



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Questions about Our Faith

A local college student recently interviewed me, in my capacity as a “local faith leader,” about the content and nature of my faith. It was a wonderful chance for me to reflect about *what* I believe and *why* it matters in my life. This October we are marking the culmination of the church’s celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. What better time to reflect on why our faith matters? What is so special about this church that inspires us to give our time and energy and loyalty to this ancient (albeit ever-reforming) religion?

In the Spirit of that reflection, I want to share a few of the questions the student asked me, and encourage you to think about them as well. My answers are below, but your answers are more important. Your answers are the ones that shape your life, and speak to why the Reformation matters for you.

Q - What would you consider to be your favorite thing about Christianity?

A - The best thing about Christianity is Jesus. Even though the information we have about his life and ministry on earth is mediated across 2,000 years and huge cultural shifts, nevertheless my faith gives me the chance to know and be led by Jesus in profound ways. In Jesus, I know that the Source of all being doesn't stay aloof and disinterested from the pain and messiness of human life. Jesus was born as a vulnerable baby, and suffered hunger, and rejection, and violence, and lies, and ultimately death. He did all this so that we can know that NOTHING could ever separate us from God's love. And he conquered death so that we don't have to be afraid, and can finally know the total peace of reunion with God.

October, 2017

**November Newsletter Deadline
October 19, 2017**

Worship: 10:00 am

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

OUR MISSION & PURPOSE

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

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Q - What about Lutheranism?

A - The best thing about the Lutheran expression of the Christian faith is that it is centered in grace. We do not have to earn our relationship with God; it is a free gift of God. This freedom then changes our approach to living, so that we can treat others with love and live less self-centered lives, not because this is what God demands of us, but because we are freed from fear and self-protection (at least sometimes - we fail all the time, and there is grace for that too).

Q – What does your religion means to you?

A - My faith is my central source of meaning. It tells me that I have deep value, and I was made with a purpose, and I can be a source of love and goodness in the world. It encourages me and comforts me and challenges me and guides me. It connects me with communities of other imperfect people who teach me, and hurt me, and love me, and forgive me, and help me to live like I really believe what I say I believe. I would not be who I am without my faith.

Ok. Those are my answers. Now it's your turn...

Vicar Serena

Vicar Serena's October Schedule

Week of October 2-8

- Wednesday, Oct. 4: 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
- Thursday, Oct. 5: 10:30 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, October 8: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Week of October 9-15

- Wednesday, Oct. 11: 10:15 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 15: 9:00am —1:00 pm

Week of October 16-22

- Wednesday, Oct. 18: 10:15 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 22: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Week of October 23-29

- Wednesday, Oct. 25: 10:15 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 29: 8:30 am—3:30 pm



From the Council President

We have a new furnace. We are ready for winter. It was also expensive (over \$13,000). Sue and I will be making an extra donation to help defray this expense. You can indicate “Furnace” on the “other” line of your envelope or write “Furnace” on your check (if not using an envelope). Please consider an extra donation as the cost put quite a dent in our financial resources.

Our new Breakfast and Bible study on the second Saturday of the month got off to a good start. I encourage you to consider joining us on the 14th of October. I got a lot out of it and I think you will as well.

On a personal note, this has been quite a month for me. I had a heart ablation to see if that would help stop my Atrial Fibrillation. This is where they go through your groin into your heart and burn the nerves that cause it. It is amazing what can be done these days. I put my trust in our Lord (and the skilled medical staff) to be with me and give me the strength to deal with it. I knew the Lord would be with me all the way. Giving me courage to face it, no matter what the outcome. For me, everything went fine and I give thanks for that. Do you put your trust completely in our Lord? It is worth it.

On another personal note, I have mentioned the Vasa Leif Eriksson Smorgasbord Dinner Dance on October 14th. Those interested (or want additional information) need to contact me by October 7th.

Howard Corneilson
President



There's a chill in the air this morning. And that's a good thing. Fall is here and winter is coming. Rally day has just passed and Abiding Peace is getting ready to celebrate a very special reformation anniversary. So much new energy in our congregation – in our choir, in our Sunday school, in our services, in our outreach to the community. Lots of smiles and hard work.

But back to that chill.

Hard to focus when you're cold and shivering. So we took on that challenge. Cleaned out the basement, scraped the walls, washed the floor, vacuumed the cobwebs, and installed a new boiler. Going to be nice and toasty in the building this winter.

So you know where this is going. Darned boiler is a little pricey (even with a good discount). We need to finish the last piece and get this thing paid for. Just another part of our stewardship.

Thanks be to God.
George

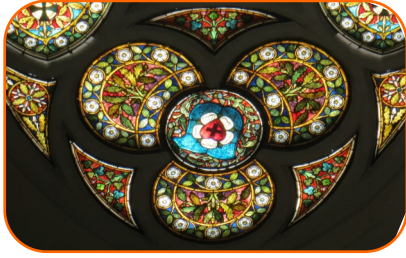
Sunday, 10/1
10:00 am



Pet owners are invited to bring their pets or pet photos to our regular Sunday worship service.

Dogs must be leashed. Cats and critters in cages and carriers please.

Fellowship for all following the service. For more information call (973) 691-9393.



Songs of a Reforming Church

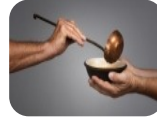
**Reforming Anniversary of
Abiding Peace Lutheran Church
And
United Presbyterian Church of Flanders**

Sunday, October 1 * 4:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of song and reflection.

“Unfinished Object” Night October 2 and 16 * 7:30 pm

We will have two UFO nights to get some extra crafts done before the Reformation Fair. If you are working on some projects of your own and would like to donate them, it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to charity.



Faith Kitchen Shopping list for October 3

Kielbasa and Sauerkraut

- ~ 3 rings kielbasa
- ~ 1 large or 2 small bags of sauerkraut
- ~ 4 large cans of whole potatoes

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, October 1st. Please let me know if you can come to help cook and serve or call with any questions 973-691-1910.

Thank you,

Sibylle Schroeder
Social Ministry



October 14 * 9:00 am

Church Family Breakfast will be held on the second Saturday of each month.

Following the breakfast will be a short Bible study based on the readings for Sunday. The readings are: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

Bring a friend or neighbor. Enjoy fellowship and reflection before your start your busy Saturday chores!

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,
in order to
protect your privacy. The only way we will
know if you are in the hospital is if you or

Please clip this article and keep it handy!



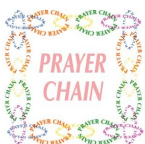
Sunday School Schedule For 2017

~ 10/8	~ 11/19	~ 12/31
~ 10/22	~ 12/3	
~ 11/5	~ 12/17	

Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

October 26	Halloween Party
November 29	Christmas Party and "Sing along" with Lynn

Our annual Halloween Party will be on Thursday, October 26th—dress up or not! You are welcome to join us and bring a friend, bring a scary story or a ghostly dessert. Hope to see you there from 2 to 4 pm.



We are pleased to announce that APLC now has a Prayer Chain! If you have a prayer request that you would like the chain to work on, please call Christine in the church office; we will then notify Eastlyn Rodriguez, head of the Prayer Chain, to put your request in motion. Thanks to Eastlyn, Sibylle Schroeder, and Shelli Skeels for volunteering for this important ministry!



Please plan on coming and having fun at this wonderful event and don't forget to bring your family, friends and neighbors. There will be a sign-up sheet for items and help we need. Thanks to Mary, there are costumes and clothing to dress up, even for specific characters. We'll have crafts to make, a bake sale and scarfs, hats and all kinds of nice things to buy on our craft table. You can bring your check book and make the checks out to APLC, since all the funds will go to charity. As we are known for good food - as in the past - there will be a free German lunch.

Sunday Scripture

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 29

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

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

All Saints Remembrances

For our service of All Saints Sunday, Abiding Peace will be remembering in our prayers those who have left this life during the past year. If you would like the name of a loved one included in these prayers, please send the name to Vicar Serena (in writing and clearly written) by Sunday, Oct. 29.

As in past years we will also include in the service a time for worshipers to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of any loved ones who has departed.



Thank You Corner

To the whole crew who worked to clean out the basement for the installation of our wonderful new boiler (yay heat!!!). It was a cruddy, smelly mess down there, and you all got your hands dirty so that our church home could be safe and warm. THANK YOU! And a special thanks to George for devoting countless hours and stress to researching boilers, and negotiating contracts, and setting up inspections, and...and...and...! Our church will be warm this winter because of George.

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 September 21.



September Birthdays

7 Ken Anderson
14 Tom Blackburne



September Anniversaries

2 George & Cindy Pawlo
15 Richard & Carol Biunno
21 Jim & Maria Kearney
30 Rob & Barbara Prosser

Evangelism

Using "Our Daily Bread" as a way of daily scripture reading and prayer, has been a customary routine for many years. While I attended our annual reunion in Pa. I received another publication: "Mornings with Jesus." This also provided on a daily basis a Scripture reading, personal story relating to the Scripture, and a prayer or "Faith Step."

The publication covers each day September through October

Since my 80th birthday was on the 2nd of September. I started getting caught up by reading the Scripture for that day. Matthew 11: 28 – "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." While we often relax our minds, how many of us rest our bodies? Do You? "Why don't you lie down? No really I mean it – Lie down." Faith step – Take time today to "lie down" in the presence of Jesus and let Him rejuvenate your heart, mind and body.

As you can tell, the reading for this day asks you to put your self on a more personal basis with Jesus—Mornings with Jesus.

In catching up to date several daily readings particularly affected me.

- It is good for us to see Jesus as our personal Savior
- Thank Jesus for enabling you to soar
- Learn to hope in the Resurrection
- The next time you feel unappreciated, undervalued, or over looked, thank Jesus that he knows your name and considers you worth dying for.
- Conquering our fear is no small thing. Usually we need backup. Prayers, encouragement, and (most importantly) – Jesus.

These and many other "Faith Steps" can be related to our family, friends and even strangers. Share them with others.

CROSS ROADS

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Upcoming Activities

Women's Retreat | October 13-15

Join Pastor Dale Selover and other women of faith at our annual women's weekend of renewal and rejuvenation. Have a spirit-filled weekend to get away from the stresses of everyday life. To register or learn more go to <http://crossroadsretreat.com/year-round-programs/womens-retreat/>

Men's Retreat | October 20-22

Enjoy a peaceful fall weekend with other men of faith as you fill your time with prayer, reflection, bible study, and fellowship. To register go to <http://crossroadsretreat.com/year-round-programs/mens-retreat/>

General Budget Financial Summary

	August	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,479	\$ 91,832
Income	\$ 8,845	\$ 82,303
Expenses	\$10,199	\$ 86,462
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$(1,354)	\$ (4,159)
Current deficit as of 8/31		\$ (10,520)

The chart above reflects giving and spending for all budgeted items. Designated (pass through) giving and spending is not included.



Food Pantry Needs

Tomato Sauce
Pasta
Jelly
Parmalat Milk
Bread
Vegetables

All items must be current. All expired food will be thrown out. All items that have been previously opened will be thrown out. Please be mindful of this when cleaning out your pantry.

God's Work, Our Hands!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with our Homeless Hygiene kits. It was a group effort, including everyone who donated, shopped, applied to Thrivent, and packed the bags carefully and thoughtfully. We will shortly be delivering 29 fully-stocked hygiene packages to Lutheran Social Ministries. That's impressive!



Taizé Service

Wednesday, October 18
7:00 pm

Mount Olive Interfaith Alliance!

On Sunday, September 17, the Mount Olive Interfaith Alliance hosted our inaugural community potluck picnic, and it was a great success! Nearly 30 community members joined together to share a meal, conversation, and visions for what we can do together. Representatives from Abiding Peace were joined by members of the Islamic Society of North Jersey, United Presbyterian Church of Flanders (our hosts), and an unaffiliated family from Mt. Olive. We shared foods representing our diverse cultural heritages, enjoyed music from Kate & Paul Sobolewski, and stayed clear of the kids' water balloons. Most important, we talked about what we want to do together to contribute to the Mt. Olive community. Stay tuned for announcements about opportunities to get involved!



Rally Day

In celebration of Rally Day APLC had a cook out. Ken Schwier & Pat Scalora manned the grill while everyone enjoyed the food. We prepared Hygiene Kits and we celebrated Vicar Serena's one year anniversary at Abiding Peace.



Mission & Vision

It is fruitful to pause every once and a while from the day-to-day business of the church to reflect on who we are and why we do what we do. After service on Sept. 24, our congregation took some time to reflect together on our collective statements of Mission and Vision. These statements give language to our understanding of the way God calls our specific congregation to live out the gospel. It was a positive and engaged conversation that affirmed much of what this congregation has previously said about ourselves, and also embraced some new language to help us in this work. The full statement of mission, vision, and actions is attached at the end of this newsletter for your information. We encourage you to read it, reflect on it, and be inspired for the joyful work of being the body of Christ.

Our Mission & Vision

Our Mission

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to *a supportive 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.

Our Vision

Abiding Peace *makes Christ known* through Christ-like actions.

Abiding Peace *welcomes all people* through building relationships (with God, each other and the community).

Abiding Peace creates *a supportive and accepting place* through respect and unconditional acceptance of everyone.

Abiding Peace helps people *grow in faith* through spiritual growth, education, and service.

Abiding Peace *serves the Lord* through involvement and opportunities to discover and use spiritual gifts and through giving (of time, talent, and resources) in response to God's grace.

Abiding Peace recognizes that all people are *created by God*.

Abiding Peace affirms that people are *saved by Christ*.

Abiding peace *is guided and nurtured by the Holy Spirit*.

Our Actions

How does Abiding Peace make Christ known?

Inviting friends to worship

Joining Christian words to Christian actions; serving others

Sharing the faith

Loving one another

How does Abiding Peace welcome all people?

Welcoming all baptized believers at Holy Communion, and welcoming new believers to baptism.

Building relationships, with people known and unknown

Creating meaningful worship experience

How does Abiding Peace create a safe and accepting space?

Utilizing constructive criticism which builds the church

Agreeing and disagreeing in love

Respecting everyone as an individual

Providing a place for youth to grown in faith through safe activities

How does Abiding Peace help people grow in faith and community?

Regularly reading the Bible; providing Bible studies and Christian education

Worshiping weekly

Praying daily

Sharing our time, talents, and resources

Service

Small group ministries

How does Abiding Peace serve the Lord?

Faith Kitchen & Food Pantry

Outreach/spreading the Good News

Weekly worship

Stewarding our time, talents, and resources

Welcoming outside groups to utilize our facilities

How does Abiding Peace help people understand and experience that all people are created by God?

Seeing God in each other (Matt. 25:40)

Baptism (Matt. 28:19-20)

Loving God with all your heart, mind, strength, and soul (Deut. 6:5)

Living by Love – “the greatest is love” (I Cor. 13); “love one another” (John 13:34-35)

Recognizing spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12:4-11)

How does Abiding Peace help people understand and experience that all can be saved by Christ?

Receiving grace (Romans 8) & showing grace (Matthew 18:21-22)

Encouraging people to worship regularly (Romans 10:17)

Witnessing to the Trinity (Matt. 28:19-20)

How does Abiding Peace help people be guided and nurtured by the Holy Spirit?

Receiving grace (Romans 8) & showing grace (Matthew 18:21-22)

The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies (Luther, Sm Cat, 3rd Art. of the Creed)

OCTOBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

OCTOBER	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
1	Don Bowe	Alexis Sweeney	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Dick Kamin	Christina Schroeder	Alexis Sweeney
8	Howard Corneilson	Ken Schwier	Roy Persson	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Heather Nilsen	Vanessa Ponce
15	Don Bowe	Cindy Pawlo	Linda Venator	George Pawlo	Sibylle Schroeder	Alexis Sweeney
22	Alexis Sweeney	Ken Schwier	Shelli Skeels	Barbara Prosser	Howard Corneilson	Marco Ponce
29	Don Bowe	Alexis Sweeney	Karen Coates	Mary Kasakove	Heather Nilsen	Sue Stirrat

COUNTERS: 1: Nita Persson 8: Nancy Ayotte 15: George Pawlo 22: Howard Corneilson

29: Nita Persson

ALTAR GUILD: Nita Persson



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Kathleen Mazzaghatti, Richard Biunno, Sue Schwier, Susan Jacob, Judy Jacob, Chris Killian, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Jean Eastman, Jackson Hackelberg, Sue Corneilson, Neil Nilsen, Aimee L. Nilsen, James Paladino, Asta Mangan, Macy Sparozic, Oto Tubelis, Helen Michener, Gail Pinkham, Betsey Nardi, Briana Anderson, Hall Barker, Nancy & Gerry Appel, Ed Sekula, Gertrude Price, Regina Hand, Cecilia A. Bowe, Mary K. Laird, Marge Dunnican, Jack Pruden, Lisa Napolitano, Rev. Edward N. Corneilson, Jonathan Fornoff, Joellen Hansen, Jim Tangen, Kathi Buckley, Jackie Darrow, Donna Ballotta, Rene Celada, Tony & Mickey Gasperine, Margie Greendyk, Carol Clark, Sandy Olson, Doris Conrad, April Inglin, Amy & Mark Super, Susan Ansari, Myra Charters, Heather Austin, Sharon Puglia, Jeannine Anglum, Gary & Emilie Dunlap, Carol Giersch, Johanna Pawlo, Margie (Lynn Peterson's Aunt), Dale (Lynn Peterson's aunt), Kevin Kieran, Howard Corneilson, Nancy Gallo, Nancy Doyle, Ely Blahut, Bill von Minden, Jennifer and Hunter Koscheff, Kim Prentiss, Jan Breeman, Wayne Marks, David Steitiz, Lynn Peterson, Evan Geutler, Laura Dennis, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 17TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/ Blessing of the Animals 4:00 pm Songs of a Reforming Church	2 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	3 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	4 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Bible Study: Philippians 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	6 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	7 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
8 18TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST Global Hunger Sunday 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School	9	10	11 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Bible Study: Philippians 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13 8:00 pm NA Mtg. Women's Retreat at Cross Roads (13-15)	14 9:00 am Church Family Breakfast 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
15 19TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Adult Forum: 95 Theses	16 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	17	18 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Taize Service 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 8:00 pm NA Mtg. Men's Retreat at Cross Roads (20-22)	21 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
22 20TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Adult Forum: Rick Steve's Video History	23 7:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting (all are welcome)	24	25 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Engaging in Prayer 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 2:00 pm Seniors Halloween Party	27 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	28 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Reformation Fair 12:30 pm German Luncheon	30	31				