



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Vicar

We Are Committed to Each Other

I have to admit it, I was a little nervous as I stood to open our congregational dialogue on political disagreements at the end of February. It could be so easy for a conversation about how we disagree to go sideways. I have heard that the Vicar year in the ELCA ordination process is about giving pastors-in-training the chance to make their mistakes in a congregation that does not have to live with them long-term. But my situation is a bit different, and I don't want to learn my lessons at the expense of this community I have come to love.

I am so grateful that fear did not stop us from talking, and that we trusted God to lead us in practicing the kind of community that doesn't run away from hard conversations. We shared our stories, and our frustrations. We affirmed the complexity of the experiences and perspectives that bring us each to our political opinions. Most importantly, we made commitments to each other based on the promises of God to form us into Christ's body, in all our diversity and unity. With the support of Council, we will be posting the affirmations and commitments we formed in that conversation in a prominent place in the church building, as a reminder of how to keep talking.

Because that conversation was just a starting place. We need to keep talking. We need to keep rejecting fear in favor of love. We need to keep listening to each other's stories and sharing our own. We need to keep working together to try to discern how God is calling us to engage the issues of our day in a way that starts from our faith, and that recognize our most fundamental identity is as baptized children of God.

I'm looking forward to talking...

Vicar Serena

April, 2017

May Newsletter Deadline
April 21, 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

COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

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Robert Bowden	Pat Scalora
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Doug Laird	Sue Schwier

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 Noon

Lent Happenings

Commit yourself to Walk the entire
Path with Jesus

Maundy Thursday, April 13 * 7:30 pm

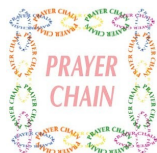
Onward in His footsteps treading.
Come together at 6:30 pm for a traditional
Passover Seder as Jesus and his followers would
have observed it. Gather in the sanctuary for the
foot washing and stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 14 * 7:30 pm

Let us ever die with Jesus.
Come hear a dramatic reading from the Passion ac-
cording to St. Mark. Follow Jesus to
Golgotha. See his ultimate
sacrifice for our sins.

Easter Vigil, April 15 * 7:30 pm

Let us ever live with Jesus.
Light the Easter Fire and return it to the
sanctuary to begin the Easter Feast.



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!



The Dreaded “S” Word

It is Easter time. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who died for us and at the same time, taking on our sins and shortcomings so that we are free of these when our time comes to meet our Lord in person. Jesus is the steward of our transgressions, making us free of them.

How should we respond to this?

Stewardship is not just money. For me, I believe we should respond to what Christ has done for us by being good stewards of all that our Lord has given to us. The earth we live on. We need to preserve it as best we can. We should recycle what we can, not only paper, cans, bottles, and cardboard as required by most municipalities, but with items we no longer use. We have cloths we do not use, there are household items we do not use, but these items could have usefulness to others. There are non-profit agencies that can collect these items and use them to help others who are not as fortunate as we are. Let's break the disposable society we live in and reduce what we put in our landfills and at the same time helping others.

The church where we worship. We can respond by giving of our time and talent. Can you read out loud – volunteer to be a lector or assistant minister. Know a little bit about computers – we need PowerPoint operators. Do you like to sing – join the choir or praise band. There are many other opportunities to serve and be a good steward for our congregation. Most of our needs are just an hour or two a month, most of that time would be while you are here for worship anyway. Consider increasing your stewardship in support of Abiding Peace.

And yes, stewardship does include financial support. A number of years ago, our congregation made a commitment to increase our financial support to the New Jersey Synod. We made a pledge to increase our

Stewardship Reflections—continued

giving by one per-cent (1%) a year of our uncommitted receipts until we reach the tithing point (10%). This year (2017), our approved budget reached the nine per-cent (9%) mark. We are being stewards for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We, as members, do need to keep in mind that Abiding Peace does have bills and salaries to pay to keep our doors open.

Howard Corneilson

Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

April 29 (Saturday)	Concert—Harmonium Chamber singers **
May 25 (Thursday)	Games
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

** Saturday evening at 7:30 pm Harmonium Chamber singers convert “I'll Fly Away” at Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ. The tickets are \$21 if purchased by April 20th.

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Adult Education – We Have a Plan

Thanks to the thoughtful and enthusiastic input of the ad hoc planning group that met a few weeks back, and the feedback collected from all of you in the education survey, adult education opportunities have been planned out for the whole of 2017.

Learning about and engaging with our faith is an important part of our Christian life. In learning environments, we can bring our questions and struggles, encounter new challenges and opportunities, and offer our insights to each other. We have planned a variety of types of studies, including Bible studies, topical discussions, and single-session forums. They all promise to be interesting and informative, but they only work if you show up! So check out what is coming, and get ready to learn together!

Relearning Luther's Small Catechism, Adult Forum series – March-April

500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Adult Forum series – May-June, Sept.-Nov.

Reading the Parables, Mid-week Bible Study – May-June

Healthy Eating for Summer, Community Resource Forum - June

Engaging with Prayer, Mid-week Spiritual Enrichment Series – Sept.-Oct.

Philippians, the Letter of Joy, Mid-week Bible Study – Oct.-Nov.

"Unfinished Object" Night April 24 * 7:30 pm

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



Interfaith Opportunity

A few of the local pastors have begun a process of outreach to the local Islamic Center here in Budd Lake. We are eager to open-up interfaith dialogue, as a way for us all to learn a bit more about our neighbors, and the leaders of the Islamic Center have been very welcoming of this effort.

As a first step, the Islamic Center of North Jersey will be hosting an open house for interested congregation members on **Sunday, April 23 at 1:00**. We will have the opportunity to observe their mid-day prayer, and then engage in dialogue about how we might work together to ensure that all members of our community feel safe, respected, and able to contribute.

If you would be interested in being part of the Abiding Peace delegation, please contact Vicar Serena for more details.



April Birthdays

3 Nancy Ayotte
3 Anoop Kandikatla
8 Sue Stirrat
10 John Cranmer
10 Demetria Laird
22 Mary Kasakove
22 Krista Persson
26 Jim Tangen
29 Cindy Pawlo



April Anniversaries

5 Gerry & Nancy Ayotte
5 Ray & Mary Beth Mueller
7 Michael & Sibylle Schroeder
9 Jan & Patricia Persson
24 Dick & Laurel Kamin
25 Doug & Demetria Laird

Food Pantry Needs



25 of each

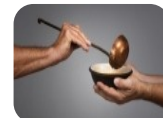
Bread	Juice
Tomato Sauce	Rice
Pasta	Instant Potatoes
Canned Beans	Canned Fruit
Canned Meat or Tuna	Jelly
Peanut Butter	

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 April 4 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, April 2nd.

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

With gratitude,
Sibylle Schroeder



Chili Cook-Off



Sunday Scripture

April 2

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 23

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 9

Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 24
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

April 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 16

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

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!

Reformation 500th Anniversary

The following has been taken from “Reformation Time Line.”

- 1436- John Guttenberg - invents printing press
 - 1452- Leonardo da Vinci –born April 15
 - 1455- Guttenberg Bible printed
 - 1463- Fredric the Wise – born
 - 1468- John the Steadfast – born
 - 1472- Lucas Cranach – born
 - 1473- Copernicus –born
 - 1475- Michelangelo –born
 - 1481- Spanish inquisition against Jews, Muslims, and heretics begins
 - 1483 – Martin Luther- born in Eisleben, November 10; Baptized November 11
 - 1485- John Bugenhagen – born
 - 1492- Columbus reaches America
 - 1495- Da Vinci begins painting
 - 1496- Michelangelo begins sculpting – Pieta
 - 1497- Philip Melanchthon –born: Copernicus makes first observations
 - 1499- Katharina von Bora – born
 - 1501- Luther enters university of Erfurt
 - 1502- Michelangelo begins sculpting David
 - 1502- Fredric the Wise, Elector of Saxony, founds the University of Wittenberg
 - 1503- Da Vinci begins painting Mona Lisa
 - 1505- Luther in thunderstorm (7/2); enters monastery (7/17)
 - 1506- Pope Julius II lays cornerstone of St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome
 - 1506- Luther takes final vows as Augustinian monk
 - 1507- Luther ordained a priest 4/3: Celebrates first mass 5/2;begins study of theology
 - 1508- Michelangelo begins painting the Sistine Chapel; completed 1512
 - 1509- John Calvin – born: Luther obtains bachelor of theology
 - 1510- Luther sent to Rome on a mission for the Augustinian order
 - 1512 – Luther awarded Doctor of Theology degree
 - 1513- Ponce de Leon reaches Florida
 - 1517 –Pope Leo X declares indulgence for rebuilding of St. Peter’s
 - 1517- Luther nails his 95 Theses to the castle church door in Wittenberg -10/31
 - 2017—500th Anniversary
- To be continued

Thank You Corner

To Nancy Ayotte—Thank you for stepping in to help with all the many office tasks while Christine was out after her foot surgery! You donated so many hours, battled our outdated operating system and temperamental printer, and brought a smile to my face. I don’t know what we would have done without you. Thank you! - *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) by April 21.

General Budget Financial Summary

	February	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,479	\$ 22,958
Income	\$ 8,954	\$ 19,568
Expenses	\$11,204	\$ 22,359
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (2,250)	\$ (2,791)
Current deficit as of 2/28		\$ 5,474

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

Foundations for Loving Dialogue

Because we believe...

- that God is our refuge and strength (*Psalms* 46:1) ...
- that God is faithful to save God's people (*Deuteronomy* 7:9) ...
- that our faith calls us to trust in a future filled with hope (*Jer.* 29:11) ...
- that perfect love drives out fear (*1 John* 4:18) ...
- that we are individually gifted and called together to be the body of Christ (*Rom.* 12:4-8) ...
- that we are called to love God and to love one another as ourselves (*Matt.* 22:36-40)...

Therefore ...

We commit to approach each other as equals with:

Love,	Tolerance,
Kindness,	Patience,
Trust,	Respect,
Acceptance,	and
Awareness of our individual complexity;	

We commit to call each other to:

Faith,	Careful Listening,
Accountability,	Responsibility,
Compromise,	Cooperation,
Peace,	Growth,
Action,	Forgiveness,
Inclusiveness,	and
REFORMATION;	

Knowing that we will fail, and trusting in Christ's saving grace to continually renew us and call us to new life.



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, 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, 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 Schmutde, 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, Irv Catlow, Terry Jones, Johanna Pawlo, Celine Ayotte, Margie (Lynn Peterson's Aunt), Dale (Lynn Peterson's aunt), St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen Those who are in mourning: Friends and family of Buddy (Lynn Peterson's brother-in-law)

APRIL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

APRIL	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
2	Doug Laird	Chris St. Genis	Sue Stirrat	Mary Kasakove	Sibylle Schroeder	None
9	Don Bowe	Cindy Pawlo	Demetria Laird	Doug Laird	Heather Nilsen	None
16	Howard Cornelson	Doug Laird	Linda Venator	Dick Kamin	Christina Schroeder	Alexis Sweeney
23	Doug Laird	Ken Schwier	Sue Schwier	Barbara Prosser	Howard Cornelson	Sue Stirrat
30	Don Bowe	Chris St. Genis	Shelli Skeels	Sibylle Schroeder	Cindy Pawlo	Jeanne Scalora

COUNTERS: **2:** Nancy Ayotte **9:** George Pawlo **16:** Howard Cornelson **23:** Nancy Ayotte

30: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Kasakove

APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
2 5TH SUNDAY/ LENT 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Adult Forum Series	3	4 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	5 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lent Service 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	9 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	8 9:00 am Men's Ministry 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Adult Forum Series 11:15 am Sunday School	10	11	12 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6:30 pm Passover Seder 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	14 7:30 pm Good Friday Service 8:00 pm NA Mtg. Office Closed	15 7:30 pm Easter Vigil 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
16 EASTER 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship Easter Brunch following service	17	18	19 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 7:30 pm Council Meeting	21 8:00 pm NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
23 2ND SUNDAY/ EASTER 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Adult Forum Series 11:15 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 7:30 pm Seniors Meeting— Harmonium Concert 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
30 3RD SUNDAY/ EASTER 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Adult Forum Series						