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from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Reclaiming Jesus

June, 2018

July Newsletter Deadline
June 21, 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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On Thursday, May 24 – just five days after the Royal wedding – I got to hear Bishop Michael Curry speak in person. Over the prior five days I had seen my social media feed explode with enthusiastic discussion from friends and colleagues about his wedding sermon, and I had myself been inspired by the video of his words, with their rousing call to the essential nature of love. But Bishop Curry was not the reason that I was excited to participate in the gathering that night. Bishop Curry was just a bonus. The gathering itself – involving a Spirit-filled worship service, silent candlelight procession through the streets of DC, and brief service of prayer in front of the White House – was why I was there. I, along with thousands of Christians from a rich diversity of denominations, gathered to hear the challenge of *Reclaiming Jesus*.

Reclaiming Jesus (RJ) is an ecumenical “confession of faith in a time of crisis.” It is the product of a Lenten retreat that drew various elders of the faith together to consider how the church is called to repent in our current moment in history. The conclusion these leaders came to is that the church is called to repent – as it always has been – by turning to Jesus and confessing that Jesus alone is our Lord. This confession means that no other allegiance may take priority in our lives as followers of Christ. When we pray as Jesus taught us “thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” we are pledging our loyalty to God’s way of doing things – not just in our own lives but in the world as well.

This kind of loyalty has political consequence, but it is not primarily a political agenda. It is an affirmation of faith. A pledge to make our commitment to following Jesus the **starting place** in our political engagement. This means subjecting all of our political commitments to the standard of whether they look like God’s

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will being done on earth as it is in heaven. If not, we must reject them because of what we have first affirmed. As the RJ statement explains, “our ‘Yes’ is the foundations of our ‘No.’” Everything starts with saying *Jesus is Lord*, and then examining the world around us in the light of Jesus’ revelation.

The RJ confession includes 6 core statements of belief that lead to rejection of some disturbing trends evident in our current society and political system (although by no means exclusive to this moment in history). If you are interested, you may read about them here: <http://reclaimingjesus.org/>. You may or may not agree with all of them, and I am more than willing to talk with you about them if they cause you concern or raise questions for you. But I hope that all of us, regardless of our politics, will hear the call of this movement to put Jesus at the center. Let us all take the time and faithful work to examine our commitments and ask ourselves whether our allegiance to Jesus guides our commitments. This group has crafted the name *Reclaiming Jesus*, but I think it starts with *Jesus reclaiming us*. Because recognizing Jesus’ claim on us is where our life in the world must begin.

Vicar Serena

“Unfinished Object” Night June 18 * 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 June Schedule

Week of May 28—June 3

- Wednesday, May 30: 10:30 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, June 3: 8:30 am—2:00 pm

Week of June 4—June 10

- Wednesday, June 6: 10:30 am—9:00 pm
- Thursday, June 7: 11:00 am—1:00 pm (off-site Cluster meeting)
- Sunday, June 10: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Week of June 11—June 17

- Thursday, June 14: 10:30 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, June 17: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Week of June 18—June 24

- Wednesday, June 20: 10:30 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, June 24: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Week of June 25—July 1

- Wednesday, June 27: 10:30 am—8:00 pm
- Sunday, July 1: 9:00 am—2:00 pm



The Children's Sermon

Pastor Maristela Frieberg addressing the children's sermon to James Fisher and mom Jenny Joy. Also listening are Ben Schroeder and Gerry Ayotte.



I grew up attending Holy Counselor Lutheran Church in Vernon, NJ. My family has always had a strong connection to this church. My Dad is a charter member. When he was serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War, he and my Mom drove from Albany, Georgia to Vernon, NJ just so my oldest sister could be baptized at Holy Counselor. As a kid, I couldn't imagine having that strong of a connection to any other church family.

Even as an adult looking for a church to attend, I wasn't expecting to find that kind of connection. That changed the more I got involved. The more I gave of my time and talents the more invested and connected I felt. I started small, with fun things and things I was comfortable with. Dress up for Reformation? Anyone who knows me, knows I love to dress up. Communion assistant? I've been doing that since high school. The more I participated, the more I was able to step outside my comfort zone.

The call to serve is also a chance to learn what we have to give. This church family gave me new opportunities to answer God's call to serve and I surprised myself. I never thought of myself as the kind of person who would attend statewide meetings or serve on council. I thought those were jobs for people far wiser than me. And yet here I am. This church community has given me a place where I can grow in faith, find new ways to serve and learn what I have to give.

Giving our time and talents strengthens our connection to our church, to each other and to God.

Heather Nilsen



Food Pantry Needs

**Bread
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Parmalat Milk**

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 June 5 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, June 3rd.

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

Thank you,
Social Ministry



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.



June 9 * 9:00 am

Church Family Breakfast will be held on the second Saturday of each month.

Following the breakfast will be a short Bible study based on the readings for Sunday. The readings are: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Bring a friend or neighbor. Enjoy fellowship and reflection before your start your busy Saturday chores!



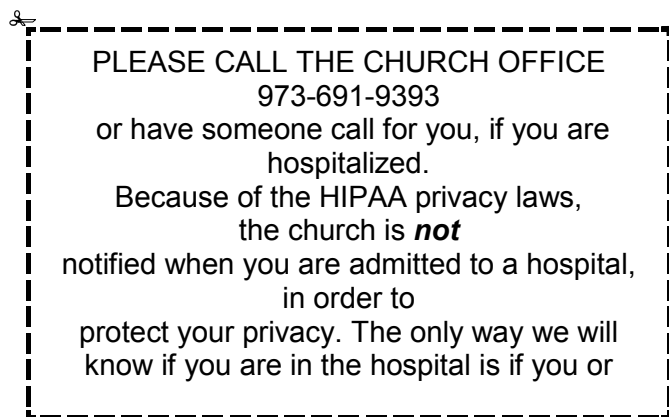
June Birthdays

- 2 Michael Pawlo
- 6 Ray Mueller
- 11 Joanna Venator
- 12 Sue Corneilson
- 13 Alaina Rice
- 15 Nita Persson
- 16 Sue Schwier



June Anniversaries

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



Please clip this article and keep it handy!

Sunday Scripture

June 3

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6

June 17

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 10

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 24

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 141
Acts 13:13-26
Luke 1:57-80

Thank You Corner

Donaldson's Nursery

178 Airport Road

Hackettstown

For providing the 64 beautiful red geraniums and 2 flats of vegetables

Marco Ponce—for fearlessly climbing to hang drapes and banners in our very high sanctuary

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 June 21.

Senior Meeting Schedule 2018

June 21 (Thur.)

Movie

July 18 (Wed.)

Lavender Farm at Port
Murray and Book
Review of a book you
read and liked

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.

JUNE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

JUNE	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
3	Howard Corneilson	Doug Laird	Dick Kamin	Mary Kasakove	~ Heather Nilsen ~ Pat Scalora	Vanessa Ponce
10	Doug Laird	Pat Scalora	Demetria Laird	Maria Jerez-Kearney	~ Howard Corneilson ~ Doug Laird	Sue Stirrat
17	Alexis Sweeney	Alexis Sweeney	Alaina Rice	Barbara Prosser	~ Christina Schroeder ~ Maria Jerez-Kearney	Jeanne Scalora
24	Howard Corneilson	Cindy Pawlo	Linda Venator	Sibylle Schroeder	~ Heather Nilsen ~ Mary Kasakove	Alexis Sweeney

COUNTERS: 3: Howard Corneilson 10: Nita Persson 17: Nancy Ayotte 24: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Pawlo



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep these friends in your hearts and prayers: *Those who are sick or in need:* Richard Biunno, Sue Schwier, 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, Jennifer and Hunter Koscheff, 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, Lloyd Yabsley, 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, Michael Roselli, Don Bowe, Daniel LeFave, Jozef Molitoris, David Darrow, Cora Woodruff, Madeline Gasperine, Anja Zwicker, Barbara Pinekenstein

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	2 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
3 2ND SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am History/ Meaning of Favorite Hymns	4	5 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	6 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Taize Service 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	9 9:00 am Church Family Breakfast 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
10 3RD SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am History/ Meaning of Favorite Hymns	11	12	13 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	14 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	15 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	16 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
17 4TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST Music Sunday 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School	18 7:30 pm UFO Night	19	20 4:00 pm Taize Service at Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	21 2:00 pm Seniors Meeting: Movie NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	23 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
24 5TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Welcome Workshop	25	26	27	28	29	30