

# VIEW from the lake

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



From the Vicar

## Claim the Next 500

At the 2017 New Jersey Synod Assembly in early May, the front of the hall was hung with two banners depicting the church doors from Wittenberg (where Martin Luther posted his famous 95 Theses) and the slogan "Claim the Next 500."



This slogan is more than a commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation that forever changed the Christian church; it is a proclamation of the church's identity and mission. As Lutherans, our identity is that of the reforming church. Our heritage is a story of seeking to follow wherever God is leading God's people, even when that means disrupting familiar ways of doing things. As Christians, our mission is to proclaim the gospel of God's love and grace and to serve our neighbor. We are called in order to be sent. We don't stand still.

"Claim the Next 500" is a call to action that challenges us to look and listen for where God might be leading us next. We can celebrate our history and remember what God has done in the church over the last 500 years, but if we only focus on the past we miss participating in God's work here and into the future. Abiding Peace, along with the whole ELCA, is facing challenges and unknowns. Claiming the next 500 might mean embracing changes to the ways we are used to doing things. But our history of Reformation teaches us how exciting those changes can be, when they focus on bringing the gospel of God's love and grace to the world. So, are you ready to claim the next 500 together?

*Vicar Serena*

## June, 2017

**July Newsletter Deadline  
June 16, 2017**

**Worship: 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](http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org)

## ***COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS***

### **Officers**

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

### **Council Members**

Gerry Ayotte	Heather Nilsen
Nancy Ayotte	George Pawlo
Robert Bowden	Pat Scalora
Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Doug Laird	Sue Schwier

### **Ministry Leaders**

Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
Christian Education & Youth	Karen Coates
Evangelism	Ed Sekula
Fellowship	Demetria Laird
Finance	Nancy Ayotte
Financial Secretary	Nita Persson
Messengers Dancers	Mary Kasakove
Mutual Ministry	<i>Vacant</i>
Property	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder

## ***OUR STAFF***

### **Vicar:**

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### **Music Director:**

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### **Administrative Assistant:**

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**Monday-Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 Noon**

## ***From the Council President***

The heat is on – summer is here. A number of our members will be taking vacations and will be away on weekends. I wish all travelers a safe and rewarding trip. For me, I prefer to travel in the fall and winter. I do maintain Abiding Peace as a priority whether I am at our service or not. I know I have mentioned it before, but I would like to encourage members to make automatic contributions to Abiding Peace. I set up a weekly payment to Abiding Peace through my checking account at my bank. That way, my support of abiding peace is there even if I am not.

One of the reasons I mention this is we are facing a number of expensive repairs to our building. At our last council meeting we prioritized the needed repairs. Our first priority will be replacing our furnace (while it is warm outside). This will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to \$13,000. We feel we can just about cover this cost. The air conditioner for the narthex needs a new compressor which may cost around \$4,000. Considering the cost of the furnace repair, we cannot make a commitment to this at this time. Last of the needed repairs is the roof over the sanctuary. This has the highest price tag, but lowest priority because we only occasionally have a problem with this issue.

I encourage all to keep up with their regular giving, and, if possible, give a little extra. Remember, Abiding Peace is always here for you.

Howard Corneilson  
President

## ***New Website and e-Newsletter***

The Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey (LEAMNJ) has a new website: [www.learnj.org](http://www.learnj.org)

Head there to find out what issues are currently being discussed, resources for engaging in gospel-centered advocacy, and upcoming events. There is also a new e-newsletter, the Weekly Witness, which you can sign up for [here](#).

### Vicar Serena's June Schedule

Week of May 29-June 4:

- Wednesday, May 31, 10:15-9:00
- Thursday, June 1, 10:00-12:00 (offsite cluster meeting)
- Sunday, June 4, 8:30-3:00 (offsite 1:30-3:00)

Week of June 5-11:

- Wednesday, June 7, 10:15-8:15
- Thursday, June 8, 7:00-9:00
- Sunday, June 11, 9:00-3:00

Week of June 12-18:

- Wednesday, June 14, 10:15-9:00
- Sunday, June 15, 8:30-12:30

Week of June 19-25:

- Wednesday, June 21, 10:15-9:00
- Sunday, June 25, 9:00-6:30

Week of June 26-July 2:

- Wednesday, June 28, 10:00-9:00
- Sunday, July 2, 8:30-2:30



### "Unfinished Object" Night June 19 \* 7:30 pm

Come and join us for Unfinished Object Night at 7:30 pm. 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.



### Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

June 28 (Wednesday) Movie

July 13 (Thursday) Historic talk on the  
"Morris Canal" by Don  
Bowe

August 23 or 24 Picnic at Ed's house

Sept. 27 (Wednesday) Guided Meditation with  
Vicar Serena

October 26 Halloween Party

November 29 Christmas Party and  
"Sing along" with Lynn



### Faith Kitchen Shopping list for June 6 Chicken That Makes its Own Gravy

- ~ 1 Package of large chicken breasts (5-6 pieces) or  
1 Package of 10-12 chicken thighs
- ~ 2 cans evaporated milk
- ~ 2 can Cream of Mushroom soup
- ~ 1 (8 oz) package shredded cheddar cheese

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, June 4th.

Thank you for all your help with our Social Ministry projects!

For any questions or if you would like to come to Faith Kitchen with us, please call 973-691-1910.

With gratitude,  
Sibylle Schroeder

## 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.**



## June Birthdays

2 Michael Pawlo  
6 Ray Mueller  
9 Leah St. Genis  
Paul St. Genis  
11 Joanna Venator  
12 Sue Corneilson  
15 Nita Persson  
16 Sue Schwier  
27 Ruth Petersen



## June Anniversaries

7 Tom & Joan Blackburne  
18 Howard & Sue Corneilson  
25 Ken & Sue Schwier

## Thank You Corner

To our Temple Talk witnesses: Ed, Karen, Robert, and Howard & Mary! Thank you for your preparation to share your stories; thank you for your willingness to speak from the heart about your love for the work of the church; and most of all, thank you for your commitment to being the church by giving of your time and talents to the work to which God calls all baptized Christians. You inspire us all. – *Vicar Serena*

To the St. Genis family, Alexis Sweeney, Jackie King, Karen Coates, Ken Schwier, Allyson Kingman, and Vanessa, Marco, and Alex Ponce for their contributions to the church gardens—and for all future volunteers who would like to participate (hint, hint!) - *Vicar Serena*



***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 16.***

## So You Want to Study the Bible?

If one thing was clear from last Fall’s Christian Education survey, it is that this congregation is eager for a Bible study. Your request has been heard! The first bible study series of 2017 will be looking at Jesus’s parables – exploring the rich teachings in these lessons, as well as practicing strategies for studying this powerful story form.

We will be meeting on Wednesday nights for 5 weeks, from May 31 – June 28. Bring a brown bag supper and a curious mind. Also – if you want to make sure we study *a particular parable*, make sure you let Vicar Serena know sooner than later.

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!**





## Evangelism/Outreach

The following is from my temple talk on May 7, regarding our Evangelism ministry at Abiding Peace Lutheran Church.

I had been ask to give a temple talk regarding our Evangelism ministry at APLC. I have been exceptionally blessed with a family who has been involved serving our Lord. I had a grandmother who spent over 40 years as pianist/organist at St. John's in Brandonville, PA. My grandfather spent over 40 years on the Parish Council most of them as president.

My first involvement in evangelism was accompanying my grandmother on visitations to our inactive members. I was in my teens.

When Carol Lee and I moved to Brooklyn, NY, we were actually evangelized by my aunt and her family. They simply invited us to attend worship service with them. We became members and I became active in congregational matters: Sunday school, financial secretary, treasurer and council member.

When we moved to Netcong, NJ we were evangelized by my cousin and her family. They invited us to attend worship service with them at a new Lutheran congregation meeting at the school building: APLC. They were all charter members.

Once again I immediately got involved. I was ask to serve as financial secretary which I accepted. As a CPA obviously my talents were in finance. I also got involved in our stewardship ministry and building program.

Our congregation was in need of someone to head up our evangelism ministry and I accepted. The first few years I attended the Synod's workshops on evangelism. Then we became very fortunate when Pastor Linderman began a 2 year study on "Word and Witness."

Most of us have a favorite scripture verse. John 3:16 for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall have everlasting live.

Evangelism follows Matthew 28:16-20: The Great Commission. Go to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you to the end of the age.

We have just celebrated the Easter season: Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed: the Resurrection. I have two additional verses which are among my favorites:

~ Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

~ I am the resurrection and the Life

Since Carol Lee has passed on I look forward to my own passing on. To be in the presence of God and reunited with Carol Lee where together we can sing God's praises throughout all eternity.

While in the past our evangelism ministry has included door to door visitation, like my own experiences the most effective is one on one. Many of you will notice I wear Carol Lee's cross almost every time I'm in public; it is a conversation starter. I have had many occasions where someone will ask about the cross I am wearing; another is a daily attempt to get someone to return my smile.

Let me conclude by asking you to – Go. Invite someone to worship with you; offer to bring them.

# JUNE

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

JUNE	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
<b>4</b>	Don Bowe	Doug Laird	Roy Persson	Mary Kasakove	Christina Schroeder	Marco Ponce
<b>11</b>	Howard Cornelson	Ken Schwier	Sue Cornelson	Doug Laird	Heather Nilsen	Alexis Sweeney
<b>18</b>	Doug Laird	Chris St. Genis	Linda Venator	Barbara Prosser	Mary Kasakove	Vanessa Ponce
<b>26</b>	Don Bowe	Cindy Pawlo	Sue Schwier	Sibylle Schroeder	Howard Cornelson	Jeanne Scalora

**COUNTERS:** 4: Howard Cornelson 1 Nita Persson 18: Nancy Ayotte 26: George Pawlo

**ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Pawlo



*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, Rob Heller, Jackson Hackelberg, Sue Cornelson, Florence Johnson, Neil Nilsen, Aimee L. Nilsen, James Paladino, Bill Price, 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. Cornelson, Jonathan Fornoff, Joellen Hansen, 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, Sharon Puglia, Jeannine Anglum, Gary & Emilie Dunlap, Carol Giersch, Johanna Pawlo, Margie (Lynn Peterson's Aunt), Dale (Lynn Peterson's aunt), Kevin Kieran, Howard Cornelson, Linda McPherson, Nancy Gallo, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>3</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>4</b> <b>DAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Adult Forum Series 11:15 am Sunday School	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Men's Ministry 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>11</b> <b>HOLY TRINITY</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Adult Forum Series	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>17</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>18</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> Music Sunday 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School	<b>19</b> 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>24</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>25</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 2:00 pm Seniors' Meeting—Movie 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	