor Fetter, Pastor Lynnae, Pat Dove, Clif James, Joan Hokanson, Cindy Kunz, Lisa & Clark Beach, and all the others that have not been named.
- ◆ To Brent Karley and Craig Hohertz from the Sr. High Youth Group for setting up the sound equipment for the "Dinner and a Movie" fundraiser and to all others who supported this event, and the Silent Auction!
- ◆ From the Christian Service Board to the Congregation for their generous donations on the FIRST SUNDAY/FOOD PANTRY day on Sunday, June 3.
- ◆ From the Christian Service Board to the Congregation and the WELCA organization for their monetary donations toward the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity campaign.
- ◆ From the Christian Service Board to Nader Ayoub for his coordination of the Labor Volunteers on Saturday, June 9, for the Thrivent Builds Labor Day. We would also like to thank Dolly & Paul Atkinson for helping with the gathering of the breakfast items on Saturday morning. We sincerely thank all who joined the labor force on Saturday, June 9, and helped construct the Habitat house with their skillful and loving talents.
- ◆ From the Christian Service Board to Sergio Escobedo and his mother for making such a delicious breakfast for our labor volunteers. We thank the OWLS Koinonia Group for the bottled water and the funds to purchase breakfast ingredients.
- ◆ From Kim Thonhoff to the Christian Service Board members for helping at the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity display and sign up table during our campaign.
- ◆ From the Christian Service Board to Melissa Knippa, Jayna Burgdorf, and members of Hope Lutheran church for their supportive communications and the lunch provided on Saturday, June 9, for our labor force!
- ◆ From Paul Schattenberg: "Dear Church Family, Thank you for the gifts and scholarship. The Service on Sunday was very special. Thanks for honoring graduating seniors. I look forward to attend Texas A&M at Galveston this fall. Thanks again!"
- ◆ To Brad Ballard and Marvin Haddock for mowing and trimming our church property.
- ◆ To Erv Merz for repairing a toilet in the Activity Center.
- ◆ To Pastor Lynnae from Pastor Danielle Casey, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Marble Falls: "Once again, many thanks for all your help with worship planning at this year's Synod Assembly. Your creative ideas, analytical eyes, and steady spirit were such a blessing to me throughout the year and especially over the weekend. Thank you for your service!"
- ◆ From ELCA church-wide ministries for our recent gift given through our synod: "You are spreading the Gospel, building and nurturing the faith lives of others, reaching out to the unchurched, providing educational opportunities and much more."
- ◆ To B.L. & Marcie Parker for providing lawn service to mow the lawns in front of the Activity Center and Worship Center.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be mailed on Wed., June 27th. Please get your articles to the church office by Mon., June 25th. Articles may be sent via e-mail to abidinglove@austin.rr.com or to jhokanson@austin.rr.com, brought by the office on a diskette, CD or handwritten. Thank you notes or short announcements may be called in to Joan or Cindy, 892-4040.

Thank You Notes continued:

- ◆ To EVERYONE who is helping to make this week of Vacation Bible School a very joyful experience!
- ◆ To the following adults who helped sponsor the Middle School Youth Group for their "Summer After School's Out Fun Day" at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio on June 2: Dale & Jeri Lyn Sump, Beth & Richard Rivera, and Janea Escobedo.
- ◆ From the Sr. High (R.O.C.K.) Youth Group for supporting their "Sausage Wrap, etc." Fundraiser!
- ◆ To Karron Lewis for serving as Hymn Leader at both Sunday Worship Services on June 3rd.
- ◆ To Mixed Blessings for their musical leadership at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on June 10th.
- ◆ To Dale Sump for his very special participation in the Children's Messages on Sunday, June 10th.
- ◆ To Mary Fetter for her L.A.M.P. Stewardship message on "Prayer" at both worship services on Sunday, June 10th.
- ◆ To Logan Davis for selecting one of Abiding Love's prayer-meditation areas (next to the main parking lot) for his Eagle Scout Project. The improvements are beautiful!

Church Nursery News

We welcome Mrs. Tammy Santos as our new Sunday morning Church Nursery Supervisor. Tammy is a charter member of our congregation, and the daughter of Reggie & Steve Kikta. We thank Melissa Kikta for her faithful service as our Nursery Supervisor since May 2003!

**ABIDING LOVE
VISION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES**

Vision Statement

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



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.