



VIEW

from the lake

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



From the Pastor

Lessons from a Butterfly

If you have ever worshipped with Abiding Peace during the Easter season, you have probably noticed the butterflies that dominate the Easter paraments. What you may or may not know is the reason for this symbolism.

It has nothing to do with bunnies and Spring flowers. Although Easter is always celebrated in the Spring, the calendar season is not the reason that butterflies inhabit our worship space during Easter. Rather, butterflies are an ancient symbol for the resurrection. Just as a caterpillar entombs itself in a chrysalis only to transform into new life and beauty, so Jesus' entombment is also a time of transformation. His death that looks like the end of his story is, instead, a transition. His earthly life shifts from one in which he shares all of our limitations and weaknesses to one where his scarred body can walk through walls, and disappear from a dinner table, and finally ascend into heaven. The symbol of the butterfly reminds us of the hope and transformation that waits for us on the other side of death.

This year, however, I'm wondering if the hope and beauty of gossamer wings is actually the least important part of the butterfly imagery. What if the caterpillar's time in the chrysalis is the real power of the metaphor? Do you know what happens during the metamorphosis? It isn't pretty. There's a lot of disintegration involved. It all happens in the dark, and everything has to come apart before it can get put back together in a new way.

I, for one, take comfort in that reminder of how messy and uncomfortable transformation can be. If even Jesus had to DIE, then the ways that the change process discomforts and unravels me shouldn't be a surprise. I should expect to come apart. I should expect that this middle-of-the-transformation-time means that everything just looks like a gooey disaster, with no clue how it will all come together again. This is the process: for the caterpillar, and the believer, and even for the church. The key is to stick with it. There's no going backwards. No caterpillar ever successfully decided that transformation was too much work and

April, 2022

May Newsletter Deadline
April 18, 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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decided to crawl back out of the chrysalis. People and institutions sometimes try that, but that’s just a different kind of mess. And it’s a rejection of the meaning of our resurrection faith.

Easter teaches us about the hope of transformation. It teaches us that what feels like unravelling is often re-making. It teaches us to not be afraid when things get messy because that means we are letting go enough for God to do something new. It means that the chrysalis is sometimes exactly where we are supposed to be. So, if you are feeling messy heading into this Easter season, embrace it. God does God’s best work in the mess.

~ Pastor Serena

Intergenerational Community Committee Begins Research

What might be needed to begin an intergenerational community in New Jersey focused on care for foster children?

The team is looking at a great resource on intergenerational programs of all kinds for such a group as ours (<https://www.gu.org/resources/connecting-generations-strengthening-communities-a-toolkit-for-intergenerational-program-planners/>). It is from Generations United, a national nonprofit organization promoting intergenerational collaboration, policies and programs for more than 25 years.

It will be a useful tool as we begin research in a number of areas: what we can learn from other such communities and from NJ social service agencies, NJ foster care needs, and funding sources for affordable housing in our state.

Please let us know if you would like to join us in this work. Our next meeting is after worship on April 3 at 11:30 am.

Sheeba David
Jackie King
Ray Mueller
Sibylle Schroeder

Faith Kitchen Shopping List for April 5

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, April 3.

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



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!](#)

Bishop's Challenge Quilt Square Heart and Dove

The center stands for God (cross, golden heartland dove). The streamers represent creation, dance, people, animals, food, music, and teaching/education.



Thanks to everyone who helped design the square and contributed fabrics.

Sunday Scripture

April 3

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

April 17

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
- Luke 24:1-12

April 10

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14—23:56

April 24

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31

April Birthdays

- 3 Nancy Ayotte
- 6 Anoop Kandikatla
- 8 Sue Stirrat
- 10 John Cranmer
- Demetria Laird
- 22 Mary Kasakove
- Krista Persson
- 26 Jim Tangen
- 29 Cindy Pawlo

April Anniversaries

- 5 Ray & Mary Beth Mueller
- 7 Mike & Sibylle Schroeder
- 9 Jan & Patricia Persson
- 25 Doug & Demetria Laird

Ash Wednesday Community Service



Pastor Serena's April 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 Mar 28 - Apr 3

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

Week of April 4 – April 10

- Tuesday, Apr 5: 9:00am—11:30am: Faith Kitchen
- Wednesday, Apr 6: 11:00am—8:30pm
- Sunday, Apr 10: 9:00am—2:00pm

Week of April 11 – April 17

- Thursday, Apr 14: 11:00am—9:00pm
- Friday, Apr 15: 5:00pm—9:00pm
- Saturday, Apr 16: 6:00pm—9:00pm
- Sunday, Apr 17: 9:00am—12:30pm

Week of April 18 – April 24

- Vacation week – Pastoral coverage by Pr. Tom Kildea (church: 973-584-6300; emergencies: 973-876-5272).

Week of April 25 – May 1

- Wednesday, Apr 27: 10:30am—8:30pm
- Saturday, Apr 30: 12:00pm—3:00pm : Memorial service for Bob Peterson
- Sunday, May 1: 9:00am—2:00pm

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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.

Celebrating 50 Years

Hold the Dates April 24th, May 21st, and May 22nd.

We are getting closer and closer to our big celebration. We will be having our Mission Developer and first Pastor Jim Parks with us on April 24. Although Pastor Linn Fisher was supposed to be with us on May 22nd, due to the conflict in Ukraine, he may not be able to make it since he is a Chaplain in the Air Force Reserves. And in May we will be having a celebratory get-together and meal on Saturday, May 21st at the Holiday Inn in Budd Lake. The price to attend will be \$50 per person (\$25 for children 5 to 12 and under 5 will be free). Please note if cost is a barrier, scholarships are available, contact Pastor Serena. We want to see as many current and former members and friends as possible. There will be plenty of food as well as memorabilia of the past fifty years. Ray Mueller has done a fantastic job with the pictures and has created an Abiding Peace documentary film.

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Liturgy Fundraiser

GREAT NEWS! Our complete goal for the Liturgy fund raiser has been reached, both primary and supplemental. Our Music Director, Ben Schroeder is diligently working on the task so it will be ready for our Celebration Sunday. The primary Liturgy goal has been completely reached and our supplemental goal has been completely pledged. (These will be Liturgy segments that can be used at certain times of the Liturgical Season when appropriate.) To see what has been accomplished, check out:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15Zmzw4GWF99v7TL54OeWspzmRBMt6MIRTeizripZdbM/edit?usp=sharing>.

Pictures Needed

We still need your pictures for our Pictorial Directory. The directory will include both members, family members who have left home 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

The following is the list of things that should be included with the 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.

50th Anniversary Committee



Our More Recent Abiding Peace History in Words and Photos

For the upcoming Easter season of our 50+1 Anniversary celebration year, our historical series brings us up to right before the pandemic with a look at the decade from 2010 to 2019. There are many more photos in our albums on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AbidingPeaceChurch/photos>.

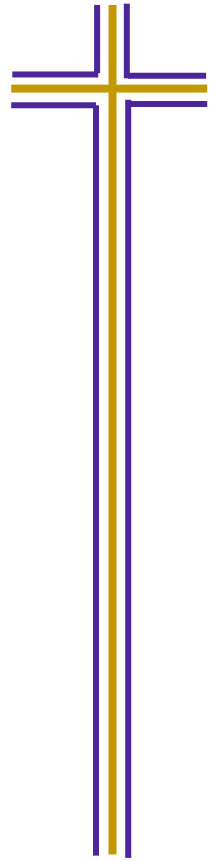
Also, for those interested and receiving this newsletter, attached is a pamphlet and an old pictorial directory, provided by Howard and Sue Corneilson. They were used to welcome members to Abiding Peace in the late seventies!

Thanks to Pastor Serena for adding lots of photos to this decade's album, and especially for writing this new installment in our history.

2010's: Working Together

After skillfully guiding the congregation through the unifying process of joining in one Sunday worship service, Pastor Thane moved out of state when her husband was transferred. Pastor Karol VanWulfen helped to guide the congregation through a 3-year vacancy as vice-pastor, but this time also required strong lay leadership. The church Council, staff, and ministry leaders provided the stability to help the congregation to not just survive but also thrive during the long years without a consistent pastoral presence. Members maintained ministries that served both the congregation and the larger community, including the Seniors fellowship, feeding ministries, the church garden, Men's breakfast, and a book study on Mere Christianity. Welcoming a variety of supply pastors allowed the church to embrace flexibility and creativity in worship. Lay leaders also managed a sewer crisis and secured a state grant for the removal of an underground oil tank. The church installed a lighted sign on Rt. 46 as an outreach to the larger community and saw new members joining the church.

Nevertheless, after three years of pastoral vacancy, the congregation was ready to try something new in order to call another pastor. The Bishop invited Abiding Peace to be the first congregation in the New Jersey Synod to try a new model of raising up leaders in the church. Vicar Serena Rice was called as a "pastoral Vicar" serving under supervision from Pastor VanWulfen for two years while Vicar Serena completed her candidacy process. The church embraced the chance to be a learning congregation, both in nurturing their new Vicar and in diving into a new adult education focus. The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation provided the chance to learn about the continuing relevance of Reformation for the 21st Century church. Rising political tensions in the broader culture inspired the development of a new Loving Dialogue commitment that fosters a culture of faith-shaped moral deliberation, even when we disagree. The congregation continued to see growth, as younger and more diverse members joined the community. A renewed Stewardship focus led to dramatically increased pledging. In 2018 Vicar Serena was ordained and called to Abiding Peace as the part-time Pastor. The congregation ended the decade with the strength and stability to face the pandemic challenges that would emerge in 2020.



Pastors Becky Thane and Dale Selover at our 40th Anniversary Celebration



Charter members Sue & Howard Cornelson at the 2011 40th Anniversary



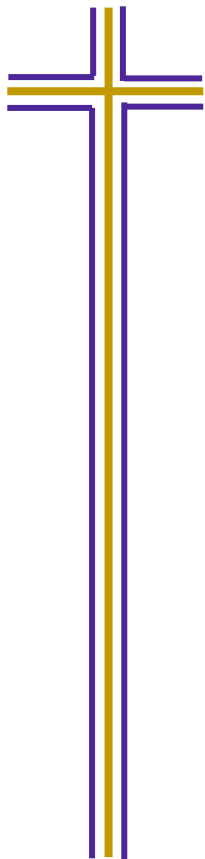
Reformation Day



Pastors at our 40th Anniversary Dinner



Loving Dialogue Group 2017



Rally Day Service Project 2019



2019, the year before COVID



Food Collection Service Project 2018



More Loving Dialogue



Pastor Serena's Installation, 2018

APRIL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

APRIL	ASSISTANT MINISTER	USHER	SOLOIST	LIVESTREAM
3	Mary Kasakove	Sandy Carlson	Robert Bowden	Quinn Rice
10	Mary Kasakove	Howard Corneilson	TBD	Nick Senior
17	Sheeba David	Ken Schwier	TBD	Tyler Rice
24	Sue Stirrat	Cindy Pawlo	TBD	Sheeba David

COUNTER: George Pawlo

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Kasakove

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, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy, Braginetz, Chris Bauer

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

APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 5TH SUNDAY/ LENT 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Intergenerational Community Committee Meeting	4 10:30 am Worship & Music Committee Zoom 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	5 9:00 am Faith Kitchen 7:30 pm RIC Core Team	6 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:00 pm Soup Supper 7:30 pm Lenten Service	7 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) 6:00 pm Anniversary Committee Meeting 6:30 pm NA Organizers Meeting 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:00 am Intergenerational art activity 12:15 pm In-person Council Meeting	11 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	12	13 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	14 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	15 7:30 pm Good Friday Service	16 7:30 pm Easter Vigil
17 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person 11:30 am Easter Brunch	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	19	20 6:30 pm AA Mtg.	21 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 1ST SUNDAY/ EASTER 10:00 am Webcast Worship/In-Person Service	25 7:30 pm NA Mtg.	26	27 6:00pm Children's Church 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm Balcony Conversation	28 12:00 pm Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am) 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30