

*The Tie That Binds*

# Abiding Love Lutheran Church



7210 Brush Country Road  
Austin, Texas 78749



The R.O.C.K. presents:  
"Luther"  
The Movie

March 16, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

Abiding Love Activity Center  
See page 6 for details.



**Holy Communion** will be served at the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service on Sun., Feb. 24th, and at both Worship Services on Sun., Mar. 2nd.

"Gluten Free Bread Wafers" are available upon request. Please indicate your need to the Pastor as you come to the Sacrament.

*Love Letter No. 1194*

*February 20, 2008*



## 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**

Opening in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. — all ages

**2 & 3 Years Old** — 2nd Story, Room 207

**Pre-K & Kindergarten** — Nursery in Worship Center

**1st & 2nd Grade** — 2nd Story, Room 205

**3rd Grade** — 2nd Story, Room 206 (beginning Feb. 3rd)

**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 "Study on Amos"** — Library

**Adult "Gospel of Galatians"** — Activity Center

**11:00 a.m.—WORSHIP** (Sanctuary)

### STAFF:

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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



## "The Body of Christ"

Dear Friends in Christ:

In First Corinthians 12:27 St. Paul writes: **"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it."**

This past Saturday morning, a good-sized group of Abiding Love members experienced the truth of these words as we gathered for inspiration, learning, planning, and communicating as representatives of the ten administrative boards that guide the mission and ministry of our congregation. The following prayer-card was shared at our worship services last Sunday: "A prayer of thanksgiving for the great meeting of the Abiding Love boards and for the many persons who share their time and talents to help provide so many services for our church, the community, and those around the world. Be with each one of our members as we all strive to do more for God and His Kingdom."

How true, it is the calling of all the baptized to "let our light shine..." and, "They'll know we are Christians by our love." We sang these two songs on Saturday: "This little Gospel Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine", and "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord."

There are many opportunities for all of us to be Jesus Christ's "light" and "love". If any of the following areas of service interest you, please call the Board Director listed:

Children's Outreach:	Mary Fetter	892-3925
Christian Education:	Tammy Santos	282-6372
Christian Service:	Tom Hokanson	892-4139
Church Properties:	Pat Dove	233-0230
Evangelism & Outreach:	Steve Kikta	443-8947
Membership Care:	Margaret Dove	233-0230
Parish Fellowship:	Dolly Atkinson	301-5326
Stewardship & Finance:	Erv Merz	282-6785
Worship Life & Related Ministries:	J.D. Bostick	750-5442
Youth & Children's Ministries:	Marian Hollien	892-1475
President:	Diane Albin	301-9059
Vice-President:	Bob Thonhoff	288-4480
Secretary:	Karan Heidemann	288-0736
Treasurer:	Sheila Koehler	291-0654

St. Paul continues with these words: **"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."**

"One in the Spirit" with you,

Pastor David Fetter

From the  
Associate  
Pastor's  
Heart

## From Pastor Lynnae—

I once heard a story.

There was a gentleman that stopped going to church. Many people speculated as to why. Some thought that he was too busy to attend. Some thought that he was angry with God and others knew that he was really just angry with the pastor! One member did talk with him but the approach was not very comforting. "Why aren't you coming to church?"

Finally, the pastor made a call.

The gentlemen opened the door and the pastor stepped into the sparse yet friendly home. Without speaking, they sat by the fire. For many hours they watched the fire burn. Then the pastor made a bold move, taking a stick and separating one log from the burning fire. It didn't take much time for the separated log to turn from bright red to black and almost cold. Just before the log went totally out, the pastor pushed the log back into the roaring fire and it quickly reignited. They sat there quietly for quite some time.

Then the gentleman said, "Pastor, you've made your point, I'll see you Sunday."

Wherever you've been, we've missed you. I hope you're OK and if you need a call (or a push), just let Pastor Fetter or I know!

Pastor Lynnae



## Pastor Lynnae's Sunday School Class

Pastor Lynnae's class is studying Galatians in the Activity Center on Sunday mornings, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Bring your Bibles!  
Everyone is welcome!



**Our Wednesday, Lenten Meals & Worship Services continue through March 12th:**

**Lenten Meal—5:45 p.m.  
Worship—6:45 p.m.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Feb. 24—Lisa Krabbenhoft, Abby Lunday  
Feb. 25—Kenny Fuchs  
Feb. 26—Lisa Carter, George Hatfield  
Feb. 27—Cat Lewis  
Mar. 1—Alex Villalobos  
Mar. 2—Willie Haas, Reggie Kikta, Mary Thielen  
Mar. 3—Edna Graeber, Ethan Kunz, Charles Mauldin, Erv Merz, Matthew Metz  
Mar. 4—Taylor Clarkson, Marcy Cornell, Sharon Perry  
Mar. 6—Josh Bilberry, Tim Sulzbach  
Mar. 7—Terry Wyatt, Allison Yetter  
Mar. 8—Michel White



## New Member Orientation & Reception



An Orientation is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-Noon, in the Worship Center Classroom.

New members will be received on Sunday, Feb. 24th at either worship service.

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."



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

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Marilyn Segner, M.D. Anderson, Rm. #G1134  
Phone: 713/834-9210

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** Rex Medcalf  
Gail Wilson



**DEATHS:** Carlos Young, uncle to Marilyn Segner,  
uncle to Bobby Hohmann  
Blake Carmichael (age 96), father to Terry Carmichael,  
grandfather to Megan & Sarah  
Jean Blackwell, aunt to Brad Ballard  
Mary Ballard, aunt to Brad Ballard

**PRAYER-REQUESTS:**

** Alta Percy	** Joyce Kuntschik
** Edna Graeber	** Alyssa Ramirez
** Marcie Parker	** Blake Johnson
** Bill Atkinson	** Gene Zimmermann
** Cheryl Adrian	** Meagan Prehn
** Amber Karley	** Tom Thomas
** Brooks & Ruth Frederick	** Dr. August Wenzel
** Christian-Charles de Plicque	
** Eugene Chiang (David's brother)	
** Debra Robison (Marge's daughter)	
** Mary Jenkins (mother of Janna Reyna, Children's Center staff member)	
** Winston Mettke (Paul's brother)	
** Billy Ballard (Brad's father)	
** Jerry Holubec (Jery Lyn Sump's father)	
** Jim Sorensen (Pastor Lynnae's father)	
** Lupe Vasquez (friend of Sparky Metz)	
** Audrey Boezinger (Karron Lewis' aunt)	
** Isaac Laddon (Kikita's grandson)	
** Doug Hall (friend of the Hokanson's)	
** Kenneth & Dorothy Almquist (Diane Albin's parents)	
** Rick Veh (Di Brophy's brother)	
** Gladys Kelly (Sheila Koehler's mother)	
** Walt Fuchs (Kenneth's brother)	
** Herbert Frels (Lori Frels' father)	
** David Cosner (friend of the Kikita family)	
** Jeff Byers (friend of Gil & Tracy Yetter)	
** Marlene Quintara (cousin of Gisela Armstrong)	
** Nicholas Thompson & parents, Trent & Sonji (friends of Mike & Holly Leoni)	
** Clayton Matthys (Lloyd's brother)	
** Jim West (Mary Fetter's nephew)	
** Dawn Hudgens (Erv & Barb Merz's daughter)	
** Thanks to God for prayers for Bill Atkinson's recent surgery	

Prayers of safety for the following:

\*\* LCpl Matt Hohertz serving in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps  
\*\* 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.  
\*\* Sgt. Christy Kikita (U.S. Army) & daughter, Zoe  
\*\* 2nd Lt. Melanie Meier (USAF)  
\*\* MSgt Michael Eichler (USAF)  
\*\* Capt. Matthew Shane  
\*\* Frank Castro, USAF in South Korea  
\*\* For all those in the military services overseas.



**Christian-Charles de Plicque**, our brother in Finland, sends his "Valentine Love Greetings". Recent pictures are posted on the hallway bulletin board. Also, a CD of his music titled "Spirit in the Dark" is available for purchase. Please contact Pastor Fetter for ordering details. Christian-Charles continues his medical treatments.



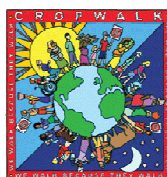
**John Edward England, Sr.**, died on Tuesday, February 19th. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, one son and three daughters.

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

**NIA CLASS**—Sat., Feb. 23, 9:00 a.m.  
**NEW MEMBER "WELCOME EVENT"**—Sat., Feb. 23, 9:00 a.m.  
**NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION**—Sun., Feb. 24, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**—Sun., Feb. 24, 3:00 p.m.  
**7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION**—Sun., Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m.  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**—Sun., Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m.  
**SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP**—Sun., Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m.  
**FOOD PANTRY**—Mon., Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m.  
**BOY SCOUT TROOP 555**—Mon., Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m.  
**WORSHIP PLANNING**—Mon., Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m.  
**WOMEN ALIVE! BIBLE STUDY**—Tue., Feb. 26, 7:00 a.m.  
**BIBLE STUDY GROUP FOR PASTORS**—Tue., Feb. 26, 9:15 a.m.  
**BIBLE STUDY**—Tue., Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m.  
**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**—Tue., Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m.  
**LENTEN MEAL**—Wed., Feb. 27, 5:45 p.m.  
**LENTEN WORSHIP**—Wed. Feb. 27, 6:45 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—Thu., Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m.  
**CHILDREN'S CENTER CHAPEL**—Thu., Feb. 28, 9:45 a.m.  
**GARAGE SALE WORK DAY**—Thu., Feb. 28, 1:30 p.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL**—Thu., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
**GARAGE SALE WORK DAY**—Fri., Feb. 29, 8:00 a.m.  
**GARAGE SALE PREVIEW FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS**—  
 Fri., Feb. 29, 6:30 p.m.

For March Activities, see the inserted March Calendar.

**Crop Walk - March 1st & 2nd**



**Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2, 2008**  
**30th Anniversary CROP Hunger Walk Weekend**  
**Roy Guerrero Park**

**Saturday Registration begins at 9:30 am**  
**Walkers step off at 10:00 am**

**Sunday Registration begins at 1:45 pm**  
**Walkers step off at 2:30 pm**

**Austin's largest interreligious community fund raising event!**

The 30th Annual Austin CROP Hunger Walk Weekend is sponsored by Austin Area Interreligious Ministries and Church World Service.

**Give Back the Blessings!!**

**Kairos Prison Ministry**  
**Bartlett State Jail Retreat #8**



**Prayers Needed:**

When preparing and baking cookies.

For the retreat weekend, March 6-9, set aside 30 minutes to pray:

For the team  
 For the 42 participants  
 For the stewards  
 For the prison staff  
 For all those bringing Christ's love to prisons  
 As you donate to assist Kairos in continuing to spread the Good News!

**Cookies need to be at Church by Noon on Tue., March 4th!**

We need 100 dozen from Abiding Love. Slice and bake cookies are fine, but please, no store-bought cookies. Package one dozen cookies in each zip-lock baggie. Leave the cookies in the Workroom. If you only bake one dozen cookies, then that is one dozen of love!





### BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 24TH: "Third Sunday in Lent"

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42



### BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH 2ND: "Fourth Sunday in Lent"

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-42

### SERVING LIST

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH:

Greeters—David & Barbara Luedecke (8:30) +  
Wanda Mauldin (11:00)

Acolytes—Emma Albin (8:30) + Nikki Sawtelle (11:00)

Flowers—OPEN

Altar Guild—Zolene Curlee & Joyce Kuntschik (8:30) +  
Denise Alaimo (11:00)

Ushers—Willie Haas, Morris Thompson (8:30)  
Charlie & Ann Lunday, (11:00)

See reverse side of March Calendar insert for March Serving List.

### Food Pantry



As always, the Food Pantry needs to stock its shelves with **protein items, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned fruits, pasta sauce, spaghetti, dried beans & rice, peanut butter, and cereal**. If you want to contribute with a monetary donation, just make your **checks** out to "**Abiding Love Lutheran Church**" with "**Food Pantry**" on the byline. If you can't decide what foods to bring, the Food Pantry's greatest needs are usually **protein items and cereal**!

**Give Back the Blessings!**

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SERVICE PROJECT MAKING HEALTH KITS

Families who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. A health kit helps children, women and men who are refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. These items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home. Our goal is to complete 10 kits.

Please buy any of these following items and I will assemble the kits:

- One hand towel (terrycloth kitchen towel would work)
- One wash cloth
- One bath size bar of soap in a wrapper
- One toothbrush
- One wide tooth comb
- One metal nail clippers with file attached
- Six bandages, 1/2 " to 3/4 "

Please place your donations in the bottom drawer of the Armoire in the Reception Area.

**Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet here on earth.**

Any questions, please call Barbara Tiedt, WELCA Stewardship Secretary, at 892-2264.

\* † \* **STATISTICS** \* † \*

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH:

Worship - 100

Offerings - \$443.00 (Current) + \$50.00 (Debt Fund) +  
\$50.00 (Good Samaritan Fund)

Lenten Meal - \$255.50 (Sr. High Youth Fund)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH:

Worship - 94 (8:30) + 131 (11:00) = 225 (Total)

Sunday School - 102

\*Offerings - \$7,450.48 (Current) + \$1,265.00 (Debt Fund) +

\*Other Offerings - \$75.00 (Gifts & Memorials) +

\$115.00 (Food Pantry) +

\$100.00 (ELCA Hunger) +

\$75.00 (Youth WorkCamp trip)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH:

Worship - 81

Offerings - \$167.00 (Current) +

Lenten Meal - \$185.00 (Middle School Youth Fund)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH:

Worship - 95 (8:30) + 118 (11:00) = 213 (Total)

Sunday School - 91

\*Offerings - \$6,607.98 (Current) + \$690.00 (Debt Fund) +

\*Other Offerings - \$75.00 (Capital Improvement Fund)

\$120.00 (Food Pantry) +

\$100.00 (Golf Tournament) +

\$30.00 (Music Fund) +

\$25.00 (Kairos)

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

### ♥ MEMORIALS:

#### Food Pantry

For Leona Luedecke by Hazeldean Dumler, Betty &  
Alan Matejowsky, Annette Smith.

#### General Fund

For Blake Carmichael by Kim & Bob Thonhoff.

For Leona Luedecke by Diane McGowan.

#### Gifts & Memorials

For Leona Luedecke by Di & Bill Brophy, Zolene Curlee,  
Marcie & B.L. Parker.

For Blake Carmichael by Di & Bill Brophy.

For Mrs. Elsie Wier by Amelia & Paul Mettke.

For Mr. Torn by Amelia & Paul Mettke.

#### Kairos Prison Ministry

For Blake Carmichael by Annette Smith.

#### Music Fund

For Mary Louise Jung Fritz by Pat Hohertz.

#### Sr. High Mission Trip

For Mary Catherine Ray Taylor by Pat Hohertz.

For Leona Luedecke by Pat Hohertz.

### ♥ SPECIAL GIFT:

#### Capital Improvement Fund

In honor of Pearl Rhienlander by Annette Smith.

In honor of Ruby Schroeder by Annette Smith.

#### Food Pantry

In honor of Cindy Atwell by her Sarah Circle Secret Pal.

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





## Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars! The Abiding Love Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd, at 9:30 a.m.

We need donations of plastic eggs (fill eggs with wrapped candy, stickers, coins, small toys, etc.) Please bring the filled eggs to the box in the Worship Center's Reception Area by Fri., March 21st.



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

On February 24<sup>th</sup> the ROCK will be hosted by Kim and Tim Sump at their home. Please check with Emily Hohertz or Kim or Tim for directions. Also, if you have anything you would like to have included in the business agenda, let Emily or Janea know.

The Austin Crop Walk is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our group in an effort to stop world hunger.

Our ROCK members will be worshipping at the Church Under the Bridge on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a Mission Possible program where our youth can visit and worship with the people living on the streets of Austin.

Please sign up today to help with our summer camp fundraiser on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We need as many youth and parents as possible to make this Dinner/Movie/Silent Auction a success! Call Janea today!

## ArkALMIGHTY

**Have you signed up for ArkAlmighty yet?** If you haven't, then check this out .

For those of you who don't know, **ArkAlmighty** is a good deeds program that matches up the needs in our congregation with the talents and skills of the members of our church. The **ArkAlmighty** website is designed to make it easy to get involved in practical and tangible volunteer outreach.

Go to the Abiding Love website at [www.abidinglove.org](http://www.abidinglove.org) and click on the ArkAlmighty link to get started now!

This exciting program is sponsored by the Youth & Children's Ministries Board and will be promoted and implemented by the Sr. High R.O.C.K. Youth Group!



**Parents:** After you've read this page, please give it to you kids.

4th & 5th Grade Youth GROUP

Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.... If you're planning on going to summer camp at Camp Chrysalis, please let us know. We are working to organize a group for the July 13-18 session. Register through the camp at their website [www.crosstrails.org](http://www.crosstrails.org). or come by the office for a brochure.

Lenten Retreat is scheduled for March 7-8<sup>th</sup> at Camp Chrysalis. the cost is now \$65.00. All are welcome! Scholarships are available and friends are encouraged to come. More information can be found online at [www.crosstrails.org](http://www.crosstrails.org), or contact Janea Escobedo at [allcyyouth@austin.rr.com](mailto:allcyyouth@austin.rr.com)

## Middle School Youth Group Meetings



The next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM, immediately following Confirmation Class. We will be traveling to Blazer Lazer Tag for a seriously fun night. Bring a friend and be ready to play.

The Austin Crop Walk is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our group in an effort to stop world hunger.

## Advice from Martin Luther


Dear Marty,

## Why do people have to die?

Signed,  
Sqd



*Dear Sad,*



*Good question. I'm sorry that I don't have an answer that makes you feel warm and fuzzy all over. The truth is, people die because we are not God. We are made of flesh and bones and we are not super human. Sometimes people die because of bad decisions that either they or someone else made. Sometimes they die because of things that are out of our control, like disease or natural disasters. Sometimes they die because life is not fair. Maybe the most important thing to know about death is that Jesus understands and promises to take those who die to be with him in heaven. No one is ever alone and no one, no matter how bad they may have been in their life, is without God. We may leave God, but God never leaves us! I hope you will not be sad for ever. When bad things happen, God sends all kinds of good for you to grab onto in order to help you through the rough times.*

*May your sadness be turned into joy.*

*Signed,  
Marty*

(Martin Luther, re-newer of the church, died Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1546)



## THANK YOU!

- ♦ To everyone who participated in the Chili Cook Off. Congratulations to Philip Drake for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place!
- ♦ To the Sr. High Youth Group for providing the Mexican Pile On before our Ash Wednesday Service.
- ♦ To the Middle School Youth Group for providing the soup and salad bar before the Wednesday night service on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ To Nader Ayoub and Janea Escobedo for sponsoring the Sr. High Youth Group meeting on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ To Jeri Lyn Sump and Sergio Escobedo for sponsoring the Middle School Youth Group meeting on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ To Sergio Escobedo and Murray Collins for sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group trip to Peter Pan Golf on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and to Karen Huddleston for providing pizza.
- ♦ From Joyce Kuntschik: "Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent surgery."
- ♦ To Erv Merz for cleaning off the leaves around the church building in preparation for the Tarpley/Botello Wedding on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ To Al Matthews for sharing his inspiring story, from "House Park to Lambeau Field" at the Men in Mission event on Tue., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Tom Hokanson for coordinating this event, and to all who helped. The event that was attended by 27 men!
- ♦ To Clyde Sutton (Sutton Roofing Co.) for replacing roof shingles on our Children's Center.
- ♦ To Mixed Blessings for the musical leadership at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ To Kenneth Eichler and Pat Dove for their work on a broken section of our lawn sprinkler system.

## Women of the ELCA

Great News! Diane McGowan is the new leader for our Women of the ELCA (WELCA) at Abiding Love. Thank you Diane for volunteering to serve and lead in this ministry!

### Abiding Love Women's Retreat

Women of the church, mark your calendars and invite your friends! Our annual Women's Retreat will be April 25-27<sup>th</sup> at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange! More information and sign-up sheets will be coming soon! We are also looking for committee members to help plan the retreat. Please contact Cindy Atwell (282-1621) if you can help or if you have any questions. Our first planning meeting will be Thursday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

## MEN'S



## RETREAT

### Men's Retreat

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Abiding Love Lutheran Men's Work Retreat will be held Friday, April 11, through Sunday, April 13, at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville, TX.

We will perform general repairs to the facilities and do clean-up and fix-up type projects around the camp. We also take time to worship, sing, and enjoy fellowship together. Please put the dates on your calendar – you're guaranteed to have a great time "working with the Master Builder"!

## BULLETIN BOARD

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER** will be mailed on Wed., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please get your articles to the Church Office by Mon., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 hand-written. Thank you notes or short announcements may be called in to Joan or Cindy, 892-4040.

## Church-wide Garage Sale Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.



### Sign Up to Help!

Sign-up Sheets for food or working will be on the table in the Church Narthex on Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

How can you help?

- ♦ Clean out those closets and garages and save the materials to be delivered to the church on Thursday, Feb 28, after 1:30 p.m. or Friday, Feb 29, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you have materials that need to be picked up, call Mary Ann or Kenneth Eichler, 444-4591.
- ♦ We will need people to help price and set up the garage sale and work at the sale.
  - o Thursday, Feb 28, 1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - o Friday, Feb 29, all day
  - o Saturday, March 1, 7:00 a.m. until closing.
- ♦ Donate food items for the workers, for the baked sale, or the concession stand.

## ABIDING LOVE VISION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES

### Vision Statement

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

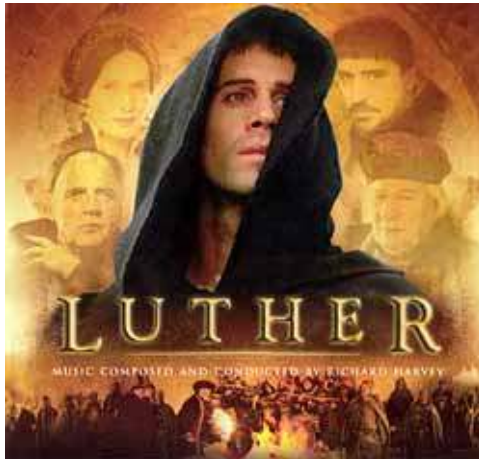


### Core Values

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.





**The R.O.C.K. Presents:  
"Luther"  
The Movie**

**March 16, 2008  
6:30PM  
ALLC Activity Center**

**The ROCK's 2<sup>nd</sup> Dinner/Movie and Silent Auction Night**

ALL PROCEEDS EARNED WILL ASSIST OUR YOUTH IN ATTENDING SUMMER CAMPS!

This is your opportunity to gather with family and friends to see the movie starring Joseph Fiennes as Martin Luther himself. You will be served dinner by our youth while you relax and enjoy this time together.

The youth have gathered some wonderful auction items for you to bid on. All Silent Auction items will be displayed in the Narthex prior to and during the movie for you to bid on. You will also be able to sponsor a youth through our giving tree and reverse auction. And we will have other ways to show your support of the youth.

**It is our hope that our youth can show their appreciation to you  
as you show your support of them.**

Please buy your tickets soon and invite your friends.

Ticket cost: \$15.00

Donations of art & craft items, services, or new interesting merchandise are needed. Please bring your items to Janea Escobedo in the Church Office.