



VIEW

from the lake

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

August, 2018

**September Newsletter Deadline
August 23, 2018**

Worship: 10:00 am

**For hospitalization or other
pastoral care needs, 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.

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From the Vicar

Rhythm and Renewal

In July, my family and I spent a week on the beach in North Carolina. I have always loved the ocean, but it had been several years since I last had the chance to sit on the shore and learn again the lessons of the ocean waves. Ocean waves offer a sensory experience of one of the deep paradoxes of faith: the way it is both consistent AND ever-changing.

The rhythm of the crashing-ebbing waves is one of the things that I most love about time spent on the shore. It seems to seep into my subconscious like a subtle lullaby, rocking me into a soul-deep sense of peace. In and out. Rush and retreat. The waves never cease this alternating movement, and this predictability of rhythm soothes me. It is as untouched by the great events of history as it is by my son's enthusiastic efforts to defy the on-rushing tides. Nothing can stop the rhythm of the waves.

But the rhythm of the waves is not unvaried. It changes with the tides and winds. Sometimes it pounds the beach, and sometimes it caresses. Sometimes it is a gentle ripple that barely has the energy to form a white crest around my knees as I wade, and sometimes it swells and crashes over my head, or lifts me to rush up the sand on its back. There is joy and beauty in each variation, but I cannot order up the variation that I want in any given moment. I have to take what comes and find the way to appreciate the waves that meet me.

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COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

Officers

President	Heather Nilsen
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Gerry Ayotte	Ray Mueller
Nancy Ayotte	Heather Nilsen
Robert Bowden	George Pawlo
Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Doug Laird	

Ministry Leaders

Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
Christian Education & Youth	Karen Coates
Evangelism	Ed Sekula
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Financial Secretary	Nita Persson
Messengers Dancers	Mary Kasakove
Intern Committee	Shelli Skeels
Property	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
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OUR STAFF

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Christine Strobel
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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 Noon

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This constancy with variation is a good metaphor for the life of faith. There is a reliable certainty about the God who's *steadfast love never ceases*. The One who set the rhythm of the waves is ever-present in our lives like the lullaby of waves on the shore. But, like that sound of waves, this presence can get so familiar we forget to notice it is there, until the tides of life change. When the waters of life get a bit rougher, we often become more aware of God's presence, because we also become more aware of our need – our smallness and fragility before the vastness of life's ocean. That awareness can be a hidden blessing of the storm, because it reminds us of what has always been there: God's deep, abiding love for us.

Vicar Serena



The Church Family Breakfast is taking a break during July and August. It will reconvene in September.

Have a great summer. See you in the fall.

"Unfinished Object" Night August 20 * 7:30 pm



Come and join us for Unfinished Object Night at 7:30 pm. Come out and bring your Easter projects or anything else, or just come to hang out. For information and to make sure it's on - call Sibylle at 973-691-1910.

Vicar Serena's August Schedule

Week of July 30 – Aug. 5

- Wednesday, August 1: 10:00am – 9:00pm
- Sunday, August 5: 8:30am – 1:30pm

Week of August 6 – August 12

- Wednesday, August 8: 10:00am – 7:00pm
- Thursday, August 9: 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- Sunday, August 12: 9:00am – 4:00pm (Lake Tomahawk Outing rescheduled)

Week of August 13 – August 19

- Wednesday, August 15: 10:00am – 9:00pm
- Sunday, August 19: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Week of August 20-August 26 – VACATION

Week of August 27 – Sept. 2

- Wednesday, August 29: 10:00am – 9:00pm
- Sunday, Sept. 2: 9:00am – 12:00pm (followed by Intern Committee gathering)

Thank You Corner

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To Shelli, Mary, Robert, Gerry, and Thom! This month marks the final official month of my internship, and so it is a fitting time to thank my Internship Committee for all that you did to help me make this time such an opportunity for rich learning and growth. Thank you for the time you gave. Thank you for the thoughtfulness and care that you committed to our meetings. Thank you for the loving way that you supported and challenged me to grow into a better pastor. You are all precious to me!

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 August 23.

Our Mid-Year Financial Challenge



In the first half of 2018 our congregation's income was nearly as much as our expenses. However our income has not nearly matched our mid-year budget. Our budget reflects our real expenses for 2018, factoring in the increase starting in September when, God willing, we have a Pastor. A \$5,400 gap between our income and our budget so far this year needs to be closed.

The Church Council hopes to extend a Pastoral Call to Vicar Serena very soon! We can only do this if we know we will have the financial resources. It is an urgent challenge to which we believe we can rise. Our congregation has met worse obstacles in the past, and by God's grace we shall do what we must to address this need.

Whether you pledge or not, please prayerfully consider your giving to Abiding Peace, and whether you might increase it.

For more details please see the letter being sent to all members.

By all of us doing what we can and doing what God moves us to do, we will, by God's grace, meet this challenge.



Have you remembered your Prayer Partner lately? Pray for her daily, send a card or leave a small gift now and then. If you do not know her, this is a great opportunity to meet and learn about someone new, or just to bond a little more with someone you already know. Make sure to have fun.



Food Pantry Needs

**Bread
Peanut Butter
Jelly**

Social Ministry is asking each of you to fill a bag with the above items so we can have a full food pantry. Thanks!



Faith Kitchen Shopping List for August 7 Pasta Salad

- ~ 1 box Macaroni Noodles
- ~ 1 pack of cooked, peeled eggs (19 oz.)
- ~ 1 pack of mixed, frozen vegetables (10 oz.)
- ~ 1/2 lb. thick sliced Salami or Salami ends
- ~ 1/2 lb. thick sliced Swiss cheese or Swiss ends
- ~ 1 cucumber
- ~ 1 tomato
- ~ 1 green pepper

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, August 5th. We may not need the vegetables based on what we have in our garden.

For any questions or if you can come and help serve, please call Sibylle Schroeder at 973-691-1910.

Thank you,
Social Ministry

August Birthdays

28 Kevin Tangen
30 Laurel Kamin

August Anniversaries

4 Jeanne & Pat Scalora
10 Don & Cecilia Bowe
20 Serena and Tyler Rice
29 Lynn & Bob Peterson



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

	June	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,495	\$ 68,967
Income	\$10,073	\$ 63,567
Expenses	\$10,712	\$ 64,655
Surplus/(Deficit) to Spending	\$ (638)	\$ (1,088)
Surplus/(Deficit) to Budget	\$ (1,421)	\$ (5,400)

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

Sunday Scripture

August 5

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 19

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 12

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 26

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Senior Meeting Schedule 2018

Aug. 16 (Thur.)

Picnic at Ed's house

Sept. 19 (Wed.)

Story Telling—anything
about your life

Oct. 25 (Thur.)

Halloween Party

Nov. 29 (Thur.)

Christmas Party

This schedule is open to changes.

Senior Outing at the Lavender Farm



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep these friends in your hearts and prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Richard Biunno, Susan Jacob, Judy Jacob, Sue Corneilson, Ed Sekula, Cecilia A. Bowe, Rev. Edward N. Corneilson, Amy Super, Susan Ansari, Margie (Lynn Peterson's Aunt), Dale (Lynn Peterson's aunt), Kevin Kieran, Howard Corneilson, Nancy Doyle, Eli Blahut, Bill von Minden, Kim Prentiss, David Steitiz, Evan Geutler, Laura Dennis, Doug Laird, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ, the residents and staff of Mt. Olive Manor, Ray & Rose (Jeanne Scalora's brother and sister-in-law), Audrey Gregg, Diane Salje, the Nelkirk family, Bill Price, Rob Heller, Diana Arroyo Perez, Gertrude Price, April Inglin, Kathleen Mazzagati, O. Kelley Anderson and family, Jeff Kamin, Dominick Gattone, Gloria Stuart, Isabella Adams, Lynn Peterson and family, Fran Mountjoy, Don Bowe, Daniel LeFave, Jozef Molitoris, David Darrow, Cora Woodruff, Madeline Gasperine, Anja Zwicker, Barbara Pinekenstein, Mary Kathryn Laird, Sylvie Markowicz
Those in mourning: the Schwier family

August

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

AUGUST	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
5	Alexis Sweeney	Pat Scalora	Evelyn Bowden	Maria Kearney	~ Heather Nilsen ~ Doug Laird	Alexis Sweeney
12	Pat Scalora	Doug Laird	Alaina Rice	Sibylle Schroeder	~ Maria Kearney ~ Mary Kasakove	Sue Stirrat
19	Doug Laird	Cindy Pawlo	Linda Venator	Mary Kasakove	~ George Pawlo ~ Demetria Laird	Alexis Sweeney
26	Howard Corneilson	Pat Scalora	Shelli Skeels	Sibylle Schroeder	~ Howard Corneilson ~ Pat Scalora	Sue Stirrat

COUNTERS: **5:** Nita Persson **12:** Nancy Ayotte **19:** George Pawlo **26:** Howard Corneilson

ALTAR GUILD: Sibylle Schroeder

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	2	3 7:00 pm Church Movie Night 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	4 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
5 11TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 8:45 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting 9:30 am Music Re- hearsal 10:00 am Worship	6	7 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	8 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	9 7:00 pm Interfaith Game Night	10 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	11 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
12 12TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Re- hearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Lake Tom- ahawk Outing	13	14	15 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Taize Service 7:30 pm Council Meet- ing (All are welcome)	16 2:00 pm Senior Meet- ing: Picnic at Ed's	17 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	18 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
19 13TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Re- hearsal 10:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Church Giant Picnic @ Crossroads	20 7:30 pm UFO Night	21	22 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	25 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
26 14TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Re- hearsal 10:00 am Worship	27	28	29 4:00 pm Taize Service at Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Book Club Meeting #3	30	31	