



VIEW from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Confession as Reformation

In reflecting on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, a pastor colleague recently posed the question “what is one thing you want for our *Future Reforming Church*.” There are a lot of good things to hope for the church as we continue the never-ending process of reformation. My particular hope is that the Lutheran church become a more **confessional** church. By **confessional** I don’t mean that we reinstitute the practice of individual confession. I don’t want confession as a religious duty. I want confession as an approach to living out our faith.

Too often Christian faith gets confused with an exterior righteousness which separates us from each other, because we think our lives must look holy if we want to be part of the club. **Confessional living** rejects those expectations and tells the truth about our need for grace – every day!

Lutheran liturgy almost always begins with confession and forgiveness. The starting point of our worship is that we have not earned this chance to worship, and learn, and receive Christ’s body and blood. We are there despite our mess-ups, because God forgives and welcomes us. What would it look like if this pattern of worship was reflected in our relationships? Rachel Held Evans, has suggested that “you are not a real church until you know one another’s go-to sins.” What if we felt free to confess our struggles, and our mistakes, and even our “sins” to each other, and to then remind each other of, and practice together, the grace we receive from God?

September, 2017

October Newsletter Deadline
September 21, 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

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Often, we can think that Reformation is about doing “better,” but maybe it is also about being honest about what we do poorly, because that is where we most fully witness to God’s grace. Our church will not grow because it is perfect (because it isn’t and it never will be), but it will grow (in faith, even if not in size) if it is genuine. When we know our brokenness, and we aren’t afraid to confess it, then we also get to witness to the light God shines through all the cracks.

Vicar Serena

Vicar Serena's September Schedule

Week of September 3-9

- Wednesday, Sept. 6: 10:00—9:00

Week of September 10-16

- Sunday, Sept. 10: 8:30—2:30
- Wednesday, Sept. 13: 12:00—9:00
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: 7:00—9:00

Week of September 17-23

- Sunday, Sept. 17: 9:00—6:00
- Wednesday, Sept. 20: 10:15—9:00

Week of September 24-30

- Sunday, Sept. 24: 9:00—2:30
- Wednesday, Sept. 27: 10:15—9:00

October 1: 8:30—5:30





Faith Kitchen Shopping list for September 5

Chili Rice Dish

- ~ 1 can of diced tomatoes (14 and 1/2 oz.)
- ~ 1 large can red kidney beans (40 oz.)
- ~ 1 bag of Chili seasoning mix (1.25 oz.)
- ~ 2 green peppers and 1 onion
- ~ 1 pkg. ground turkey (about 1.3 lbs.)

I will pick up the rice.

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, September 3rd. Let me know if you can come to help cook and service or call with any questions 973-691-1910.

With gratitude,

Sibylle Schroeder
Social Ministry



September 9 * 9:00 am

It is time for our new Breakfast and Bible study on Saturday starting September 9th.

In order to get a feel for attendance, there is a sign-up sheet by the office. You may also email or call me.

Howard Corneilson



Rally Day—September 10

Summer is nearly over, and we are called into a new year of learning and service as the church. Whether your summer was a blessed chance to relax and revitalize, or whether it was more rushed and stress-filled than you had hoped, the beginning of the program year is a chance for you to restart.

On September 10, along with churches all around the ELCA, we will be celebrating **Rally Day**. This includes:

- a special blessing during worship for all who are going “back” to school (students, teachers, school staff, Sunday School/Adult Ed. volunteers, etc.);
- A community pot-luck & cook-out after church; and
- Community service, as part of the *Gods Work, Our Hands* ELCA service effort. This year’s service project will involve collecting hygiene materials for homeless adults served by Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey. Please see the attached list for items we are collecting.

This is a chance for us to celebrate the church’s role in God’s mission in the world, whether through our service, or our learning, or our participation in community life. Come and get energized for the program year!

Collection for Hygiene Bags for Homeless Men & Women

- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap (bar or body liquid)
- Comb & Brush
- Mouthwash
- Washcloths & towel
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Female hygiene items
- New socks

Please remember to get these items to church as soon as possible (preferably by September 10). We can use the Thrivent money for any items we need to fill the gaps.

REMINDER

Register for the Justice Gathering, Sept. 16

Do you want to know how to connect your faith with practical steps to help our state be a place that flourishes for everyone?

Do you want to learn how our church's teaching address issues of community violence, criminal justice, economic justice, hunger, 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, along 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. The event is free, and childcare is included, but you must pre-register. For more information, e-mail [in-fo@leamnj.org](mailto:info@leamnj.org), see the flier on our community bulletin board at church, or ask Vicar Serena. You can register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/LEAMJusticeGathering>.



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 Fair Planning Meeting Sunday, September 17 Following the Service

Please join me on the 17th to plan the fair. We will discuss food, games, crafts and more. This is open to all who want to volunteer in some way.

Thanks.

Sibylle Schroeder

Mt. Olive Interfaith Alliance International Potluck Gathering

**Sunday, September 17
4:00 pm—6:00 pm**

To be held under the Presbyterian Church Pavilion
58 Drakesdale Road, Flanders

Please bring a dish (salad, main dish or dessert)
Related to your cultural heritage to share.

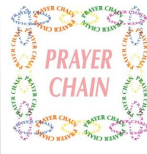
All ages are welcome!

For more info call 973-584-8195



“Unfinished Object” Night September 18 * 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.



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

September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 24

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Thank You Corner

Thanks to Gerry and George for replacing the flood lights in the sanctuary.

Thanks to Alexis and all who help with the garden and bringing the vegetables to Mt. Olive Manor.

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 September 21.

Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

Sept. 27 (Wednesday) Guided Meditation with
Vicar Serena

October 26 Halloween Party

November 29 Christmas Party and
“Sing along” with Lynn



For those members who subscribe to Living Lutheran Magazine through the church (and if you don't – check it out! It's worth the read), please remember to get in your annual dues (\$8.95/year). The church's bill comes due in early Autumn. Thanks!

Would you like a visit?

Word has been slowly getting out about the **new ministry team** at Abiding Peace! Four of our lay members (Nancy Ayotte, Thom Coates, Cindy Pawlo & Alexis Sweeney) are serving in a new visiting outreach, that is expanding our church's capacity to visit the sick and respond to pastoral care needs in the congregation.

At minimum, this team grows our ability to bring communion to members who are sick or hospitalized during the week, but it is also about building relationships. Every member of our community is missed when they are away, and this is one way to bring church to you when you aren't well enough to make it on Sunday. **But it only works if we know who might appreciate a visit.** So – please – call the church office or Vicar Serena if you are ill, or injured, or if you just need a listening ear and a reminder that Christ body and blood are given for you!



Sacred Dance News

On Sunday, July 23rd, The Messengers Dance Ministry had the great pleasure of participating in worship at Hope Lutheran Church, Freehold, NJ. The invitation to dance came as a result of the mention the Ministry received in the March issue of Living Lutheran Magazine. The dancers offered a lively entrance procession and The Lord's Prayer and were warmly received by the congregation that had not previously included dance in worship.

As always, we thank the congregation for their more than 15 years of support and prayers.

The Messengers Dance Ministry

Seniors Picnic at Ed's

We had a lovely time with 14 people in attendance, most beautiful weather and great food.

Thanks, Ed for opening up your home for us.



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 1 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.

CROSS ROADS

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Upcoming Activities

Women's Retreat | September 29—October 1 or October 13-15

A weekend so popular, we offer it twice! Join Pastor Dale Selover and other women of faith at our annual women's weekend of renewal and rejuvenation. Have a spirit-filled weekend to get away from the stresses of everyday life. To register or learn more go to <http://crossroadsretreat.com/year-round-programs/womens-retreat/>

Men's Retreat | October 20-22

Enjoy a peaceful fall weekend with other men of faith as you fill your time with prayer, reflection, bible study, and fellowship. To register go to <http://crossroadsretreat.com/year-round-programs/mens-retreat/>



Food Pantry Needs

Tomato Sauce
Pasta
Jelly
Parmalat Milk
Bread

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.



Heat is Almost Here!

A contract has been signed to replace our furnace. The cost will be 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



September Birthdays

2 Ed Sekula
7 Jan Persson
9 Doug Laird
12 Linda Venator
24 Jimmy Tangen
26 Luke Mueller
Ray Stirrat



September Anniversaries

24 Tom & Linda Venator

SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SEPTEMBER	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
3	Don Bowe	Alexis Sweeney	Shelli Skeels	Mary Kasakove	None	Sue Stirrat
10	Howard Corneilson	Ken Schwier	Lynn Peterson	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Heather Nilsen	Vanessa Ponce
17	Don Bowe	Cindy Pawlo	Linda Venator	Dick Kamin	Sibylle Schroeder	Alexis Sweeney
24	Alexis Sweeney	Ken Schwier	Thom Coates	Mary Kasakove	Howard Corneilson	Marco Ponce

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

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Pawlo



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, Jim Tangen, 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

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	2 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
3 13TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	4	5 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	6 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	9 9:00 am Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
10 14TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST Rally Day 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	11	12	13 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	15 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	16 8:00 pm NA Mtg. Justice Gathering
17 15TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Reformation Fair Mtg. (All are welcome) 4:00 pm Interfaith Fellowship Dinner @ United Presbyterian Church of Flanders	18 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	19	20 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	23 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
24 16TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	25	26	27 2:00 pm Seniors Meeting: Guided Meditation with Vicar Serena 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	28	29 8:00 pm NA Mtg. Women's Retreat at Cross Roads. Runs through October 1	30 8:00 pm NA Mtg.

Upcoming Events

October 1 * 10:00 am Blessing of the Animals
 October 1 * TBD Lunch with Muslim friends
 October 13-15 Second Weekend of Women's Retreat at Cross Roads
 October 20-22 Men's Retreat at Cross Roads