

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



Getting to Pray for You

October, 2016

November Newsletter Deadline
October 21, 2016

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

One of the best parts about joining the ministry at Abiding Peace is the chance to get know the people of this amazing little congregation. In just a few short weeks I have been touched and humbled by the way you have welcomed me into your church family and shared with me about your lives. You truly are an example of the welcome of Christ's kingdom.

Another great thing about being your Vicar is the chance to pray with and for you all. I know how much prayer shapes me personally. In prayer I remember that I am not the source, and that I don't have all the answers. I get refreshed by Christ's Spirit, and my heart is filled with God's love for God's people. For all of these reasons I am committed to pray for each one of you, by name, each week.

As I get to know you, I am able to pray more specifically but I still may not know the things for which you would most like prayer. *Can I ask for your help?* Please tell me how I can be praying for you. On the table in the Narthex you will find a stack of "prayer support invitation" cards. These cards provide some prompts and a way for you to write me a note about how I can be praying for you. You can hand the cards to me or leave them in the locked suggestion box in the office. Of course, you are always welcome to give me a call, send me an e-mail, or drop by the office when I am around to talk as well. The important things is to let me know how I can be supporting you in prayer.

Thank you for the trust you have already shown in me. It is such a privilege to lead and serve you in the great, mysterious task of being Christ's body on earth.

Vicar Serena

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 Noon



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 2 10:00 am

Pet owners are invited to bring their pets or pet photos to our regular Sunday worship service.

Dogs must be leashed. Cats and critters in cages and carriers please.

Fellowship for all following the service. For more information call (973) 691-9393.

Abiding Peace Can Make A Difference for World Hunger



On World Hunger Day (October 16), our congregation will be kick-starting a renewed partnership with ELCA World Hunger in keeping with our calling to advocate dignity and justice for all people, and stand with the poor and powerless. The service of worship and the following pot-luck fellowship lunch will include opportunities to learn more about the challenges our world is facing and to participate in change-making. Here are some of the ways you can be prepared to partner in this important ministry.

- ~ COME to worship on Oct 16, ready to seek God's Spirit in guiding our response to hunger and poverty around the world.
- ~ STAY for the fellowship hour after service, and bring a dish for the potluck lunch if you are able
- ~ **CONTRIBUTE** to the special collection. We will be reinstituting a monthly special collection for ELCA World Hunger, with special help from our younger members (so bring the kids if you can).
- ~ READ some of the online resources at http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/ELCA-World-Hunger. If we all read one story, we can bring that knowledge to the lunch-time discussion.
- ~ CONSIDER advocacy. There will be an opportunity at the lunch to participate in the Bread for the World Offering of Letters it would be a strong statement if APLC can send 20, 30, even 40 letters!
- ~ PRAY for the needs of those near and far who struggle with hunger, and for the Spirit's guidance of our community in discerning what gifts and resources God has given us to care for our neighbors.

Vicar Serena



Stewardship 2016 and Beyond

October is upon us and any good Lutheran knows that means Stewardship season. Well, as Abiding Peace is always known to be innovative and on the cutting edge, we have been exploring how we approach the concept of active stewardship. We are aware that when Stewardship comes to mind people immediately think budgets and pledge cards. We also do a great job of utilizing our other Gifts: Time, Talents, & Stuff. However, Stewardship isn't just a fall activity. So over the next several weeks we will be engaging the members and discussing how we can truly make Stewardship a year round activity. How can we strengthen our current efforts so that we can continue to carry out our mission as a congregation? If you have ideas or want to be active in the dialogue feel free to reach out to any of the council members. We are excited about learning new ways to grow as we embrace being the church the people need in these changing times.

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.

Faith Kitchen Shopping list for October 4 "Kielbasa and Sauerkraut"



- ~ 3 rings Kielbasa
- ~ 1 large or 2 small bags of Sauerkraut
- ~ 4 large cans of whole potatoes

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, October 2nd

Please let me know if you can come to help cook and serve or call with any questions 973-691-1910.

Thank you,

Sibylle Schroeder Social Ministry



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Lords, ladies, princes and peasants are invited to attend our service wearing their finest robes so break out the Renaissance Fair costumes, Halloween finery or borrow from our costume rack. And of course, consider volunteering to be one of our historic re-enactors. What would Reformation be without Martin Luther himself sharing in the day!

Food and fun starts at 12:30 pm. Please be sure to visit the bake and craft tables. Funds raised will go to charity.

Invite your friends and family. It will be a fun time for all!

Senior Meeting Schedule 2016

October 20 Halloween Party

November 17 Outing—Theater

December 15 Christmas Party

The Senior Halloween party will be on October 20th from 2-4 pm. Come out, dress up and bring some friends. Maybe you have a scary story to share? Or a Halloween inspired food? As always it be fun, and Ed will do the decorating. See you there!





Men's Ministry

Please join us for a Men's Breakfast on October 8. We continue our tradition of fellowship, mutual support and spiritual growth for men of all ages in

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church and the surrounding community. Please encourage each other to attend and share in this fellowship. We meet the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. around the kitchen for breakfast and a short study of God's Word focused on our development as Christian husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons. Anyone who would like to help out with cooking should show up around 8:15.

We will be looking at one of the scripture texts for the following day. The intent is to use this opportunity to take some time to explore how we can apply what we learn from scripture to our life each day in the real world. If you want to prepare ahead of time the texts for the following day are Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

"Unfinished Object" Night Monday, October 10 and 24

Let's get together and make some crafts for the Reformation Fair. For information and to make sure it's on - call Sibylle at 973-691-1910.

October Fellowship Events

October is going to be a busy month at Abiding Peace Lutheran Church. We have three upcoming events. October 2nd is our Blessing of the Animals service. We are once again encouraging everyone to bring their pets to our worship service. Dogs should be on leashes and cats should be in carriers. If you don't think your pet would be comfortable in this setting than you can certainly bring a picture to share. After the service there will be treats for both pets and their families. Hope to see everyone there.

October 16th we will be celebrating the ELCA's Hunger Initiative by having a pot luck luncheon following the worship service. Vicar Serena Rice will have information from the ELCA regarding this and will lead a discussion about it following the luncheon. All are encouraged to attend.

October 30th will be our Reformation Fair and German Luncheon. Following our service which will be populated by visitors from the Reformation we will have our German Luncheon and Reformation Fair. There will be crafts for the children and also a craft table with items made by several of our members. There will be plenty of good food and lots of fun things to do.



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!



October 2

Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

October 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

October 30

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

Ken Anderson 14 Tom Blackburne

October Birthdays October Anniversaties

2 George & Cindy Pawlo

15 Carol & Richard Biunno

30 Rod & Barbara Prosser

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!

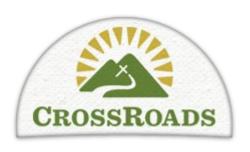
General Budget Financial Summary

	August	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,480	\$91,840
Income	\$ 6,262	\$81,181
Expenses	\$ 9,378	\$82,685
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (3,116)	\$ (1,505)
Current de 8/31	\$ (1,807)	

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

Bookkeeper/Office Assistant Needed At Cross Roads

Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center in nearby Port Murray is looking for a new part-time bookkeeper/ office assistant (8-10 hours/week). The position has the potential to grow and will contribute to this wonderful ministry of the NJ Synod to old and young alike. If you are interested, contact Anthony Briggs at (anthony@crossroadsretreat.com).



OCTOBER

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

OCTOBER	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
2	Don	Cindy	Don	Dick	Mary	Sue
	Bowe	Pawlo	Bowe	Kamim	Kasakove	Stirrat
9	Howard	Doug	Sue	Sibylle	Heather	Jeanne
	Corneilson	Laird	Schwier	Schroeder	Nilsen	Scalora
16	Doug Laird	Ken Schwier	Linda Venator	Barbara Prosser	Christina Schroeder	TBD
23	Don	Chris	Shelli	Sibylle	Howard	Sue
	Bowe	St. Genis	Skeels	Schroeder	Corneilson	Stirrat
30	Howard	Doug	Demetria	Mary	Heather	Jeanne
	Corneilson	Laird	Laird	Kasakove	Nilsen	Scalora

COUNTERS: 2: Nancy Ayotte **9:** George Pawlo **16:** Howard Corneilson **23:** Nita Persson

30: Nancy Ayotte

ALTAR GUILD: Nita Persson



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, Peter & 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, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ *Those who are homebound*: Ruth Petersen *Those in mourning*: The Accordino family

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
2 20TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Re- hearsal 10:00 am Worship & Blessing of the Animals	3	4 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	5 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	8 9:00 am Men's Ministry 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
9 21ST SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Re- hearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School	10 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	11	12 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	15 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
22ND SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am World Hunger Lunch and Discussion led by Vicar Serena	17	18 7:30 pm Council Meeting	19 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 2:00 pm Senior Meeting—Halloween Party	21 8:00 pm NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
23RD SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School	24 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	25	26 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	29 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Reformation Fair and Lunch	31					