



VIEW from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Resolution or Reformation?

It's that time of year, when everything from *television ads* to *inspirational calendars* to *that one Facebook friend who is really into nutritional cleanses* are all telling us it's time for our New Year's Resolutions. What are you going to do differently this year?! Resolutions can be great. They can encourage and inspire us to do the things that are important to us. They can be healthy and life-giving. I'm all for positive resolutions.

But what I am praying for this year is Reformation.

Reformation and resolutions are both about change, but they come from different sources. Resolutions are all about **our** decisions and commitments. We make resolutions at the beginning of the year because it is easier to muster up the energy for change at times of new beginning. Change that is all about our efforts can be hard to start, much less sustain.

Reformation, on the other hand, is about **being re-formed**. The energy comes from outside us, from God. The prophet Isaiah describes this process of formation:

"We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8b)

In Reformation, God works in us and we receive that reformation not as evidence of our hard work, but as evidence of God's love: the gift of God, even as our faith itself is a gift.

January, 2017

February Newsletter Deadline
January 13, 2016

Worship: 10:00 am

Congregational
Meeting



Annual
Congregational
Meeting
January 29
10:00 am

For hospitalization issues,
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.

Phone: 973-691-9393

Website: www.abidingpeacechurch.org

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COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

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President	Howard Corneilson
Vice President	Robert Bowden
Secretary	Doug Laird
Treasurer	George Pawlo

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Gerry Ayotte	Kim Prentiss
Robert Bowden	Pat Scalora
Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Doug Laird	Sue Schwier
George Pawlo	

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Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
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Evangelism	Ed Sekula
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Property	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	<i>Vacant</i>
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Pastor's column—continued from page 1

In 2017 the Lutheran Church is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We will be looking back at our history, giving thanks for the 16th Century leaders God equipped, and the transformation God's Spirit worked in the church, which helped to shape the faith we share. This history and these memories come among the things God continues to use to reform us, but the point is not what has happened in the past. The point is how God is continuing to reform us.

God has given us many good gifts, and I do not believe God is done. Whatever this coming year brings to our church, our families, our community, or our nation, I will be praying for reformation. *May God use the circumstance of our lives to form us into the vessels equipped to do the work of God's kingdom in the world. Amen*

We Love Learning, Yes We Do!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I asked you for feedback on what you want to learn in Christian Adult Education, and you answered. There is clearly a lot of enthusiasm for learning and discussing together, and lots of potential topics to discuss. I can't wait to get started. The survey feedback helped to identify the first few topics:

- Luther, Lutheranism & the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
- The Parables of Jesus

There is still lots to talk about. So, if you are interested in being part of the planning, please consider coming to a planning meeting on **Sunday, February 12** after service. This is not a long-term commitment, just an initial conversation. Bring your ideas, questions, or interests and help your Vicar think through the best approaches to our first two studies, and what comes next.

Vicar Serena

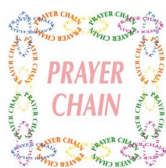


What will our stewardship look like in 2017?

The beginning of the year is a good time to think about newness, in stewardship as in other areas of our lives. Because of the national church habit of focusing on stewardship during Fall campaigns, there can be a tendency to feel like we have checked that box. We have made our pledges and renewed or made new commitments to ministries of the church. Why should the beginning of the year be another call for us to pay attention to stewardship?

Why? Because stewardship calls us to pay attention to how we are connected to the life of the church. Stewardship is not just about what we give, it is also about how we are renewed. Stewardship means recognizing that all good gifts come from God, flowing through us, and also returning to us in the new life we experience as members of Christ's body. And so, as we look into the opportunity of a new year, let us ask ourselves and each other: *how might God be inviting us to bless and be blessed by each other this year? Are there friends I might invite to be part of this family? Are there new needs in the community that I might bring to the church as opportunities for ministry? Are there new changes that God's Spirit wants to work in me?*

Stewardship is a circle of giving and receiving, lived in the light of God's promise that all things are being made new. *What newness do you see in 2017?*



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!

From the Council President

Another year has gone by, 2017 is here. Please be reminded that our annual Congregational meeting will be held on the 29th of January. Hold that important date!

We will be approving a budget for 2017 as well as electing members of our Congregation to serve on the church council. I again ask all to consider serving our congregation either as a member of the Church Council or as a worship assistant, or in some other service to Abiding Peace. This is your church and we need your continued support to keep it running smoothly for the glory of our Lord.

Please note we are changing our council meeting. In January, it will be held on January 10th (second Tuesday, not the third). We are also considering changing our meeting night to Thursday starting in February. A final decision will be made at our January meeting. As always, our meetings are open to the public and I encourage our members to attend.

Howard Corneilson
President



We are hosting the Birthday Party at Mt Olive Manor on January 19th at 3pm. Please bring in small gifts that would be good for a man or woman, puzzle books, pens, picture frames, cans of soup, writing pads, and similar items are all things we had in the past. If you walk through Walmart, TJ Max or Staples you might find nice small items. Please wrap them as gifts and bring them to church by January 15th. Let me know if you are able to join us for the party on the 19th. As always thank you for your help.

Social Ministry



Rusty Scalora Pawgress Report

Though Rusty has not been certified as a service dog, he has taken on the role of one. We were visiting a resident at Mt. Olive Manner, when her phone began to ring. The lady thought it was the phone ringing on a show she was watching. Rusty went to this resident and began barking and looking at her phone. Once she answered the phone, everything was quiet again. He does this with Pat and I too, if we don't hear the phone ringing. Among other services he performs is taking my socks off, carrying things upstairs and occasionally down stairs. He also carries mail from the mail box, up our long driveway and usually into the house. He hasn't been trained to do these things, but is very proud of himself, and rightfully so.

Jeanne Scalora



Food Pantry Needs

25 of each

Bread	Juice
Tomato Sauce	Rice
Pasta	Instant Potatoes
Canned Beans	Canned Fruit
Canned Meat or Tuna	Jelly
Peanut Butter	



50 of each

Vegetables
Soup (no broth)

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.

Faith Kitchen Shopping list for January 3 Ham



We only have one item to shop for this month and it is ham. Please bring one whole ham to church by this coming Sunday, January 1. Let me know if you can come to Faith Kitchen on January 3. For any questions please call me at 973-691-1910. Thank you for all your help.

Sibylle Schroeder



Sunday Scripture

January 1

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

January 22

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

January 8

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 29

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42



January Birthdays



January Anniversaries

7 Kevin Persson
14 Judy Jacob
16 Sarah Laird
17 Barbara Prosser
19 Gerry Ayotte
21 George Pawlo
23 Jeffrey Kamin
29 Christina Schroeder

11 The Kandikatlas

“Unfinished Object” Night January 16 * 7:30 pm



Come and join us for Unfinished Object Night on the 3rd Monday of this month at 7:30pm. We have been having a wonderful time hanging out and finishing our UFO's. For information and to make sure it's on - call Sibylle at 973-691-1910.

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!

General Budget Financial Summary

	November	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,480	\$126,280
Income	\$11,037	\$113,593
Expenses	\$10,788	\$114,613
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 249	\$ (1,019)
Current deficit as of 11/30		\$ (1,846)

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

Recognition Corner

I want to thank all the members of APLC for the Christmas gift I received. It came as a complete surprise.

As always, I'm grateful for all of you and I continue to enjoy my time here. I want to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Warmly,

Christine



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, Taryn & Little Frankie Parenello, Rob Heller, Jackson Hackelberg, Sue Corneilson, Florence Johnson, Neil Nilsen, Aimee L. Nilsen, James Paladino, Bill Price, Asta Mangan, Macy Sparozic, Oto Tubelis, Ray DeFelice, George Karl, 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, Wendy and John Morrell, Jim Tangen, Larry Clark, Kathi Buckley, Emily Dunbar, Jackie Darrow, Donna Ballotta, Rene Celada, Tony & Mickey Gasperine, Margie Greendyk, Carol Clark, Elaine Schmudde, Sandy Olson, Doris Conrad, April Inglin, Amy & Mark Super, Susan Ansari, Myra Charters, Abe Elias, Heather Austin, Marybeth Mueller, Sharon Puglia, Jeannine Anglum, Gary & Emilie Dunlap, Carol Giersch, Irv Catlow, Terry Jones, Johanna Pawlo, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ
Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen
Those who are in mourning: The Ayotte family

JANUARY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

JANUARY	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
1	Howard Corneilson	Cindy Pawlo	Demetria Laird	Mary Kasakove	None	None
8	Doug Laird	Ken Schwier	Sue Schwier	Dick Kamin	Heather Nilsen	Jeanne Scalora
15	Don Bowe	Chris St. Genis	Linda Venator	Doug Laird	Christina Schroeder	Sue Stirrat
22	Howard Corneilson	Doug Laird	Shelli Skeels	Barbara Prosser	Sibylle Schroeder	Kim Prentiss
29	Doug Laird	Ken Schiwer	Don Bowe	Sibylle Schroeder	Cindy Pawlo	Jeanne Scalora

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

29: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: TBD

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NAME OF JESUS 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	2	3 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	4 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	7 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
8 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	9	10 7:30 pm Council Meeting	11 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13 8:00 pm NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	14 9:00 am Men's Ministry 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
15 2ND SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School	16 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	17	18 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 3:00 pm Mt. Olive Birthday Party	20 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	21 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
22 3RD SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am New Member Class Luncheon	23	24	25 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	28 7:00 pm NA Mtg.
29 4TH SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/ Congregational Mtg. 11:00 am Sunday School	30	31				