

VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Council President

We have a Vicar!

The council finalized the paperwork for Serena Rice to be our Vicar. Her first Sunday with us as Vicar will be September 11th. She is planning to have her first day in the office on September 7th.

Remember, this is a part time position. Serena will generally be with us on in Budd Lake on Sunday and one other day (usually Wednesday) during the week. In addition to that, she will be working from home for a half day each week and will be on call for any emergencies or special needs. She will also be taking courses at Philadelphia Seminary part time. She will be under the supervision of Pastor Karol Van Wulfen (who has been our Vice Pastor for the past 3 years). And remember, it is our job to support Serena as well. She will be there for us and we need to be there for her. We will learn from each other. Have any questions or concerns? Contact me. If I do not know the answer, I will attempt to get the answer.


This is a ground breaking situation that we are beginning. I do not know of this process being tried in the ELCA congregation before. It is my opinion that Abiding Peace can be successful with this process and be a model for the ELCA congregations to follow in the future. There is a definite need for pastors in the ELCA and a lot of congregations cannot afford a full time pastor. As I mentioned last month, we had an elected member of council resign due to a change in work requirements (not being able to attend our meetings). I urge you to consider being a member of your Church Council. We usually meet the third Tuesday of the month. Want to see what we do? Feel free to come to our next meeting and observe what we do. Our meetings are open to all.

Howard Corneilson
President

September, 2016

October Newsletter Deadline
September 23, 2016

Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School will resume on
September 11. We will
**use the same schedule**
and format as last season.

For hospitalization issues,
please call Pastor Karol Van
Wulfen at 908-689-1976 during
office hours or 908-689-9379
after office hours.

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

COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

Officers

President	Howard Corneilson
Vice President	Robert Bowden
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	George Pawlo

Council Members

Gerry Ayotte	Kim Prentiss
Robert Bowden	Pat Scalora
Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Doug Laird	Sue Schwier
George Pawlo	

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	Ray Mueller
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	<i>Vacant</i>
Worship & Music	Mary Kasakove

OUR STAFF

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Message from Vicar Serena

This month marks the start of my partnership in the ministry of Abiding Peace as Vicar. Together we are embarking into somewhat uncharted territory, which will require trust and learning on both sides. This could be a source of some anxiety, but I believe it is also an important part of God's gift to us. I see that gift in at least three qualities of this partnership.

1. It helps us to really live into the *priesthood of all believers* (1 Pet. 2:5). As a student Vicar, I come to this congregation knowing that I will depend on your history as a strong teaching congregation. My hope is that this need and inexperience on my part can be a blessing for you, reinforcing and strengthening the knowledge and gifts you all bring to our collective ministry. All the baptized are part of a *holy priesthood*, and I believe our mutual learning emphasizes the vital role of all members of our community in the work God has given us.
2. It creates a healthy *expectation of imperfection* (2 Cor. 12:9). As we learn together in this work, it is inevitable that we will make some mistakes. That is part of the learning process. With that expectation, we can be prepared to look for the lessons God has for us in the missteps. Some of Jesus' most powerful sermons came in response to the mistakes of his disciples (e.g. Mark 9). As we learn by trial and error, I expect God will have some great lessons for us, and God's power will be made perfect in our weakness.
3. It reminds us that *Christ is the true head of the church* (Col. 1:18). I know God has called me to leadership in ministry, and I deeply value the trust of this congregation in calling me to serve as your Vicar, but I also know I am just a vessel. I do not have all the skills, knowledge, and wisdom this church needs. As a community, we must continually seek the guidance of Christ's Spirit, as our source, our goal, and our light on the path.

If we are stepping into uncharted territory, it means a journey of discovery. I am truly excited to discover and serve together with you. To the glory of God. Amen.

Message from the Vice Pastor

This is not goodbye.

And yet it is the end of my time as your Vice Pastor. After three years of working with your church council, joining you for worship for the annual congregational meeting, and visiting some of you in the hospital or my office, I am happy to see your new opportunity for pastoral care and leadership. Vicar Serena Rice begins her two year internship with you in September. While I am retired from the position of Vice Pastor, I will continue to hear of your ministry and life together serving as the mentor or supervisor for your new vicar. I look forward to this opportunity and expect we will all learn and grow through the experience. Meanwhile, I expect you will welcome Vicar Serena Rice with the same kindness you offered to me. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your congregation for these three years. You will all be in my prayers.

God's blessings,

Pastor Karol Van Wulfen

Clinical Student in Need of A Quiet Space

A clinical student looking for a very quiet space (size doesn't matter) with just a restroom and a makeshift kitchen. I'm very peaceful, a gentleman and very private.

Anyone who can be of help should please call 862-215-5032 (area around Budd Lake, Netcong, Hopatcong or Hackettstown ideal).

Thank you.

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Faith Kitchen Shopping list for September 6 "Chili Rise Dish"



- ~ 1 can of dice tomatoes (14 and 1/2 oz.)
- ~ 1 large can red kidney beans (40 oz.)
- ~ 1 bag of chili seasons mix (1.25 oz.)
- ~ 2 green peppers
- ~ 1 onion
- ~ 1 pkg. ground turkey (about 1.31 lbs.)

I will pick up the rice.

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, September 4th.

Let me know if you can come to help cook and serve or call with any questions 973-691-1910.

With gratitude,

Sibylle Schroeder
Social Ministry

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We have been very blessed with our garden this year and want to thank everyone that helps with this project, planting, weeding, picking all the vegetables and also bringing them to Mount Olive Senior Housing. Great Job!!!



Senior Meeting Schedule 2016

September 15	Historic talk/Presentation
October 20	Halloween Party
November 17	Outing—Theater
December 15	Christmas Party

For our Senior meeting we will have a special presentation by Thom Coates on "Local Railroad Tragedies in the 1900s!" Everybody is invited on Thursday September 15th at 2pm. This should be very interesting and as always we will have some goodies to share.



Men's Ministry

Please join us for a Men's Breakfast on September 10. We continue our tradition of fellowship, mutual support and spiritual growth for men of all ages in Abiding Peace Lutheran Church and the surrounding community. Please encourage each other to attend and share in this fellowship. We meet the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. around the kitchen for breakfast and a short study of God's Word focused on our development as Christian husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons. Anyone who would like to help out with cooking should show up around 8:15.



We will be looking at one of the scripture texts for the following day. The intent is to use this opportunity to take some time to explore how we can apply what we learn from scripture to our life each day in the real world. If you want to prepare ahead of time the texts for the following day are Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

"Unfinished Object" Night Monday, September 12 and 26



UFO night will be on Monday the 12th and the 26th - come out and let's talk about and work on some projects for our Reformation Fair. If you like to knit, crochet, sew or stitch, or do other crafts, help us to create a nice display of items to raise some money for a charity. We start at 7:30 pm and work until 9pm. 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.



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 4

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 18

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 11

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

General Budget Financial Summary

	July	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,480	\$80,360
Income	\$12,673	\$74,919
Expenses	\$11,042	\$73,308
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,611
Current surplus as of 7/31		\$ 1,497

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



September Birthdays



September Anniversaries

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

24 Linda & Tom Venator



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!

September Fellowship Reminder

On September 11th we will be welcoming our new Vicar Serena Rice. Let's make her feel really welcome with a Cookout/Potluck Luncheon immediately following the 10:00 service. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs & buns and drinks. We are asking the congregation to provide salads, side dishes and desserts. We are hoping to have the cookout outside (weather permitting) and will set up tents to accommodate everyone. We are also hoping this will coincide with the beginning of Sunday School.

SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SEPTEMBER	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
4	Howard Corneilson	Doug Laird	Sue Stirrat	Dick Kamim	George Pawlo	Jeanne Scalora
11	Doug Laird	Cindy Pawlo	Don Bowe	Mary Kasakove	Heather Nilsen	Sue Stirrat
18	Don Bowe	Ken Schwier	Linda Venator	Barbara Prosser	Christina Schroeder	Ann Anderson
25	Howard Corneilson	Chris St. Genis	Dick Kamin	Sibylle Schroeder	Howard Corneilson	Sue Stirrat

COUNTERS: 4: Nancy Ayotte 11: George Pawlo 18: Howard Corneilson 25: Nita Persson

ALTAR GUILD: Demetria Laird



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: The sick: Kathleen Mazzaghatti, Richard Biunno, Sue Schwier, Susan Jacob, Judy Jacob, Chris Killian, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Jean Eastman, Taryn & Little Frankie Parenello, Rob Heller, Jackson Hackelberg, Sue Corneilson, Florence Johnson, Neil Nilsen, Aimee L. Nilsen, James Paladino, Bill Price, Asta Mangan, Macy Sparozic, Oto Tubelis, Ray DeFelice, George Karl, Helen Michener, Gail Pinkham, Sue Almeida-Thilleman, 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, Peter & Donna Ballotta, Rene Celada, Tony & Mickey Gasperine, Margie Greendyk, Mark Miller, Carol Clark, Elaine Schmudde, Les Accordino, Sandy Olson, Doris Conrad, April Inglin, Amy & Mark Super, Susan Ansari, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen Those in mourning: The States Family

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	3 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
4 16TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	5	6 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	7 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	10 9:00 am Men's Ministry 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
11 17TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST MUSIC SUNDAY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Cookout/ Potluck Luncheon— Welcome Vicar Serena Rice 11:00 am Sunday School	12 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	13	14 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 2:00 pm Senior Meeting—Local Railroad Tragedies in the 1900s, Presenter, Thom Coates	16 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	17 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
18 18TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	19 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	20 7:30 pm Council Meeting	21 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23 8:00 pm NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
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