



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Vicar

July, 2017

August Newsletter Deadline
July 27, 2017

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.

Phone: 973-691-9393
Website: www.abidingpeacechurch.org

Thirsty Ears

At the inaugural meeting our new Visiting Outreach Ministry (see the *Would you like a visit?* blurb) I learned a wonderful phrase from one of the members: “thirsty ears.”

I could not love this idea more. It is a two-word picture of the listening required for genuine relationships. Relationships thrive on the longing to really know each other, to attend to each other's stories with the eagerness of a thirsty traveler drinking a cold glass of water (or beer, if that's your fancy). There are few things in this world that can make us feel more valued than a pair of *thirsty ears* attending to what we have to share about ourselves.

In our information-overload culture this kind of attention is so rare, but it doesn't have to be. Scripture teaches us that we are Christ's body, sent to do God's work in the world. We often talk about how we are God's hands, but we are also God's ears. When we use our ears to really listen to each other, and to all the people in our lives, we can communicate God's love without words. Such listening takes practice, and I know I need that practice at least as much as any of you (since it's often my job to talk). Shall we practice together this Summer? I would love to hear your stories, and I believe that we will grow as a community when we all make a point of seeking the privilege of drinking in each other's words... maybe over a tall glass of water (or a cold beer).

Vicar Serena

COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

Officers

President	Howard Corneilson
Vice President	Robert Bowden
Secretary	Doug Laird
Treasurer	George Pawlo

Council Members

Gerry Ayotte	Heather Nilsen
Nancy Ayotte	George Pawlo
Robert Bowden	Pat Scalora
Howard Corneilson	Sibylle Schroeder
Doug Laird	Sue Schwier

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

OUR STAFF

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office@abidingpeacechurch.org
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From the Council President

At the June breakfast, it was decided to terminate the Men's Breakfast and Bible Study.

It was also decided to try something new. Starting in September, there will be a **Saturday Breakfast and Bible Study** on the second Saturday of the month. This will be open to all, both men and women. There has been an indication from some of our female members that they would be interested, so we decided to make the change and be more inclusive. Hope to see you there.

I hope all have filled out their time and talent sheets. We will be following up with you once the sheets have been tabulated. Remember, stewardship is more than the almighty dollar.

On a personal note, once again I want to thank all our members and friends for their prayers, thoughts and cards with my recent illness and hospitalization. It truly means a lot to be part of such a caring family.

Howard Corneilson
President

Would You Like a Visit?

Abiding Peace has a new ministry team! Four of our lay members (Nancy Ayotte, Thom Coates, Cindy Pawlo & Alexis Sweeney) are working with Vicar Serena to develop a new visiting outreach, with the hope of expanding our church's capacity to visit the sick and respond to pastoral care needs in the congregation. At minimum, this team grows our ability to bring communion to members who are sick or hospitalized during the week, but it is also about building relationships. Every member of our community is missed when they are away, and this is one way to bring church to you when you aren't well enough to make it on Sunday. But it only works if we know who might appreciate a visit. So – please – call the church office or Vicar Serena if you are ill, or injured, or just need a listening ear and a reminder that Christ body and blood are given for you!



Mind the Gap

The phrase “mind the gap” comes from London’s underground system. It’s a phrase that repeats over the loud speaker at the tube stops to remind the riders leaving the train to **pay attention**, so as to avoid catching their feet in the small gap between the train and the platform. It’s an important reminder, because in the midst of rushing through life even a small gap can send you sprawling if you aren’t paying attention.

Abiding Peace is facing a “small gap” in our budget. About halfway through the year, our expenses have exceeded our giving by a little under \$3,700. It’s not a gaping hole, and we have a little funding in reserve so all our bills are getting paid, but it’s the kind of gap that could send us sprawling if we don’t pay attention. As we work as a congregation to grow our ministry and live into the work God has given this community to do, our financial stewardship empowers that work. There is no need to panic. God is faithful, and God is clearly working through Abiding Peace. As we move forward in that mission, we just need to “mind the gap.”

“Unfinished Object” Night July 17 * 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.



Vicar Serena's July Schedule

Week of July 3-9:

- Wed., July 5 - 10:00-9:00

Vicar Serena will be away on vacation July 6-15

- Pastor Carol Petersen (Grace Lutheran, Mendham) will be available for pastoral emergencies.

Week of July 10-16:

- Sun., July 16 - 9:00-3:00

Week of July 17-23:

- Wed., July 19 - 10:00-9:00
- Thurs., July 20 - 7:00-9:00
- Sun., July 23: 9:00- 2:00

Week of July 24-30:

- Wed., July 26 - 10:00-9:00
- Sun., July 30 - 9:00-2:00



Upcoming Fellowship Activities

There’s a lot going on at Abiding Peace this summer. Vicar Serena has proposed several potential fellowship activities. Recently we experienced two of these. On June 18 we started up our monthly-themed Sundays with Strawberry Sunday. On June 25 Abiding Peace hosted a Synod finance committee meeting where we provided the dinner and Synod reimbursed us for the dinner.

On Sunday, July 2 we will be celebrating the 4th of July with Red, White and Blue Sunday. We encourage everyone to bring a dessert that is red, white and blue to share.

In Christian fellowship,
Demetria Laird

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.

Senior Meeting Schedule 2017

July 13 (Thursday)	Historic talk on the "Morris Canal" by Don Bowe
August 23 or 24	Picnic at Ed's house
Sept. 27 (Wednesday)	Guided Meditation with Vicar Serena
October 26	Halloween Party
November 29	Christmas Party and "Sing along" with Lynn



July Birthdays



July Anniversaries

7 Joan Blackburne	19 Jim & Kathy Tangen
8 Dick Kamin	
10 Roy Persson	
13 Rodney Prosser	
19 Robbie Cranmer	
20 Steven Tangen	
30 Patricia Persson	



Faith Kitchen Shopping list for July 4

~ 3 packs of hotdogs
~ 3 packs of hotdog buns
~ 1 pack shredded coleslaw

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, July 2nd.

Thank you for all your help.

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!



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

July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 23

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 9

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 30

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reminder. . . You are Needed!

All through June we have been collecting **Time & Talent forms**, but if you forgot it's not too late! Abiding Peace recognizes that God has given us each different skills and interests to serve God's mission in the church. The Time and Talents sheets are a tool to help you reflect on the many different ways that you can be active in the life of the church, and experience how important you are to this community. So... take a look at all the different opportunities; think about what excites you, what intrigues you, where you might discover new skills or new friends; then bring your sheets back to the church. You will receive a call or e-mail from a ministry leader or member of Council to let you know more about the opportunities to serve, and we'll go from there. We can't wait to see how God will grow our community through our service.



General Budget Financial Summary

	May	Y-T-D
Budget	\$11,479	\$ 57,395
Income	\$ 9,374	\$ 52,027
Expenses	\$10,348	\$ 55,701
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (974)	\$ (3,674)
Current deficit as of 5/31		\$ 8,333

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

Justice Gathering September 16


Do you want to know how to connect your faith with practical steps to help the most vulnerable in our state?

Do you want to learn how our church's teaching address issues of community violence, criminal justice, economic justice, environmental care, and immigration?

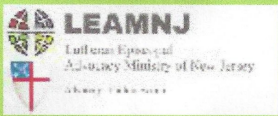
Do you want to connect with other people of faith engaged in advocacy in New Jersey?

Then make plans to attend the Justice Gathering of the Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey with Vicar Serena. This one-day retreat on Saturday, Sept. 16 will equip you, connect you, and inspire you – and all in the midst of the natural beauty at Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center. See attached flier for details or e-mail info@learnj.org to register.

JUSTICE GATHERING



Dr. Traci West,
Professor of Christian Ethics
and African American
Studies from Drew
Theological Seminary will
lead off the day



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Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey
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"Justice Gathering"
All ministry groups and persons who have a passion for justice are encouraged to attend. During the gathering there will be opportunities to engage fellow Lutheran and Episcopalians from throughout the state. Deepen your engagement with justice issues, and grow your network.

There is no cost, but you must register in advance. Activities for children will be offered, bring your family!

What: Grow your Network for Justice
When: Sept. 16, 2017- 10am-3pm
Where: Cross Roads Camping and Retreat Center
29 Pleasant Grove Rd,
Califon, NJ 07865
Register: www.learnj.org or for more information info@learnj.org

Take Martin on Vacation!

Want a fun way to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation? Take Martin on vacation, or on whatever wild or lazy adventures your Summer brings. Yes, someone stole the idea from the "Flat Elmo" bit from a few years back, and now Lutheran churches are stealing the idea from them...

Here's what we're suggesting: attached to the newsletter is a "Flat Luther": a line drawing of our friendly reformer that you can print out: you might want to color him in or decorate him up as you see fit. Then, as you make your way through summer fun, take a picture of Marty wherever you might be enjoying the weeks ahead: at home or "afar". Make sure you capture him amidst the "local scenery," and even maybe include a selfie with the little guy. Post your photos on social media and bring them to church to display. This is a neat way to share your summer festivities with the congregation, celebrate the 500th year of our "reforming church," and maybe even spark a conversation that will give you the chance to talk about how the Reformation has reformed your own life!



JULY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

JULY	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
2	Howard Corneilson	Doug Laird	Sue Corneilson	Dick Kamin	Mary Kasakove	Marco Ponce
9	Jackie King	Ken Schwier	Thom Coates	Mary Kasakove	None	Alexis Sweeney
16	Doug Laird	Jackie King	Linda Venator	Barbara Prosser	Maria Jerez	Vanessa Ponce
23	Don Bowe	Cindy Pawlo	Sue Stirrat	Sibylle Schroeder	Howard Corneilson	Jeanne Scalora
30	Howard Corneilson	Doug Laird	Demetria Laird	Maria Jerez	Christina Schroeder	Marco Ponce

COUNTERS: 2: Howard Corneilson **9:** Nita Persson **16:** Nancy Ayotte **23:** George Pawlo

30: Howard Corneilson

ALTAR GUILD: Jackie King



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep These Friends in Your 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, Rob Heller, Jackson Hackelberg, Sue Corneilson, Florence Johnson, Neil Nilsen, Aimee L. Nilsen, James Paladino, Bill Price, 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, Larry Clark, Kathi Buckley, Jackie Darrow, 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, Abe Elias, 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, Linda McPherson, Nancy Gallo, Nancy Doyle, Ely Blahut, Bill von Minden, St. James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, NJ Those who are homebound: Ruth Petersen Those who are in mourning: The family of Emily Dunbar

JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
2 4TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	3	4 9:00 am Faith Kitchen Office Closed	5 6:30 pm Interfaith Potluck Planning Meeting 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	6	7 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	8 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
9 5TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	10	11	12 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	13 2:00 pm Seniors' Meeting—Historic talk on the Morris Canal by Don Bowe	14 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	15 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
16 6TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST Music Sunday 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	17 7:30 pm Unfinished Object Night	18	19 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	20 7:30 pm Council Meeting	21 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	22 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
23 7TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship	24	25	26 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	28 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	29 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
30 8TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship						