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from the lake

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



From the Pastor

New Starts versus Renewal

College drop-offs and back-to-school photos are flooding social media streams. End-of-Summer-Sale ads are popping up. Rally Day is drawing close. Everywhere we see reminders that we are drawing close to a new season in the world and in the church year, as summer relaxation gives way to fall activity. This shift holds expectations for excitement and new energy, expectations that we want to embrace. And, because we so deeply want a fresh start, the roadblocks sent up by a resurgent pandemic, filling ICU beds and increasingly impacting children, have the potential to elicit in us more frustration than fear.

We are so tired of this endless pandemic. We are so ready for what comes next. We want the new school year/program year to coincide with a new start for church and for life. Of course, we do. Of course, we can resent anything that gets in the way of the fresh start we want (even if those things are reasonable safety precautions).

I know a little about frustrated expectations. I am writing this article from my week at Family Camp – a week intended to be about a combination of quality time with my family, rest, and spiritual study. But I am writing this article with my laptop balanced on my stomach while I elevate and ice the knee that I injured the second morning here. (By the time you read this I hope to have answers about what is wrong, but right now I only know that it is swollen, painful, and cannot hold my weight). Needless to say, this is not how I had planned for my week to go. And when I think about the sudden question marks surrounding activities for the rest of this month and the start of the school year, I get both anxious and frustrated.

But my frustration won't do me any good. I cannot just start walking on a knee that buckles when I try to put weight on in. Just like we cannot just start living like our nation is not still in the middle of a deadly pandemic. If we do, we will fall flat on our face and make the pain even worse.

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September, 2021

**October Newsletter Deadline
September 28, 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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That’s the hard part of the lesson that this week is forcing on my attention, but there is a much more life-giving lesson as well. The still, small voice of God’s Spirit is telling me ***there is something better than a fresh start: there is renewal.*** Renewal is about re-connecting to what gives me life, regardless of my circumstances. A fresh start is situational – it requires things around me to change. But renewal starts in my spirit, with remembering the well-spring of joy, and love, and meaning that God is always feeding if I will only dip my bucket down to draw from it. Renewal is the ***change inside of me*** that changes how I experience the circumstances that have NOT changed. It’s the shift of focus that allows me to enter into worship even when my knee is throbbing. It’s the gratitude for a meditation that focuses me on something as simple as my own heartbeat and touches me with the miracle of my life. It’s what I came here for and, as it turns out, a busted knee doesn’t stop this renewal unless I let it.

Renewal might not be what we were all looking for this fall, but I promise you, it’s better than a fresh start. Because renewal can’t be stopped by frustrating circumstances. It can only change the way we experience those circumstances, and that change is all for the better.

~ Pastor Serena



Faith Kitchen Shopping for September 7 Bagged Lunch

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

Please have items to church no later than September 5. Please contact me at 973-691-1910 if you can help assemble the sandwich bags.

With gratitude,

Sibylle Schroeder, Social Ministry



Become a Producer!

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 producers to support the effort. He has pledged his monetary support to benefit the fund raising for our celebration of completing fifty years of ministry. The 50th Anniversary Committee is preparing the list of phrases that will make up the Liturgy and the cost to produce each phrase. This list will be ready for the next newsletter. So get ready – let's start our production!

Howard Corneilson,
50th Anniversary Committee



 What	 Where	 When
An informal gathering of pets & their people	Abiding Peace Lutheran Ch. Budd Lake	Saturday October 2 11:00 am

Sunday Scripture

September 5

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Psalm 125
 James 2:1-17
 Mark 7:24-37

September 19

Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalm 1
 James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
 Mark 9:30-37

September 12

Proverbs 1:20-33
 Psalm 19
 James 3:1-12
 Mark 8:27-38

September 26

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
 Psalm 124
 James 5:13-20
 Mark 9:38-50

September Birthdays September Anniversaries

7 Jan Persson
 9 Doug Laird
 12 Linda Venator
 24 Jimmy Tangen
 26 Luke Mueller
 26 Ray Stirrat

24 Tom & Linda Venator



It has been a tough financial year for Abiding Peace. We have had months that blow our minds with the generosity of this community, but more months when our bare-bones spending has exceeded giving (sometimes substantially). As a result, we are entering the final four months of the year with a significant deficit. Given the strains on the church in the second year of COVID, this is not surprising, and we are certainly not alone in this challenge. Other churches are facing similar balance sheets. More importantly, we know that God is on this journey with us.

It is in that hope that I want to open our stewardship planning for this Fall to each of you... because God works in and through each of you. We have a core stewardship team from Council, and I am so grateful for that team, but I also believe that some of your might have ideas or inspiration that can invigorate our congregation to think creatively about how we can fund our work. We all have skin in this game. We all value the community and ministry of Abiding Peace. So, let's think together about how to plan our stewardship for the coming year. If you are interested in being part of that planning, our first planning meeting will be via zoom on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:00pm. Let me know if you are interested in joining!

~ Pastor Serena

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!



Pastor Serena's September 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 August 30—September 5

- Off: Family Vacation

Week of September 6—12

- Wednesday, Sept. 8: 10:00 am—8:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 12: 9:00 am —2:00 pm

Week of September 13—19

- Wednesday, Sept. 15: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Friday, Sept. 17: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 18: 10:00 am—12:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 19: 9:00 am —12:00 pm

Week of September 20—26

- Wednesday, Sept. 22: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 25: 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 26: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Week of September 27—October 3

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

Got a Picture?

The 50th Anniversary Committee is starting to organize a new Pictorial Membership Directory. The directory will include both members and friends, just as our current directory does. So why not start considering getting a current family photo if you do not have a recent one. The picture should be basically closeup, so the faces are the most prominent (not distant full body pictures). This notice is meant to prepare you. More will be coming about this in the next newsletter.

Howard Corneilson,
50th Anniversary Committee



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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

Confirmation Retreat

In the spirit of carrying our faith into the world, our first Confirmation Retreat was held in the beauty of nature at Lake Hopatcong. The students practiced movement prayer while swimming, explored the meaning of each phrase of the Lord's Prayer, and wrote their own belief statements inspired by the Creeds. Our faith matters because of the way that it guides our lives, and church matters because of the chance to learn and be supported in community (plus, church can be fun!).

Our Confirmation students will be completing their selected Confirmation Projects in September, in worship and education activities. Please support them in their efforts to use their faith in service to the church.



Yard Sale Fun Day

When: Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Where: The Lower Parking Lot of Abiding Peace

Why: Fundraising, Fellowship, Community Outreach

Members wishing to be a part of the upcoming **YARD SALE** may reserve a free church table (quantities limited) or bring their own card tables. To reserve a table or for more information, contact Mary Kasakove mjk167@gmail.com.



If you wish to help with **GAMES & AMUSEMENTS** contact Pastor Serena serenarice@hotmail.com.

To help with **FOOD & REFRESHMENTS** (a free will offering will be suggested) contact Demetria Laird normandy1956@optonline.net.



Vendors will be responsible for pricing, set up, and clean up. No items can be left at church.

All proceeds may be kept by the vendor but why not consider donating all or part of your proceeds to charities to be chosen by Council?

Have items to sell but can't be at the sale in person? We'll try to partner you with someone willing to tend your table. Contact Mary Kasakove mjk167@gmail.com.

More details in the coming days, but please plan to be a part of this special day!

SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SEPTEMBER	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER	SOLOIST
5 In-Person	Mary Kasakove	Howard Corneilson	Shelli Skeels
12 In-Person	Demetria Laird	Sibylle Schroeder	TBD
19 In-Person	Sandy Carlson	Ken Schwier	TBD
26 In-Person	Sheeba David	Doug Laird	TBD

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Pawlo

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:* 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 Tangern, Elizabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Celia Hester, Mike Squillante

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	2	3	4 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
5 15TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person	6 Labor Day 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	7 9:00 am Faith Kitchen 12:30 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Planning via Zoom	8 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Bible Study: Psalms of Petition	9	10	11 Cancelled Church Family Breakfast 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
12 16TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST God's Work, Our Hands/ Rally Day 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person with blessing of the backpacks 11:15 am Quilt Service Project	13 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	14	15 4:30 pm Mt. Olive Manor Service 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Jehu's Mis- sion Study: Jehu Jones and Isaiah 58:1-12	16 12:30 pm Zoom Bible Study with Redeemer	17	18 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
19 17TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am Balcony Con- versation	20 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	21 7:30 pm Council Meeting	22 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Jehu's Mis- sion Study: The Com- promise of 1877 & Isaiah 10:1-2	23 12:30 pm Zoom Bible Study with Redeemer 7:30 pm 50th Anniver- sary Committee Meet- ing	24	25 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
26 18TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am Lutheranism 101: How is Lutheranism different than other de- nominations?	27 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	28 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	29 7:00 pm Jehu's Mis- sion Study: Black Wall Street/Tulsa Massacre & Mark 12:28-31	30 12:30 pm Zoom Bible Study with Redeemer		