



VIEW from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Sometimes...it causes me to tremble.

I am writing this article the week after Holy Week... my first Holy Week with this community and my first Holy Week in a pastoral role.

People outside of Abiding Peace keep asking me how it went, and I keep finding it hard to put the enormity of this experience into words. I am tired, of course, but I am also invigorated. I am moved by the commitment and engagement I observed in this community, and I am also making notes to remember the things I hope we can add or adjust next year. I am doing my mental debrief to try to maximize my learning, but I also find myself catching my breath at how beautiful and transformative it was to experience this story again/for the first time with you all. I am conscious that this week (and the exhaustion that comes with it) might not be the most objective perspective from which to evaluate our Holy Week celebrations, but I am also aware that this slight sense of dizziness is part of what it is to experience transcendence.

In short, I feel like I am living inside the *sometimes* of the Good Friday Hymn, "Were you there." As we sang together to the familiar, aching melody: "Oh, oh, oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble." I have always loved that line, because it gives room for both the transcendent and the mundane moments of faith. The trembling is real – it has been real for me this week – but it is not always. It is sometimes.

Easter can be an awe-filled trembling moment in the life of the church, and I am grateful for that. It can be a moment when we are captured anew by the nearness of God hanging on a tree and by the power of the empty tomb. I want to celebrate the transformative truth of the moments when we tremble together...

May, 2017

**June Newsletter Deadline
May 19, 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

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COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

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| Treasurer | George Pawlo |

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| Nancy Ayotte | George Pawlo |
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| Doug Laird | Sue Schwier |

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Arts & Crafts | Sibylle Schroeder |
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But I also want to guard against the let-down that can come after the trembling. Not every week is Holy Week. Not every Sunday will see us bringing in extra chairs to make sure there are enough seats, and not every service will feature an altar spilling over with flowers. And that's OK. Sometimes we get to tremble at the power and the beauty of our faith. Sometimes our gathering will feel much more plodding and familiar. But ALWAYS the Crucified and Risen Lord calls us to be the church – called into the world to serve, and love, and witness. Thanks be to God.

Vicar Serena



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

May 7

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 21

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 14

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 28

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Vicar Serena's May Schedule

Week of May 1-7:

- Wednesday, May 3, 10:15-9:00
- Sunday, May 7, 8:30-2:30

Week of May 8-14:

- Thursday - Saturday, May 11-13, Synod Assembly (off-site)
- Sunday, May 14, 9:00-3:00

Week of May 15-21:

- Thursday, May 18, 10:15-9:00
- Sunday, May 21, 9:00-4:00

Week of May 22-28:

- Wednesday, May 24, 10:15-9:00
- Sunday, May 28, 8:30-12:30

Week of May 29-June 4:

- Wednesday, May 31, 10:15-9:00
- Sunday, June 4, 8:30-2:30



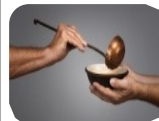
“Unfinished Object” Night

There will be no UFO night scheduled for the month of May. See you in June.



Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

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| 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 |



Faith Kitchen Shopping list for May 2 Meatballs and Gravy

- ~ 1 (38.4 oz/96 count) package cocktail meatballs
- ~ 1 (28 Oz) bottle of barbeque sauce
- ~ 2 large onions
- ~ 2 large peppers
- ~ 1 large can of pineapple chunks

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, April 30th.

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

With gratitude,
Sibylle Schroeder

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.

Thank You Corner

To our Holy Week readers, assistants, decorators, dancers, food preparers, ushers, and worshippers – at a moment in history when church is increasingly “competing” for time in busy calendars, you all showed up! You walked the hardest, most demanding, most painfully truth-telling week of the church year together as a church, and you incarnated the resurrection together. Thank you for being the body of Christ and for witnessing to the power of our Christian story. – *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 May 19.



May Birthdays



May Anniversaries

5 Shelli Skeels
11 Jackie Schwier
27 Catherine Blackburne
27 Maria Jerez

19 Ken & Ann Anderson
24 John & Sue Stirrat

General Budget Financial Summary

| | March | Y-T-D |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Budget | \$11,479 | \$ 34,437 |
| Income | \$ 9,040 | \$ 28,608 |
| Expenses | \$10,738 | \$ 33,657 |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) | \$ (1,698) | \$ (5,049) |
| Current deficit as of 3/31 | | \$ 8,292 |

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



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!

Men’s Ministry

The Men’s breakfast has been cancelled for the month of May.



Mount Olive Clergy Association
"Walk for Compassion"
Sunday May 21 Flanders Park



The Mount Olive Clergy Association is sponsoring its 5th Annual "Walk for Compassion" at Flanders Park on Sunday afternoon May 21.

Proceeds from the Walk will benefit the Mount Olive Food Pantry and the MOCA Fund for Community Needs.

Walkers will be sponsored for about an hour of leisurely walking around the walking track at the Park.

Anyone interested in getting a few sponsorships and joining the Walk please see your local religious leader or call 973-584-8195 for a sponsor form.

Registration will be at 1:30 pm, with the Walk beginning at 2:00 pm.

Come out and join us for this event to support our local community needs.

MAY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

| MAY | GREETER | USHER | LECTOR | ASSISTANT MINISTER | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | POWERPOINT |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 7 | Howard Corneilson | Ken Schwier | Demetria Laird | Mary Kasakove | Howard Corneilson | Vanessa/Marco Ponce |
| 14 | Doug Laird | Chris St. Genis | Sue Stirrat | Doug Laird | Heather Nilsen | Alexis Sweeney |
| 21 | Howard Corneilson | Doug Laird | Linda Venator | Dick Kamin | Christina Schroeder | Vanessa/Marco Ponce |
| 28 | Doug Laird | Cindy Pawlo | Dick Kamin | Barbara Prosser | Sibylle Schroeder | Jeanne Scalora |

COUNTERS: 7: Howard Corneilson 14: Nita Persson 21: Nancy Ayotte 28: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Demetria Laird



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, 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, 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 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), St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen Those in mourning: The Corneilson and Benoit families on the death of Sue Corneilson's brother Bill

MAY 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-----------|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 <i>9:00 am</i> Faith Kitchen | 3 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal | 4 | 5 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg | 6 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. |
| 7 4TH SUNDAY/ EASTER <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship <i>11:00 am</i> Adult Forum Series <i>11:15 am</i> Sunday School | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal | 11 <i>7:30 pm</i> Council Meeting | 12 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. | 13 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. |
| 14 5TH SUNDAY/ EASTER <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal | 18 | 19 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 20 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. |
| 21 6TH SUNDAY/ EASTER <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship <i>11:00 am</i> Adult Forum Series <i>11:15 am</i> Sunday School | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal | 25 <i>2:00 pm</i> Seniors' Meeting—Games | 26 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. | 27 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. |
| 28 7TH SUNDAY/ EASTER <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship <i>11:00 am</i> Adult Forum Series | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal | | | |