



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Can We Give a Witness?

In my Dec. 17 sermon, I gave the congregation “homework” – to think about how God has equipped us and called us to be witnesses. According to my supervisor, Pastor Karol, it was a “bold” sermon. Maybe it was, but it was an exciting sermon to preach, because it was a reminder (for me, as much as for all of you), that God really acts in our lives. As I said in the sermon, “a witness gives testimony,” which means that – as witnesses – we talk about stuff that has happened to us!

Being a witness looks different for each person. It doesn’t have to be knocking on doors or handing out tracks (in fact – effective witness usually isn’t these kinds of aggressive strategies). Rather, witness is about telling your own story of why faith matters in your life, and how you have experienced the love and grace of God.

In December’s newsletter, two APLC members contributed poems about their faith and their experience of this community – those poems are a form of witness. In November, members shared their sacred stories as part of our Stewardship drive - those stories are a form of witness. How might you share your story in a way that can remind you of the power of your faith and be an inspiration to others? Could you write a testimony about how God has answered your prayers? Compile a collage of photographs that show where you find God in your daily life? Compose an answer to the question of why your faith matters to you, or where you have seen God at work in your life or the world? All of those expressions, and countless others, are forms of witness. If you have an idea for giving your witness, bring it to the church, and we will find a way to share it.

January, 2018

February Newsletter Deadline
January 18, 2018

Worship: 10:00 am

**For hospitalization or other
pastoral care needs, please call
Vicar Serena at 908-458-3940**

**Congregational
Meeting**



**Annual
Congregational
Meeting**
January 28
10:00 am

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.**

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As we start this new year, we look forward to the many ways that we expect God to work in our lives, but we can also look back at what God has already done. This kind of reflection helps to deepen our faith, and it also prepares us to be witnesses to others who are aching to hear the promise of God's grace in their lives.

Vicar Serena

Vicar Serena's January Schedule

Week of Jan. 1—Jan. 7:

- Thursday, Jan. 4: 10:30am—9:00pm
- Sunday, Jan. 7: 8:30am—2:30pm

Week of Jan. 8—Jan. 14:

- Wednesday, Jan. 10: 10:30am—9:00pm
- Thursday, Jan. 11: 7:00pm—9:30pm
- Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:00am—2:00pm

Week of Jan. 15—Jan. 21:

- (no weekday office hours - Intensive class in Philadelphia)
- Sunday, Jan. 21: 9:00am—3:00pm

Week of Jan 22.—Jan. 28:

- Wednesday, Jan. 24: 10:30am—9:00pm
- Sunday, Jan. 28: 9:00am—3:00pm

"Unfinished Object" Night January 15 * 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.





From the Council President

Happy New Year! I wish all of you a happy and prosperous new year.

I would like to make a few reminders for the year 2018:

- ~ Our annual congregational meeting will be January 28th, please try to attend.
- ~ There is still time to make an additional donation for the newly installed furnace.
- ~ Have you made your pledge for 2018? If not, there is still time to submit it.

Howard Corneilson, President

Reminder – Be Part of the Education Planning for 2018!

Our mission statement says that Abiding Peace is *a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith*. That growth includes our intentional investment in adult Christian education. As we head into 2018, let's talk together about how we want to focus our learning and what resources we want to explore to nourish our spiritual growth.

All who are interested in being part of that planning are encouraged to attend a planning meeting on **Sunday, January 7, at 11:30** (following worship & fellowship). Bring any ideas or resources you would like to propose, or just come to be part of the discussion. All are welcome!



"Tell us what you think!"



Did you join any of the Reformation-themed learning opportunities in 2017?

Did you attend any of the congregation's adult forum or social statement discussions over the last year?

Did you participate in the mid-week Bible studies, or take part in the series on personal prayer?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we need your feedback. Revamping the congregation's adult education program has been the focus of Vicar Serena's intern project, and participant evaluation is an important part of the project. In January, Vicar Serena will be distributing surveys to gather feedback about what worked, what didn't, and what more help our adult education program can better serve your spiritual needs. When these surveys are distributed, please take the time to fill them out thoughtfully. Your responses help to invest in the growth of our whole community.



Sunday School Schedule For 2018

1/14
1/28



Faith Kitchen Shopping List for January 2

There will be no shopping list for January since we have Thrivent money to cover the food needed.

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



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!



January 13 * 9:00 am

Church Family Breakfast will be held on the second Saturday of each month.

Following the breakfast will be a short Bible study based on the readings for Sunday. The readings are: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

Bring a friend or neighbor. Enjoy fellowship and reflection before you start your busy Saturday chores!

The Seniors Group will be on winter break until March. Please stay in touch with each other and call if there is anything you need.

Hugs to everyone—Sibylle

Sunday Scripture

January 7

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



Food Pantry Needs

**Bread
Vegetables
Tomato Sauce
Pasta
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Parmalat Milk**

To start the New Year off right, Social Ministry is asking each of you to fill a bag with the above items so we can have a full food pantry. Thanks!

Thank You Corner

I think we have all enjoyed the extra beauty in our sanctuary provided by our seasonal hangings, decorations, tree and poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. Of course, these additions to our sanctuary were not donated or arranged by Christmas elves, but rather by members of the congregation. Between those who helped decorate and those who donated there are too many to name, but THANK YOU to ALL!

Thank you to Calico Country Florist, Hackettstown and Donaldson's Nursery, Hackettstown for providing our poinsettias.

Thank you to Everswick's Tree Farm for their generous donation of our Christmas tree.

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 January 18.



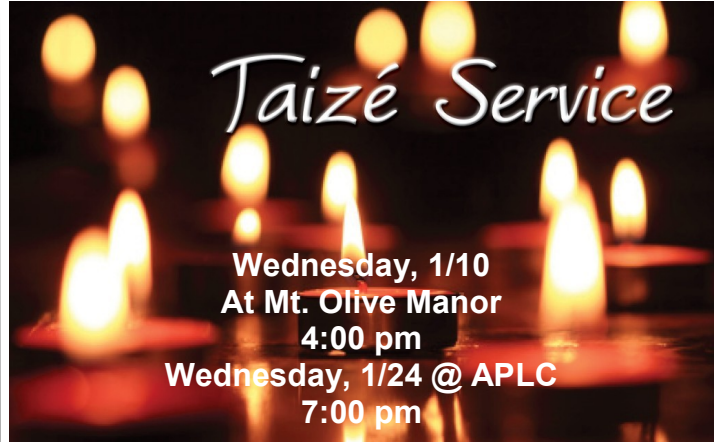
January Birthdays

7 Kevin Persson
14 Judy Jacob
16 Sarah Laird
17 Barbara Prosser
19 Gerry Ayotte
21 George Pawlo
23 Jeffrey Kamin
29 Christina Schroeder



January Anniversaries

11 The Kandikatlas



Sacred Dance News

December was a very busy month for the Messengers Dance Ministry. On December 3rd we participated in worship at Abiding Peace and danced again in the afternoon at a Christmas concert at Port Morris United Methodist Church. December 17th found us at Trinity.



SNOW CLOSINGS

During the winter it sometimes becomes necessary to cancel the worship service. If there is inclement weather headed our way please call the church at 973-691-9393. If worship has been cancelled there will be a message stating so. Thank you!

JANUARY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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


JANUARY	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
7	Howard Corneilson	Cindy Pawlo	Roy Persson	Dick Kamin	Howard Corneilson	Sue Stirrat
14	Doug Laird	Pat Scalora	Lynn Peterson	Mary Kasakove	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Vanessa Ponce
21	Alexis Sweeney	Doug Laird	Linda Venator	Barbara Prosser	Heather Nilsen	Alexis Sweeney
28 Congregational Meeting	Don Bowe	Ken Schwier	Shelli Skeels	Sibylle Schroeder	Christina Schroeder	Marco Ponce

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

ALTAR GUILD: TBD

Keep these friends in your hearts and 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, Jackson Hackelberg, Sue Corneilson, Neil Nilsen, Aimee L. Nilsen, James Paladino, 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, Sandy Olson, Doris Conrad, April Inglin, Amy Super, Susan Ansari, Myra Charters, 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, Nancy Gallo, Nancy Doyle, Ely Blahut, Bill von Minden, Jennifer and Hunter Koscheff, Kim Prentiss, Wayne Marks, David Steitiz, Lynn Peterson, Evan Geutler, Laura Dennis, Doug Laird, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ, the residents and staff of Mt. Olive Manor, Ray & Rose (Jeanne Scalora's brother and sister-in-law), Audrey Gregg, Kristin Halecky, Diane Salje, the Nelkirk family

JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	3	4	5 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	6 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
7 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:45 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am 2018 Planning Meeting	8	9	10 4:00 pm Taize Service at Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	12 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	13 9:00 am Church Family Breakfast 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
14 2ND SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School	15 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	16	17 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	20 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
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28 4TH SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/ Congregational Meeting 11:15 am Sunday School	29	30	31 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal			