

# VIEW from the lake

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

FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

February, 2012

March Newsletter Deadline  
February 24, 2012

Worship: 10:00 am  
Sunday School: 11:00 am

### **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)

The Six Marks of Discipleship:

- + Praying daily
- + Worshiping weekly
- + Reading the Bible
- + Service in the congregation and beyond
- + Being in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
- + Giving of our time, talents and resources

A disciple is "one who accepts and follows a teacher," specifically Jesus Christ. Are you living your life right now as a disciple of Christ? Or are you unsure. . . feeling a spiritual hunger from deep within yourself? Michael Foss, in his book *Real Faith for Real Life*, challenges us:

"How many of us display . . . spiritual skepticism? We participate in worship and listen to sermons, sing hymns and maybe even serve in the congregation. But our hunger has persisted. Or we don't know if we were growing spiritually. We have lost sight of the signs of growing in Christ's presence. We know others whose spiritual needs are bursting to life, but we have few resources with which to respond.

"We face a culture of apathy, which is a consequence of losing our way. The first response of souls in lethargy is always skepticism. We wonder: Can I really experience something more in my spiritual life? Does Jesus really have an answer to that deep hunger I feel?

"There is a way, a path that can open our spiritual journey of life to an eternal destination. There are signposts that we can pass along the way that will confirm our journey's destination. We call them The Marks of Discipleship. They mark the pathway of spiritual growth. We meet them again and again as they lead us through the spiraling lane of meeting our spiritual hunger and growing in God. The invitation is to begin. And then we are called to return to each practice and grow deeper in our understanding and practice of our faith. The Marks of Discipleship are spiritual aids that are biblical and have grown out of the tradition of the Christian Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they can help us find our way again. Our skepticism can be turned to joy, our apathy to spiritual energy, and our inability to meet the spiritual hunger in others can be changed into spiritual daring and skill. (*Real Faith*, pages 3 & 4.)

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**COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS**

Officers

President	Mary Kasakove
Vice President	Ray Mueller
Secretary	Jeanne Scalora
Treasurer	George Pawlo

Council Members

Mary Kasakove	Jeanne Scalora
Dick Kiesling	Ed Sekula
Demetria Laird	Shelli Skeels
Don Larsen	Julie Warren
Ray Mueller	Glenn Whitmore

Ministry Leaders

Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
Christian Education & Youth	<i>Vacant</i>
Evangelism	Ed Sekula
Fellowship	Demetria Laird
Messengers Dancers	Mary Kasakove
Mutual Ministry	Shelli Skeels
Property	Jim Tangen
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	<i>Vacant</i>
Worship & Music	Dick Kiesling

**OUR STAFF**

**Pastor:**  
Pastor Becky Thane  
pastor@abidingpeacechurch.org

**In case of pastoral emergency outside of office hours, please phone (973) 343-7672.**

**Music Director:**  
Ben Schroeder  
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**Administrative Assistant:**  
Christine Strobel  
office@abidingpeacechurch.org  
**Monday-Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 Noon**

*Pastor's column—continued from page 1*

Discipleship is simply habits of the soul that open us to the wonder and mystery of God's active presence in our lives. The marks keep us focused; they fix our attention on the things of God. When these marks are adopted and practiced by an individual, growth happens.

See you in church,  
+ Pastor Thane

**POWERPOINT HELP NEEDED**

If you are comfortable operating a computer, please consider helping operate our PowerPoint presentation during worship. Experienced operators are standing by to train and assist you. For more information, please speak to Dick Kiesling or one of our (overworked) operators, Jeanne Scalora and Ann Anderson. They will be very happy to get you started!



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PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
973-691-9393  
and/or Pastor Thane, 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 someone close to you lets us know.  
Thank you!

**Please clip this article and keep it handy!**

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS** **January 2012**

The Council met on Tuesday, January 24th. In attendance were: Pastor Thane, Mary Kasakove, Ray Mueller, Jeanne Scalora, Demetria Laird, Sibylle Schroeder and Shelli Skeels. Guest: George Pawlo.

***Gathering: We come together for worship, the work of the people***

The Council shared corporate confession & forgiveness and the peace.

***Word: How has, how is, and how will God speak to and through us?***

Council shared a time of reflection on the council year past, focusing on things we might have done differently, challenges for the year ahead, and how we hear God speaking to us at the end of the Council year.

Minutes of the December Council meeting were approved. Written reports were received from Pastor, Evangelism, Fellowship, Finance, Mutual Ministry, Property, Social Ministry and Worship & Music.

Pastor reported that the Council study for the next year, following a few months of getting acquainted exercises, will be based on Michael Foss' *Power Surge*. She also informed Council that she has accumulated a good amount of continuing education time, which she intends to utilize this year.

George Pawlo presented the Finance report. The current budget shortfall, as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, is \$3,884.51. He also presented a proposed budget, which was accepted by Council for presentation to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Shelli Skeels reported on behalf of the Mutual Ministry Committee and the annual Ministry Review Team. A complete report of the Ministry Review was presented to Council, along with recommended goals for Pastor, Congregation, and Council for 2012. Council accepted the work of the Team with thanks for their hard work.

***Meal: God feeds us. How will our work feed others?***

Council shared the Lord's Supper.

Old Business included updates on: the patio project – 2 bids have been received, a 3<sup>rd</sup> is pending; and the work of the Nominating Committee – four members have agreed to run for Council (Demetria Laird, Ed Sekula, Dick Kiesling, Glenn Whitmore), Mary will contact possible candidates for Youth Representative.

Council spent their visioning time discussing the 2012 proposed goals.

New Business: Agenda for the Annual Meeting.

***Sending: We are blessed to bear Good News. How will we?***

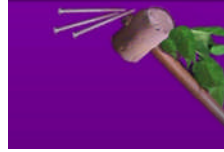
Newsletter articles were planned out. The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting concluded with prayer.

*Complete minutes of Council meetings are ready within 30 days of the meeting. They are available online at [http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org/html/council\\_minutes.html](http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org/html/council_minutes.html). Except for Executive Sessions, which are kept confidential, members of the congregation may attend all Council meetings and/or request to view the full meeting minutes.*

**CHANGE A LIFE**

Thank you for everyone who has so faithfully given to our

Change a Life campaign! Using just your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, we are able to purchase livestock for an overseas family in need. Keep up the good work – the next Change a Life day will be on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**LENTEN WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS**

Abiding Peace's annual Lenten Worship & Soup Suppers begin on Wednesday, February 29. Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. members and friends join together for an informal soup supper. Please sign up to bring your favorite soup recipes on the bulletin board in the narthex. A brief Vespers service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to make these meaningful gatherings a part of your Lenten discipline.



**sunday Scripture**

**February 5**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**February 19**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

**February 12**

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

**February 26**

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

**Financial Summary**

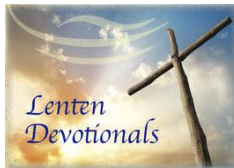
Date	Designated Giving	General & Building Fund Giving	Y-T-D-Surplus/Deficit
1/1/12	\$ 40.00	\$3,098.00	\$-3,718.00
1/8/12	\$ 115.00	\$1,575.00	\$-5,074.00
1/15/12	\$ 40.00	\$2,450.00	\$-5,555.00
1/22/12	\$ 269.00	\$1,008.00	\$-7,478.00
1/29/12	\$ 566.00	\$3,245.00	\$-7,164.00

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,931.00

**Committee Meetings**

Please note that the following committees have established standing meeting times each month. Your participation is always welcome!

- ~ Fellowship Committee - 1st Sundays  
Next meeting: February 5 @ 8:45 am
- ~ Worship & Music Committee - 2nd Sundays  
Next meeting: February 12 @ 8:45 am.
- ~ Council Meeting - 3rd Tuesdays  
Next meeting: February 21 @ 7:30 pm



**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AID**

The Worship and Music Committee is sponsoring two workshops on Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Dick Kiesling will lead you through a process of making a Lenten Devotional Aid. Also a form of Daily Prayer for Lent with Psalms and Scripture readings will be provided. In order to prepare enough materials, **please telephone the church office by February 2.** These Lenten Devotional Aids are being offered one per household.

## Chili Cook-Off

It's time for our Annual Chili Cook-off again. Come and join us Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm for a hot time and some pretty good chili as well. Prizes will be awarded for the hottest chili so we will be recruiting judges. Anyone interested in becoming a judge should let me know by February 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet available soon. If you don't want to make chili we will also need desserts and other items such as cheese, sour cream, bread, etc. Hope to see everyone there.

In Christian Fellowship,  
Demetria Laird



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## SOMEWHAT OFFICIAL RULES FOR A CHILI COOK-OFF

### 1) SELECTION OF THE JUDGES

Proper judges for any Chili Cook-off should have three principal values:

- a) A complete lack of values or principles, such as integrity. No one with integrity would even attend a Chili Cook-off, let alone judge one. Sales ability counts for extra points if you can sell Spam as real food.
- b) A bribability or sleaze factor, such that judging could be listed on the IRS form under "occupation". Check for questionable occupational ties such as contractor, financial planner, or health care professional.
- c) Taste buds that have visible scar tissue. No one who can even spell "filet de boeuf marchan d'vin", or knows what it is, could hope to qualify.

### 2) QUALITIES THAT DETERMINE A WINNING CHILI

Chili should be made with:

- a) Absence of any form of vegetable matter. Chili is a meat dish, an entrée. It is NOT a casserole. Corn and beans should be an instant disqualification. Selected peppers are permitted only if ground to a size small enough to escape visual detection.
- b) Density or viscosity. The serving spoon, when placed vertically into the chili pot, should remain erect without help. Chili placed onto a cracker remains there and doesn't trickle down your sleeve. When you water down chili, it is no longer chili. It is soup. Soup is for Wednesdays in Lent.
- c) Applicable "after\_\_\_\_\_" words. *Afterburn*, such that after a spoonful, it doesn't really matter whether or not they removed your tonsils as a child. *Afterglow*, animals and small children stand next to you outside 'cause you're very warm, all over. Other "after—" words that could be applied include *afterlife*, *aftertaste*, and *aftermath*. Do not try to use *afterburner*—this is a church event!
- d) Fear. The fear that if you burp, you will melt fillings, crowns, and do serious damage to nasal passages.

**GOOD LUCK!**



December 27, 2011

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church  
305-311 Route 46  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$150. for Faith Kitchen. This gift was very much appreciated as we served more than 196 meals on Christmas Day!

Faith Kitchen, as you may or may not know, is a “soup kitchen” currently serving as many as 100 meals on a daily basis, Monday through Saturday. It is only through donations of food and monetary contributions that we are able to feed as many people as we do. For your information, we served a total of **32,797** meals in 2010. We will continue, with God’s help, to provide nutritious meals and hopefully and prayerfully, we will never find it necessary to turn a person away from our feeding program. With this in mind, this support of Faith Kitchen is very much appreciated.

Thanks once again for thinking of us and Best Wishes for a Peaceful, Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,  
  
Suzanne Capps  
Administrative Coordinator



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*Never underestimate the capacity of one agency...*

January 19, 2012

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church  
Becky Thane  
305 US Highway 46  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828-2804

Dear Becky,

On behalf of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, I would like to express my thanks to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church for the gift of \$150.00 designated to Mt. Olive Manor.

Your gift helps Lutheran Social Ministries provide for those who need our care so much. The quality of life for countless individuals is greatly enriched by your generosity. It is a true expression of our mission. Thank you for standing tall in service to all of God’s people.

May you be blessed abundantly for your gift of compassion today and always.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Conway, MS  
Executive Director of  
Fund Development & Lutheran Foundation



### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, hosted by the Men's Ministry. Our brothers and sisters in Christ from United Presbyterian Church Flanders have been invited to join us for this event.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Wednesday, February 22 @ 7:30 pm



Once again this year we will join with our brothers and sisters in Christ from United Presbyterian Church Flanders for our Ash Wednesday service. Worship begins at 7:30 p.m. Both APLC and United Presbyterian Church, Flanders choirs will provide special music.

Flanders United Presbyterian Church is located at 58 Drakesdale Road, Flanders.

### Men's Ministry



Please join us for a Men's Breakfast on February 11. 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 2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and Mark 1:40-45.

### Sign Ministry

The Sign team is looking to the members of Abiding Peace Church to help them. The Team meets four times a year to discuss and prepare messages for the outdoor sign. We are asking the members of the congregation to help us in three ways:

1. If you see a church sign with a message that is meaningful to you, please copy it down and give to a member of the Team.
2. We are seeking more people to be involved in the selection of the messages. In the future issues of our parish newsletter we will be advertising our meeting date. Come, sit down with us and see how it's done so you can find out just what is involved.
3. If being on the Team doesn't appeal to you, how about being one of the people who actually go out and change the message? Usually this is done on Sunday morning after worship, but could be done on another day if need be. Letters and the messages are in the center meeting room. Speak to a Team member and we'll be happy to show you just how it's done.

Team members: Ray Mueller, Marybeth Mueller, Glenn Whitmore, Ben Schroeder, Dick Kiesling

### February Birthdays

- 4 Christopher Laird
- 6 Connor Ferris
- 10 Kendra Prosser
- 17 Hannah Mueller
- 23 Mackenzie Ferris
- 23 Ken Schwier

### February Anniversaries

28 Fred & Lynne Obermiller

## Evangelism

The current January issue of The Lutheran has several interesting articles in it. The first article, "A Face that Shines," is about Moses after meeting God: "after meeting God his face shone brilliantly...his iridescent face exploded with light." It was obvious the people did not know what it meant to be lit up by God. Paul also wanted his Corinthian community of believers to have their faces work like mirrors, "reflecting the Glory of the Lord." Does your face reflect your belief in the Glory of Jesus, the light of the World?

At this months Men's Ministry we talked about Christ being in us. Do other people see Christ in you? Men of Abiding Peace, please join us in our Men's Ministry the second Saturday of every month. If you weren't there in January, you missed a fantastic breakfast thanks to Ken and Len. Hope to see you next month.

Another article, "How empathy will change your life," was worth reading. We are all familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus extend the story by saying, "Love your enemy." In our world this is hard to do. And, "love your neighbor as yourself." What are your experiences with empathy? You could make a connection between this article and another.

This third article discusses the difference between Muslims and Christians: They believe that Jesus was only a prophet, not the Son of God; they look at the Trinity as associating partners with God; they don't believe that Jesus died on earth (crucifixion and resurrection); However, like Christians they do believe that "he was raised to heaven by God."

If you don't want to miss out on some great articles in The Lutheran, you can subscribe at anytime. Our congregational discount applies - \$7.95 annually. Prorated if other than our congregation's annual renewal.

## Food Pantry Needs

Dry Or Parmalat Milk  
Cereal

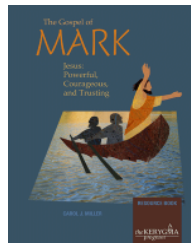


## Planning our New Patio

The steps are finished so it's time to start planning for the repair of our entrance patio. Council is in the process of getting bids for this important project. If you can recommend a company that does paver and/or poured concrete work, please contact Jim Tangen, interim Property Chairperson as soon as possible.

## Sunday School

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### The Gospel of Mark

utilizing the popular Kerygma series of study materials, Sundays at 11:15 am.

## February Fellowship Reminders

February is almost here so some quick reminders about upcoming events.

February 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Valentine's Day themed coffee hour. Everyone bring a red, white or pink dessert of some kind to celebrate Valentine's Day.

February 21<sup>st</sup> will be our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We have asked our Men's Ministry if they will be willing to cook for us and are also planning on inviting the members of Flanders United Presbyterian Church to join us as we will be joining them for worship on Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will be having our annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Come join us for a good time and some hot chili. There will be a sign up sheet fairly soon.

In Christian Fellowship,  
Demetria Laird

# FEBRUARY 2012

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

FEBRUARY	GREETER	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTANT	COMMON CUP	POWERPOINT
<b>5</b>	Carol Biunno	Carol Biunno	Elfriede Kiesling	Dick Kamin	Howard Corneilson	Jeanne Scalora
<b>12</b>	Dick Kiesling	Doug Laird	Demetria Laird	George Pawlo	Dick Kiesling	Jeanne Scalora
<b>19</b>	Judy Jacob	Chris St. Genis	Linda Venator	Roy Persson	Mary Kasakove	Jeanne Scalora
<b>26</b>	Cindy Pawlo	Ken Schwier	Doug Laird	Barbara Prosser	Cindy Pawlo	

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

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Schwier **SIGN CHANGER:** TBD



*Keep These Friends in Your  
Heart & Prayers*

The sick: Ken Morris, Kathleen Mazzaghatti, Richard Biunno, Clifford O'Donnell, Geraldine Kallman, Rob Mueller, Mary Purvis, George Englerth, Lisa Vales, Pat Scalora, Daniel Thompson, Roslyn Winfield, Bill McDaniel, Anita Berger, Sylvia Campbell, Faith Oberman, Katie Navarra, Adam Nicholoff, Glenn Perry, Maggie Nazare, Rick Oliva, Ed Corneilson, Esther Corneilson, Jim Kosiorek, Bill Price, John Farnsworth, Kerrie Winfield, Don Bowe, Naomi Jaskolski, Don Macario, Rudolph Oeckinghaus, Gordon Olson, Ebba Kristopherson, Tim Fallon, Chris Killian, Roseanna Spoulos, Rev. Carl Fisher, Elizabeth Smith, Richard Mills, Virginia Colette, Susan Jacob, Arlene Pearson, Anne Kramer, Marion Fritz, Hall Barker, Sue Schwier, Jordan Prokop, Sue Corneilson, Dave Thomas, Emily Pearson, Nancy Anderson, Bert Kellam, June Ernstrom, Darlene Mitchell, Lou Palazzi, Robert Fallaw, Jim Ireton

Those serving overseas: Frank Panek, Robert McHugh, Kristina Bryant, Barbara Accordino

Those who are homebound: Elsie Hedstrom, Dorothy Pearson

St. Peter Lutheran Church in Milton, Kentucky

St. James Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg, NJ

# FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>4</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>5</b> <b>5TH SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY</b> 8:45 am Fellowship Committee Meeting 9:30 am Music 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sun School 11:15 am Gospel of Mark Pick up pans for Faith Kitchen	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Faith Kitchen	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>11</b> 9:00 Men's Ministry 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>12</b> <b>6TH SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY</b> 8:45 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting 9:30 am Music 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Gospel of Mark	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:00 pm Mt. Olive Manor Worship 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.	<b>18</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
<b>19</b> <b>TRANSFIGURATION</b> 9:30 am Music 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Gospel of Mark	<b>20</b> President's Day: Office Closed  <b>No Unfinished Object Night</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 pm NA Meeting <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00 pm NA Mtg. 5:00 pm Chili Cook-Off
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