



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Pastor

Lenten Focus: Prayer

In his entry on "Prayer" in the book *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC*, Frederick Buechner offers this prosaic wisdom about prayer:

"Whatever else it may or may not be, prayer is at least talking to yourself, and that's in itself not always a bad idea. Talk to yourself about your own life, about what you've done and what you've failed to do, and about who you are and who you wish you were and who the people you love are and the people you don't love too. Talk to yourself about what matters most to you, because if you don't, you may forget what matters most to you."

When I think about why prayer matters in my own life, this reminder to think about what matters most to me is certainly among the most important reasons. Life can so easily get bogged down in to-do lists, and distractions, and things that don't have much ultimate importance but do demand attention in the moment. When I don't take the time to step back and talk to God about what really matters, it's far too easy to forget to think about it at all.

Making space and time in our lives for the big questions, and for connecting to things like purpose and meaning is one of the core tasks of a life of faith. It is also its own reward, because those moments to contemplation and connection can energize and equip us for all the daily-ness of life as nothing else can.

At the same time, if we are out of practice with talking about ultimate things, this kind of prayer can be a bit intimidating. So, for our Lenten focus this year, we will be exploring the meaning and practices of prayer. Our Sunday worship will connect the gospel stories to questions of prayer, and our mid-week worship will incorporate different prayer practices that can deepen and enrich our prayer lives.

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March, 2022

April Newsletter Deadline
March 21, 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

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I hope this focus will be a chance for all of us to be more intentional about prayer in our lives, and to connect to God in new and transforming ways. But I also want you to remember that, if nothing else, “prayer is at least talking to yourself.” And if you get nothing else out of our shared Lenten practices this year, I hope you can discover that you are worth talking to. ~ *Pastor Serena*

Thank You Corner

Thank you to the whole congregation for my “patient” Christmas gift. I was very pleased with the lovely infinity bracelet with the prayer of St. Francis that I received at the Christmas gift exchange and was not expecting another gift. But the card explaining the laudable “patience” to wait until February to send a Christmas gift made me laugh out loud, and the generous gift was much appreciated. Truly, though, this congregation is all the gift I need. I am grateful everyday for the ways that you love me and my family, and for your partnership in the work of the gospel. ~ *Pastor Serena*

Imagine my surprise when I opened the card from APLC and discovered a gift inside. It was laugh out loud funny about having the “patience” to wait until February. It was truly unexpected but most appreciated. I continue to be in awe of your generosity. This congregation is beautiful. Thank you! ~ *Christine*

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 March 21.

Faith Kitchen Shopping List for March 1

Kielbasa/Sauerkraut/Potatoes

- ~ 4 regular or 1 large package of Kielbasa
- ~ 4 large cans whole potatoes
- ~ 2 large bags of sauerkraut

Please bring these items to church on Sunday, February 27th

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

March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 20

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-7

March 13

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35

March 27

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March Birthdays

- 7 Sudhakar Kandikatla
- 8 Sibylle Schroeder
- 11 Marco Ponce, Jr.
Tyler Rice
- 14 Pastor Serena
- 15 Christine Blackburne
- 19 Carolyn Blackburne

Bishop's Challenge Museum Trip

April 2 - African American Museum Tour / Mask & Wig Club Tour Philadelphia Trip

Visit the African American Museum (10:15am) then a short walk for a guided tour at the Mask & Wig Club (1:15pm), originally built by the Rev. Jehu Jones as the first African American Lutheran Church in the United States. \$25 for a round trip bus and museum ticket. Lunch is on your own.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)



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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

CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Cross Roads Camp Summer Opportunities

Work at Camp This Summer!

If you know any young adults (aged 18 and up) who are looking for a meaningful summer job that will build their faith and connect them to community, tell them about Crossroads camp! Applications for the Cross Roads Summer Staff 2022 are LIVE! They are hiring awesome young adults who would be a great fit for any of our open positions next summer. Employment runs from mid-June through mid-August 2022. [Click here](#) to apply or to download a flyer to share with young adults in your community.

Summer Camp Registration Is Open

Registration for Summer Camp 2022 at Cross Roads is now open! Explore all the offerings for youth in grades 2-12 as well as family camp programs on the [Cross Roads website](#). You will never regret a week spent building faith and community at Cross Roads.

Lutheran Social Ministries, NJ Spring Fundraiser

Support the Fun WALK/RUN on March 26, 2022 and help fill food pantries while fighting hunger and food insecurity across New Jersey. The Fun Walk/Run will take place at the South County Mountain Recreation Complex and Clipper Pavilion across the street from the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, NJ. Included with your walk registration is an event t-shirt, lunch and admission to the Turtle Back Zoo. Let's Get Moving to Help Those in Need! [Visit the LSMNJ website for more information and registration.](#)



Pastor Serena's March 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 Feb 28 – Mar 6

- Tuesday, Mar 1: 9:00am-12:00pm (Faith Kitchen)
- Wednesday, Mar 2: 10:30am-9:00pm
- Sunday, Mar 6: 9:00am-1:00pm

Week of Mar 7– Mar 13

- Wednesday, Mar 9: 12:00pm-9:00pm
- Sunday, Mar 13: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Week of Mar 14 – Mar 20

- Wednesday, Mar 16: 10:30am – 8:30pm
- Sunday, Mar 20: 9:00am – 12:30pm

Week of Mar 21 - Mar 27

- Wednesday, Mar 23: 10:30am – 8:30pm
- Sunday, Mar 27: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Week of Mar 28 - Apr 3

- Wednesday, Mar 30: 10:30am – 8:30pm
- Sunday, Apr 3: 9:00am – 12:30pm

Celebrating 50 Years

Great news! The Liturgy Sponsorship has reached our primary goal of \$1,805.00 and now we are working on the supplemental goal of an additional \$1,100. As of this writing we are at 17% of reaching the supplemental goal. To help complete this goal, see the list of phrases at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15Zmzw4GWF99v7TL54OeWspzmRBMt6MIRTeizripZdBM/edit?usp=sharing>

The list of phrases is also listed on the poster in our narthex.

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Pictures

We need your pictures for our Pictorial Directory. The directory will include both members, family members who have moved out but want to be included (these would be included separately from the family), former members who would like to be included, and any friend of the congregation who attends or participates in livestream worship.

Have fun with it! Submit a photo that reflects your personality or interest (although studio photos are fine as well). Just make sure to send a picture in which the faces are the most prominent (not distant full body pictures). Digital pictures (preferred) can be sent to hgcorn@optonline.net or physical pictures (along with a method of contacting you) may be sent to the church at:

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

Following is a list of information to be included with your picture:

* Required	† Strongly Recommended	Optional
Name (as it will appear) *	Address † Mailing address (if different) †	Phone number – please indicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • Cell – for whom if more than one individual
		Email address – please indicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If shared address • For whom if an individual address
		Congregation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For members – how long you have been a member (if you remember) • For non-members – your current congregation (and location)
		Anything else you feel relevant

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

The Dates coming up

Our scheduled events included the following:

- Sunday February 27, 2022 - Dale Selover (if you miss it, check the live stream area for saved services on our website)
- Sunday, March 13, 2022 - Michael Linderman
- Sunday, April 24, 2022 - Jim Parks
- Saturday May 21, 2022 – Special Meal at Holiday Inn – Hold the date – time will start at 3:15 PM
- Sunday, May 22, 2022 - Linn Fisher

More will be coming out about the Special Affair at Holiday Inn very soon.

50th Anniversary Committee



More Abiding Peace History in Words and Photos

For the Lenten season of our 50th Anniversary celebration year, here's a look at our years from 2000 through 2009. There are many more photos in our albums on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AbidingPeaceChurch/photos>.

2000's: Out of Sync, and Healing

Rev. William G. Linn Fisher shepherded the congregation during the traumatic time of 9/11. He also introduced drama ministry within the congregation.

Groundbreaking was held on September 7, 2003 for four classrooms, a handicapped-accessible bathroom and larger narthex and offices. The new facility was dedicated on June 5, 2005.

Under the leadership of the Church Council and Rev. Jack DiMatteo, a special campaign led to the receipt of more than \$35,000 in pledges and gifts on a single "Miracle Sunday," May 22, 2005. These funds were used for the last of the building expansion expenses, operating funds, and for Mission Support of the ELCA New Jersey Synod.

But there were also difficult times, especially over worship styles and service schedules. Thursday night and Sunday morning contemporary-style services began but tensions and instability arose over the place and treatment of contemporary and traditional worship styles.

An intentional interim minister, Rev. Dick Kiesling, helped the congregation through a time of healing, and was followed by Rev. Becky Thane, our first part-time pastor.

Meanwhile, APLC members have continued to serve on the board of the Abiding Peace Senior Housing Corporation. Groundbreaking for an \$8.9 million expansion at Mt. Olive Manor took place on June 21, 2007. The additional 50 units at Mt. Olive Manor II were dedicated in June 2008. Mt. Olive Manor is professionally managed by Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSM/NJ). In March 2009 Rev. Becky Thane began monthly services at Mt. Olive Manor for its residents.

Since the late 70's, Abiding Peace has put its facilities to use in service to several outreach ministries. Agape Counseling was housed at APLC from 1989—1995. Lois Baucom, a former vicar at APLC (1980-81) while preparing for the ordained ministry, served on the staff of Agape, the first counseling ministry of its kind in this area. APLC also helped develop the Mt. Olive Child Care Development Center and housed this daycare facility for many years up to 2003. In addition, APLC has made its fellowship hall available for weekly use by community self-help support groups.



Constructing the new narthex, classrooms, and offices



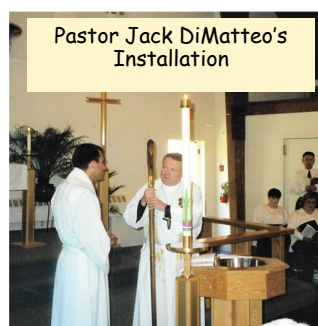
George Pawlo



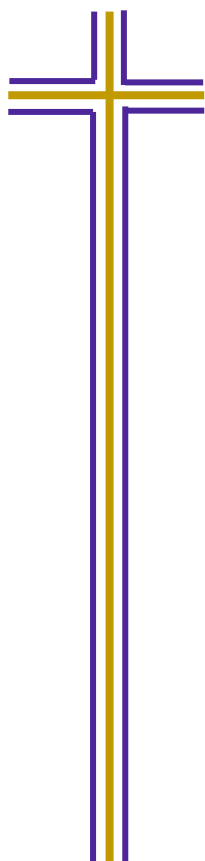
Leaving for San Antonio
2006 ELCA Youth Group
Gathering



Confirmation Class, 2000



Pastor Jack DiMatteo's
Installation



Pastor Dick Kiesling



Blessing of the Animals, 2008



Easter Egg Hunters, 2006



Pastor Becky Thane



Messengers Dancers, 2009

MARCH

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

MARCH	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER	SOLOIST	LIVESTREAM
6	Sibylle Schroeder	Cindy Pawlo	TBD	Sheeba David
13	Sheeba David	Howard Corneilson	TBD	Tyler Rice
20	Mary Kasakove	Ken Schwier	TBD	Sheeba David
27	Sue Stirrat	Doug Laird	TBD	Nick Senior

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Carlson

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, Sandy Kahler, Kenneth Johanson, Karen Qualls, Nancy Ayotte, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Sheeba David, Cora Pawlo, Jim Tangen, Elizabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Dan Scouten, Evelyn Woodruff, Grace Bessasparis, the Appel family, Jackson Cook, Arthur Schenk, Donna Fahy, Joey Scollins, Tanya Jones

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, the Laird family, the Gasparine family, the Biunno family, the family and friends of Brian Asong, the Ayotte family on the death of sister-in-law and aunt Sandy Olson, the Cortese and Tangen families, the Peterson family

MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 am Faith Kitchen	2 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service (in-person and livestream)	3 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) 6:30 pm NA Organizers Meeting	4	5 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
6 1STSUNDAY/ LENT 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am Sunday School	7 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	8 12:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Mutual Ministry	9 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Soup Supper 7:30 pm Lenten Service	10 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	11	12 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
13 2NDSUNDAY/ LENT 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:15 am Forum on Quilt Square Design for Bishop's Challenge 12:00 pm In-person Council Meeting	14 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	15 7:30 pm Anniversary Committee Meeting	16 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Soup Supper 7:30 pm Lenten Service	17 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	18	19 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
20 3RDSUNDAY/ LENT 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:30 am Confirmation class	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	22	23 4:30 pm Prayer Service at Mt. Olive Manor 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Soup Supper 7:30 pm Lenten Service	24 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am)	25	26 Lutheran Social Ministries, NJ Fun Walk/Run Fundraiser 8:00 pm NA Mtg.
27 4THSUNDAY/ LENT 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person Service 11:30 am Forum (TBD)	28 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	29	30 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Soup Supper 7:30 pm Lenten Service	31		