



# VIEW

## from the lake

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



From the Pastor

### Welcoming Pronouns

[This article is the most personal pastor's article that I have ever written. Please know that it is offered to you all in trust, love, and hope.]

It has been such a joy to get to welcome people back into shared space and in-person activities over the past couple of weeks. While church has never been "closed" (the church is the people, not the building), over the course of this long pandemic separation we have not been able to offer each other the smiles, and eye-contact, and other physical signs of welcome that are so much a part of our community identity. I know how much getting to offer and receive that welcome means to all of us as we begin to move back toward full community gathering.

And in that spirit of trusting welcome, I need to ask you all to be very, very conscious about the pronouns you use for my oldest child. While we have not been gathering in-person it has not mattered that much because you were not seeing Quinn, so I was the only one who would hear female pronouns. And, with all the challenges of this last year, I did not focus on correcting those pronouns. We had other work to do together to get through the pandemic. But that situation has changed now. Welcoming people back to in-person worship means welcoming you back into the room with Quinn, which means that pronouns deeply matter now.

You all first met Quinn as a girl, but that is not the gender Quinn feels inside. Quinn has done a lot of intense, mature, thoughtful work, guided by trained professionals, to come to an understanding around the gender label that fits best. Quinn has also been incredibly brave in sharing that identity with the world. This has been a process that started with expressing a non-binary gender, but with more reflection and confidence Quinn has claimed his

June, 2021

**July Newsletter Deadline**  
June 15, 2021

*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

Website: [www.abidingpeacechurch.org](http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org)

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## **COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS**

### Officers

President	Cindy Pawlo
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Secretary	Sheeba David
Treasurer	Nick Senior

### Council Members

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Heather Nilsen	Paul Otu Winner
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Evangelism	<i>Vacant</i>
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Property	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	Nick Senior
Worship & Music	Mary Kasakove

## **OUR STAFF**

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identity as a boy. **This means that when referring to Quinn, welcoming him means using he/him pronouns.**

If you have questions about what exactly this means and does not mean, you can absolutely talk to me about that. There is LOTS of misinformation circulating around the internet and news media that can be very confusing, and I value the opportunity to offer corrective information based in the very extensive research and learning that Tyler and I have done. So, with me, absolutely ask the questions. I will do my best to answer them, and if they are too personal then I will say that gently and with love. But with Quinn, he needs you to just love him and welcome him. Let him share the amazing, thoughtful, funny, spiritual, smart kid he is. I promise you, it is worth the discomfort of adjusting your use of pronouns to become an adult that he can trust. If you make mistakes in pronouns, I, Tyler, or Quinn (if he is feeling brave) will correct you. This is not to shame you. It is an invitation to learn. It is a chance to say “thank you for reminding me” and then keep building the trusting relationship that is so essential to truly welcoming community.

I know this might not be easy, but it is a chance for you to love me and my family well. I know how deeply this community longs to be a place of welcome. Using welcoming pronouns is one important part of that identity.

~ *Pastor Serena*



### **Faith Kitchen Shopping for June 1 Bagged Lunch**

~ 2 Loaves Multi-grain Bread  
~ 2 lbs. Salami

Items have been already been provided. Please contact me at 973-691-1910 if you can help assemble the sandwich bags.

With gratitude,  
Sibylle Schroeder  
Social Ministry



## *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*



## *Pentecost Picnic 2021*



# Thank You Corner

To the livestreaming volunteers! Tyler and Quinn have enjoyed building and learning our livestreaming program, but they are also very eager to train some new helpers to share the responsibility. Thank you to Howard, Sheeba, Jackie, & Ray for volunteering to join the livestreaming team! (And if anyone else wants to join, we welcome the help – many hands make light work).

*If you would like to express a “Thank you” in next month’s newsletter, please send a brief paragraph to Christine ([chstrobel@optonline.net](mailto:chstrobel@optonline.net)) by June 15.*

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## Do You Have Something to Contribute?

Our church newsletter is a community newsletter, which means that anyone in the community can contribute articles, announcements, “thank yous,” pictures, or other content to edify our congregation. In the past, members have contributed poetry, reflection pieces, encouragements, and other wonderful offerings. So, if you have something to share, send it to Pastor Serena!



## June Birthdays June Anniversaries

- |                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Michael Pawlo   | 7 Tom & Joan Blackburne    |
| 6 Ray Mueller     | 18 Howard & Sue Corneilson |
| 11 Joanna Venator |                            |
| 12 Sue Corneilson |                            |
| 13 Quinn Rice     |                            |
| 15 Nita Persson   |                            |



## Sunday Scripture

### June 6

1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

### June 13

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-17  
Mark 4:26-34

### June 20

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11,  
19-23, 32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### June 27

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

### 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 or if you know people who need food assistance, please call Sibylle Schroeder at 973-691-1910 and coordinate with her.

Special needs for the food pantry at this time are:

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| Hot Dog Buns | Hot Dogs         |
| Canned fruit | Frozen Meatballs |
| Juice        | White Beans      |
| Bread        |                  |

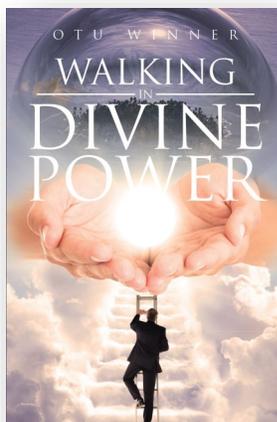
Thank you all for your generosity!



### June Office-Hours

Pastor Serena will continue to be providing in-home instruction for the first three weeks of June. As of **June 23**, she will resume office hours on Wednesdays in-person from 10:30am – 8:30pm. She will also be present on-site Sundays for worship and adult education. She is also available to the congregation by Cell Phone or e-mail during the week: (908) 458-3940; pastoserena@optimum.net. Her day off is Saturday, so please refrain from sending non-emergency messages or calls on Saturday. Many thanks for the understanding of the community as Pastor Serena balances her two calls of being a mom as well as a pastor.

### Book by One of our Members!



Did you know that Paul just published a book?! Our own Paul Otu-Winner has crafted a powerful exhortation to the Christian to embrace the power of God's Spirit in our lives. The publishing note tells us: "The Christian—the believer—the inheritor of the nature of God is shortchanged by the myriads of factors plaguing the world around them. This is not because he/she is deficient of the essence of divinity, no, but because he/she lacks the needed knowledge by choice or by ignorance to surmount them. God sees beyond the thick walls, beyond the dark nights, beyond the tempest, and beyond the emptiness of all forms of obstacles that scare your upward movement toward him. For you to function like God, you must be a carrier of His power, and this you already have. How to unleash the power of God in you is the focus of the Holy Spirit in this book. Walking in Divine Power is the Spirit manual for dominion and authority."

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, you can find links to book sellers that have copies at: <http://www.pagepublishing.com/books/?book=walking-in-divine-power>

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

# JUNE

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

JUNE	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER	SOLOIST	LITURGICAL CANTORS	PSALM CANTOR
<b>6</b> Virtual	Jackie King	Heather Nilsen	None	None	Maria Kearney Howard Corneilson Christina Belfiore Mary Kasakove Shelli Skeels Paulette Asong	Ben Schroeder
<b>13</b> In-Person	None	Sue Stirrat	Howard Corneilson	TBD	None	None
<b>20</b> Virtual	Demetria Laird	Karen Coates	None	None	Maria Kearney Howard Corneilson Christina Belfiore Mary Kasakove Shelli Skeels Paulette Asong	Ben Schroeder
<b>27</b> In-Person	None	Sheeba David	Sibylle Schroeder	TBD	None	None

**COUNTER:** George Pawlo

**ALTAR GUILD:** Nita Persson

**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:* Judy Wayman, Tamsin Skeels, Don Larsen, Sandy Olson, Col. Phillip E. Miller, Pat Linn, Eleonor Braun, 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, 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, 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, Lora Gordan, Eric (Hildegard's grandson), Skip Kaub, Peter Block, Alex Herd, Michael Lynch, Melanie Smith, Emily Wager, Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Bill Crescenzo, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria

*Those who are expecting:* Alyssa Jurtschenko, Rachel Pawlo

*Those in mourning:* Those mourning Henry Hill, The Bowden and Schroeder families on the death of Evelyn Bowden, The Jaeger family, The Schwier family on the death of Elsa Platt, Marja-Liisa Apgar, the Linderman family, the Ashu family, The Kildea family, The Woodard family, those mourning John Lewis, the families of Nilsen and Degraw/Wilman, those mourning the death of Michael Krush, the McCabe family, Linda Tubelis (on the death of her husband, Oto), Those mourning the death of Christy Kakassy, those mourning the death of Michael Tisler, those mourning the death of Heath Morgan, George & Janet Schroeder on the death of Janet's son Hans, Friends and family of Walter Pasuco, friends and family of Rudy Oeckinghaus, those mourning David Coyne, the VanHouten family, the Alstede family, Millie Miller on the death of her sister, The Scalora family on the death of Jeanne's cousin Sandy.

# JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> <i>9:00 am</i> Faith Kitchen	<b>2</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:30 pm</i> Bible Study: Psalms of Lament	<b>3</b> <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>6</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship <i>11:15 am</i> Forum: Lutheran 101—Worship & Vocation	<b>7</b> <i>12:30 pm</i> Worship & Music Committee Meeting <i>TBD</i> Bible Animal Stories	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:30 pm</i> Forum: Guest Speaker on Grief—Joel Peterson	<b>10</b> <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) <i>7:30 pm</i> Anniversary Committee Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Cancelled</i> Church Family Breakfast <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>13</b> <b>3RDSUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship/In-Person <i>11:15 am</i> Balcony Conversations (Intro)	<b>14</b> <i>7:30 pm</i> Council Meeting	<b>15</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>16</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:30 pm</i> RIC Committee	<b>17</b> <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>10:00 am</i> LFI Guiding Teams—NJ Gathering <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>20</b> <b>4TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	<b>21</b> <i>TBD</i> Children's Church—Lunch Bags	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>4:30 pm</i> Mt. Olive Manor Service <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:30 pm</i> Book Club: Love is the Way, Pt. 1	<b>24</b> <i>12:00 pm</i> Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>27</b> <b>5TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship /In-Person <i>11:15 am</i> Balcony Conversations	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:30 pm</i> Bible Study: Psalms of Creation			