

June 2024

VIEW FROM THE LAKE

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

SABBATH & SHARING THE WORK

by Pastor Serena

Over the Summer our congregation will have the chance to come together in a new way. Our beloved and exceptional music director, Ben, will be taking an extended break, which means creating music together in different ways. Ben will be doing a lot of work to prepare us for his absence, including pre-recording the liturgy music and some hymns, and planning out the music selections for the Summer. We will also be able to re-use some of the recordings that our congregation collaborated to make during the time of remote worshipping during the pandemic. In addition, some of our members with musical talents will be contributing by playing live music for occasional Sundays. We will miss Ben and worship will be different, but we will still make beautiful and (more importantly) worshipful music together.

I also hope that we will be able to value this opportunity to lean into some faith lessons.

The first lesson is the example that Ben is setting. He knows he needs a break AND he knows that there are ways for him to help the congregation succeed while he is gone. The biblical concept of Sabbath is a balanced model of rest-taking: rest that is both restorative and responsible; a break that serves both the individual and the community.

Our over-working culture often promotes the exact opposite: running ourselves to exhaustion and then just collapsing, as though the only excuse for not working is physical inability. By planning for his rest and doing what he can ahead of time to help us to continue to worship while he is gone, Ben is modeling a healthy Sabbath for us all – reminding us to pay attention to our own needs and the needs of those who depend on us, in balance.

The second lesson is one we will need to work on together. Liturgy literally means the work of the people, and we have the opportunity to practice believing that, in the absence of Ben's expert leadership. When the music is pre-recorded we will be working together to make it living worship. When our volunteers offer accompaniment, we will follow their lead. Our livestreaming techs will expand their skills to incorporate the pre-mixed tracks into the flow of worship, and we will sing along with them. And whatever types of music we have in a given service, it will be worship as long as we are worshipping. We can all help each other to embrace our chance to make music together to the glory of God.

I have no doubt that our congregation will find joy in the Summer's worship. We are a flexible community, and we have learned before now the learning and growth that can come from trying new things. Here's to what we can learn together.

Worship: 10:00 AM
Online/ In-person

July 2024 newsletter deadline: 6/27
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

June

Food Pantry Needs for June

- Parmalat Milk
 - Crushed Tomatoes
 - Rice
 - Vegetable Oil
 - PB & Jelly
 - Canned Fruit
 - Juice
 - Hot-Dogs and buns
 - Vegan/vegetarian soups
 - Vegan/vegetarian protein options
 - Toiletries
 - Re-usable bags!
- (proteins & breads must go directly into freezer)

Our Staff

Pastor:
Serena Rice
pastorserena@optimum.net
c: 908-458-3940

Music Director:
Ben Schroeder
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Administrative Assistant:
Erin Porter
aplcbuddlake@gmail.com

Office Hours

Pastor Serena will hold office hours on either Wednesday or Thursday each week in June. As always, check weekly bulletins and Monday e-blast for updates on the times she is scheduled to be in the office. 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 primarily remote during the month of June, but will be back in the office starting **June 19th**. She can always be reached via email: aplcbuddlake@gmail.com

COUNCIL & MINISTRY

Officers

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Cindy Pawlo
Heather Nilsen
Jackie King-Palermo
George Pawlo

Council Members

Cindy Pawlo
Ken Schwier
Shelli Skeels
Sibylle Schroeder
Heather nilsen

Jackie king-palermo
Maria Jerez-Kearney
Charlie Palermo
Aaron Hyndman

Ministry Leaders

Arts & Crafts
Christian Ed. & Youth
Evangelism
Fellowship
Finance
Financial Secretary
Messengers Dancers
Mutal Ministry
Property
Social Ministry
Seniors
Stewardship
Worship & Music

Sibylle Schroeder
Heather Nilsen
Aaron Hyndman
Demetria Laird
George Pawlo
Nita Persson
Mary Kasakove
Heather Nilsen
Vacant
Sibylle Schroeder
Sibylle Schroeder
Nick Senior
Mary Kasakove

Pastor's June hours

May 27 – June 2

Thursday, 5/30, 10:30am-9:00pm
Sunday, 6/2 – 9:00am-1:00pm

June 3 – June 9

Thursday, 6/6, 10:00am-9:00pm
Sunday, 6/9 – 9:00am-12:00pm

June 10 – June 16

Wednesday, 6/12, 10:00am-8:00pm
Sunday, 6/16 – 9:00am-12:00pm

June 17 – June 23

Wednesday, 6/19, 10:00am-8:00pm
Sunday, 6/2 – 9:00am-1:00pm

June 24 – June 30

On Vacation

June Readings

6/2: Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23–3:6

6/9: Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1, Mark 3:20-35

6/16: Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, Mark 4:26-34

6/23: Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

6/30: Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

REMINDER – ADULT LEARNERS SURVEY

One of the benefits of being part of the ELCA is the chance to collaborate with other congregations that share our theology and traditions. The congregations in our area of the state are exploring a collaboration on adult education offerings. The collaboration would allow us to gather virtually with learning partners from other congregations, benefit from the teaching talents of multiple pastors, and explore multiple learning topics.

To gather feedback on what folks want to learn, and how this proposal might work best, we have put together a survey.

Please click or paste the link below into your browser to provide your feedback:

https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6upGYBmLbNUCqPA

Thanks a bunch!

Thanks to everyone that came to clean up Sibylle and Mike's yard and brought food to share! I can not thank you all enough for the great job and the good food we could share! 17 people - including the little ones and one dog!

You are the Best!!!
-In Gratitude and Love,
Sibylle

Thanks to Jacki and Charlie Palermo for hanging the very large Pentecost dove banner.

-Mary Kasakove

STAKEHOLDER'S LUNCHEON

A vital part of our Partnering effort is to invite input from the larger community about how our building could best serve the needs in our area. To gather this input, we will be hosting a Stakeholder's Luncheon on **Sunday, September 23**. We will be inviting representatives from the organizations we identified in our stakeholders brainstorming session in April, but we need your help. Invitations are most effective when delivered by someone with an established relationship.

If you know anyone in the greater Mt Olive area who might be able to help us strategize the best use of our building, we need you to help invite them. Get in touch with Pastor Serena for the invitation letter! We will also need help with set-up, clean-up, and representatives from our congregation to attend the luncheon! Let us know if you are available!

Sign Messages Wanted!

Want an easy way to help the church reach out to our community? Use your creativity to suggest new sign messages. Send your ideas to Pastor Serena.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of updating the church directory this Spring, which means that we need your updates. Please e-mail the updated information to aplcbuddlake@gmail.com if you have:

New address

New phone number

New e-mail address

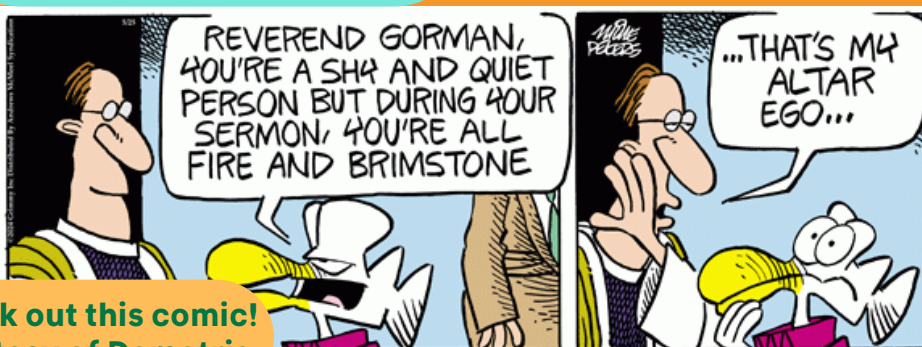
New photo (optional)

Thank you for your help! The directory is the easiest way to make sure the congregation can get in touch with each other.

Memories of Mike

To view the video compilation of memories from Mike Schroeder's Memorial, go to the church youtube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UCU_NDquGo



Check out this comic!
Courtesy of Demetria.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

- 2 - Michael Pawlo
- 6 - Ray Mueller
- 11 - Joanna Venator
- 12 - Sue Corneilson
- 13 - Quinn Rice
- 15 - Nita Persson



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 - Thom & Joan Blackburne
- 18 Howard & Sue Corneilson

SENIOR EVENTS

June 19 Frelinghuysen Arboretum

July 17 Games

Aug 21 Pool party at Pawlo's

Sept. 18 "UFO of God: The Extraordinary True Story of Chris Bledsoe"

Oct. 18 Halloween Party

Nov.29 Christmas/Holiday Party

This schedule is open to change.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/2 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Walk for Compassion @ 1:00pm @ Flanders Park	6/3 Worship &Music Committee @ 1:00pm via Zoom	6/4 Faith Kitchen 9:00am- 12:30pm	6/5 AA 6:30 PM	6/6 Partnering Training - 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm	6/7	6/8 Recital for Ben's piano students at the church
6/9 Worship 10:00 Adult forum on Alternative Giving Options @ 11:30am	6/10	6/11 Faith Kitchen 9:00am- 12:30pm	6/12 Balcony Conversation @ 7:00pm AA 6:30 PM	6/13	6/14	6/15
6/16 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	6/17	6/18	6/19 Senior's Ministry trip to Frelinghuysen Arboretum @ 2:00pm AA 6:30 PM Council Meeting @ 7:30pm	6/20	6/21	6/22
6/23 Worship Service 10:00 Stakeholder's Luncheon @ 12:00pm	6/24	6/25	6/26 AA 6:30 PM	6/27	6/28	6/29
6/30 Worship 10:00 Guest Preacher, Rev. Scott Schantzenbach						

**June 2024
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
Altar Guild	Nita Persson	Nita Persson	Nita Persson	Nita Persson	Nita Persson
Counter	Nita Persson	Howard Corneilson	George Pawlo	Ursula Schroeder	Anna Santino
Assistant Minister	Sandy Carlson	Sheeba David	Sue Stirrat	Demetria Laird	Maria Jerez
Lector	Doug Laird	Roy Persson	Anna Santino	Roy Persson	Sue Stirrat
Communion Assistant	Howard Corneilson	George Pawlo	Maria Jerez	Sibylle Schroeder	Mary Kasakove
Usher/Greeter / Acolyte	Mary Kasakove	Cindy Pawlo	Sandy Carlson	Doug Laird	Sibylle Schroeder
Soloist	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Livestream Assistant	Sheeba David	Ray Mueller	Nick Senior	Tyler Rice	Nick Senior

BREAD BAKING: Sandy Carlson