



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Vicar

Story-Telling

Have you ever thought about how you would tell your faith story? Often, we think about faith as a matter of theology – what do we believe about God? Or maybe we think of faith in ethical terms – how does my faith guide my behavior and decisions? But the way we experience our faith is not usually as a series of truth statements or ethical principles. Our faith is bound up with our stories – how has God showed up in our lives to comfort us, teach us, and challenge us? This is the power of our witness, and this is why our faith really matters to us: because it shapes the experiences of our lives.

Our fall stewardship focus we will be talking about *the power of sacred story*. We may hear the term “sacred story” and think that means stories in the Bible, or stories of saints, or stories of God showing up in powerful ways in the history of the church. And it does. But those powerful ways that God shows up include the ways that God shows up in each of our lives. Each of our lives is a sacred story, because God is active in our lives. Taking the time to pay attention and think about the sacredness of our own stories can help us to recognize that activity, and to let it shape us.

Throughout the month of November we will be hearing from story-tellers in our congregation about the sacred stories that speak to the power of generosity in our congregation. These stories will be opportunities for you to hear and to recognize the sacredness of the everyday stories, to be touched and inspired by the way God is actively working in and through our church. They will also be opportunities for you to ponder your own sacred story. God is active in your life – sometime in obvious ways, and sometimes in ways that require a little more attention to

November, 2017

December Newsletter Deadline
November 16, 2017

Worship: 10:00 am



Daylight Savings
Time Ends November 5!
Please turn your
clocks back.

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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recognize. This month, you are invited to pay attention to that story, and to think more deeply about how God is calling you to participate in the life and work of this church. Once we start to read our own sacred stories, we get to see how beautiful and powerful they are.

Vicar Serena

Vicar Serena's November Schedule

Week of October 30—November 5

- Wednesday, Nov. 1: 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
- Thursday, Nov. 2: 10:30 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Nov. 5: 9:00 am—1:30 pm

Week of November 6—12

- Wednesday, Nov. 8: 10:15 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Nov. 12: 8:30am —1:30 pm

Week of November 13—19

- Wednesday, Nov. 15: 10:15 am—9:00 pm
- Sunday, Nov. 19: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Week of November 20—26

- Wednesday, Nov. 20: 9:30 am—3:30 pm
(Off-site: Synod Ministerium Day)
4:30 pm—9:30 pm: (Budd Lake: church & Thanksgiving service)
- Sunday, Nov. 26: 9:00 am—3:30 pm

“Unfinished Object” Night November 13 * 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.



Looking forward to the New Year!

November might seem early to start thinking of the new year, but November 26 is the last day of the church year. The church calendar begins again every Advent. In the (fast-coming) church year we will be exploring year B of the lectionary cycle, which features Mark's gospel. Mark's is the shortest of the Gospels, which gives us an opportunity to explore a new way of hearing the Word in our community. Following worship on November 26, we will gather to share lunch and the Word. As a community, we will read through the entire gospel of Mark in one sitting!!!

If you have never done this before, it is a transformative way to experience the story of Jesus and his disciples. We usually just hear the gospel in little pieces – individual scenes. And we can forget that those scenes make up one big story. Hearing them together as a single story, in the way they were written, changes how we hear each of the individual scenes.

So, put November 26 on your calendar. Bring your appetite for the Gospel (and sub sandwiches), and let's experience this transformative story together!



Sunday School Schedule For 2017

~ 11/5
~ 11/19
~ 12/3

~ 12/17
~ 12/31



The word STEWARDSHIP always brings to my mind the things we have, may it be physical things, relationships or our own existence. What it also brings to my mind is what someone once said to me - that all we have is only lent to us by God and we need to take care of it all! So here we go - our relationships (to self and others) - are we always loving, caring, supportive and understanding, or do we sometimes hurt ourselves and the people we love the most? Do we care about the stranger or do we look down on others thinking of ourselves as better, smarter and more privileged? Then there are the things, the house, the garden, the car - the church - it is a privilege and we are rich to have all those things and all those people in our lives, a true gift from God! So, we are called to do the best we can to take care of it all by sharing our gifts (which we have received or are borrowing from God). In the end, what we take with us, are not any physical things, but the love and caring, the relationships, the laughter - and the crying we did together, the creative ways we have shared God through us and the way we have made the world a better place. At Abiding Peace that is who we are - together - and I thank God for all the ways he/she has blessed us in the past and will bless us in the future.

Sibylle Schroeder



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!



Thanksgiving is so close you can almost smell the turkey roasting, the stuffing, cranberry sauce, and the various desserts that we always indulge in.

Sadly, though, there are many in our community who cannot enjoy the bounty that is Thanksgiving. However, there is a way our neighbors can enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal. With your help 10 families will get to experience the joys and smells of the holiday.

Please sign up to help those in need. The sign up form is in the narthex.

Thank you!



Faith Kitchen Shopping list for November 7 Meatballs and Gravy

- ~ 1 (38.4 oz/96 count) package of 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, November 5th. 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



November 11 * 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: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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

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!

Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

November 29

Christmas Party, Gift
Exchange and
“Sing along” with Lynn



Sunday Scripture

November 5

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 19

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 12

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Thank You Corner

Thank you Sunday School for making the bulletin board for Blessing of the Animals.

Yay for our curb appeal team! A Huge thank you to George, Cindy, Mike, Pat, Alexis, Ed, and Sheeba, who organized last minute for our Fall work day to clean-up the outside of our property. You all worked so hard, and did such a great job of showing our best face to all the neighbors who drive by Abiding Peace. Thank you!

And Thanks as well to Pat & Marco for doing a great job cleaning up our parking area!

Thanks for all the help for our Reformation activities—we truly can only do this together!

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 November 16.

Seniors Halloween Party

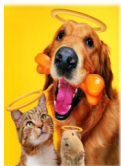
A scary good time was had by all.



Food Pantry Needs

Tomato Sauce
Pasta
Jelly
Parmalat Milk
Bread
Vegetables

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.



Blessing of the Animals A Blessing to all

No lions, tigers or bears attended but four happy, well-behaved and much loved dogs joined our service for our annual Blessing Of The Animals. At the end of the service, all came forward for a prayer and individual blessing. Other pets, represented by their photo, were similarly recognized as gifts of God's creation and blessings in our lives.

In attendance:

Dogs:

CHESTER - with Doug and Demetria Laird

RUSTY - with Jean and Pat Scalora

TESS - with Dee Alimi

DAISY - with Eleventh Hour Rescue (available for adoption)

In photos:

Dogs:

JUNEAU - Sarah Laird

Cats:

SCOOTER and PUMPKIN - Mary & Gene Kasakove

KIARA - Doug and Demetria Laird



Evangelism\Outreach

“Our Daily Bread”- October 15, 2017

Creation Care – “The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind.” The relating story is about a fisherman, e.g. protecting trout during the spawning season. God has given us the earth to use, but we must use it as those who love it. Care for creation honors the Creator.

“Mornings with Jesus”

In using the daily readings, I was reminded of the movie where the broadcaster started with, “Good morning Viet Nam...” Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we started each day, “Good morning Jesus. Thank you for another day. Thank you for....(include your personal petitions).

Many of the stories for this month included a “Thank you Jesus.” Or thank you, thank you, Jesus. We should do the same. We should also ask our relatives, friends and even strangers we meet to do the same

In catching up to date several daily reading particularly affected me.

- ~ It is good for us to see Jesus as our personal Savior
- ~ Thank Jesus for enabling you to soar
- ~ Learn to hope in the Resurrection
- ~ The next time you feel unappreciated, undervalued, or over looked, thank Jesus that he knows your name and considers you worth dying for.
- ~ Conquering our fear is no small thing. Usually we need backup. Prayers; Encouragement, and (most importantly) – Jesus.

These and many other “Faith Steps” can be related to our family, friends and even strangers. Share them with others.



November Birthdays

13 Ann Anderson
14 Mike Schroeder
20 Ben Schroeder
29 Don Larsen



November Anniversaries

3 Gene & Mary Kasakove
22 Roy & Carmelina Persson

NOVEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

NOVEMBER	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
5	Howard Corneilson	Ken Schwier	Demetria Laird	Barbara Prosser	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Alexis Sweeney
12	Alexis Sweeney	Cindy Pawlo	Lynn Peterson	George Pawlo	Heather Nilsen	Vanessa Ponce
19	Don Bowe	Alexis Sweeney	Linda Venator	Sibylle Schroeder	Mary Kasakove	Sue Stirrat
26	Howard Corneilson	Ken Schwier	Thom Coates	Dick Kamin	Christina Schroeder	Marco Ponce

COUNTERS: 5: Nancy Ayotte 12: George Pawlo 19: Howard Corneilson 26: Nita Persson

ALTAR GUILD: Demetria Laird



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & 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 & Mark 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, Jan Breeman, 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) Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen

NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		3	1 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Study: Engaging with Prayer 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	3 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	4 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
5 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Lutherans in America	6	7 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	8 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Study: Engaging with Prayer 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	11 9:00 am Church Family Breakfast 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
12 23RD SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 8:45 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	13 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	14	15 4:00 pm Taize Service at Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Engaging with Prayer 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	18 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
19 24TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am The U.S. Church	20 7:30 pm Interfaith Mt. Olive Clergy Assoc. Thanksgiving Service @ Temple Hatikvah	21	22 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	24 8:00 pm NA Mtg. Office Closed	25 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
26 CHRIST THE KING 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Gospel of Mark/Lunch	27	28	29 2:00 pm Seniors Christmas Party, Gift Exchange, and Sing along w/ Lynn	30		