

VIEW from the lake

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



From the Pastor

You Have a Vocation or - Probably - Many

Back in the 1500's, when God was working through Martin Luther to radically transform the church, the idea of vocation was a restricted category of spiritual occupations, like priests or nuns. Luther objected to this limit on the understanding of how God calls humanity to be part of God's work in the world. He argued instead for an understanding of vocation to include **anything** that **anyone** does that accomplishes good in the world or for our neighbor.

Which means that, according to Luther, regardless of what you do for a profession, you have a vocation - probably many. This is a really important idea in terms of what it means for us to be people of faith. It means that our faith is not just about the beliefs we hold, or the activities that we engage in that are explicitly spiritual. In this understanding, there is no line of demarcation between our "spiritual lives" and our "secular lives." Everything that we do has the potential to be something that we do for God, whether that be prayer and service, or taking our dog for a walk or making dinner for a loved one. We always have the potential to be going about our daily lives for the glory of God and the good of those around us. This is the broadest possible understanding of Christian vocation.

There is an in-between understanding of vocation, however, that can also be worth exploring. This understanding recognizes that we each have particular gifts and interests that equip us in unique ways. While anything we do can be done vocationally, there are particular things that might be our particular vocations... ways that we are set apart to serve. These vocations can relate to our professions, or else to hobbies or special interests. They are the things we have devoted time and energy to that we then have the potential to share with others in meaningful ways.

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**October Newsletter Deadline
September 26, 2023**

*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. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

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Property	<i>Vacant</i>
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Sharing our talents, interests, and expertise is a way to build up the body of Christ, even if we never really thought about our specialties having spiritual significance.

This Fall, Abiding Peace will be starting a new forum series that lifts up the vocations of people in our congregation... special gifts, knowledge, or experiences that people in our congregation can share. We will start with a few members of Council in September and October, talking with us special skills or interests as a way to celebrate the gifts they have been given and to share them with our community. I encourage you to come to these after-worship forums to learn a bit more about your siblings in Christ. And I also encourage you to think about whether you have any special knowledge, interest, or way of bringing good into the world that you would like to share with the larger community. This is one of the ways that we grow as the body of Christ - by sharing our gifts and learning about each other’s passions in the process.

~ Pastor Serena

Why Do I Give?

“Over the years I have been blessed and fortunate. While struggling financially in our early years, we have been able to now live very comfortably and I want to give as a thanks to God for helping to provide the life we lead. I also want to be able to share my resources with those less fortunate. And I believe our church is such a giving community, I want to support its efforts..“

November 2022 – Survey Response



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SERVICE PROJECT

For this year's GWOH service project we are collecting household items for Family Promise of Morris County. Family Promise partners with faith communities and volunteers to provide Shelter, Housing, and Outreach to families and individuals facing homelessness and housing insecurity in Morris County. The program provides shelter for people experiencing homelessness for as long as they need, as well as prevention services before families and individuals reach crisis and supports to move people into more secure, long-term housing options.

Donating everyday items can make a difference in the lives of families and individuals experiencing homelessness who are working hard to regain sustainable independence. We are holding a collection for items on the Family Promise "wish list" detailed below. You can bring in donations anytime between now and Sunday, Sept. 10.

Gas Cards (any gas station)	Disposable Razors
Large Contractor Garbage Bags	Liquid Laundry Detergent (Regular and HE)
Wal-Mart Gift Cards	Hand Soap
Pull-ups – sizes 4/5/6	Cleaning Supplies
Food Store Gift Cards	Q-Tips
Diapers	Dish Detergent
Paper products: Paper towels, Toilet paper	Feminine Hygiene Products
Shampoo & Conditioner	Batteries
Small and Large Garbage Bags	Flashlights
Body Wash	Baby wipes

To find out more about Family Promise, you can visit their website:

<https://www.familypromisemorris.org/>

Senior Meeting Schedule 2023

- Sept. 20** Book Review "Happy for no Reason", " A Man Calles Ove" or "A Walk in the Woods"
- Sep. 30 (Sat.)** "Peter's Valley Craft Fair" at the Sussex County Fairgrounds or Mineral Fair
- Oct. 18** Halloween Party
- Nov. 29** Christmas/Holiday Party

This schedule is open to changes.

Food Pantry Needs— September

The food pantry has been filled due to a wonderful big donation from the Mount Olive Democrats food drive, so what we still need is:

- **Mac & Cheese**
- **Pasta**
- **Crushed Tomatoes**
- **Beans**
- **Rice**
- **Vegetable Oil**
- **Peanuts Butter & Jelly**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Juice**
- **Hot-dogs and buns (please put these directly in the freezer)**
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Thank You Corner

— Many thanks to Sue Corneilson and Mary Kasakove for preaching and leading worship last month, so that I could spend my anniversary with my Love.

~ Pastor Serena

Sunday Scripture

September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 24

Jonah 3:10--4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September Birthdays

7 Jan Persson
9 Doug Laird
12 Linda Venetor
24 Jimmy Tangen
26 Raymond Stirrat

September Anniversaries

24 Tom & Linda Venetor

Did we miss a birthday? Please email Kevin (aplcbuddlake@gmail.com) to keep everything up to date!

Unfinished Object Night September 11 * 7:00 pm

Come and join us for Unfinished Object Night at 7:00 pm. For information and to make sure it's on, call Sibylle at 973-691-1910.



Pastor Serena— SEPTEMBER OFFICE-HOURS:

Pastor Serena will hold office hours on either Wednesday or Thursday each week. 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; pastorserna@optimum.net. Her day off is Saturday, so please refrain from sending non-emergency messages or calls on Saturday.

Sept. 4-10

- Thursday, 9/7 - 10:00am-9:00pm
- Sunday, 9/10 - 9:00am-2:00pm

Sept. 11-17

- Wednesday, 9/13 - 10:00am-8:30pm
- Sunday, 9/17 - 9:00am-1:00pm

Sept. 18-24

- Wednesday, 9/20 - 10:00am-8:30pm
- Sunday, 9/24 - 9:00am-1:00pm

Sept. 25 - Oct 1

- Thursday, 9/28 - 10:00am-9:00pm
- Sunday, 10/1 - 9:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, 10/6
10:00 am



Pet owners are invited to bring their pets or pet photos to our regular Sunday worship service.

Dogs must be leashed. Cats and critters in cages and carriers please.

Fellowship for all following the service. For more information call (973) 691-9393.

All are welcome

SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

September	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
Altar Guild	Cindy Pawlo	Cindy Pawlo	Cindy Pawlo	Cindy Pawlo
Counter	George Pawlo	Nita Persson	Ursula Schroeder	Sandy Carlson
Assistant Minister	Sandy Carlson	Doug Laird	Sheeba David	Demetria Laird
Lector	Demetria Laird	Maria Jerez	TBD	Doug Laird
Communion Assistant	Mary Kasakove	George Pawlo	Sibylle Schroeder	Howard Corneilson
Usher/Greeter/Acolyte	Howard Corneilson	Mary Kasakove	Sandy Carlson	Sibylle Schroeder
Soloist	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Ray Mueller	Tyler Rice	Sheeba David

BREAD BAKING: Sibylle Schroeder



*Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers*

Those who are sick or in need: Those who are sick or in need: Emily Wager, Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Jim Tangen, Elisabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Evelyn Woodruff, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginets, Linda Kahler, Mark Dennis, Mike Urodzinski, John Corneilson, Tim O'Connor, Karen & Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzal, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Harold Olsen, Neil Nilsen, Aimee Nilsen, Joy Laird, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Thaddeus Sorenson, Rick & Jeni Oliva, Barbara Pinekenstein, and Mike Blondina & family.

Those in mourning: the family of Pat Scalora, the family of Joey Scollins (nephew of Sandy Carlson), the family of Kenneth Johanson (uncle of Lynn Peterson), Elise Holck and family, and the family of Joey Gear (cousin of Brittanie Scalora). *Please note: names of those in mourning will be listed for 6 months but please keep them always in your prayers.*

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 10:00 am Service, Guest Preacher Dr. Tim Wengert	4 <i>Happy Labor Day!</i>	5	6 1:00pm Worship & Music Committee 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	7 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 11:00 am—2:00 pm Rally Day BBQ & Church Work Day,	11 7:00 pm Unfinished Objects Night	12 7:00 pm Council Meeting	13 2:00 pm Senior's Meeting Pool Party 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm NT Background Study: NT as history, literature & theology	14 1:00-6:00pm Blood Drive 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 10:00 am Service 11:30 am Vocation Spotlight: Shelli Skeels	18 12:30pm Finance Team Meeting via Zoom	19	20 2:00 pm Senior's Ministry - Book Club 4:30pm Prayer Service @ Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm NT Background Study: History of the Jewish People	21 6:00pm Children's Church 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 10:00 am Service—Baptism of Isadora Belfiore 2:00pm Confirmation <i>Deadline for October Flower Orders</i>	25	26 <i>Deadline for October Newsletter Submissions</i>	27 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm NT Background Study: Jewish Life in 1 st C. Palestine	28 6:00pm Children's Church 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30 2:00 pm Senior's Ministry - Craft Fair
1 10:00 am Blessing of the Animals in worship	2	3	4 1:00pm Worship & Music Committee	5 6:00pm Children's Church 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7

