

The Tie That Binds

# Abiding Love Lutheran Church



7210 Brush Country Road  
Austin, Texas  
512-892-4040



**Holy Communion** will be served at our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, at 7:30 p.m.



*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



Our Food Pantry is overflowing, thanks to Patton Elementary students and staff, who donated over 2400 food cans and food items last week! St Martin's Lutheran Church also donated many needed items— shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and tooth brushes.

Love Letter No. 1214

November 24, 2008



## Abiding Love Lutheran Church

**Sr. Pastor:** M. David Fetter, Jr.  
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**Associate Pastor:** Lynnae Sorensen  
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### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE (beginning August 31st):**

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**  
Opening in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. — all ages  
**2 & 3 Years Old** — 2nd Story, Room 207  
**Pre-K**— Nursery in Worship Center  
**Kindergarten & 1st Grade** — 2nd Story, Room 205  
**2nd & 3rd Grade** — 2nd Story, Room 206  
**4th & 5th Grade** — 2nd Story, Room 202  
**Middle School**— 2nd Story, M.S. Youth Room 204  
**Sr. High** — 2nd Story, Sr. High Youth Room 203  
**Adult "Bible Boosters"** — Classroom 1&2 (Worship Ctr.)  
**Adult "Confirmation Class"** — Activity Center  
11:00 a.m.—**WORSHIP** (Sanctuary)

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### **STAFF:**

**Office Administrator:** Cindy Kunz  
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**Business Assistant:** Joan Hokanson  
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**Music Director:** Karron Lewis

**Pianist:** Dona Brooks

**Assistant Pianist:** Laurie Donovan

**Nursery Supervisor:** Sherry Petriella

**Youth Coordinator:** OPEN

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**Abiding Love Lutheran Church web site address:**  
[www.abidinglove.org](http://www.abidinglove.org)

**Children's Center Director:** Donna Easty  
(Center Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 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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# The Tie That Binds

Christ  
is Coming!



Advent in Latin means “coming”, and the four weeks before Christmas make up our season of Advent. It is easy to imagine the shepherds and the wise men, the star and the manger. Imagining God coming to save us in the form of an infant – is not so easy. It is in this season of Advent that we pause to remember Christ’s first coming and to prepare for his final coming. It is that last part that is perhaps more difficult than anything. Preparing for the day when Jesus comes for the last time.

In these four weeks we will worship Jesus, who came in such an unordinary way to save us from ourselves, the world, and the forces of evil. The days grow shorter and the night is longer. In darkness we light candles to remember our waiting and to look for his coming.



## ADVENT BRUNCH

~A special invitation~

All women are cordially invited to join us for  
the annual Women's Advent Brunch

Saturday, December 6, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Activity Center  
Abiding Love Lutheran Church  
7210 Brush Country Road

No reservation required.

The annual Ornament Exchange, will be coordinated by the Naomi Circle. Please remember to bring your wrapped ornament for the exchange. It is very exciting to see all the beautiful ornaments and really gets you into the spirit of the season.

The Ruth Circle will provide us with an inspirational devotion, while we enjoy delicious food prepared by the Sarah Circle, and are surrounded by the beautiful decorations of the Hannah Circle. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Blessing of the Greens**  
November 30, 2008  
6:00 p.m.



All are invited  
to decorate the Church and the  
Christmas Tree  
for the Advent Season and Christmas.



After the decorations are hung,  
a blessing will be led by the Sr. High R.O.C.K. Youth Group,  
and everyone is asked to bring a snack to share!

**Please come and join the fun!**



Mark your calendars for Friday, December 5th, as a  
“Free Fun Night” to watch “White Christmas”, eat pop-  
corn, and drink lemonade! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and  
movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

### Advent Season Family Opportunity



This Advent Season we are going to give families the opportunity to come forward at both Sunday Worship Services to light the candle on the Advent Wreath and say the prayer. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Lynnae, 892-4040, or Hazeldean Dumler, 441-0629.

**Church-wide Family Workday**  
Saturday, December 13th  
8:00 a.m. to Noon

General housecleaning, mowing lawns, convert regular parking spaces to Handicap Parking

Lunch provided:  
hotdogs, chips, sodas and New York style chili



Join us on Sunday, December 7th for a Live Nativity. Arrive anytime between 6-8 p.m., and hear our Middle School Youth tell the story of the Birth of Christ. The story will be told as you walk through our treed area for an outdoor Christmas storytelling straight from the Scriptures. After you have heard the Good News, plan to stay for fellowship, hot chocolate, and hot apple cider.

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

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Floyd Vowell, Brackenridge, ICU  
Harley Fetterman, Dell Children's Center

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** Rex Medcalf  
Kris Griffin

**HOME FROM DAY SURGERY:** Charlie Lunday

**DEATHS:** Mrs. Janice Marchand, sister of Edna Graeber,  
aunt of Michael Graeber  
Oris Gray, uncle of Kay Nicholson

**PRAYER-REQUESTS:**

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| ** Marilyn Segner    | ** Johnnie Strickland           |
| ** Kay Nicholson     | ** Blake Johnson                |
| ** Sherry Abrahamson | ** Amber Karley                 |
| ** Marcy Cornell     | ** Edna Graeber                 |
| ** Travis Koehler    | ** Jane Bates                   |
| ** R.H. Heidemeyer   | ** Pastor Al Cope               |
| ** Kenneth Fuchs     | ** Meagan Prehn                 |
| ** Herman Gonzalez   | ** Christian-Charles de Plicque |
- \*\* Barbara Mondel (friend of the Lundays)  
 \*\* Judy Kelley (Joyce Kuntschik's daughter)  
 \*\* Seth Burnett (Ann Willman's grandson)  
 \*\* Ed Vrana (Dolly Atkinson's father)  
 \*\* Leah, David & Baby Boy Wood  
 \*\* Joan Curry (Jodie Roberts' grandmother)  
 \*\* Mary Essinger (Jesse & Marilyn's daughter)  
 \*\* Jim West (Mary Fetter's nephew)  
 \*\* Carrie Burnett (Ann Willman's daughter-in-law)  
 \*\* JoAnn Samsel (Abrahamson's relative/Jason Samsel's mother)  
 \*\* Caden Graham Krause (Dona Brooks' great grandson)  
 \*\* Craig Brooks (Dona's brother)  
 \*\* Kenneth & Dorothy Almquist (Diane Albin's parents)  
 \*\* Harold & Dorothy Albin (Ken's parents)  
 \*\* Vivian Stewart (Pat Hohertz's cousin)  
 \*\* Scott Fickey (Jill & Dennis Feary's nephew)  
 \*\* Marcia Bowe (Food Pantry friend)  
 \*\* Denise Verquez (Tracy Yetter's sister)  
 \*\* Caed Hollingsworth (B.L. & Marcie Parker's great-great nephew)  
 \*\* David Cosner (friend of the Kikta, Ayoub & Tharp families)  
 \*\* Walt Fuchs ( Kenneth's brother)  
 \*\* Dawn Hudgens (Erv & Barb Merz's daughter)

Prayers of safety for the following:

- \*\* Sgt. Christy Kikta & daughter, Zoe, with the U.S. Army
- \*\* Cpl Matt Hohertz with the Marines at Camp Lejuene, NC
- \*\* 2nd Lt. Melanie Meier with the Air Force
- \*\* MSgt Michael Eichler with the Air Force
- \*\* Chris Glaser serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army
- \*\* For all those in the military services overseas.



Melissa Kikta and Roger Ortiz were married on Saturday, November 15th at Abiding Love. Pastor Fetter and Pastor Lynnae officiated the ceremony. Parents are Reggie & Steve Kikta. "Congratulations, Melissa and Roger! May God richly bless your life together!"

**Coming Soon!  
New Member Reception**

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, December 14th, at both worship services. Orientation will be on two Wednesdays, December 3rd and 10th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in becoming a member at this time is asked to please contact the Church Office, 892-4040, as soon as possible. Or, if you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member, please pass on this info.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

- Nov. 30—Don Kirkham, Jamie Villalobos
- Dec. 1—Kristine Anthony, Nanette Dew, Jay Urban
- Dec. 2—David Kornfuehrer, Jonathan Mettke
- Dec. 4—Laurie Donovan, Diane McGowan
- Dec. 5—Holly Barajas, Ben Fuelberg



**BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 30TH:  
"First Sunday of Advent"**

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:24-37

**NOVEMBER SERVING LIST**

**SERVING, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH:**

- Flowers—Mettke, Fetter
- Greeters—Bost (8:30) + Bostick (11:00)
- Acolytes—Kelsey Hollien (8:30) + Kyle Ayoub (11:00)
- Worship Assistants—Debbie Hartzler (8:30) + Bill Hatcher (11:00)
- Altar Guild—Margaret Dove & Hazeldean Dumler (8:30) + Nan Hatcher & Helen Page (11:00)
- Ushers—Verla Cook, Lloyd & Karin Matthys (8:30) +
- Council Assistant—Diane Albin
- Coffee Service for the month of November is the Hannah Circle.

**\* † \* STATISTICS \* † \***

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH:**

- Worship - 50 (8:30) + 82 (11:00) = 132 (Total)
- Sunday School - 70
- \*Offerings - \$12,059.00 (Current) + \$275.00 (Debt Fund) +
- \*Other Offerings - \$75.00 (Capital Improvement Fund) + \$50.00 (Gifts & Memorials) + \$800.31 (WELCA Thankoffering) + \$20.00 (Angel Tree) + \$45.00 (Kairos)

**♥ MEMORIALS:**

- LSS Angel Tree Ministry  
For Harvey Eckhardt by Annette Smith.
- General Fund  
For Harvey Eckhardt by Bob & Kim Thonhoff.
- Gifts & Memorials  
For Harvey Eckhardt by Bill & Di Brophy, Lee & Georgia Wood.
- Kairos Prison Ministry  
For Betty Boes by Mark & Becky Ballard.

**♥ SPECIAL GIFT:**

- LSS Angel Tree Ministry  
In honor of Abiding Love's 2008 Confirmation Class Youth by Annette Smith.

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER** will be mailed on Wed., Dec. 3rd. Please get your articles to the Church Office by Mon., Dec 1st. 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)