



VIEW

from the lake

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

July, 2018

**August Newsletter Deadline
July 19, 2018**

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.**

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From the Vicar

Celebrating Light

I am writing this article the day after Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. Long days mean more hours of light, and I deeply appreciate the light. Light grows the food we eat. Light lets us see the world around us. Light lifts our spirits, and reveals our path, and paints the sky with beautiful colors even as it fades into night.

Light is also one of the most pervasive metaphors for Christ in our worship. We light candles to represent Christ's presence with us as we gather for worship; the light of the Christ candle illuminates every baptism and every Easter proclamation of the resurrection; and the eternal candle is permanently lit in our sanctuary. Light is such a central aspect of our worship because it is a perpetual reminder that Christ is our source of illumination, the means by which we see truth.

This illumination is all the more important when so much of what we see causes us pain. This past week I was feeling the weight of pain – pain for some of the beloved people in this congregation, and also for people in other areas of my life. In the midst of that grief, God lead me to the first verses of the gospel of John, where the description of Christ's role in creation and life includes this claim: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (*John 1:5*).

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Doug Laird	

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Compared to the length and brilliance of Summer Solstice light, the claim to “not be overcome” by darkness does not seem like a very impressive claim for the light of Christ. But then again, even the longest day of the year eventually fades into darkness. The sun disappears completely. At least for a few hours, the darkness overcomes it. But not so with the light of Christ. That light is never overcome. That realization led me to write a poem that you can read later in the newsletter. It also led me to a prayer of thanksgiving for worship that is so full of reminders that Christ is our light. A light that never goes out!

Vicar Serena



APLC had a lovely visit with the Fishers: Lynn, Jenny Joy, and their son James.

“Unfinished Object” Night **July 16 * 7:30 pm**



Come and join us for Unfinished Object Night at 7:30 pm. Come out and bring your Easter projects or anything else, or just come to hang out. For information and to make sure it's on - call Sibylle at 973-691-1910.

Vicar Serena's July Schedule

Week of June 25 – July 1

- Wednesday, June 27: 10:30am – 8:00pm
- Sunday, July 1: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Week of July 2-July 8

- Thursday, July 5: 10:00am – 7:00pm
- Friday, July 6: 1:30pm – 5:00pm
- Sunday, July 8: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Week of July 9-15

- Wednesday, July 11: 10:00am – 9:00pm
- (vacation Thursday, July 12 – Sunday, July 15)

Week of July 16-22

- (vacation Monday, July 16 – Saturday, July 21)
- Sunday, July 22: 9:00 am – 2:00pm

Week of July 23-29

- Monday, July 23: 10:00am – 9:00pm
- Sunday, July 29: 9:00am – 2:00pm
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Week of July 30 – Aug. 5

- Wednesday, August 1: 10:00am – 9:00pm
- Sunday, August 5: 8:30am – 1:30pm



The Church Family Breakfast is taking a break during July and August. It will reconvene in September.

Have a great summer. See you in the fall.



As most of you know, I am nearing the completion of my process of preparation for ordination. The Candidacy committee has given me final approval, and now it is a matter of paperwork, and call votes, and scheduling.

I am very grateful to be nearly through the process – both because of the affirmation of my calling to this ministry by the larger church, and because the last two years have been pretty intense! Classes, and essays, and self-evaluations, and supervision... it has been a lot to juggle with my work in the church and at home. I am excited to be able to devote more focused attention to my two central callings: to the church, and to my family.

At the same time, I will miss the intentional reflection that has been involved in this process, because I know how essential reflection is for faithful stewardship. Stewardship means the task of stewarding – of taking appropriate care, and making appropriate use, of all of the resources at my disposal. And that kind of care and use requires thoughtful reflection: *Am I making the best use of my time? What gifts has God given me for this situation? What work should I hand over to others who have the right gifts? How am I called to use my financial resources responsibly, and to serve the needs of others?* These are the kinds of questions that I was asked throughout the candidacy process. Now that process is ending, so I won't have church authorities posing these questions at regular intervals anymore.

But I hope that our stewardship culture at Abiding Peace is growing to be a place where we can ask these kinds of questions of each other. Not just as part of "stewardship programs" but as part of our growth in faith. Our faith grows as we engage it in the daily decisions of our lives. So let's commit to reflecting together about how we are using our resources... even when no one is telling us we have to!

Vicar Serena



Food Pantry Needs

**Bread
Peanut Butter
Jelly**

Social Ministry is asking each of you to fill a bag with the above items so we can have a full food pantry. Thanks!



Faith Kitchen Shopping List for July 3 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 1st.

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

Thank you,
Social Ministry



Have you remembered your Prayer Partner lately? Pray for her daily, send a card or leave a small gift now and then. If you do not know her, this is a great opportunity to meet and learn about someone new, or just to bond a little more with someone you already know. Make sure to have fun.

Thank You Corner

A huge thank you to Don Larson, who worked in the exhausting heat to set-up our donated speaker system and bring much better amplification to our worship! Your expertise and your dedication are greatly appreciated.

Also Thank you to everyone who completed a Time & Talents sheet! We will be working on collating and following up with all of you to ensure that you have a chance to use your gifts for the work of the church.

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 July 19.



July Birthdays

- 7 Joan Blackburne
- 8 Dick Kamin
- 10 Roy Persson
- 13 Rodney Prosser
- 19 Robbie Cranmer
- 20 Steven Tangen
- 30 Pat Persson



July Anniversaries

- 19 Jim and Kathy Tangen

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!

Sunday Scripture

July 1

Wisdom 1:3-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 22

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 8

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 29

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

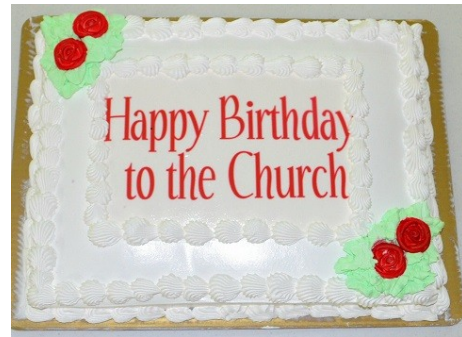
July 15

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Happy Birthday to the Church



The Messengers Sacred Dancers



Senior Meeting Schedule 2018

July 18 (Wed.)	Lavender Farm at Port Murray and Book Review of a book you read and liked
Aug. 16 (Thur.)	Picnic at Ed's house
Sept. 19 (Wed.)	Story Telling—anything about your life
Oct. 25 (Thur.)	Halloween Party
Nov. 29 (Thur.)	Christmas Party

This schedule is open to changes.



A Light Not Overcome -by *Serena Rice*

There is an oft-repeated promise,
from 2,000 years ago,
about light.

A promise that it shines in the darkness,
and that the darkness cannot overcome it.

A promise that has spanned the breadth of time
from the first flicker of creation
up to now.

But sometimes,
that promise does not seem like nearly enough.

When the darkness is vast, and overwhelming.
When it crushes me down beneath its suffocating weight.
When my, lone guttering flame seems insignificant
and Oh. So. Fragile.

And I hear noises in the dark,
Noises of suffering and fear,
Cries of anguish or pain,
And my light cannot dispel the darkness,
Or vanquish monsters lurking in its depths.

I want a stronger resource than an unquenched light,
a prick of flame that holds the dark at bay.
I want a searchlight, or a row of bright-lit bulbs.
I want the sun at my command,
To rise and scorch the monsters where they hide.
I want more
than a light that's only claim is that it is not overcome.

But then,
I hear a whisper from the dark.
A still, small voice
whose cadence tells,
she knows the song of hope.

"I see your light" she says,
"And if you hold it high
I'll find my way
to reach you."

And then I know.
It's no small thing to have a light
that is not overcome.

JULY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

JULY	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
1	Doug Laird	Pat Scalora	Karen Coates	Alexis Sweeney	~ Howard Corneilson ~ Doug Laird	Marco Ponce
8	Alexis Sweeney	Doug Laird	Ray Mueller	Dick Kamin	~ Maria Kearney ~ Mary Kasakove	Sue Stirrat
15	Pat Scalora	Alexis Sweeney	Linda Venator	Barbara Prosser	~ Heather Nilsen ~ Demetria Laird	Vanessa Ponce
22	Howard Corneilson	Cindy Pawlo	Roy Persson	Sibylle Schroeder	~ Alexis Sweeney ~ Pat Scalora	Alexis Sweeney
29	Doug Laird	Pat Scalora	Lynn Peterson	Alexis Sweeney	~ Howard Corneilson ~ Doug Laird	Marco Ponce

COUNTERS: **1:** Howard Corneilson **8:** Nita Persson **15:** Alexis Sweeney **22:** George Pawlo

29: Howard Corneilson

ALTAR GUILD: TBD



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep these friends in your hearts and prayers: *Those who are sick or in need:* Richard Biunno, Sue Schwier, Susan Jacob, Judy Jacob, Sue Corneilson, Ed Sekula, Cecilia A. Bowe, Rev. Edward N. Corneilson, Amy Super, Susan Ansari, Margie (Lynn Peterson's Aunt), Dale (Lynn Peterson's aunt), Kevin Kieran, Howard Corneilson, Nancy Doyle, Eli Blahut, Bill von Minden, Kim Prentiss, David Steitiz, 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, Diane Salje, the Nelkirk family, Bill Price, Rob Heller, Lloyd Yabsley, Diana Arroyo Perez, Gertrude Price, April Inglin, Kathleen Mazzagati, O. Kelley Anderson and family, Jeff Kamin, Dominick Gattone, Gloria Stuart, Isabella Adams, Lynn Peterson and family, Fran Mountjoy, Don Bowe, Daniel LeFave, Jozef Molitoris, David Darrow, Cora Woodruff, Madeline Gasperine, Anja Zwicker, Barbara Pinekenstein, Mary Kathryn Laird, Sylvie Markowicz

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Lake Tomahawk Outing	2	3 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	4 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	5	6 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	7 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
8 7TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Interfaith Learning	9	10	11 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	12	13 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	14 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
15 3RD SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	16 7:30 pm UFO Night	17	18 2:00 pm Seniors Meeting: Lavender Farm 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	21 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
22 4TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Summer Cookout	23 7:00 pm Book Club Meeting #2	24	25 4:00 pm Taize Service at Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	26	27 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	28 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
29 5TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	30	31				