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from the lake

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



From the Pastor

Holy Rest

I am writing this article on a day when I took a 3-hour nap in an effort to kick a nasty head cold (on a week when I really don't have time to be sick or to take naps). It is not the illustration I was originally planning, when I scribbled the note for myself to write my January newsletter article about holy rest. I was planning something a bit more spiritual and inspiring... the kind of reflection that pairs well with a steaming mug of tea while looking out the window at a serene winter-scape. But perhaps my current bedraggled reality is a bit more in-touch with my reason for calling us into rest at the start of a new year.

New beginnings have a psychological power to stimulate resolutions and fresh starts, and that can be a wonderful resource to tap into. I have to wonder, however, if that is really what we need this year. As we move toward the 2-year anniversary of the pandemic's explosion in our communities, do we just need a fresh start; or do we need a deeper kind of healing? Do we need to move on to the next thing; or do we need to make space to rest from expectation and productivity?

My instinct almost always guides me toward achievement. Whether we call it type-A personality, or my Enneagram 3-ness, or pathological perfectionism, my favorite coping mechanism for trauma is *getting stuff done*. But even my instincts have run out of steam. I don't think we need a new inspiring vision to start this new year. I think we need an invitation to Holy Rest.

Rest is built into creation and into the creation story. God made night so that darkness could soothe us to sleep, and God created Sabbath to make rest a way for us to connect with God's own self. Sleep is what heals our bodies best when we are fighting infection or recovering from injury. And Rest is what our spirits crave when we are worn down by cares and anxiety.

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January, 2022

**February Newsletter Deadline
January 18, 2022**

***Worship: 10:00 am
Online/In-Person***

**For hospitalization or other
pastoral care needs, please call
Pastor Serena at 908-458-3940**

OUR MISSION & PURPOSE

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supporting and accepting place to grow in faith and community and 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

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So, as we head into a new year, I want to suggest a resolution that is NOT about something new to accomplish or do. I want to challenge us all to resolve to make more space for holy rest in our lives. We need to heal from all that has been lost and suffered, so that we can come to whatever new thing God has for us rested and ready. ~ *Pastor Serena*

Thank You Corner

Advent is a time where our worship & music leaders put in double-effort to ensure that our community has the opportunity for meaningful advent engagement in the midst of all the bustle of holiday Christmas around us. So, I want to send a huge thank you to Ben Schroeder, Mary Kasakove, and Christine Strobel for all the extra work they have put into planning and logistics for our Advent worship. I'm so glad to share the work of worship-planning with you. ~ *Pastor Serena*

Thank you to Sheeba David for making the beautiful quilt for the Bishop's Challenge ~ *Sibylle*

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 January 17.

January Birthdays

4 Mary Beth Mueller
7 Kevin Persson
10 Robert Bowden
11 Gene Kasakove
14 Judy Jacob
16 Sarah Laird
17 Barbara Prosser
18 Brittanie Scalora
21 George Pawlo
29 Christina Belfiore

January Anniversaries

11 Sudhakar & Alice Kandikatla

Faith Kitchen Shopping List for January 4

Ham/Potatoes/Green Beans

- ~ small boneless ham (around \$10)
- ~ 4 large cans potatoes
- ~ 1 large bag frozen green beans

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

There will only be four people from APLC cooking and two helpers filling containers. Please call me if you can help, 973-459-0908.

With gratitude,

Sibylle Schroeder, Social Ministry



Sunday Scripture

January 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18

January 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 9
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 9

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 30

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

January 16

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Education Ideas

I imagine anyone who has been awake for the last 2 years has learned a lot of new things. We are all more aware of (formerly niche) scientific matters like viral load, and vaccine technology, and air flow analysis. We have not had a choice about this kind of learning. It has become necessary to function in pandemic society. We have learned whether we wanted to or not. But what do you WANT to learn? What are the topics that pique your interest? What would excite you in a Bible study or forum conversation, and have meaning that you could carry with you into your everyday life? In church life, worship is the context that calls us into God's reality, and education is the context that reminds us of God's relevance for our reality. So where do you want to be more aware of God's wisdom in your life? Propose a topic, and we might just be able to explore it together in our adult education offerings in 2022. Here's some categories to get you started:

- Is there a book of the Bible, a Bible character, or even a genre of biblical literature that you want to understand better?
- Is there a spiritual book or author that you would like to explore together?
- What questions keep you up at night, for which you really want to explore spiritual answers?
- What aspects of your daily life would you love to have the chance to consider from a spiritual perspective?

I can't promise to have answers, but I would love to learn and investigate together with you. So, send me your education ideas for the coming year (either a series, or a one-time discussion). Pastorsere-na@optimum.net.



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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,

Please clip this article and keep it

Celebrating 50 Years

It is now five months until our culminating celebration of 50+1 years. We will have our former pastor Dale Selover with us on Sunday January 9th to present the homily, so do not miss the opportunity to greet her that day.

The Anniversary Committee is still trying to complete a few things. So we are looking for your help in completing them for our May celebration.

The Anniversary Liturgy Sponsorship is proceeding well as we have 85% of the primary goal pledged. Let us see if we can get to 100% - see the pledge form in the narthex of our building or our web site:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15Zmzw4GWF99v7TL54OeWspzmRBMt6MIRTeizripZdbM/edit?usp=sharing>.

We are also putting together a pictorial directory as part of the celebration. We are asking all members, former members, and friends (including livestream worship participants) of Abiding Peace to submit a picture (faces are most important – not distant pictures), let the picture reflect your interest – does not need to be professional. Digital pictures (preferred) can be transmitted to hgcorn@optonline.net or physical pictures may be mailed to the church at:

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

With the picture please include the name(s) as you wish to appear. Also any or all of the following that you are comfortable in sharing:

- ~ Address (Mailing address if different)
- ~ Phone number(s) - please indicate home and/or cell for whom if more than one individual
- ~ Email address - please indicate if shared or for whom if more than one individual
- ~ If a member of Abiding Peace, how long have you been a member (if you remember). If not a member, what congregation are you now a member of

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A display of what will be printed will be delivered to you for your approval prior to publication.

Please send in your pictures! You can also have a picture taken at church, either on your phone or by someone else who is there. We are looking forward to seeing all your beautiful faces.

50th Anniversary Committee



Pastor Serena's January Schedule

In addition to posted hours in the office, Pastor Serena is also available to the congregation by cell phone or e-mail during the week: (908) 458-3940; pastorserena@optimum.net. Her day off is Saturday, so please refrain from sending non-emergency messages or calls on Saturday.

Week of January 3—9

- Wednesday, Jan 5: 10:30am-8:30pm
- Sunday, Jan 9: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Week of January 10—16

- Wednesday, Jan 12: 10:00am – 5:00pm
- Sunday, Jan 16: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Week of January 17—23

- Wednesday, Jan 19: 10:30am – 8:30pm
- Sunday, Jan 23: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Week of January 24—30

- Wednesday, Jan 26: 10:30am – 8:30pm
- Sunday, Jan 30: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Week of January 31—February 6

- Monday, Jan 31: 10:00am – Wednesday, Feb. 2: 12:00pm – off-site continuing ed.
- Wednesday, Feb. 2: 1:00pm- 8:00pm
- Sunday, Feb 6: 9:00am-1:00pm



More Abiding Peace History in Words and Photos

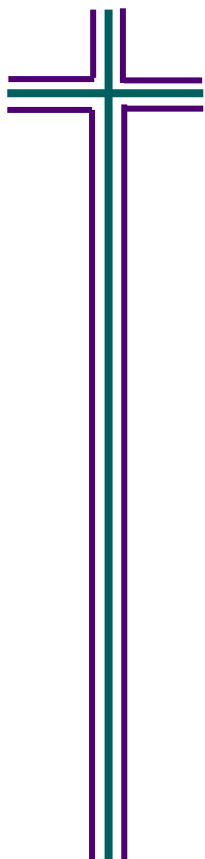
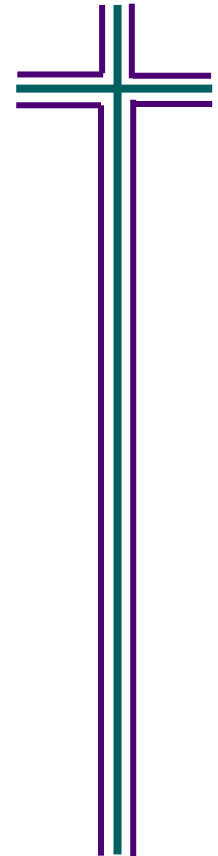
For the Epiphany season of our 50th Anniversary celebration year, here's a look at our 1990's. We're putting 10 photos from each decade in this newsletter, but you can see hundreds more in our albums on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AbidingPeaceChurch/photos>.

The 90's set a record as having 300 photos submitted. Thanks to Judy Jacob, the Corneilsons, and Sibylle Schroeder for submitting photos, and especially to Doug Laird for his work in digitizing the photos from the physical albums in the church office! We encourage you to submit more photos from the year 2000 on by emailing them to Ray at okray.mueller@gmail.com.

1990's: Transitioning

Rev. Dale Selover's ministry at Abiding Peace roughly coincided with this decade. She introduced the congregation to varied styles of worship utilizing settings from the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), With One Voice (WOV), and "Now the Feast and Celebration" by Marty Haugen; involved more people as assistants in worship; and introduced robes for acolytes and worship assistants. During this time Mary Kasakove established the Messenger's Dance ministry.

In the late 1990's, the congregation saw the need for an expanded facility; specifically, the need for more classroom space. A master plan had been developed earlier for our site so that such an expansion would complement two future phases for a larger sanctuary and a new, larger fellowship hall. The sale of the parsonage in 1998, a four-year capital campaign, and a larger mortgage provided most of the funding for what would be built in the decade to come.



JANUARY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

JANUARY	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER	SOLOIST	LIVESTREAM
2	Sandy Carlson	Howard Corneilson	TBD	Sheeba David
9	Demetria Laird	Ken Schwier	TBD	Nick Senior
16	Sue Stirrat	Mary Kasakove	TBD	Quinn Rice
23	Sibylle Schroeder	Doug Laird	TBD	Ray Mueller
30	Sheeba David	Cindy Pawlo	TBD	Tyler Rice

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Sibylle Schroeder

BREAD BAKING: None



*Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers*

Those who are sick or in need: Emily Wager, Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Mickey Gasparine, Sandy Kahler, Kenneth Johanson, Karen Qualls, Nancy Ayotte, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Sheeba David, Jim Kosiorek, Cora Pawlo, Richard Biunno, Jim Tangen, Elizabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Dan Scouten, Mary Laird, Evelyn Woodruff, Grace Bessasparis

Those who are expecting: Chris and Marie Laird

Those in mourning: George & Janet Schroeder on the death of Janet's son Hans, Friends and family of Walter Pasuco, friends and family of Rudy Oeckinghaus, those mourning David Coyne, the VanHouten family, Millie Miller on the death of her sister, The Scalora and Crescenzo families on the death of Jeanne's cousin Sandy, the Scalora family on the death of Pat's sister Sally, the family of Gary Siess, the family of Jim Cook, the family of Bryce Rosen, the family of Betty Curlander, the family of Jay Mohundro, the family of Carla Schechner, the family of Steve Sammarco

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Happy New Year 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
2 2ND SUNDAY/ CHRISTMAS 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person	3 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	4 9:00 am Faith Kitchen 1:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	5 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm New Mem- bers Class	6 6:30 pm NA Organiz- ers Meeting	7	8 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
9 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am Sunday School	10 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	11 7:30 pm Council Meeting	12 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	13	14	15 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
16 2NDSUNDAY/ EPIPHANY 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:30 am Bible study with Dr. Tim Wengert	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	18 7:30 pm Anniversary Committee Meeting	19 4:30 pm Service @ Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Education Planning Session	20	21	22 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
23 3RD SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person Service 11:00 am Congregational Meeting	24 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	25	26 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Balcony Con- versation	27	28	29 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
30 4TH SUNDAY/ EPIPHANY RIC Sunday 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person Service 11:15 am Sunday School	31 5:45 pm Children's Church 7:30 pm NA Mtg.					