



# VIEW

## from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Connecting our Faith to our World

August, 2017

September Newsletter Deadline  
August 17, 2017

*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.

Phone: 973-691-9393

Website: [www.abidingpeacechurch.org](http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org)

Over the course of this Summer, members of Abiding Peace are meeting to discuss the newest social-statement-in-development by the ELCA churchwide body. The topic itself is important (Faith, Women, and Justice – it's not too late to join the last discussion after service on August 6!), but it is also important to understand *why* the ELCA has social statements in the first place.

In our first discussion session, we talked about what a social statement is and what it is not. A social statement is NOT law or doctrine. Individual members or congregations are not required to believe everything that is contained in these documents. They are not standards for Lutheran orthodoxy. The validity of our faith is not to be judged by our conformity to the ideals expressed in the statements. A social statement IS a guide for members to use in living out our faith in current circumstances. It is the result of detailed, prayerful study of relevant social issues by people who are deeply invested in the life of our church. It reflects the church's fullest understanding of scripture, supported by the information currently available about the topic. It is intended to be a resource to help us live lives consistent with our faith.

Our denomination invests in the careful development of social statements because social issues are often where our faith meets reality. Gathering with other believers to worship, and practicing spiritual disciplines that deepen our relationship with God, are essential but not complete expressions of our faith. Our faith should also have an impact on how we live our lives in the world, and that includes how we respond to the pressing social issues of our time. With so many voices clamoring for our attention and telling us what is "right" and who is "wrong," our faith is our steady guidepost, and our church works hard to help us interpret the guidance of scripture for our time. That doesn't mean the social

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## **COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS**

### Officers

President	Howard Corneilson
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### Council Members

Gerry Ayotte	Heather Nilsen
Nancy Ayotte	George Pawlo
Robert Bowden	Pat Scalora
Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Doug Laird	Sue Schwier

### Ministry Leaders

Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
Christian Education & Youth	Karen Coates
Evangelism	Ed Sekula
Fellowship	Demetria Laird
Finance	Nancy Ayotte
Financial Secretary	Nita Persson
Messengers Dancers	Mary Kasakove
Mutual Ministry	<i>Vacant</i>
Property	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder

## **OUR STAFF**

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statements are infallible, but they are a wonderful resource. I encourage you all to check them out! They are all available electronically at: <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements>. You can also check-out the full curriculum for dialogue on the developing social statement on Faith, Women, & Justice here: <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice>.

And... if you see anything in the statements that you want to discuss, or that you think our church should discuss, let me know! We are all partners in the work of living out our faith.

*Vicar Serena*



## **From the Council President**

### **We Need Heat!**

Yes it is August and I am asking for heat. The situation is our furnace has passed away. We had a number of issues with it during the past winter and had it patched a number of times, It will not last another season. We (your council) have been struggling with this for a number of months. We have gotten bids to replace the furnace and made a selection, We are arranging for a replacement furnace that will cost about \$13,500. I am asking every one of you to think about giving a little extra to help defray this expense. You can indicate "Furnace" on the "other" line of your envelope or write "Furnace" on your check (if not using an envelope). Please consider a donation as the replacement cost will put quite a dent in our financial resources.

Howard Corneilson  
President



I have been involved in church all my life, but recently joining church council has shown me a side of church life I have never experienced before. I am used to seeing God's work in beautiful natural settings, in joyous song, in the warmth of fellowship and acts of service and charity. I am not used to seeing God in line items and reports. I admit I find talk of budgets and financial spreadsheets boring. But God is truly everywhere, even in the monthly budget report and I am learning to see that. I can see clearly the work of God in the act of giving a warm jacket to someone in need. It is harder to see the work of God in the purchase of a new boiler for the church. But he is there. Talking about money can be an uncomfortable topic, but God is there with us in our awkwardness. He is present in the statistics that tell us last August offering contributions dropped noticeably. It is understandable, many of us are away or taking the opportunity to enjoy God's creation in the nice weather. But as we take time to relax and recharge or visit family or just find God in the wider world, I hope we can remember our home. Our church is far more than just a physical building, but that physical building is important too. It gives us a safe space to gather and worship together. But that building has expenses and we count on the weekly offering to meet those needs as well as to support all the good work we do as a church.

I hope this August we can use what we've learned from the church's financial reports and challenge ourselves to keep our offering consistent. We are a small church that does many great things and we are proud of that identity. It will take all of us working together, donating our time, talents and yes, our money, each as we can, to keep us moving forward. God is present in the details as well as the big picture and I hope we can be inspired by those details and learn how to see God even in the monthly budget reports.

Heather Nilsen

## Vicar Serena's August Schedule

Week of July 31-Aug. 6:

- Wed., Aug. 2: 10:00-9:00
- Sun., Aug. 6: 8:30-1:30

Week of Aug. 7-13:

- Thu., Aug. 10: 10:00-9:00
- Sun., Aug. 13: 9:00-2:00

Week of Aug. 14-20: (Note: due to childcare needs, I will be using comp time for some of my office hours this week, but I will be available by cell phone if needed.)

- Wed., Aug. 16: 5:00-8:00
- Sun., Aug. 20: 9:00- 2:00 (Giant Church Picnic 2:00-6:30 at Crossroads)

Week of Aug. 21-27: (Vacation week—Pastor Karol Van Wulfen available for pastoral emergencies 908-689-1976.

Week of Aug. 28-Sept. 3:

- Mon., Aug. 28: 6:30-8:30
- Wed., Aug. 30: 10:00-9:00
- Sun., Sept. 3: 8:30-1:30



## "Unfinished Object" Night August 21 \* 7:30 pm

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



## 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.



## August Birthdays

28 Kevin Tangen  
30 Laurel Kamin



## August Anniversaries

4 Jeanne & Pat Scalora  
10 Don & Cecilia Bowe

## Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

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



## Faith Kitchen Shopping list for August 1

### 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, July 30th. For any questions, call Sibylle Schroeder 973-691-1910.

Thank you for your help in keeping this ministry going!

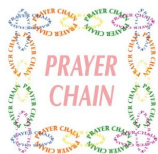
Social Ministry

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!



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!

## Sunday Scripture

### August 6

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### August 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:10-28

### August 13

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### August 27

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

## Breakfast and Bible Study

As indicated last month, we will be starting a breakfast and Bible study on the second Saturday starting September 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is a continuation of the Men's Breakfast and Bible Study but no longer limited to men. In order to get a feel for how many will attend, there will be a sign-sheet for those who will try to attend.



## Exploring Contemplative Worship

This August, Abiding Peace will be exploring a new-to-us format for mid-week services, using a Taize style of singing interwoven with contemplative prayer. The Taize Community in France is an ecumenical Christian community that developed chant-like songs that create a reflective, centered context for worship and prayer. Many of these songs are included in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal that we use at Abiding Peace, and are probably familiar to you, even if you didn't know they were Taize. Whether you are a long-time lover of Taize worship and contemplative prayer, or whether you have never heard of either, I encourage you to come to the mid-week services on August 2 and August 16 (from 7:00-7:30) to experience this beautiful means of recognizing and communing with God's Spirit through song and prayer.



## Thank You Corner

A special thank you this month to **Shelli Skeels, Gerry Ayotte, Robert Bowden, Mary Kasakove, and Thom Coates** for their service on the Intern Committee. In addition to their on-going support, prayer, and time spent with me in reflecting on my ministry and my learning, they had an extra work-load this month to prepare a report for the seminary and Candidacy Committee. My thanks to them all for their commitment and enthusiasm in helping me live into the role of the pastoral leader for this community

*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](mailto:chstrobel@optonline.net)) by August 17.*



## Justice Gathering September 16


Do you want to know how to connect your faith with practical steps to help the most vulnerable in our state?

Do you want to learn how our church's teaching address issues of community violence, criminal justice, economic justice, environmental care, and immigration?

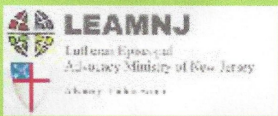
Do you want to connect with other people of faith engaged in advocacy in New Jersey?

Then make plans to attend the Justice Gathering of the Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey with Vicar Serena. This one-day retreat on Saturday, Sept. 16 will equip you, connect you, and inspire you – and all in the midst of the natural beauty at Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center. See attached flier for details or e-mail [info@learnj.org](mailto:info@learnj.org) to register.

# JUSTICE GATHERING



Dr. Traci West,  
Professor of Christian Ethics  
and African American  
Studies from Drew  
Theological Seminary will  
lead off the day



**"Justice Gathering"**  
All ministry groups and persons who have a passion for justice are encouraged to attend. During the gathering there will be opportunities to engage fellow Lutheran and Episcopalians from throughout the state. Deepen your engagement with justice issues, and grow your network.

There is no cost, but you must register in advance. Activities for children will be offered, bring your family!

**What:** Grow your Network for Justice  
**When:** Sept. 16, 2017- 10am-3pm  
**Where:** Cross Roads Camping and Retreat Center  
29 Pleasant Grove Rd,  
Califon, NJ 07865  
**Register:** [www.learnj.org](http://www.learnj.org) or for more information [info@learnj.org](mailto:info@learnj.org)

### Take Martin on Vacation!

Want a fun way to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation? Take Martin on vacation, or on whatever wild or lazy adventures your Summer brings. Yes, someone stole the idea from the "Flat Elmo" bit from a few years back, and now Lutheran churches are stealing the idea from them...

Here's what we're suggesting: attached to the newsletter is a "Flat Luther": a line drawing of our friendly reformer that you can print out: you might want to color him in or decorate him up as you see fit. Then, as you make your way through summer fun, take a picture of Marty wherever you might be enjoying the weeks ahead: at home or "afar". Make sure you capture him amidst the "local scenery," and even maybe include a selfie with the little guy. Post your photos on social media and bring them to church to display. This is a neat way to share your summer festivities with the congregation, celebrate the 500th year of our "reforming church," and maybe even spark a conversation that will give you the chance to talk about how the Reformation has reformed your own life!



# AUGUST

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

AUGUST	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
6	Jackie King	Jackie King	Roy Persson	Barbara Prosser	Christina Schroeder	Sue Corneilson
13	Alexis Sweeney	Alexis Sweeney	Shelli Skeels	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Heather Nilsen	Vanessa Ponce
20	Don Bowe	Cindy Pawlo	Linda Venator	Dick Kamin	Mary Kasakove	Jeanne Scalora
27	Howard Corneilson	Ken Schwier	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Mary Kasakove	Sibylle Schroeder	Marco Ponce

**COUNTERS: 6:** Nita Persson **13:** Nancy Ayotte **20:** George Pawlo **27:** Howard Corneilson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sibylle Schroeder



Keep These Friends in Your  
Heart & Prayers

**Keep These Friends in Your Prayers:** \_Jacob, Chris Killian, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Jean Eastman, Rob Heller, Jackson Hackelberg, Sue Corneilson, Florence Johnson, Neil Nilsen, Aimee L. Nilsen, James Paladino, Bill Price, Asta Mangan, Macy Sparozic, Oto Tubelis, 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, Jim Tangen, Larry Clark, Kathi Buckley, 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, Sharon Puglia, Jeannine Anglum, Gary & Emilie Dunlap, Carol Giersch, Johanna Pawlo, Margie (Lynn Peterson's Aunt), Dale (Lynn Peterson's aunt), Kevin Kieran, Howard Corneilson, Linda McPherson, Nancy Gallo, Nancy Doyle, Ely Blahut, Bill von Minden, Jennifer and Hunter Koscheff, Kim Prentiss, Jan Breeman, Wayne Marks, David Steitiz, Lynn Peterson, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen Those who are in mourning: The family of Emily Dunbar



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg 7:00 pm Taize Mid-week Prayer service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>5</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>6</b> <b>9TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> 8:45 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (All are welcome) 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am ELCA Social Statement: Misuse of scripture on women and girls	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Interfaith Potluck Planning Meeting 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	<b>11</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>12</b> 1:00 pm Pool Party at the Pawlos (bring a dish to share) 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>13</b> <b>10TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Taize Mid-week Prayer service	<b>17</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>18</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>19</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>20</b> <b>11TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> Music Sunday 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship (also Hymn Sing) 2:00 pm Giant Church Picnic at Crossroads	<b>21</b> 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2:00 pm Seniors' Meeting—Picnic at Ed Sekulas <u>or</u>  6:30 pm AA Mtg.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>26</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>27</b> <b>12TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship (Service of the Word)	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Stewardship Team Meeting (All are welcome)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. Interfaith Fellowship Dinner—Time TBD	<b>31</b>		

## Upcoming Events

September 10 \* 10:00 am ELCA Rally Day (stay tuned for details)