



# VIEW

## from the lake

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



### Church is a Verb

Timothy Wengert, a respected Lutheran Theologian, uses this phrase to capture the essential vitality of the Christian Church. Church is not a building, and it is not even a group of people in a static sense. Church is a verb. Church *happens* in the gathering of God's people. It *happens* when the gospel is proclaimed among God's people in absolution, Word, and Sacrament. It *happens* when we draw near to God in prayer and bible study. It *happens* when we act out God's Kingdom in the world through service to the poor. In short, church *happens* when people assemble to worship, learn, and serve.

The people of Abiding Peace are very active, for which I, as your Vicar, am very grateful. I do not imagine many of you think of church as something you "attend" on Sunday morning – you are too busy *doing* and *being* church to be confused about that. And so, this message is not an exhortation. It is an affirmation.

All of the things you are so busy doing: practicing choir music, buying food for the food pantry, learning parts for the Reformation Fair, making calls and prayers for the prayer chain, preparing Sunday school lessons, writing your offerings of letters... these are not just activities. These are church. Your warm and generous hearts lead you to give your time, talent, and treasure to these efforts, and that is a beautiful thing to see. And so, in the midst of all the busy-ness, let us say:

"Thanks be to God for the beautiful, messy mystery of  
God present among us as church."

Vicar Serena

November, 2016

**December Newsletter Deadline**  
**November 25, 2016**

**Worship: 10:00 am**



**Daylight Savings**  
**Time Ends November 6!**  
**Please turn your**  
**clocks back.**

**For hospitalization issues,**  
**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](http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org)**

## **COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS**

### Officers

President	Howard Corneilson
Vice President	Robert Bowden
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### 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	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	<i>Vacant</i>
Worship & Music	Mary Kasakove

## **OUR STAFF**

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## **From the Council President**

It is that time of year when we start to prepare for the next year – 2017. We will be planning for our annual Congregational Meeting in January.

This means we will be looking for members of our Congregation to be willing to serve on the church council. Why not consider it? Abiding Peace is your church. Volunteer to serve on the council or other committees or worship assistant.

We will also be preparing a budget for 2017. To do this, we need to have a reasonable idea of what income to expect. Hence the dreaded “Stewardship” word comes up. In reality, it is not so dreaded. It gives the council an idea of what to expect for the year. All it is an expression of you intend to donate to Abiding Peace. I, myself, make a weekly contribution (others make monthly or by-weekly contributions). You pick what works best for you. The other thing I do is make my contributions to Abiding Peace using the “Bill Pay” option at my bank. That way when I am away, my contributions arrive at Abiding Peace even if I am away for some reason. Why not consider it? I will gladly discuss this option with anyone – just ask.

Howard Corneilson  
President

## **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.**

## Join the Live Webcast with Bishop Eaton on October 27

As a congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Abiding Peace has the opportunity to learn, partner, and grow with the broader church. Our Lutheran identity offers the benefit of a rich heritage, without cutting off opportunities for partnership with other traditions. The ELCA webcast on “Ecumenical Witness on the Eve of the Reformation Anniversary,” provides us with the opportunity to learn more about our history and our continuing reformation. This is a great resource for anyone wanting to understand or participate more fully in the work of the church. Please consider logging on.

Bishop Eaton, American Lutheran scholar Martin Marty, and other panelists will be exploring:

- ~ What was the Reformation, and what does it mean for Lutherans and ecumenical partners?
- ~ What is “Declaration on the Way,” and why is it significant for Lutheran-Catholic relations?
- ~ How might we understand our ecumenical and inter-religious relationships as part of our participation in the ongoing Reformation?

Tune into the live webcast by visiting [ELCA.org/webcast](http://ELCA.org/webcast). A link will be made available after the broadcast. You can also follow along on Facebook Live by visiting [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://Facebook.com/Lutherans). Please send any questions for consideration during the live webcast to [livinglutheran@elca.org](mailto:livinglutheran@elca.org) and provide your name, congregation name, city and state. You can also join the conversation by using #ELCAwebcast on social media.



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!



## Needs for Reformation Sunday

YOU and your family/friends—come, have fun and enjoy the Reformation spirit! You can make and/or help with crafts and games with the children.

Bring something for the bake table or buy something from the bake or craft table and then mingle and enjoy a free German lunch. This is a great Sunday to invite someone that you would love to introduce to APLC.

We also need some small pine cones and acorns. I did find a whole bag of chestnuts in my neighbor's yard (with permission). All of this is for old fashioned children's crafts. If you signed up to bring something—please remember to bring it.

Much love and hope to see you all there. Don't forget to dress up! There are still costumes at church.

Love,  
Sibylle

## Social Ministry Thanksgiving Baskets



We were approved to receive Thrivent Choice dollars to help with this year's Thanksgiving baskets. There will be a sign-up chart soon. We were asked if we could supply 10 baskets which is two more than last year, but I think we can do it since we have the extra money.

I would really like to thank everyone for your steadfast help with our ongoing food needs for the food pantry (yay, it's not empty anymore!) and Faith Kitchen and also your contributions to World Hunger and the Thanksgiving baskets every November! Thank you from the bottom of my heart— all these ministries are only possible because of each one of you! Together we can change the world.

Love and gratitude,  
Sibylle



## Steward isn't about Money, it's about Mission

That was one of the major themes I gleaned from a Synod retreat on Excellence in Ministry, Unleashed, which I attended in early October. So often we hear the word Stewardship and we think it is just a code word for pledging of monetary donations. But giving financially to the work of the church is just one of many *means* to reach a much more important *end*.

**We give *SO THAT* we can support the life-changing mission of the church.** In so doing we also give thanks to God as the source of *all* of the resources that we have. This means that our giving involves not only the financial resources we have, but also giving of our time and our talents.

In celebration of what we have from God, and in recognition that we need to be thoughtful about what we do with our time, talents, and treasure, Abiding Peace is asking all members and regular attendees to do some thinking about what resources we have and what we feel led to give. Over the next few weeks we will be distributing Time & Talent sheets and pledge cards to each household. ***Please use these resources prayerfully to think about how God has equipped you to participate in the mission of the church.*** We will be receiving the result of this reflection and prayer as part of our worship on November 20, to the glory of God.

Vicar Serena

## "Unfinished Object" Night

No UFO Night is scheduled for November.



## Faith Kitchen Shopping list for October 4 "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, 11/30.  
For questions call Sibylle at 973-691-1910.

Thank you, Social Ministry

## Abiding Peace is Online

In this digital age, having effective online communication is an important piece of effective outreach. As a first step in expanding our digital communication, we have added a new page to the church website for sermons. The text of Vicar Serena's sermons are posted weekly, so if you want to share a message with a friend, or catch-up on what you missed while away, all you have to do is long-on.

Looking forward, there are many different ways we could expand our digital outreach. If you have ideas or are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Vicar Serena. And if anyone has video capacity, let her know that too!



## Abiding Peace Seniors Halloween Fright

On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Abiding Peace Seniors had a wonderful time at our Halloween Party. Thanks to Ed Sekula for setting up the decorations.



## Senior Meeting Schedule 2016

November 17      Outing—Theater

December 15      Christmas Party

If anyone has seen an event they think would be fun to go to in November or December, please call me at 973-691-1910 or talk to me and we'll figure out what we want to do.

Sibylle Schroeder



## Sunday Scripture

### November 6

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

### November 13

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### November 20

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Luke 1:68-79  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44



## November Birthdays



## November Anniversaries

13 Ann Anderson

14 Michael Schroeder

20 Ben Schroeder

25 Emily Dunbar

29 Don Larsen

3 Gene & Mary Kasakove

22 Roy & Carmelina Persson



## Men's Ministry

The men's breakfast group will not meet in November due to the date being on a Holiday weekend and poor attendance for the last few meetings. We are planning to have a breakfast meeting in December (10<sup>th</sup>) at the usual time (9:00 am). At this meeting, we will discuss the schedule of future meetings for the group (day, time, frequency).

There will be a signup in the narthex so we will know how many plan to attend. You may also email [hgcorn@optonline.net](mailto:hgcorn@optonline.net) to indicate you plan to attend. We want to continue our tradition of fellowship, mutual support and spiritual growth for men of all ages in Abiding Peace Lutheran Church and the surrounding community, so please try to attend.

Thanks.

Howard Corneilson



## Breaking Bread Together, or Whenever!

Jesus was known for sharing meals with everyone - not just Pharisees and tax collectors, but everyone. He modeled for us the relationship-building power of eating together.

Vicar Serena is looking for opportunities to share relationship-building time with you. It could be a Sunday lunch after service, or maybe dinner together before choir rehearsal. Meet at a restaurant, eat at home, a pot-luck at church, or a picnic outside. Whatever works for you and your schedule. The important thing is getting the chance to get to know each other.

Her normal office days at Sundays and Wednesdays (occasionally Tuesdays - it's always in the church bulletin). So stop by, give a call, or schedule a time. You can always reach her at [serenarice@hotmail.com](mailto:serenarice@hotmail.com) or 908-458-3940.



Rusty (Scalora) takes his job seriously as a Therapet. He went right to work visiting and offering friendship to Mt. Olive Manor resident Johanna Haig. They both had a great time.

## POVERTY SIMULATION

### Experience first hand the daily struggles of life

Date: November 10, 2016

Location: Romano Conference Center  
Newton Medical Center  
175 High Street  
Newton, NJ 07860

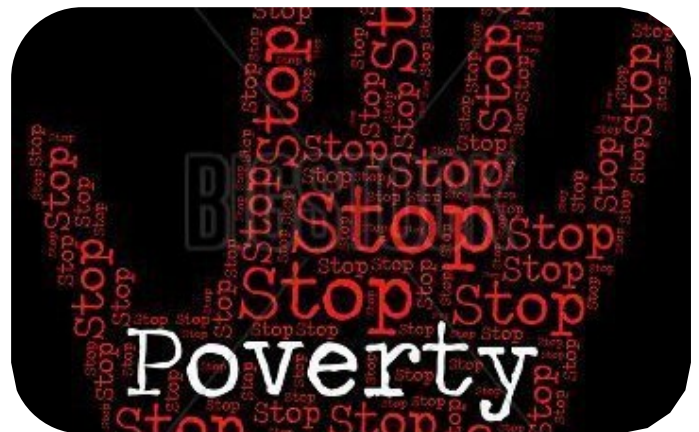
RSVP Required: Registration limited. Call Emily at 973-383-4787 or email [willse@norwescap.org](mailto:willse@norwescap.org) to register.

During this simulation participants take on the role of low income families. Each family must provide food, shelter and other basic necessities while interacting with community social service agencies.

This interactive evening is for all members of the community. Learn about the harsh realities of poverty and what we can do as a community to create a culture where all families can thrive not just survive.

**Come join us for this profoundly moving and unforgettable evening.**

***Do you have what it takes to survive?***





### All Saints Day Observed Sunday, November 6

Going back to at least the third century, the church has set aside a day to lift up all the saints of the church, living and departed. We celebrate all those, living and dead, who were baptized in Christ and live in the promise of the resurrection. Typically, a special commemoration is made for those congregation members who have died in the past year. Recognizing that our thoughts also go to other departed friends and loved ones, Abiding Peace will invite members to bring a votive candle to the altar in memory of those we hold in our hearts.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is also an opportunity to make a donation to the **MEMORIAL FUND**. This fund is used for the permanent needs and improvement of our worship space. In the past, has been used to provide hymnals, altar furnishings, video and sound equipment and many other articles that enhance our sanctuary. Please consider donating in remembrance of a departed family member or friend.

### General Budget Financial Summary

	September	Y-T-D
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$11,480</b>	<b>\$103,320</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,775</b>	<b>\$ 90,956</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,383</b>	<b>\$ 93,003</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (608)</b>	<b>\$ (2,048)</b>
<b>Current deficit as of 9/30</b>		<b>\$ (2,300)</b>

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

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!**

### Blessing of the Animals A Blessing to All



No lions and tigers and bears (oh my!) but we did have 4 dogs and 2 cats at our service on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Animal visitors sat quietly throughout the service, respectfully came forward to the rail as their pet parents communed and then came forward again at the end of the service to be introduced and blessed. Animal friends were served dog bones and cat treats at coffee hour.

In attendance were:

Dogs: **Rusty** with Jeanne Scalora  
**Nicky & Farah** with Mary & Clay Franklin  
**Baleigh** with Sandy & Tony Carlson

Cats: **TJ, Scooter & Pumpkin** with Mary Kasakove  
(represented in photos)  
**Tuxedo Cat & Jay Jay** with Lynn Peterson

# NOVEMBER

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

NOVEMBER	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
<b>6</b>	Doug Laird	Cindy Pawlo	Shelli Skeels	George Pawlo	Christina Schroeder	Jeanne Scalora
<b>13</b>	Don Bowe	Ken Schwier	Dick Kamin	Mary Kasakove	Heather Nilsen	Kim Prentiss
<b>20</b>	Howard Corneilson	Chris St. Genis	Linda Venator	Sibylle Schroeder	Howard Corneilson	Sue Stirrat
<b>27</b>	Doug Laird	Doug Laird	Sue Schwer	Barbara Prosser	Mary Kasakove	None

**COUNTERS:** 6: George Pawlo 13: Howard Corneilson 20: Nita Persson 27: Nancy Ayotte

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Schwier



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, Carol Clark, Elaine Schmutde, Sandy Olson, Doris Conrad, April Inglin, Amy & Mark Super, Susan Ansari, Myra Charters, Maruybeth Mueller, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ *Those who are homebound:* Ruth Petersen



# NOVEMBER, 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> <i>9:00 am</i> Faith Kitchen	<b>2</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.	<b>5</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>6</b> <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.	<b>12</b> <b>No</b> Men's Ministry <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>13</b> <b>26TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b> <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship <i>11:00 am</i> Sunday School	<b>14</b> <b>No</b> Unfinished Object Night	<b>15</b> <i>7:30 pm</i> Council Meeting	<b>16</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> <i>2:00 pm</i> Senior Meeting—Outing	<b>18</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>19</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>20</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b> <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>25</b> Office Closed <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.	<b>26</b> <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
<b>27</b> <b>1ST SUNDAY/ ADVENT</b> <i>9:30 am</i> Music Rehearsal <i>10:00 am</i> Worship <i>11:00 am</i> Sunday School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>6:30 pm</i> Soup Supper <i>7:00 pm</i> Advent Service <i>7:45 pm</i> Choir Rehearsal			