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from the lake

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



From the Pastor

God's Work, Our Hands

September, 2022

October Newsletter Deadline
September 26, 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.

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If you've been around for a few Septembers, you probably recognize this phrase: God's Work Our Hands. It's the tagline for the ELCA's annual call to engage in service work that extends its impact beyond the walls of our congregations. It's also a statement about what we believe about the way that God had designed the church to work: with the flesh & blood people in our congregations actively engaged in working out God's vision for the healing of the world.

As members of Christ's church we are not passive consumers of the offerings of our congregations. We are the workers. Of course, we trust that God's Spirit is actively working to nourish our souls and guide us in our lives, but we do not sit back and wait for God to fix everything that is wrong in the world. Just as Christ instructed and empowered his disciples to be involved in his work, so we know that God continues to work through normal people like us. It might not be as spectacular as miraculous signs and wonders, but it is still a miracle. We are workers in God's kingdom! We get to be part of doing God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

Hopefully, this understanding guides the way that we live as church together every week of the year, but on Rally Day each year – the Sunday after Labor Day, when church “programs” restart for the school year – we get a special focus on this calling. We are reminded that we are part of a much bigger church that our individual congregations. We are joined with congregations all over the country in focusing on how we can serve our neighbors. And we are joined with people all over this world in this service.

This year, we are joining in the ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge – connecting to the vital role that small farms play in feeding the world. We will have an interactive game, learning, and creating activities as well as providing tangible

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COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS

Officers

President	Jackie King
Vice President	Shelli Skeels
Secretary	Sheeba David
Treasurer	Nick Senior

Council Members

Sandy Carlson	Cindy Pawlo
Sheeba David	Ken Schwier
Maria Jerez-Kearney	Nick Senior
Jackie King	Shelli Skeels
Heather Nilsen	

Ministry Leaders

Arts & Crafts	Sibylle Schroeder
Christian Education & Youth	<i>Vacant</i>
Evangelism	<i>Vacant</i>
Fellowship	Demetria Laird
Finance	George Pawlo
Financial Secretary	Nita Persson
Messengers Dancers	Mary Kasakove
Mutual Ministry	Heather Nilsen
Property	<i>Vacant</i>
Social Ministry	Sibylle Schroeder
Seniors	Sibylle Schroeder
Stewardship	Nick Senior
Worship & Music	Mary Kasakove

OUR STAFF

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support to the World Hunger funds that empower small farmers around the world. If you are interested in learning more before our Rally Day gathering on Sept. 11, you can learn more here: <https://www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge>

~ Pastor Serena

Pastor Serena September 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.

August 29 – Sept 4: Vacation

Sept. 5 – 11

- Wednesday, 9/7: 10:00 am—8:00 pm
- Sunday, 9/11: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Sept. 12 – 18

- Thursday, 9/15: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Saturday, 9/17: 10:00 am—1:00 pm
- Sunday, 9/19: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Sept. 19 – 25

- Wednesday, 9/21: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Sunday, 9/25: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Sept. 26 – Oct 2

- Wednesday, 9/28: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Saturday, 10/1: 9:30 am—2:30 pm
- Sunday, 10/2: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Thank You Corner

Thank you to everyone who faithfully helps in any way with faith Kitchen.

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 Sept. 20.

Sunday Scripture

September 4

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Send In Your Pet/Animal Pics

Back by popular demand, we will again be extending our Blessing of the Animals in October to ALL animals (including those whom it is hard to bring into service. We will have an in-person blessing on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the church Yard Sale, but our Sunday Blessing will be in the form of a photo slideshow. So, **send in your photos to pastorserena@optimum.net!**

We welcome photos of:

- Current family pets (with names)
- Former pets whom you want to remember
- Other animals that are precious to you (even if they might not fit into the “pet” category)
- Wild animals that you love or marvel at
- Endangered species that you want to pray for
- Anything else that fits under the category of animals you want God to bless.

Please get your pictures in to Pastor Serena by Monday, Sept. 26.



Senior Meeting Schedule 2022

9/21

Book Review: The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune

10/19

Halloween Party

11/16

Party with music by Lynn Peterson
~ maybe a craft?



September Birthdays

6 Katie Clark
7 Jan Persson
9 Doug Laird
12 Linda Venator
24 Jimmy Tangen
26 Ray Stirrat

September Anniversaries

24 Tom & Linda Venator



Faith Kitchen Shopping List for September 6

Kielbasa/Sauerkraut

- ~ 6 large cans of whole potatoes (preferably with a pull tab)
- ~ 2 large bags of sauerkraut

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, September 4.

If you have any questions, please call me and let me know, 973-459-0908.

With gratitude,

Sibylle Schroeder, Social Ministry

Ministry Focus: Ways to Help Church Finances

Raise your hand if you LIKE to talk about money?! (Anyone?)

Well, this might not be the most exciting topic we ever discuss at church, but financial stewardship is an important ministry area of our congregation. Ensuring that we are making wise financial decisions for the short-term and long-term ministry of the congregation, and that we are maximizing the options for supporting this work is how we actually make sure that the ministry has the resources to continue. For that reason, our church Council is highlighting our financial stewardship as the first topic for a new newsletter section on “Ministry Focus” – which will highlight different ways to participate in the work of the church.

Did you know that there’s actually a number of different ways we can all support the church?

1. Of course, there is **personal giving**. Almost all members of our community give financially to support the work of the church. This can be in the form of support dropped into the offering plate, monthly donations sent in the mail or via automatic payments from our bank, or making donations through Venmo (@Abiding-Peace-BuddLake
2. You can also help to raise money automatically whenever you shop on Amazon. Abiding Peace is a registered charity through the **Amazon Smile program**. It just takes a few minutes to log into your Amazon account and select Abiding Peace as your preferred charity. Then, when you need to shop on amazon start at [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) (rather than the standard Amazon.com). It works exactly the same, but a small portion of your purchase amount gets donated to the church.
3. Participate in the **Yard Sale** on October 1. Bring items to sell or come to shop. We are encouraging all vendors at the Yard Sale to donation a portion of your sales to support for the church.
4. Finally **Suggest fundraising ideas!** The Council is actively interested in exploring untraditional ways of supporting the church budget. So bring us your creative ideas! We’d love to know what you have seen work for other organizations, or ideas you want to explore! You can share your ideas with Council President Jackie Palermo: jackiweso@gmail.com.

5. (NOTE – “MINISTRY FOCUS” IS A NEW SECTION OF NEWSLETTER – HIGHLIGHTING DIFFERENT MINISTRY AREAS IN THE CONGREGATION – WAYS TO GET INVOLVE).

Everyone had fun with the sunflower collage. The donations for material will be donated to the ELCA Help for Ukraine.



SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SEPTEMBER	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER/ GREETER/ ACOLYTE	SOLOIST	LIVESTREAM
4	Demetria Laird	Sandy Carlson	TBD	Ray Mueller
11	Sheeba David	Cindy Pawlo	TBD	Tyler Rice
18	Mary Kasakove	Doug Laird	TBD	Nick Senior
25	Sibylle Schroeder	Howard Corneilson	TBD	Sheeba David

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Pawlo

BREAD BAKING: Demetria Laird



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, Sandy Kahler, Kenneth Johanson, Karen Qualls, Nancy Ayotte, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Jim Tangen, Elizabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Dan Scouten, Evelyn Woodruff, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Joey Scollins, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginets, Chris Bauer, Brenda Anderson, Linda Kahler, Pat Scalora, Mark Dennis, Mike Urodinski, John Corneilson

Those in mourning: the Price family (mother of Carol Biunno), the Mueller Family, the family of Chris VanBeveran (aunt of Pastor Serena) *Please note: names of those in mourning will be listed for 6 months but please keep them always in your prayers.*

SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 9TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person	5	6 9:00 am Faith Kitchen 12:30 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Zoom)	7 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	8 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 Synod Day @ Six Flags Great Adventure
11 10TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST Rally Day/ God's Work Our Hands 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:00 am Service & Learning	12	13	14 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	15 1:00 pm Blood Drive (until 6:00 pm) 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 11:00 am Memorial Service for Luke Mueller
18 11TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 6:00 pm RIC Core Team (Zoom)	19 7:00 pm UFO Night	20 7:30 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting (Zoom)	21 2:00 pm Seniors Meeting: Book Review 4:30 pm Prayer Service @ Mt. Olive Manor 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Bible Study: The World of Jesus and the Early Church	22 12:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer (lunch @ Noon) 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24
25 12TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:30 am Council Meeting	26 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	27 7:00 pm Intergenerational Community Exploration Committee	28 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Bible Study: The World of Jesus and the Early Church	29 12:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer (lunch @ Noon) 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	30	1 10:00 am Yard Sale & Blessing of the Animals (until 2:00 pm)