



VIEW

from the lake

The newsletter of ABIDING PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - Budd Lake, N.J.



From the Pastor

What Does Pumpkin Spice Have to do with Church

Our sign committee has been having some fun over the past couple of years including a message about “pumpkin spice” every Fall. The primary motive for these messages is a little light-hearted humor based on the cultural obsession with pumpkin spice everything (in which I enthusiastically participate, by the way!). But, as it happens, there’s actually a theological tie in! Pumpkin Spice is like a shorthand for the coming of the Fall season. The words bring to mind crisp mornings, apple-picking, and sweater weather. And (at least for those of us who like pumpkin spice) it is an affirmation that this change is **GOOD!** We are saying goodbye to the warmth, and long days, and relaxation of Summer, but despite these losses we have something to celebrate. We can give thanks for **THIS** season - even though it means saying goodbye to the departing season - because... **PUMPKIN SPICE!**

This affirmation of the goodness of change is consistent with our faith and with scripture. From the Psalms, to the historical books, to the gospels, to the epistles, the Bible affirms the ways in which God works change in our hearts and our communities. Sometimes such change is about moving us away from harmful ways of thinking or behaving, but change is not always about rejecting what came before. Sometimes it is about embracing the goodness of different things for different times.

At our Council Retreat over the Summer we considered the message of Ecclesiastes 3: “for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...” During a season of church life when we are so conscious of all the things that we have lost - the normal structure of our lives together, the chance to share

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November Newsletter Deadline
October 22, 2020

Worship: 10:00 am
Online

**For hospitalization or other
pastoral care needs, please call
Pastor Serena at 908-458-3940**

OUR MISSION & PURPOSE

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supporting and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit.

Phone: 973-691-9393

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COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

Officers

President	Cindy Pawlo
Vice President	Heather Nilsen
Secretary	Barbara Prosser/ <i>Seat 2 vacant</i>
Treasurer	George Pawlo

Council Members

Sandy Carlson	Cindy Pawlo
Howard Corneilson	Barbara Prosser
Ray Mueller	Sibylle Schroeder
Heather Nilsen	Nick Senior

Ministry Leaders

Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
Christian Education & Youth	Karen Coates
Evangelism	<i>Vacant</i>
Fellowship	Demetria Laird
Finance	<i>Vacant</i>
Financial Secretary	Nita Persson
Messengers Dancers	Mary Kasakove
Mutual Ministry	Heather Nilsen
Property	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	Ray Mueller
Worship & Music	Mary Kasakove

OUR STAFF

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food and casual fellowship without masks, and all the other losses of this time of distancing - it was comforting to be reminded that “seasons” are part of God’s design for the world. We don’t want to always mourn, but there is a time for mourning. We miss hugging each other, but there is “a time to refrain from embracing.” And just as we are in a particular season now, we know that this season will not last forever. There will be a time to laugh, and hug, and eat together again!

But for now, we can still recognize the things that we have to be grateful for in this season: new ways to connect with each other by making phone calls, or sharing our stories; new worship opportunities through embodied prayer and sharing Sunday morning with people several states away; the chance to look into other peoples’ eyes even if their smiles are covered by masks; and, of course... pumpkin spice!

Pastor Serena



Faith Kitchen Shopping for October 6

Bagged Lunch

For the Month of October we will be providing bagged lunches. Thanks to all who provided the items to make these lunches.

With gratitude,

Sibylle Schroeder
Social Ministry

Sunday Scripture

October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 18:5-20

October 18

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 11

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-33
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-4

October 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



Blessing of the Animals— Virtual Edition

Blessing of the Animals is a special tradition at Abiding Peace, and we don't want to let this Pandemic prevent the inclusion of our treasured creatures in our worship. So, we are going to do what Abiding Peace always does: get creative!

During our live-stream Blessing of the Animals service on Oct. 4th we will be including a slide show with photos of our pets and beloved animals. **Please send digital copies of your photos to Pastor Serena (pastorserena@optimum.net)** by Monday, Sept. 28. When you send your photos, please also include your pet's name so that we can include that on the slide.

In addition, if there are any other animals or animal-related service for which you would like us to pray (your vet's office, a particular endangered species, a shelter at which you volunteer, etc.) **please let us know these names or send us their pictures as well.** We will be praying for a wide scope of blessings!

October Office-Hours

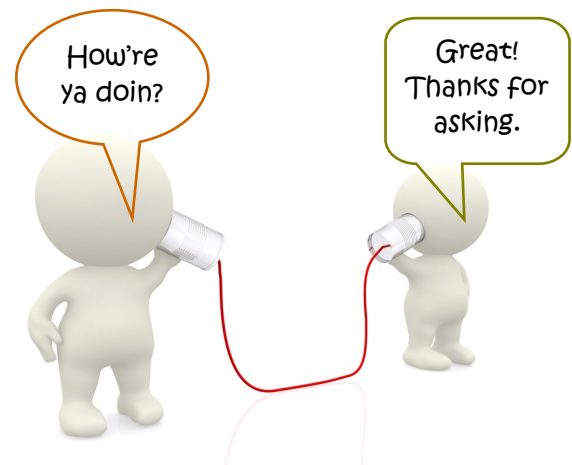
For the duration of Social Distancing Protocols, Pastor Serena will not be holding office hours at the church. She will be present on-site Sundays for worship and any other tasks that need to be completed in the building. She is also available to the congregation by Cell Phone or e-mail during the week: (908) 458-3940; pastorserena@optimum.net. Her availability is definitely impacted by the need to assist with home-instruction from 8:00-3:00, so she will respond to non-urgent messages after 3:00pm. Many thanks for the understanding of the community as Pastor Serena balances her two calls of being a mom as well as a pastor.

Her day off is Saturday, so please refrain from sending non-emergency messages or calls on Saturday.

Keeping in Touch

For the last 6 months, members of our church Council have been making an effort to reach out by phone to all the members of our congregation on a regular basis. I have been hearing from them about what meaning and joy they find from these opportunities to connect with all of you. Whether they just get a "thank you for the call" or they have a chance to hear more deeply about what is going on in your lives, these contacts help them feel closer to you all and reminds them of how much this community matters.

As we move into the fall, and with the departure of two of our Council members due to moves, we have adjusted expectations around these calls a bit. The Council members will still be calling, but a bit less frequently. Of course, it's always great if members want to reach out too – to each other, Council members, or Pastor Serena. When we aren't seeing each other every Sunday it's good to hear about what is going on in each other's lives, and to hear about any needs we can be lifting up in prayer. We are still a community and we need each other!



No UFO Night, but I hope you are all working on a project or two or three. Maybe, if you finish something, send the pictures to Christine to put into the next newsletter.



Thank You Corner

Thank you to the whole community for your positive participation in our first in-person worship since March. Despite the restrictions and changes, there was such joy in the building as you all embraced this new way of worshipping. It was truly inspiring to see you all participating in embodied prayer as we shared in the Lord's Prayer with bodies rather than voices.

~ Pastor Serena

If you would like to express a "Thank you" in next month's newsletter, please send a brief paragraph to Christine (chstrobel@optonline.net) by October 22.

All Saints Day: Sunday, November 1, 2020

Going back to at least the third century, the church has set aside a day to lift up all the saints of the church, living and departed. Many give a special offering on this day to the **MEMORIAL FUND** to commemorate loved ones who have died. At Abiding Peace, those donations go to the permanent needs of our worship space – hymnals, candles, furnishings, etc. This year, with our expanded technical needs, donations will go to the **UPGRADE OF OUR AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT** that enables us to provide live stream worship on Sunday mornings during the pandemic and will continue to do so when we return to normal worship, thus enabling those not able to attend in person an opportunity to participate on Sunday mornings.

Please send your donation in your usual manner, including the name of the person you wish to remember. Thanks be to God!



Feeding our Neighbors in a Time of Pandemic

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community in ensuring that our church food pantry can continue to respond to hunger in the area during the pandemic. We have continued to receive donated food, as well as monetary donations to allow us to purchase the most needed supplies. Of course, the need continues, so here are the ways you can continue to help make sure our neighbors have the food they need:

Please continue to pick up extra supplies for our food pantry, as you are able (Note – for anyone who needs to avoid grocery shopping, due to risk factors, reach out to the church. There are members who can help).

When you have supplies to donate to the church food pantry, please call the church office to arrange drop-off: (973) 691-9393. Note – Christine is usually in the office approx. 3:30-5:30pm M/W/F. When you bring the donation, leave it at the door, and knock to let Christine know that your donation is outside. She will collect it.

If you know of people who need food assistance, please let them know to call the church office to arrange pick-up. Christine can leave the bags outside the door at the arranged time.

Special needs for the food pantry at this time are:

Hot dogs & buns	Jelly
Parmalat milk	Juice
Canned vegetables	Soup
PB	Spaghetti Sauce

Thank you all for your generosity!

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PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
973-691-9393
or have someone call for you, if you are
hospitalized.
Because of the HIPAA privacy laws,
the church is **not**
notified when you are admitted to a
hospital,

Please clip this article and keep it

OCTOBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE.

OCTOBER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	MOVEMENT MINISTER
4	None	Sue Stirrat	Demetria Laird	Mary Kasakove
11	TBD	None	TBD	Mary Kasakove
18	None	Heather Nilsen	Howard Corneilson	Nita Person
25	None	Jeanne Scalora	Jackie King	Robert Bowden

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Demetria Laird

BREAD BAKING: None



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep these friends in your hearts and prayers:

Those who are sick or in need: Sharon Puglia, Juli Pullara, Judy Wayman, Tamsin Skeels, Don Larsen, Sandy Olson, Col. Phillip E. Miller, Jim Kosiorek, Pat Linn, Eleonor Braun, David Coyne, Megan McGuire, Gillian George, Eastlyn Rodriguez, Richard Biunno, Gertrude Price, Isabella Adams, Laura Dennis, Michael, Rachel and Cora Pawlo, Gayle Pinkham, Sophia Hawthorne, Kacie Schmidt, Gregg Clark, Susan Jacob, Luke Mueller, Lynn Peterson's family and friends, Alexandra Heinz, Chris Mastakas, Pat & Jeanne Scalora, Robert Buckley, The Canon family, Howard Gentler, Cindy Behler, Elisabeth and Otto Schroeder, Jim Tangen, Amelia Krusch, Gary and Linda McCabe, James Ehrke, Jennifer Van Doran, John Brun, Michelle Kamin, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Chris Killian, Margret Zwicker, Amy Orama, Nalina (Sheeba's mom), Lauren Francis, Jackie King, Aimee (Heather's sister), Lindsey Caruso

Those who are expecting: Kimberly Defreitas, April and Scott

Those in mourning: Those mourning Henry Hill, The Bowden and Schroeder families on the death of Evelyn Bowden, The Jaeger family, those mourning John Bohmke, The Schwier family on the death of Elsa Platt, Marja-Liisa Apgar, the Linderman family, the Ashu family, The Kildea family, those mourning Herman Cain, The Woodard family, those mourning John Lewis, the families of Nilsen and Degraw/Wilman, the family and friends of Donna Woody, those mourning the death of Michael Krush

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	2 <i>Cancelled</i> NA Mtg.	3 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
4 18TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship/Blessing of the Animals <i>11:15 am</i> Telling our Church Story—What has God been up to at APLC	5 <i>5:45 pm</i> “Sunday” School Zoom	6 <i>9:00 am</i> Faith Kitchen	7 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:00 pm</i> Story Telling Hour	8 <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) <i>7:00 pm</i> Council Meeting	9 <i>Cancelled</i> NA Mtg. <i>7:15 pm</i> LFI Guiding Team	10 <i>Cancelled</i> Church Family Breakfast <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
11 19TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> In-person Worship <i>12:00 pm</i> In-person Worship	12 <i>5:45 pm</i> “Sunday” School Zoom	13	14 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:00 pm</i> Story Telling Hour	15 <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	16 <i>Cancelled</i> NA Mtg.	17 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
18 20TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship <i>11:15 am</i> What is the Bible and How did we get it?	19 <i>5:45 pm</i> “Sunday” School Zoom	20	21 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:00 pm</i> Story Telling Hour	22 <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 <i>Cancelled</i> NA Mtg.	24 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship Outdoor Reformation Fair TBD	26 <i>5:45 pm</i> “Sunday” School Zoom	27	28 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:00 pm</i> Story Telling Hour	29 <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	30 <i>Cancelled</i> NA Mtg.	31 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.