



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Pastor

What's in a (New) Name

Over the past (nearly) 5 years I have spent with Abiding Peace I have intentionally focused our attention on our names for God in a variety of contexts (Bible studies, council devotions, worship, Children's Church...), but we have spent much less time talking about God's names for us. We know that we are children of God, of course, and we may or may not relate to the title of "sheep" that the Bible frequently bestows on God's people, but those are – in a way – generic names, names that apply to everyone. Does God call us each by name? By our own unique names?

The Prophet Isaiah speaks a promise to the people of Israel saying, "Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1b, CEB) The promise follows two important notes in the first half of the verse. The first is the affirmation that their Creator is speaking, a claim to have known them from their inception. The second is a couplet that speaks the promise first to Jacob, and then to Israel, a reminder that the name of their nation come from a Patriarch whose given name was changed by God. In other words, God can know us from birth, and also give us a new name. Of course, scripture includes several other stories of God renaming chosen leaders: Abram and Sarai become Abraham and Sarah; Simon becomes Peter; Saul becomes Paul. In each of these stories, as in the story of Jacob-Israel, the bestowing of a new name affirms God's calling on the life of the person who receives a new name. The new name calls them into the fullness of life that God has ordained for them.

This same understanding of a new name calling a child of God into the fullness of life God has ordained for them will be expressed in a special affirmation of baptism that will be included in our communal worship on Sunday, August 29. My son Quinn will be affirming his baptism with the support of our family, using the name that more accurately reflects who he was created to

August, 2021

**August Newsletter Deadline
August 17, 2021**

**Worship: 10:00 am
Online**

**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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be than the name in which he was originally baptized. In this rite our congregation will also be invited to support Quinn by promising to “honor Quinn in name and in spirit as he continues on God’s path.”

This is a special step in the journey of faith for Quinn and for our family, but I hope that it can also be an affirming experience for our community as a whole. By recognizing the importance of Quinn’s name in his journey of faith, we are all invited to recognize the importance of our own names: the names in which we received baptismal promises, the names mark our uniqueness within the community of all God’s children, the names by which God calls us into the fullness of God’s call on our lives.

God has many names and that multiplicity gives us the chance to know God more closely. We all do not have so many names, but the uniqueness of our names – and knowing that God knows us each by name – is another invitation to closeness with God.

~ Pastor Serena

I need help going through the food pantry to sort out things that might be expiring soon so we can donate them to a food pantry that is busier than we are. Please call me if you can help 973-691-1910

Thanks.

Sibylle Schroeder



Faith Kitchen Shopping for August 3 Bagged Lunch

~ 2 Loaves Multi-grain Bread
~ 2 lbs. Salami

Please have items to church no later than August 1. Please contact me at 973-691-1910 if you can help assemble the sandwich bags.

With gratitude,

Sibylle Schroeder, Social Ministry

Thank You Corner

Thanks to Mary and Sandy for their Faith Kitchen sandwich-making gift and also Howard, Demetria, Mary, and Sandy for bringing the supplies. ~ Sibylle

To our new RIC Core Team: Sue & Howard Cornelson, Shelli Skeels, Heather Nilsen, Anna Santino, and Robert Bowden. Even just one meeting in, I know this is a good team that will push to lead the right journey for Abiding Peace (rather than just follow the proscribed steps). You each bring thoughtfulness, integrity, and love to this journey and I am grateful for your willingness to commit to it. – Pastor Serena

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 August 17.

Sunday Scripture

August 1

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 22

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-59

August 8

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 32-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 29

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August 15

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20

August Birthdays August Anniversaries

11 Billy Clark
28 Kevin Tangen
30 Laurel Kamin

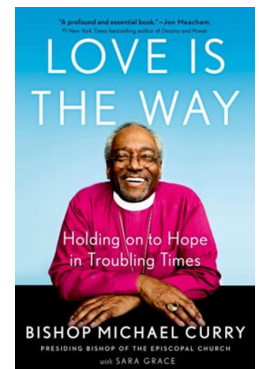
4 Pat & Jeanne Scalora
10 Don & Cecilia Bowe
20 Tyler & Serena Rice
29 Bob & Lynne Peterson

Are you Ready to Read? (Or Just Talk?)

Our Summer Book Club selection is *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry.

If all you know about Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is his sermon from the Royal Wedding of Harry and Meghan, then there is a lot still to learn, and his book is an invitation to get to know him as well as his focal message about love being the answer to our world’s current challenges. As the subtitle of the book indicates, the book addresses the challenges of our current time, but it does so from a perspective of hope. Bishop Curry invites us into his own life story, which has known its share of trouble, as a way to experience his reasons for believing in how much a commitment to love really can change the world.

As always, the book club is open to all who wish to participate, whether or not you want to read the book, and whether or not you can make all of the meetings. The final meeting will be held on the church patio (weather permitting AND over zoom **Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30pm.**



Coffee Hour is Back

As you know, coffee hour started back up on July 25th. We are asking anyone who signs up to bring store bought baked goods, juice, and milk/creamer. The church will continue to provide coffee and paper products (cups, plates, etc.). Everyone is encouraged to make their selection of whatever they want to eat and drink and then are encouraged to bring it out to the patio (weather permitting). Tables and chairs will be brought out so there will be seating available. An on-line sign up will be created either via email like Pastor Serena’s hymn selection polls or on the church Facebook page. I know everyone has missed this opportunity to share fellowship time after the service so hopefully everyone will sign up.

Demetria

Feeding our Neighbors in a Time of Pandemic

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community in ensuring that our church food pantry can continue to respond to hunger in the area during the pandemic. We have continued to receive donated food, as well as monetary donations to allow us to purchase the most needed supplies. Of course, the need continues, so here are the ways you can continue to help make sure our neighbors have the food they need:

Please continue to pick up extra supplies for our food pantry, as you are able (Note – for anyone who needs to avoid grocery shopping, due to risk factors, reach out to the church. There are members who can help).

When you have supplies to donate to the church food pantry or if you know people who need food assistance, please call Sibylle Schroeder at 973-691-1910 and coordinate with her.

Special needs for the food pantry at this time are:

Canned fruit
Juice
Bread

Frozen Meatballs
White Beans

Thank you all for your generosity!



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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,

Please clip this article and keep it

Pastor Serena's August 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 July 26—August 1

- Wednesday, July 28: 10:00 am—9:00 pm
- Friday, July 30: 7:30 pm—10:30 pm
- Sunday, Aug. 1: 9:00 am —1:00 pm

Week of August 2—8

- Wednesday, Aug. 4: 10:00 am—6:00 pm
- Saturday, Aug. 7: 10:00 am—2:00 pm (Off-site—Confirmation Retreat)
- Sunday, Aug. 8: 9:00 am —12:00 pm

Week of August 9—15

- Wednesday, Aug. 11: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Saturday, Aug. 14: 10:00 am—2:00 pm
- Sunday, Aug. 15: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Week of August 16—22

- No weekday office hours—Continuing Education at Crossroads
- Sunday, Aug. 22: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Week of Aug. 23—29

- Wednesday, Aug. 25: 10:00 am—8:30 pm
- Sunday, Aug. 29: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Week of Aug. 30—September 5

- Off: Family Vacation



Yard Sale Fun Day

When: Saturday, August 14th, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Where: The Lower Parking Lot of Abiding Peace

Why: Fundraising, Fellowship, Community Outreach

Members wishing to be a part of the upcoming **YARD SALE** may reserve a free church table (quantities limited) or bring their own card tables. To reserve a table or for more information, contact Mary Kasakove mjk167@gmail.com.



If you wish to help with **GAMES & AMUSEMENTS** contact Pastor Serena serenarice@hotmail.com.

To help with **FOOD & REFRESHMENTS** (a free will offering will be suggested) contact Demetria Laird normandy1956@optonline.net.



Vendors will be responsible for pricing, set up, and clean up. No items can be left at church.

All proceeds may be kept by the vendor but why not consider donating all or part of your proceeds to charities to be chosen by Council?

Have items to sell but can't be at the sale in person? We'll try to partner you with someone willing to tend your table. Contact Mary Kasakove mjk167@gmail.com.

More details in the coming days, but please plan to be a part of this special day!

AUGUST

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

AUGUST	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER	SOLOIST
1 In-Person	Sibylle Schroeder	Doug Laird	TBD
8 In-Person	Sue Stirrat	Howard Corneilson	TBD
15 In-Person	Demetria Laird	Sibylle Schroeder	TBD
22 In-Person	Sheeba David	Sandy Carlson	TBD
29 In-Person	Mary Kasakove	Ken Schwier	TBD

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Sibylle Schroeder (8/1, 8/8, 8/15); Mary Kasakove (8/22, 8/29)

BREAD BAKING: None



Keep These Friends in Your
Heart & Prayers

Keep these friends in your hearts and prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Judy Wayman, Tamsin Skeels, Don Larsen, Sandy Olson, Col. Phillip E. Miller, Pat Linn, Eleonor Braun, Megan McGuire, Gillian George, Eastlyn Rodriguez, Richard Biunno, Gertrude Price, Isabella Adams, Laura Dennis, Michael, Rachel and Cora Pawlo, Gayle Pinkham, Sophia Hawthorne, Kacie Schmidt, Gregg Clark, Susan Jacob, Lynn Peterson's family and friends, Alexandra Heinz, Chris Mastakas, Pat & Jeanne Scalora, Robert Buckley, The Canon family, Howard Gentler, Cindy Behler, Elisabeth and Otto Schroeder, Jim Tangen, Amelia Krusch, James Ehrke, Jennifer Van Doran, John Brun, Michelle Kamin, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Margret Zwicker, Amy Orama, Nalina (Sheeba's mom), Lauren Francis, Jackie King, Aimee (Heather's sister), Lindsey Caruso, Lora Gordan, Eric (Hildegard's grandson), Skip Kaub, Peter Block, Alex Herd, Michael Lynch, Melanie Smith, 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, Bryce Rosen, Sheeba David

Those in mourning: Those mourning Henry Hill, The Bowden and Schroeder families on the death of Evelyn Bowden, The Jaeger family, The Schwier family on the death of Elsa Platt, Marja-Liisa Apgar, the Linderman family, the Ashu family, The Kildea family, The Woodard family, the families of Nilsen and Degraw/Wilman, those mourning the death of Michael Krush, the McCabe family, Linda Tubelis (on the death of her husband, Oto), Those mourning the death of Christy Kakassy, those mourning the death of Michael Tisler, those mourning the death of Heath Morgan, 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 mourning the death of Pat's sister Sally

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship/In-Person <i>11:15 am</i> Bible Study: Psalms of Petition	2 <i>7:30 pm</i> NA Mtg.	3 <i>9:00 am</i> Faith Kitchen	4 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg.	5	6	7 <i>10:00 am</i> Confirmation Retreat <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
8 11TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship/In-Person <i>11:15 am</i> Balcony Con- versations	9 <i>5:45 pm</i> Children's Church: Summer Theme—Firm Foun- dation <i>7:30 pm</i> NA Mtg.	10 <i>11:30 am</i> Worship & Music Committee Meeting <i>12:30 pm</i> Sign Com- mittee Meeting <i>7:30 pm</i> Council Meeting	11 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg.	12	13	14 <i>Cancelled</i> Church Family Breakfast <i>10:00 am</i> Connection Fair & Yard Sale <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
15 12TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship/In-Person	16 <i>7:30 pm</i> NA Mtg.	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg.	19	20	21 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
22 13TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship/In-Person	23 <i>5:45 pm</i> Children's Church: Summer Theme—Firm Foun- dation <i>7:30 pm</i> NA Mtg.	24	25 <i>4:30 pm</i> Mt. Olive Manor Service <i>6:30 pm</i> AA Mtg. <i>7:30 pm</i> Book Club: Love is the Way, Pt. 3 Rest of the book	26	27	28 <i>8:00 pm</i> NA Mtg.
29 14TH SUNDAY/ PENTECOST <i>10:00 am</i> Webcast Worship/In-Person	30 <i>7:30 pm</i> NA Mtg.	31				