

# VIEW FROM THE LAKE

*Abiding Peace Lutheran Church*

## A BOTH / AND LENT

*By Pastor Serena*

One of the hallmarks of the Lutheran approach to Christian faith is an embrace of paradox – the teaching that our faith is most faithful and our lives are most whole when we avoid binary this/or that thinking, and recognize that the truth is usually more of a *both/and* reality.

**We are, at the same time, both sinners AND saints. We are free under the law, AND we are subject to our neighbors in love.**

**We are made righteous without our effort through Christ, AND we are called to live righteously through faith.**

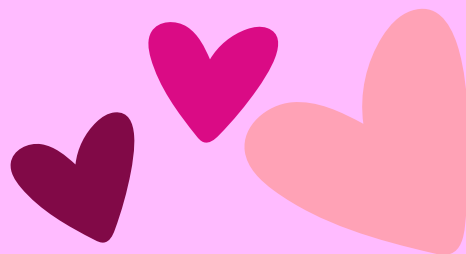
One of the benefits of this approach is that it lets us be honest about the whole range of experiences that we have as people of faith without having to worry that we are somehow “doing faith wrong.” Moreover, we cannot fall too far into one extreme or another, because a contrasting truth is always pulling us back. We can find balance and wholeness by embracing the both-ness of our reality.

We will be embracing this approach to faith in our Lenten theme this year by balancing two practices that might seem to be in tension:

On Sundays we will be focusing on **Promises** - specifically the promises attached to our baptism. Although the most essential promise of baptism is the one God makes to us: cleansing us and claiming us as God’s children, the baptismal rite also involves a number of promises for nurturing and living out our faith. These promises are important to how we live as people of faith, and they express the hope that faith truly does change our lives.

At our mid-week services we will be focusing on **Lament** – the practices that name all that is wrong and painful in our lives and world. The practices of lament create space for us to admit that things are not the way we want them to be, and to ask God to hold that sorrow with us. Such laments are also important to how we live out our faith, because they remove the shame of imperfection and confess that there are still things that need to change.

Promise and Lament. Hope and Confession. These are the both/and paradoxes that will shape our journey toward the cross together this year. You can get a lot from only one or the other as they are both deeply meaningful practices of our faith. But I hope you will join in both sides of our Lenten journey to find the wholeness of God meeting you in both places.



**Worship: 10:00 AM  
Online/ In-person**

**March 2024 newsletter deadline: 2/27**  
Any news/ photos can be sent to Erin  
aplcbuddlake@gmail.com

### ***Our Mission and 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.***

Phone: 973-691-9393 Website: [www.abidingpeacechurch.org](http://www.abidingpeacechurch.org)



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

- Parmalat Milk
- Mac & Cheese (regular or gf)
- Pasta (regular or gf)
- Crushed Tomatoes
- Beans
- Rice
- Vegetable Oil
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Juice
- Hot-Dogs and buns
- Vegan/vegetarian soups
- Vegan/vegetarian protein options
- Re-usable bags!

**(proteins & breads must go directly into freezer)**

### OUR STAFF

Pastor:  
Serena Rice  
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# COUNCIL & MINISTRY

## Officers

President	Howard Corneilson
Vice President	Aaron Hyndman
Secretary	Nick Senior
Treasurer	George Pawlo

## Council Members

Cindy Pawlo	Sheeba David
Ken Schwier	Maria Jerez-Kearney
Nick Senior	Howard Corneilson
Shelli Skeels	Aaron Hyndman
Sibylle Schroeder	

## Ministry Leaders

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

## Office Hours

Pastor Serena will hold office hours on Wednesdays for the first half of the month, and then on Thursdays throughout Lent. The plans below may change, as circumstances require – check weekly bulletins and Monday e-blast for updates. 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.*

Erin will be in the office Thursdays from 9:00-12:00, and can be reached via email: [aplcbuddlake@gmail.com](mailto:aplcbuddlake@gmail.com)

## PASTOR'S FEBRUARY HOURS

Jan 29 – Feb 4

Wednesday, 1/31 – 10:30am – 8:30pm

Sunday, 2/4 – 9:00am-1:00pm

Feb 5 – Feb 11

Wednesday, 2/7 – 10:00am – 8:30pm

Sunday, 2/11 – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Feb 12 – Feb 18

Wednesday, 2/14 – 10:30am – 9:00pm

Saturday, 2/17 – 5:00pm-8:00pm (church volunteers party)

Sunday, 2/18 – 9:00am – 2:00pm

Feb 19 – Feb 25

Wednesday, 2/21 – 1:00pm – 5:00pm

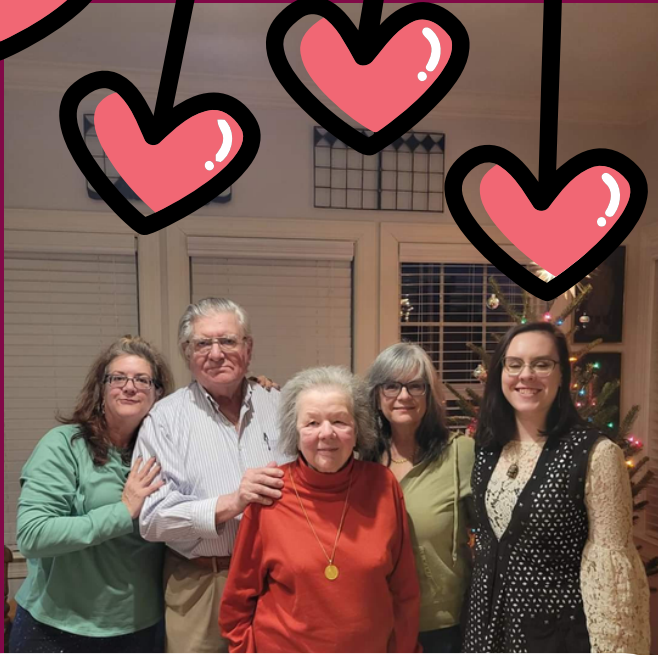
Thursday, 2/22 – 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Sunday, 2/25 – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Feb 26 – Mar 3

Thursday, 2/29 – 10:30am – 9:00pm

Sunday, 3/3 – 9:00am – 1:00pm



### LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

Former APLC members Roberta and Eric Stahlnecker and their daughters on their 62nd Anniversary.

### THANKS A MILLION!

A huge thank you the Howard Cornelson – who stepped in as interim Council President at a time when we deeply needed his thoughtful and committed leadership, to guide us through the upcoming Congregational vote. I couldn't have done this without you Howard! – Pastor Serena

### ASH WEDNESDAY –EVENING SERVICE + DROP INS

Ash Wednesday is a unique service in the church year. Whereas every Sunday is a mini-Easter – a celebration of the resurrection at the communion table – on Ash Wednesday we are reminded of our mortality. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. It might sound like a reminder to avoid, but there is actually a deep blessing in making space to name pain, and sorrow, and even death as real. If not even death can separate us from the love of God (as the Apostle Paul tells us), then we can confront the truth of our future in dust without fear. And, in doing so, we can find new freedom for life as well. We will have two ways to share the Ash Wednesday tradition this year, and I encourage you to fit one or the other into your day on Feb. 14.

**Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:30pm.** This year Abiding Peace is hosting four

other congregations in this special service of word, sacrament, and ashes.

**Drop-in for ashes, 10:30am-6:00pm.** Pastor Serena will be at the church all day and

available for a brief ritual of ashes if you cannot make the evening service. If you want to also have time for a pastoral conversation, you can schedule that ahead of time, or request time when you arrive.

### FEBRUARY READINGS

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

2/11

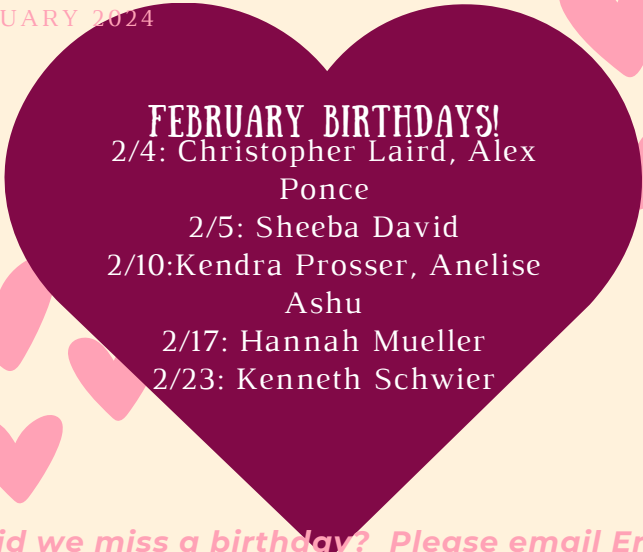
2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

2/18

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

2/25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!**

2/4: Christopher Laird, Alex Ponce  
 2/5: Sheeba David  
 2/10: Kendra Prosser, Anelise Ashu  
 2/17: Hannah Mueller  
 2/23: Kenneth Schwier



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				2/1 Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM	2/2	2/3
2/4 Worship 10:00 AM Congregational meeting 11:00 AM	2/5 Worship & Music Committee meeting @ 12:30pm	2/6 Faith Kitchen @ 9:00am- 12:30pm	2/7 AA 6:30 PM Star Word Epiphany Study: Exploring Impact @ 7:30pm	2/8 Children's Church 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM	2/9	2/10
2/11 Worship 10:00 AM Council Installation @ 10:00am	2/12	2/13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ 6:30pm	2/14 AA 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:30pm	2/15 Children's Church 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM	2/16	2/17 Church Volunteers Party @ the Pawlo's @ 5:00pm
2/18 Worship 10:00 Council meeting 11:30 Flowers orders for March Due	2/19	2/20	2/21 AA 6:30 PM Prayer Service @ Mt Olive Manor @ 4:30pm	2/22 Children's Church @ 6:30 Lenten Soup Supper @ 7:00pm Lenten mid-week service @ 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45	2/23	2/24
2/25 Worship 10:00 AM	2/26 Sign Committee meeting @ 1:00pm	2/27	2/28 AA 6:30 PM	2/29 Children's Church @ 6:30 Lenten Soup Supper @ 7:00 Lenten mid-week service @ 7:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45		

February 2024  
**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

February	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie Palermo	Jackie Palermo	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
<b>Counter</b>	Anna Santino	George Pawlo	Ursula Schroeder	Howard Corneilson
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Sheeba David	Mary Kasakove	Sue Stirrat	Demetria Laird
<b>Lector</b>	Demetria Laird	Sue Stirrat	Maria Jerez	Anna Santino
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Maria Jerez	George Pawlo	Howard Corneilson	Doug Laird
<b>Usher/Greeter/Acolyte</b>	Cindy Pawlo	Doug Laird	Sibylle Schroeder	Sandy Carlson
<b>Soloist</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Livestream Assistant</b>	Ray Mueller	Tyler Rice	Sheeba David	Nick Senior

**BREAD BAKING:**

Demetria Laird

**KEEP THESE FRIENDS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

Those who are sick or in need: Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Elisabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Evelyn & Woody Woodruff, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginet, Linda Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Tim O'Connor, Karen & Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzell, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Harold Olsen, Neil Nilsen, Aimee Nilsen, Joy Laird, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara Pinekenstein, Joan Lewis, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, Audrey Moehringer, Tara Woodard-Lehman, Peter Arzikovic, Ken Merson, Kelly Cook, the Masone Family, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, and Mike Schroeder.