



VIEW

from the lake

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



Advent: Uniting Grief and Hope

December, 2016

**January Newsletter Deadline
December 23, 2016**



Worship: 10:00 am

**Christmas Eve Services
7:00 pm * 10:15 pm**

**Lessons & Carols
December 25 * 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

One of my favorite contemporary Christian authors, Sarah Bessey, describes her experience of the season of Advent as “the uniting of my grief and my hope in the longing for Jesus.” I think that one of the powerful things about our Christian faith is the room it makes for this kind of unifying experience. We live in a world that is generally uncomfortable with complexity. Our culture teaches us that if two experiences contradict each other one of them must be wrong, and we had better figure out which so that we can get on the right side.

But our faith teaches us something different. Our faith teaches us that the world is indeed fallen, destroyed by brokenness and sin, but that it is also created and loved by God, who has promised to bring about perfect healing and redemption. In our congregation, we face grief on many levels: deteriorating health, cold or conflicted family relationships, fear about finances, distress over rising hate crimes, and the deep grief of loved ones who are no longer here to share the holidays with us. At the same time, we are defined by the abiding peace of Christ, the faith that God has called us into community as his body the church so that we can be part of God’s redemptive work in the world. To use a term from seminary, we live in the time of already/not yet. Redemption has already come in Jesus, and that redemption is not yet complete. This is why we are church.

Being a faithful follower of Jesus means that we see the pain of a fallen world, including the ways that our own lives are broken, and we don’t try to pretend everything is OK. Rather, we move toward that pain with the compassion born of hope. Our grief is not the grief of despair, it is the hopeful longing for God’s promises. In Advent we both celebrate and wait for Emmanuel, God with us. God is *already* with us, because God came in Jesus and has sent God’s Spirit as our Comforter and Counselor. And we also wait for God with us, living in hope that the *not yet* of Christ’s return will wipe every tear from our eyes.

This is Advent. May our grief and our hope unite in drawing our hearts and our lives toward Jesus.

Vicar Serena

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From the Council President

I cannot believe it. Here it is December and we have already started a new Church Year and our Calendar Year is about to end as well. We are planning for our annual Congregational meeting, which will be held on the 29th of January. Please put a hold on this 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 ask all to consider serving our congregation either as a member of the Church Council or a worship assistant, or in some other service to Abiding Peace. This is your church and we need your continued effort to keep it running smoothly for the glory of our Lord.

One other item I wish to mention is our Men's Breakfast. It will be held on 10 December at 9 AM. This is an important meeting as we look to plan the future of this group. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also contact me directly if you can attend or are not able to attend this specific meeting and wish to give some input for the future planning.

Howard Corneilson
President

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.

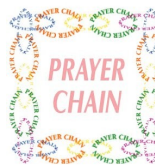
Evangelism

Being a fisherman all my life, it is obvious that when it comes to Evangelism my favorite passage from scripture is Mark 1:17: “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” For those of you who use “Our Daily Bread” as part of your daily routine and prayers, you will find this passage on November 10ths message. I hope that even if you are not a fisherman, you will become a fisher of people. P.S. I find that Bread of life while supplementing my daily prayers, also is applicable to many aspects of my life. If you are not already doing so I encourage you to become a daily reader.

The November issue of “Living Lutheran” has an interesting response to the question, “Why do most people leave religion?” The article uses a new term for the none religious: “nones.” They now make up 25% of the US population. In addition to atheists, people in this category are those who simply “stopped believing.” They are usually under the age of 30. We used to think it was because they had a negative religious experience. How many people do you know fall into this category? What can we do to help restore their faith?

If you have any ideas or need help with someone you know, please contact me.

Ed Sekula
Evangelism



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!

Reformation Sunday



HUZZAH!!!! to all who spoke, dressed and acted as characters from the Protestant Reformation. And special thanks to Vicar Serena who provided each character with a dialogue filled with historical and theological information.

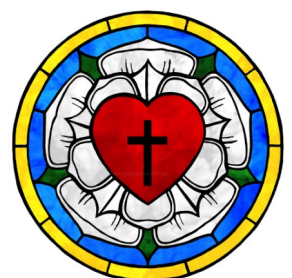
Thanks go to –

- ~ Don Bowe – Martin Luther, Reformer
- ~ Heather Nilsen – Katharina von Bora Luther, Martin Luther's wife
- ~ Robert Bowden -Johann Tetzel, Seller of Indulgences
- ~ Alexis Sweeney – Philip Melancthon, Reformer and Friend of Luther
- ~ Doug Laird – Frederick, The Wise, Protector of Luther
- ~ Thom Coates – Hans Luther, Martin Luther's father
- ~ Karen Coates – Margarethe Luther, Martin Luther's mother
- ~ Ray Mueller – Johann von Staupitz, Martin Luther's Confessor

Beautiful

The congregation of Abiding Peace has been blessed with a beautiful stained glass plaque of Martin Luther's personal seal. As sunlight streams through the multi-colored glass, we truly feel God's grace shining down upon us.

Thanks to MARK BLANCHARD, artist and fabricator and GERRY AYOTTE, installer for their meticulous work and steadfast service to Abiding Peace.



Advent Mid-week Services

In the midst of the bustle of the holiday season, it can feel difficult to find space for renewal. It feels like there is never enough time for everything, and in that rush we can lose something precious about this time of year. Sometimes having something to schedule on the calendar can help us to make time for our souls to pause and receive the promises of Advent. We invite you to experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of the season together with your APLC family by adding our Advent mid-week services to your holiday plans:

- ~ Wednesday, Nov. 30 – **HOPE** – 6:30 Soup dinner; 7:00 – Service of readings, songs, and reflection.
- ~ Wednesday, Dec. 7 – **PEACE** – 6:30 Soup dinner; 7:00 – Service of readings, songs, and reflection.
- ~ Wednesday, Dec. 14 – **JOY** – 6:30 Soup dinner; 7:00 – Service of readings, songs, and reflection.
- ~ Wednesday, Dec. 21 – **LOVE** – 6:30 Soup dinner; 7:00 – Service of readings, songs, and reflection.



Thank you to everyone for all your help during our Reformation Fair, with the Turkey baskets and with your Faith Kitchen donations as well as serving the food there. All these things are a challenge and a joy and we are blessed to be able to do them. Only as a whole can we keep up these ministries and together we make a difference in God's world.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas - thank you for being my family! My love goes out to all of you.

Sibylle Schroeder

Faith Kitchen Shopping list for December 6 "Italian Chicken"



- ~ 10-12 chicken thighs or 5-6 large chicken breasts
- ~ 1 (14 1/2 oz.) can cubed tomatoes
- ~ 3-5 large fresh tomatoes
- ~ 1 container feta cheese

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, 12/4.
For questions or if you can come and help serve, call Sibylle at 973-691-1910.

Thank you, Social Ministry

Sunday Scripture

December 4

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 18

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 25

Lessons & Carols

December Birthdays

4 Carol Biunno
10 Don Bowe
15 Pat Scalora
17 Edward Venator
20 Barry Kullack

23 Jeanne Scalora
25 Howard Corneilson
29 Emily Prosser
30 Alice Kanndikatla

"Unfinished Object" Night

There will be no UFO Night in December



Senior Meeting Schedule 2016

December 15 Christmas Party/Gift Exchange

Our party and gift exchange will run from 2:00-4:00 pm. I hope you can all make it.

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

	October	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,480	\$114,800
Income	\$11,601	\$102,556
Expenses	\$10,580	\$103,373
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 1,021	\$ (817)
Current deficit as of		\$ (1,483)

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

December Fellowship Reminders

Join us for our mid-week Advent soup and worship service. The meal starts at 6:30 followed by our service at 7:00 pm. The dates are November, 30th, December 7th, December 14th, and December 21st. Hope to see you there.

On December 11th we will be celebrating our Prayer Partner gift and cookie exchange. Come and join us as we enjoy delicious Christmas cookies and reveal our prayer partners for the past year. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner please join us to find out what a wonderful ministry this is.

In Christian Fellowship,
Demetria Laird



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: *The sick:* 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, Sue Almeida-Thilleman, 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, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ

Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen

Steps of Martin Luther Tour of Germany, Austria and Prague



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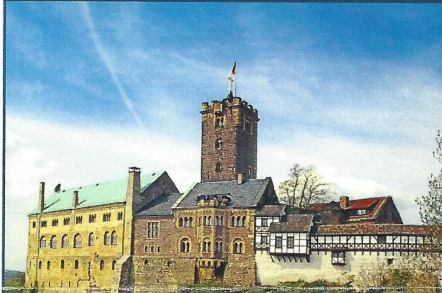
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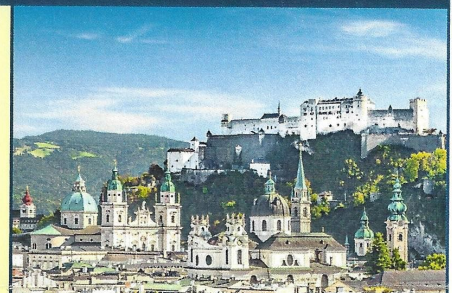
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DECEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

DECEMBER	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
4	Don Bowe	Cindy Pawlo	Sue Schwier	George Pawlo	Christina Schroeder	None
11	Howard Cornelson	Doug Laird	Jeanne Scalora	Barbara Prosser	Heather Nilsen	None
18	Doug Laird	Chris St. Genis	Linda Venator	Dick Kamin	Howard Cornelson	None
25 Lessons & Carols	Don Bowe	Ken Schwier	TBD	Mary Kasakove	Sibylle Schroeder	None

COUNTERS: **4:** George Pawlo **11:** Howard Cornelson **18:** Nita Persson **25:** Nancy Ayotte

ALTAR GUILD: 12/4: Nita Persson 12/11: Demetria Laird 12/18-25: Mary Kasakove

DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	3 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
4 2ND SUNDAY/ ADVENT 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	5	6 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	7 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Advent Service 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	10 9:00 am Men's Ministry 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
11 3RD SUNDAY/ ADVENT 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School Prayer Partner Cookie Exchange follows the service	12 No Unfinished Object Night	13	14 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Advent Service 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 2:00 pm Senior Meeting—Christmas Party	16 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	17 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
18 4TH SUNDAY/ ADVENT 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	19 7:30 pm Council Meeting	20	21 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Advent Service 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23 8:00 pm NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 10:15 pm Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
25 CHRISTMAS DAY/ LESSONS & CAROLS 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	26	27	28 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	31 8:00 pm NA Mtg.