



# VIEW

## from the lake

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



From the Vicar

### Missional Perspective

When I was originally thinking about this third, and final, article in this series on *being a missional congregation*, I had thought about titling it “Missional Outreach.” The ELCA’s description of *missional leadership* that inspired this series of reflections talks about being “**prepared** for ministry in **light of God’s mission** for **the sake of the world.**” The final part of that sentence clearly points us out into the world we are called to serve, and “outreach” is the way the church usually talks about that work.

But “outreach” can also be code for “how do we get new people to come to church?” To be clear, I believe it’s a good thing when new people come through the doors of our church and find spiritual nourishment and community here. The ministry, growth, and learning that happens at Abiding Peace is wonderful, and blessed by God, and there is a lot of need in the world for the things that happen here. But wanting people to come here for all of these good gifts is a different thing than understanding our mission as being “for the sake of the world.”

Doing ministry “for the sake of the world” requires a shift of perspective that locates our goals outside of the institutional life of the church. Abiding Peace is a blessed and beloved community, but its purpose for existence can’t be turned in on itself. We need to always be looking out: looking to understand the needs outside our doors, and looking to see how God has called and equipped us to respond to those needs, whether or not the folks outside ever come in. During Lent we were reminded that the way God loved the world was to *send* Jesus in a way that both exposed our need for God and met that need to love and grace. As we enter into the Easter promise of resurrection this month, it is my hope that we can be open to the ways God might want to send us – to recognize the needs of the world, and meet them where there are with love and grace.

April, 2018

May Newsletter Deadline  
April 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.

Phone: 973-691-9393

Website: [www.abidingpeacechurch.org](http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org)

Vicar Serena

## ***COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS***

### Officers

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Gerry Ayotte	Ray Mueller
Nancy Ayotte	Heather Nilsen
Robert Bowden	George Pawlo
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### Ministry Leaders

Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
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Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	Ray Mueller
Worship & Music	Mary Kasakove

## ***OUR STAFF***

### **Vicar:**

Serena Rice  
Cell: 908-458-3940

### **Music Director:**

Ben Schroeder  
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### **Administrative Assistant:**

Christine Strobel  
office@abidingpeacechurch.org  
**Monday-Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 Noon**

## **Vicar Serena's April Schedule**

### Week of 4/2 - 4/8

- 4/4 - 10:30am-9:00pm
- 4/8 - 8:30am - 3:00pm

### Week of 4/9 - 4/15

- 4/11 - 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 4/12 - 12:00pm - 9:30pm
- 5/15 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

### Week of 4/16 - 4/22

- 4/18 - 10:30am - 9:00pm
- 4/22 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

### Week of 4/23 - 4/29

- 4/25 - 10:30am - 9:00pm
- 4/29 - 9:00am - 7:00pm

## **“Unfinished Object” Night April 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.



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.

## Holy Week Journey

*Why would you want to go to church 4 days in a row?!*

I know. It sounds like a lot. You have a life, and family, and Easter dinner to prepare, and Nor-Easters to clean up from, and all the rest. But I want to encourage you to think about participating in the full experience of Holy Week this year. The services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil are really designed as ONE integrated service stretched over three days. These three days and Easter are the center of our church year. They draw us into the movement from death to life that is the center of our faith and hope. Each night takes us another step on the journey, and gives us the time to reflect and learn in new and engaging ways.

Jesus will rise on Easter morning regardless, but I hope you will consider participating in the full journey. It is a sacred walk.

~ Thursday, March 29 - **Seder Dinner @ 6:30pm;**  
**Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30pm**

~ Friday, March 30 – **Good Friday Service @**  
**7:30pm**

~ Saturday, March 31 – **Easter Vigil @ 7:30pm**

~ Sunday, April 1 - **Easter Worship @ 10:00am**



## A WARM Celebration

We did it! We pulled together, and dug deep, and we paid for the new boiler that will keep our church home warm for many years to come.

It seemed like a huge hurdle when we learned the cost last summer: \$13,500! That's about 10% of our total annual budget! We had \$6,000 in emergency funds that we were able to use, but that still meant we needed to raise \$7,500 of new money from our small but mighty congregation. And Council is very proud to report that as of March 11 we have raised every dollar!

It is an encouraging sign for the financial health of this congregation. We know we are still facing some significant hurdles with our budget. Costs will be going up this year as Vicar Serena's internship ends (and hopefully transitions to a regular call), and we know repairs to the church roof and air conditioner are looming. But this milestone with the boiler, and the positive growth in pledging are reason to be encouraged. As a congregation, we are invested in doing the important work that God is calling us to do in Budd Lake. That's something worth celebrating!



### Assistants Needed

Adding an additional communion assistant has helped the serving of Holy Communion run smoothly but it also means that another person is required. Please consider volunteering for this simple duty. There is no formal reading required. The communion assistant simply helps serve the wine, either with the pouring chalice or common cup. The only speaking required is the simple message "The blood of Christ shed for you".

If you would like to be a Communion Assistant please contact Christine Strobel in the church office so that she can put you on the schedule, which will be sent to you each month. If you have any questions, please speak to Vicar Serena or Mary Kasakove.

**COME SERVE  
WITH US**

### Evangelism

At our adult form we have been looking for the face of Jesus in ourselves and in others.

In a listing of prayers I came across this prayer of St. Francis, I'm sure many of you are familiar with it. "Lord make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me show love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is discord, union. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy.

O Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; To be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in the giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen."

This prayer seems to lead us in seeing Jesus in our selves and in others. We should use it more often.



### Sunday School Schedule For 2018

4/8  
4/22



### Food Pantry Needs

**Bread  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Parmalat Milk**

**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 April 3 Chicken That Makes its Own Gravy

- ~ **1 pkg. chicken breasts (5-6 large pieces) or**
- 1 pkg. of 10-12 chicken thighs**
- ~ **1 can evaporated milk**
- ~ **2 cans cream of mushroom soup**
- ~ **1 (8 oz.) pkg. shredded cheddar cheese**

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, April 1st.

Thank you for all your help with our Social Ministry projects!

For any questions or if you would like to come to Faith Kitchen with us, call Sibylle Schroeder at 973-691-1910.



**April 14 \* 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: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

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

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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

### April 1

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Acts 10:34-43  
Mark 16:1-8

### April 22

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

### April 8

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
John 1:1—2:2  
John 20:19-31

### April 29

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

### April 15

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48



## April Birthdays

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 3 Nancy Ayotte     | 22 Mary Kasakove |
| 5 Anoop Kandikatla | Krista Persson   |
| 8 Sue Stirrat      | 26 Jim Tangen    |
| 10 John Cranmer    | 29 Cindy Pawlo   |
| Demetria Laird     |                  |



## April Anniversaries

- 5 Gerry & Nancy Ayotte  
Ray & Mary Beth Mueller  
7 Mike & Sibylle Schroeder  
9 Jan & Patricia Persson

## Update on Abiding Peace's Therapy Dog

First, a very big THANK YOU to Alexis Sweeney for taking us to the Mendham Library and handling Rusty. GREAT JOB!!!! Rusty is a very gentle dog, but not quite gentle enough for my shoulder or arm at this time.

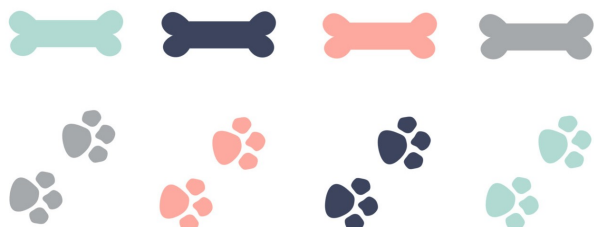
Alexis is a NATURAL therapy pet handler. This was a first time experience for us all.

Rusty has never worked in a group setting with other dogs before. Unfortunately, Rusty didn't realize at first, that you're suppose to be quiet in a library. After Rusty announced his presence, he settled down.

Alexis escorted Rusty into the library and set up a comfortable place for us to work. She made the children comfortable as well and took good care of me.

You may be wondering why we would bring a dog to the library of all places. The library offers a wealth of opportunities for both children and animals. Children who have a fear of animals often overcome it. Many children don't have pets, so this time with an animal allows them to feel the affection and comfort of animals. The actual purpose of this service is to help children with their reading issues. Animals won't make fun of them, if the child makes a mistake. Shy children relax when reading to an animal. The child may struggle with reading, or be too shy to read out loud or in front of anyone or other fears. Past experience with Duchess (rabbit) and Anie (Cairn Terrier) have proven how this reading program improves the child's confidence and enhances their reading ability.

The experience is rewarding to everyone, (two legged or four legged) in so many ways.



## Senior Meeting Schedule 2018

April 19 (Thur.)	Games
April 28 (Sat.)	Concert—Harmonium Chamber singers**
May 30 (Wed.)	Arboretum Chester/ Chester Diner
June 21 (Thur.)	Movie
July 18 (Wed.)	Lavender Farm at Port Murray and Book Review of a book you read and liked
August (?)	Picnic at Ed's house
Sept. 19 (Wed.)	Story Telling—anything about your life
October 25 (Thurs.)	Halloween Party
November 29	Christmas Party

This schedule is open to changes.

\*\* Saturday evening at 7:30 pm Harmonium Chamber singers concert at Grace Episcopal Church, 4 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ.

Sunday, May 29 at 3:00 pm at Christ Church, 66 Highland Avenue, Short Hills.



# APRIL

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

APRIL	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	POWERPOINT
1	Alexis Sweeney	Doug Laird	Maria Jerez-Kearney	Dick Kamin	~ Howard Corneilson ~ Mary Kasakove	Sue Stirrat
8	Howard Corneilson	Cindy Pawlo	Dick Kamin	Maria Jerez-Kearney	~ Heather Nilsen ~ Doug Laird	Vanessa Ponce
15	Doug Laird	Ken Schwier	Linda Venator	Mary Kasakove	~ Maria Jerez-Kearney ~ Pat Scalora	Alexis Sweeney
22	Alexis Sweeney	Pat Scalora	Shelli Skeels	Barbara Prosser	~ Sibylle Schroeder ~ Mary Kasakove	Marco Ponce
29	Howard Corneilson	Alexis Sweeney	Sue Stirrat	Sibylle Schroeder	~ Christina Schroeder ~ Cindy Pawlo	Jeanne Scalora

**COUNTERS:** 1: Nancy Ayotte 8: George Pawlo 15: Howard Corneilson 22: Nancy Ayotte

29: George Pawlo

**ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Kasakove



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, Jennifer and Hunter Koscheff, 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 Those in mourning: the Hewitt family

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>EASTER</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship Easter Brunch following the service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>7</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>8</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY/ EASTER</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Bible Study: What Do We Do With This? 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm Council Meeting (All are welcome)	<b>13</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Church Family Breakfast 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>15</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY/ EASTER</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Adult Forum: Loving Dialogue on Immigration	<b>16</b> 7:30 pm UFO Night	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Bible Study: What Do We Do With This? 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>20</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>21</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>22</b> <b>4TH SUNDAY/ EASTER</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm Bible Study: What Do We Do With This? 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>28</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>29</b> <b>5TH SUNDAY/ EASTER</b> 9:30 am Music Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am History & Meaning of Favorite Hymns 12:00 pm Council Retreat	<b>30</b>					