



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Pastor

Casting Out Fear

As the fake cobwebs in yards and Halloween decorations in stores are reminding us all, October is the month when our culture celebrates the scary. This year especially, that's probably a good thing. Goodness knows, after the last year and a half of social and global conditions that generate intense fear responses, we need a little light-hearted spookiness to shift us out of constant fight-or-flight response. Bring on the ghosts and inflatable grave-stones!

But, while we enjoy the cultural frivolity, let's also remember the biblical cautions about succumbing to fear. When God's messengers approach people in the scriptures they invariably begin the conversation with some version of "do not be afraid." While we are called to practice the "fear of the Lord" (our recognition that God's power cannot be controlled or manipulated by our desires), we are not called to be a people of fear. Rather, the epistle of 1 John instructs us, *"There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love."* (1 John 4:18).

We had an interesting and illuminating conversation at our Sept. 26 "Lutheranism 101" forum about the impact of fear within the Christian tradition. As we discussed the variations in the ways that different traditions explain the human condition and God's work of salvation, we kept circling back to how corrosive a focus on fear can be. While fear is a powerful motivator, and a very effective way to control the behavior of church members, it can have toxic effects in the lives and witness of these believers. People driven by fear cannot reach out to others with love and grace, because their attention is consumed by self-protection (and often by shame). That's why the apostle John speaks against fear: because fear and love cannot co-exist. If we are living out of fear, we are cutting ourselves off from grace, and from the ability to speak love into the lives of the people around us.

October, 2021

November Newsletter Deadline
October 19, 2021

Worship: 10:00 am
Online/In-Person

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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Of course, we can recognize the truth of this teaching and still struggle to put it into practice. At the September service at Mt. Olive Manor we focused our meditation on this same verse from 1 John and agree with its teachings, but also as soon as we concluded our worship the conversation shifted back to the many sources of fear in our lives: floods, infirmity, and the pervasive culture of conflict. When the apostle teaches us that perfect love casts out fear, I don’t think he’s describing a passive process. This casting out doesn’t just “happen.” It takes intention and focus. We need to make the commitment to hold onto love when fear looms. To not let the “spooks” that try to worm their way into our souls have access to our mental space. And, most importantly, we need to prioritize love in the way that we treat each other. If we see other people as a threat, fear wins. If we see them as people whom God calls us to love, there will be no space for fear.

~ Pastor Serena

Thank You Corner

Thanks from Ray to whoever has been getting to the church sign before I do each week in September and changing it for me!

A huge thank you, along with “I’m so proud of you” to our three Confirmation students for their leadership is worship and learning last month. Vanessa’s forum, Quinn’s preaching, and Marco’s prayer not only inspired the congregation by your courage and thoughtfulness, they also reminded us all of the power and relevance of our faith in engaging the world around us. You all are ready to be full members of the Church of Christ!

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 19.



Faith Kitchen Shopping for October 5 Bagged Lunch

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

Please have items to church no later than October 3.
Please contact me at 973-691-1910 if you can help
assemble the sandwich bags.

With gratitude,
Sibylle Schroeder, Social Ministry



Stewardship Theme: Planting Seeds in a Weary World

Our Stewardship theme as we transition to 2022 is centered on the acronym S.E.E.D. and how we can give of ourselves – even in the midst of our continued hardships. How can we take what we’ve been given and find ways to plant those seeds of growth for ourselves, our families, and our communities? Our goal is to explore and inspire the deep working of nurturing God’s work in the world even in difficult circumstances. We will reflect on how we can see beyond circumstances to how God is calling us to join in the work of growing something new.

Both in Sunday Service and through our work in the Church, we will ask 4 questions:

- Sacred (where are we finding/nurturing time and opportunities for the sacred?)
- Experience (how are we experiencing church and faith in this time of extended pandemic, and what difference do these experiences make?)
- Empathy (what is deepening our ability to see other people’s needs and perspectives? How can we see beyond our own suffering to that of others? How can we positively impact that?)
- Demonstrating Commitment (how is our commitment to following Jesus manifesting in our lives?)

Throughout the month of October we will have a chance to consider the invitation to share in the work of planting SEEDs for God’s work in the world. We hope you will join us!

~ *Pastor Serena*

Sunday Scripture

October 3

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 24

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 10

Jobs 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 31

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

October 17

Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October Birthdays October Anniversaries

8 Lynn Peterson	2 George & Cindy Pawlo
14 Tom Blackburne	15 Richard & Carol Biunno
23 Marco Ponce	21 Jim & Maria Kearney
31 Maddox Rice	30 Rob & Barbara Prosser

Sponsor a New Liturgy

In last month's newsletter, I used an incorrect word. I should have used Sponsor instead of producer (you don't have to do any work!). As a reminder, Ben Schroeder, our Director of Music, has volunteered to develop a new Abiding Peace Liturgy (this is something he has indicated that he always wanted to do). And to accomplish this, he will need sponsors to support the effort. He has pledged this monetary support to benefit the fund raising for our celebration of completing fifty years of ministry.

The 50th Anniversary Committee has prepared the list of phrases that will make up the Liturgy and assigned a cost to sponsor each phrase. You can find this list on-line at

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15Zmzw4GWF99v7TL54OeWspzmRBMt6MIRTeizripZdbM/edit?usp=sharing>

This list will also be posted at the church building and updated weekly. Each segment of the Liturgy has 5 columns:

1. Phrase -words that make the phrase up
2. Cnt – the number of times the phrase is repeated in the Liturgy segment
3. Donation – the donation requested to sponsor the phrase
4. Sponsor – the individual / family who is sponsoring the phrase
5. Donated – indicating the donation has been received.

This will be a first come, first sponsor situation. In other words, if more than one wants to sponsor a phrase, the first one who submits and completes the sponsorship will have it. To complete sponsorship, contact Howard Corneilson (hgcorn@optonline.net / 973.584.0307) or Ben Schroeder (benmschroeder@gmail.com / 862.266.6844) with the segment and phrase and submit the requested sponsor amount within seven (7) days. You may also fill in the posted form at the church building, but please make sure to notify Howard or Ben as well. Be sure to indicate on your envelope, check, or Venmo donation that this is for the "Anniversary Liturgy".

50th Anniversary Committee



Send your Picture

The 50th Anniversary Committee is putting together a new Pictorial Membership Directory. The directory will include both members, family members who have moved out but want to be included (these would be included separately from the family), former members who would like to be included, and any friend of the congregation who attends or participates in livestream worship.

Have fun with it! Submit a photo that reflects your personality or interest (although studio photos are fine as well). Just make sure to send a picture in which the faces are the most prominent (not distant full body pictures). Digital pictures (preferred) can be sent to hgcorn@optonline.net or physical pictures (along with a method of contacting you) may be sent to the church at:

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church
305 US Highway 46
Budd Lake, NJ 07828-2804

For both friends of the congregation (including those who join our livestream) and children of members who have moved out of their parents' household, we would need their names and contact information so that we would be able to post it.

A display of what will be printed will be sent to you for your approval prior to publication.

Let's get this going! I am looking forward to seeing all your beautiful faces.

50th Anniversary Committee





Celebrating 50 of God's Faithfulness
years
yesterday ~ today ~ forever

Series Begins on Abiding Peace History in Words and Photos

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, we begin providing a decade of written history and a few photos each month or so in the newsletter. Also, a corresponding photo album will be posted on Facebook for each season of the church year, starting now with Pentecost and going through Easter. Thanks to all who submitted photos including Judy Jacob and most of all, Doug Laird. It's not too late to add photos from the 1980's and beyond by emailing them to Ray at okray.mueller@gmail.com.

The album of the 1970's is on the Abiding Peace Facebook Organization Page at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set?vanity=AbidingPeaceChurch&set=a.4673453512705603>. Click on the first photo to enlarge and see them in order, and please add to the comments as you wish. Below is the first part of the 1970's history. Watch for the rest of the 70's history next month and the 80's photos in Advent.

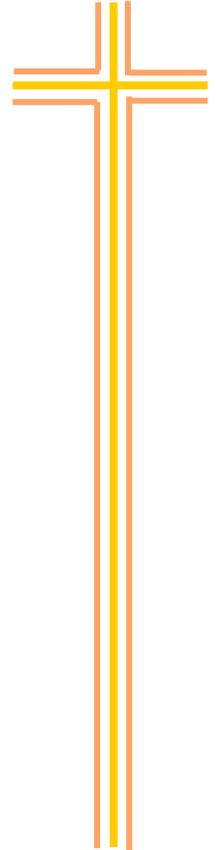
70's Part 1: Nomads with a Mission

Planning for a new Lutheran congregation in the Morris, Sussex, Warren Tri-county area of northwestern New Jersey began in the late 1960s. It became apparent that the completion of I-80 would incorporate the region into the larger New York metropolitan area. Several congregational developments were in process at the time when our project was begun by the Division for Mission in America (DMNA) of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). They called the Reverend James T. Parks as Mission Developer in July 1970, and a building site was purchased shortly after. A parsonage for the Parks family was provided at 15 Hatakawanna Terrace.

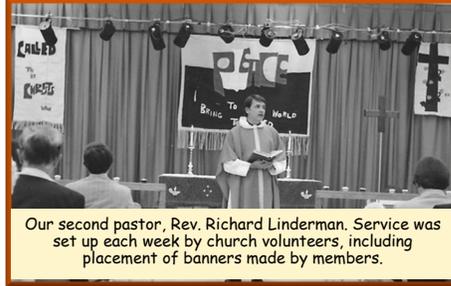
Facilities for worship, church school, and meetings were secured, with the cooperation of the Mt. Olive Board of Education, at the Upper Elementary School on Sunset Drive (now the Chester A. Stevens School). Members worshipped in such places as the school cafeteria, band room, home ec room, and library. The congregation remained in these facilities, with a parish office in the parsonage, until May 1978.

An organizational meeting was held at the Upper Elementary School on October 13, 1970. The first liturgy of the new mission congregation was held in the school on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 1970. The first celebration of communion took place a month later on November 29th. Sunday church school held its first session a week later on December 6th.

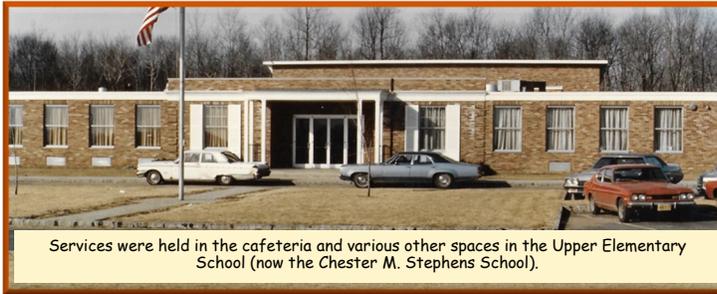
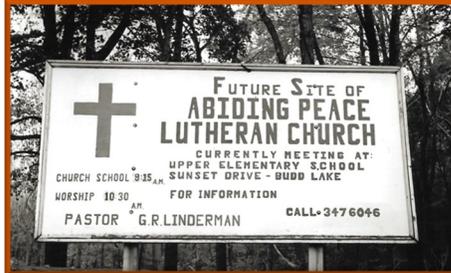
In March 1971 the charter roll was opened. The congregation was formally organized on May 9 with 134 baptized members (92 confirmed and 42 children). Abiding Peace formally became the 179th congregation in the New Jersey Synod of the Lutheran Church in America on May 22, 1971.



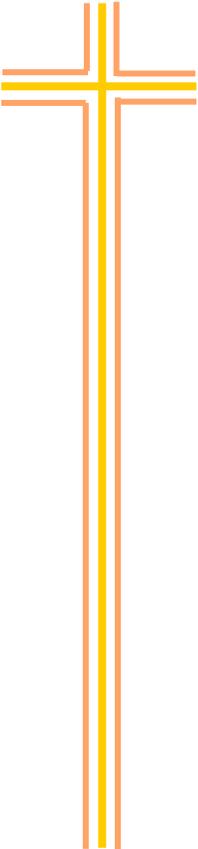
The first service of Abiding Peace, Reformation Sunday, October 30, 1970, with Mission Developer Rev. Jim Parks. As part of our anniversary celebration, he will preach at our service April 24, 2022.



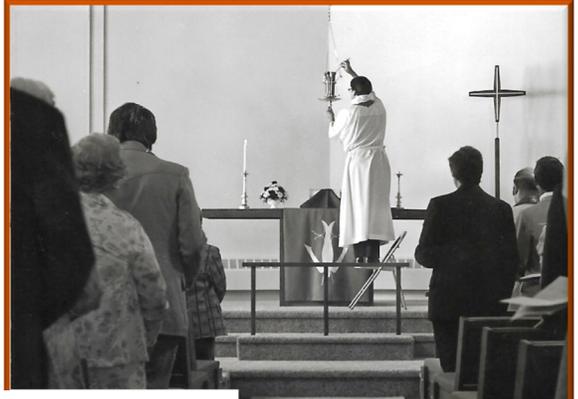
Our second pastor, Rev. Richard Linderman. Service was set up each week by church volunteers, including placement of banners made by members.



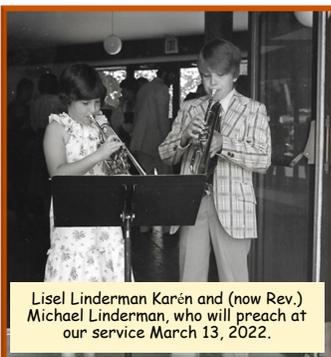
Services were held in the cafeteria and various other spaces in the Upper Elementary School (now the Chester M. Stephens School).



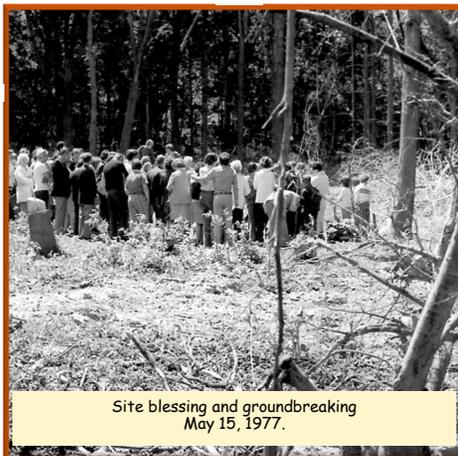
First service with communion in our new building.



First service in our sanctuary on Pentecost, May 14, 1978, one year after groundbreaking.



Lisel Linderman Karén and (now Rev.) Michael Linderman, who will preach at our service March 13, 2022.



Site blessing and groundbreaking May 15, 1977.



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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| Canned fruit | Frozen Meatballs |
| Juice | White Beans |
| Bread | |

Thank you all for your generosity!

Rally Day Giving!

After our Rally Day collection of supplies for knitting and crocheting, Pastor Serena got to drop of three bursting bags full of yarn, needles, and hooks for the refugee Afghan families currently living at Fort Dix. The Director of Catholic Charities, who has organized this project, shared what a difference this is making for the refugees. It gives them an activity to keep their hands busy during long days of waiting to learn what is next for them. It gives them the chance to make clothing and blankets that will be useful as the cold of winter approaches. And perhaps most importantly, having a concrete, productive activity gives them a sense of agency when almost everything else in their lives feels out of their control. Thank you to all who donated!



Pastor Serena's October Schedule

In addition to posted hours in the office, Pastor Serena is also available to the congregation by cell phone or e-mail during the week: (908) 458-3940; pastorserena@optimum.net. Her day off is Saturday, so please refrain from sending non-emergency messages or calls on Saturday.

Week of September 27—October 3

- Wednesday, Sept. 29: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 3: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Week of October 4—10

- Wednesday, Oct. 6: 12:00 pm—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 10: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Week of October 11—17

- Tuesday, Oct. 12: 7:30 pm—9:00 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 13: 12:00 pm—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 17: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Week of October 18—24

- Monday, Oct. 12—Wednesday, Oct. 20: Off-site for continuing education
- Wednesday, Oct. 20: 1:00 pm—5:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 24: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Week of October 25—31

- Wednesday, Oct. 27: 10:00 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 31: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

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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	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER	SOLOIST
3 In-Person	Sandy Carlson	Sibylle Schroeder	TBD
10 In-Person	Sue Stirrat	Howard Cornelson	TBD
17 In-Person	Sheeba David	Ken Schwier	TBD
24 In-Person	Demetria Laird	Doug Laird	TBD
31 In-Person	Mary Kasakove	Sandy Carlson	TBD

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Carlson

BREAD BAKING: None



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Those who are sick or in need: Emily Wager, Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Mickey Gasparine, Sandy Kahler, Kenneth Johanson, Karen Qualls, Nancy Ayotte, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Bryce Rosen, Sheeba David, Jim Kosiorek, Cora Pawlo, Richard Biunno, Jim Tangen, Elizabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Mike Squillante, Delilah and Lydia Evans, the Nersesian family

Those serving overseas: Dana Gallo

Those in mourning: 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, Millie Miller on the death of her sister, The Scalora and Crescenzo families on the death of Jeanne's cousin Sandy, the Scalora family on the death of Pat's sister Sally, the family of Gary Siess, the family of Jim Cook

OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 10:00 am Yard Sale Fun Day 11:00 am Blessing of the Animals 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
3 19TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am Introduction to Setting the Table for All to be Fed (STAF)	4 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	5 9:00 am Faith Kitchen 1:30 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting	6 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Balcony Conversation	7 12:30 pm Zoom Bible Study with Redeemer 6:30 pm NA Organizers Meeting	8	9 Cancelled Church Family Breakfast 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
10 20TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST Fellowship Sunday 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person	11 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	12 7:30 pm Council Finance Meeting (in-person)	13 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Jehu Session 3: Black Wall Street/ Tulsa Massacre & Mark 12:28-31	14 12:30 pm Zoom Bible Study with Redeemer	15	16 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
17 21ST SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am STAF Story-sharing	18 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	21 12:30 pm Zoom Bible Study with Redeemer	22	23 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
24 22ND SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am Balcony Conversation	25 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	26	27 7:30 pm Jehu Session 4: GI Bill/Education/ Jeremiah 31:1-14	28 12:30 pm Zoom Bible Study with Redeemer	29	30 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
31 REFORMATION SUNDAY 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person						