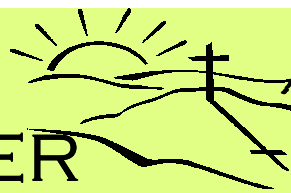


SEPTEMBER 2016

LIFE TOGETHER



Abiding Hope
Lutheran Church
2402 W. Grandview Blvd.

A Message from Pastor Allie

To the loving and growing family of Abiding Hope,

God's Word is a word of Life: so full of promise and hope! Just ask me what my favorite bible passage is, and I will probably tell you what I am presently savoring. But there are some that I keep going back to, and this is one:

*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you
not perceive it?*

Isaiah 43:19

www.w2wministries.org



This scripture captures for me the essence of our God, who is always surprising us with new life.

Sometimes we forget this in the midst of hard times, but right now as we move into our new building, AND begin a new ministry together, God's New Life is right in our faces. I pray it will also be in our hearts, and minds, and that we can embody this gift of new life in our community. Our new location, means a new community, a new opportunity for us to be reaching out. I promise to work with you to make that a priority in our ministry together. There is a world out there that could use the blessings of new life with God. Will you join me in carrying that blessing out of our new building and into the lives of our neighbors? Will you commit to praying for our mission to our new neighborhood?

In Peace & Joy!

Pastor Allie Leitzel



Brief Bio for Pastor Allie

Pastor Allie Leitzel joyfully now lives in Millcreek with her husband of nearly 6 years, Barry Davis. Between the two of them, they now have five children, Alanna [30, MA], Zac and his new wife Naomi [28 NYC], Lacy [26 Pittsburgh], and Kaiya [26 MN]. They continue to care for the last one at home, faithful companion and cairn terrier, Pokey Reese Davis [14].

Prior to moving to Erie mid-May, Pastor Allie pastored congregations in Albany NY [2012-2016], Jamestown NY [1999-2012], Sidney NY [1989-1999], and Nova Scotia Canada [1987-1889]. Sharing the Joy and Love of God is her passion.

Abiding Hope's mission is to be a loving family...

**LIVING THE FAITH,
SHARING
THE HOPE...OF CHRIST!**

Pray with us and join with us as we seek to live in a loving community with one another and share the hope of Jesus Christ with those who need it most!



"LIFE TOGETHER"

A newsletter from your friends and family at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
2402 W. Grandview Blvd.
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814-868-8685

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www.abidinghopeerie.org



Parish Staff and Leadership

Pastor

Alison L. Leitzel

Pastor Emeritus

Albert U. Gesler, Jr.

Office Assistant

Denise Miller

Financial Secretary

Pat Wenzel

Coordinators of Music Ministry

Edwina Gesler

Director of Parish Nurse Program

Jeanne Tropper RN

2016 Church Council

President

Rick Penn

Vice-President

June Beard

Secretary

Jacque Holmberg

Treasurer:

Cheryl Tufts

Members:

Andy Saska

Missy Smith

Don Fuller

Kevin Petrone

Brief Bio for Pastor Allie cont. from page 1

Her husband Barry is also her passion. In June 2014, Barry retired from 20 some years of teaching History at MIHS. Barry is a retired ordained Methodist Pastor [elder] and an Army Chaplain.

Attention Young People: Organ Pedals For Sale

Attention Young people 16 years and under: Would you like to OWN a piece of our organ? Pick out your note on the organ pedal board on the poster in the church. The pedals on the floor are arranged like the keys on the keyboard. Choose a note that they would like to call their own. The long, light pedals are \$10.00 each and the short, sharp/flat pedals are \$5.00 each. Money collected will go

towards moving our organ into the new church.

Ask Mrs. Gesler, our organist, to play your very own note after any Sunday service.

Questions/
additional information... please see Edwina Gesler or contact her @ 899-0762.



From Your Moving Team

Sorting, disposing of items, donating things, packing it all up, and transporting all of our congregation's belongings...so much work has been accomplished through the efforts of so many church members and friends of Abiding Hope. Thank you all for your volunteer time and muscle, patience, and good natures. We look forward to settling into our new home on West Grandview...so you know what that means, right? Unpacking, organizing, and planning ways to best use our new space. So, thank you in advance for your addi-



tional volunteer time and muscle, patience, and good natures! What you give of yourselves is appreciated - and together we will complete this moving task.

As Denise Miller Recovers from Surgery

Our Office Assistant, Denise Miller, will be recuperating from hip replacement surgery through the month of September. The surgery went well and Denise is recovering at home. Denise's address is 837 E. Sixth St., Erie,

PA 16507, if you would like to send a card.

June Beard and Cheryl Tufts will be sharing office duties weekday mornings during Denise's recovery. Special thanks to June and Cheryl for all your hours of service to us.

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Highlights from the Congregation Council meetings

Meetings - July 26 and August 9, 2016

Team reports were received:

Prayer Team – Intercessory prayers are prepared for upcoming services; prayers are requested of local congregations during our time of transition.

Worship Team – Pastor Gail Zackrison has purchased materials needed (Occasional Services for the Assembly for the ELW) for upcoming services. The invitations to our church dedication (October 16 at 3:00 PM) will be sent out soon. Plans are being finalized for our Leave-Taking (Aug 28 at 9:30 AM) and our Welcoming/First (Sep 4 at 9:30 AM) services.

Welcome Team – Planning to hold an Open House in October; new brochure is being prepared.

Moving Team – Large items will be professionally moved on Aug. 3. Congregational members and friends are needed to transport our belongings to the new building on Aug. 25 (with the assist of some GE volunteers) beginning at noon, and on August 27 beginning at 9:00 AM. These dates are dependent upon receiving our Occupancy Permit.

Notice of the congregational meeting and relevant materials will be sent to congregational members in accordance with our consti-

tution.

Denise Miller, our Office Assistant, is scheduled for surgery. She will be out of the office from Aug. 13 until healed. Cheryl Tufts and June Beard have volunteered to cover the necessary workload. A motion to pay Denise through the end of September (...because she has worked MANY hours of overtime preparing the congregation for her necessary medical leave and will be available by phone) was made by June B., seconded by Kevin Petrone. Motion approved.

Pastor Dave Connor's compensation package has been paid in full.

Nancy Cuning will work with builders about paying, then appealing payment, of the 2016 taxes on the new property.

Therese Penn is checking correct street address of new property.

Bob Holderer's resignation as Coordinator of Music, effective soon after Sept. 4, was accepted with regret.

Concern expressed and discussion about lower attendance and offerings.



"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11



Abiding Hope Newsletter and Monthly Calendar

If you have or know of an event or notice that would be of interest to members of Abiding Hope, please contact Nancy Cuning at ncuning3125@gmail.com or 833-3109 or via

the church mailbox with article / event information before the deadline. Deadline is published each month in the calendar.

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Abiding Hope Contacts Ministers

All the members of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

Pastor

Alison L. Leitzel-716-499-1120

Council

Rick Penn-814-460-8457

Parish Nurse

Jeanne Tropper -814-823-1484

Thrivent Financial

Edwina Gesler - 814-899-0762

John & Jacque Holmberg -
814-864-3797

Worship & Music

Edwina Gesler 814-899-0762

Building Committee

Mike Paris - 814-450-3419

Finance

Cheryl Tufts-814-882-6860

Office

Denise Miller - 814-868-8685

June Beard-814-450-1579

Building Maintenance

Bob Hicks - 814-868-8560

Hospitality

Jacque Holmberg
814-864-3797

Mission Committee

Rick Penn - 814-460-8457

Care Committee

Church Council

Outreach Committee

Ed Whitbred - 814-397-0990

KAFP

William Overmoyer-836-1676
& Mary Christie-490-7618

Christian Ed

Missy Smith - 814-490-6323

Altar Care

Cheryl Hicks - 814-868-8560

Stewardship

Church Council

WELCA

Liz Stroup - 814-881-3194

Newsletter

Nancy Cuning -814-833-3109



September Birthdays

9/1	Dan Kaeberlein
9/2	Jeremiah Bull
	Ruth Hansen
	Kim Paris
	Steve Roward
9/5	Dennis Hancock
	Mike Kaziska
9/6	Brian Gresh
	Maryellen Hannold
9/7	Carolyn Marriotti (Penn)
9/8	Olivia Paris
9/10	Norma Jenkins
	Renee Olsen
	Rebecca Rutkowski
9/13	Earl Parker
9/15	Damian Santabene
9/17	Ruth Hinkson
	Jay Shuster
9/18	Rodney Hammond
9/21	Connie Burgert
	Justin Cree
	Carol King
9/23	Phil Lasher
9/25	Brian Smith
9/26	Brenda Huth
	Lois Kuhns
	Wesley Paris
9/27	Eileen Baughman
9/29	Barb Paris
	Ken Smith



September Anniversaries

9/2	Don and Marion Fuller
9/9	Traci and Jesse Teudhope
9/13	Mike and Eileen Baughman
9/17	Pastor Matt and Stephanie Dennison
9/27	Damian and Marcia Santabene

Prayer requests

The following members of the Abiding Hope family are dealing with health issues. If you would like to send a card to let them know they are in your thoughts, addresses are listed in our current directory or call the church office. Please remember: Carol Ann Wunch & Family, Denise Miller, Eric Christie, Connie Burgert & Family, Joshua Haight, Hannah Vogt, Dan Ditzel, Carrie Fiske, Marilyn Martin, The Hoehn Family, The Turner Family, Eileen, Joyce Brucker, Chetta Crosby, Mary Anne Grumblatt, Maryellen H., Joyce Hersperger,

Elmer Lawrence, Mary Sontheimer, Jim Pacileo, Kevin Petrone, Damian Santabene and Evelyn Senger.



A prayer request form is on the table near the mailboxes. The names of the people you request will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. If you wish for them to remain on the list after four weeks, please submit their names again on another request form.



Project Dignity Monthly Ministry Appeal

Each month Project Dignity collects one-of-a-kind, non perishable items. Each month the KAFP hopes to gather enough of a specific item to provide each of our families with that personal care or household item so that our Food Pantry patrons have not only

healthy meals but personal dignity and a clean home. Please donate monthly by dropping your items in the collection basket in the narthex.

September items:

Paper Products



Transportation Needed

We would like to be sure that our shut-in's attend our first church service on September 4th and our Dedication Service on October 16th at 3:00 PM at 2402 W. Grandview Blvd. If you could provide trans-

portation on either or both of these days please contact Carol Whitbred @ 866-6552 or email her at cew6@psu.edu.



Prayer Shawl Update

The Prayer Shawl Committee resumes meeting monthly to make the lovely prayer shawls given to shut-ins and new members throughout the year. Enjoy conversation and friendship and give of your time and tal-

ents a few hours a month. September meeting on Wednesday, September 25th at 11:00 at the new church.



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Lutherlyn Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Join us for a weekend day at Lutherlyn to help prepare for the winter. There is lots of work to be done and the help of volunteers is greatly appreciated!

--There are tasks for all ages

--Continental breakfast and lunch is provided

--Accommodations may be made for volunteers wishing to arrive the night before. Please contact us in advance.

Please RSVP to Lutherlyn by calling 724-865-2161, or email eric@lutherlyn.com.

The Schedule

8:15am - Breakfast in the Dining Hall

9:00am - Project assignments and start working!

12:00pm - Update on project progress

12:15pm - Lunch

4:00pm - Wrap-up projects

4:00pm - Meet to see what was accomplished

Drinks and snacks will be available in the Dining Hall throughout the day.



GPS Address only: 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA 16001

WELCA /Outreach Project for Wounded Warriors

Abiding Hope's WELCA group and the Outreach Committee are teaming up with other NWP WELCA groups to collect items for Wounded Women Warrior's Veterans programs. Items will be collected at the WELCA retreat on September 18, 2016 to be distributed by the Erie VA Medical Center.

Items requested include: Women's socks, and underwear (sizes 5-10), panty liners, hair brushes, hair scrunch-

es, puzzles, books, gift cards from Top's (gas), Wal-Mart or Target and hair cut services. In kind gifts are also requested for Homeless Veterans (both men and women) and include: backpacks, shirts, slacks, sneakers, winter hats and gloves, hand and foot warmers, new boots, shaving cream, shampoo and men's shower gel, notebooks, flashlights, small first aid kits, stamps and envelopes. **Drop off**

deadline: Thursday, Sept. 15th.



September Scriptures

9/1 Philippians 2:25-30

9/2 Colossians 4:7-17

9/3 Matthew 10:34-42

9/4 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

9/5 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

9/6 1 Timothy 4:6-16

9/7 Luke 18:18-30

9/8 1 Timothy 1:1-11

9/9 2 Peter 2:1-10a

9/10 John 10:11-21

9/11 Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

9/12 1 Timothy 1:18-20

9/13 2 Peter 3:8-13

9/14 Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

9/15 Romans 3:1-8

9/16 Romans 8:31-39

9/17 Mark 12:41-44

9/18 Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

9/19 Acts 4:1-12

9/20 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

9/21 Luke 20:45-21:4

9/22 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

9/23 Ephesians 2:1-10

9/24 Luke 9:43b-48

9/25 Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

9/26 Revelations 3:14-22

9/27 James 5:1-6

9/28 Matthew 19:16-22

9/29 Revelations 2:8-11

9/30 Revelations 2:12-29

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Freed and Renewed in Christ

500 Years of God's Grace in Action - 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod will begin its year-long celebration of Reformation on Saturday, October 29th at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church at 4:00pm. All are invited. The speaker at this event will be The Reverend Hans Kasch, director of the Lutheran World Federation Center in Wittenberg,

Germany. Monthly events are scheduled throughout the synod over the next year, concluding on Sunday, October 29, 2017 with a Closing Anniversary Liturgy.

The Opening Anniversary Liturgy will be on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 4:00 PM at The Good Hope Lutheran Church, 800 Moran St., Oil City, PA with The Rev Hans Kasch presiding. All are invited.

2016 Choice Dollars® - Thrivent Financial

Because giving back has always been important to Thrivent and our members, the Thrivent Choice® program provides eligible participants the opportunity to recommend where to distribute some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds. This is a reminder of the

two easy options for directing Choice Dollars:

- 1). Online: www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- 2). Phone: 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. And, if it your decision to direct your eligible funds to benefit Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, WE THANK YOU.

GREAT STATRT Program

Donations toward Abiding Hope's **Pay it Forward GREAT START Program** are half way to our \$30,000 goal. We have numerous families donating toward our landscaping, speaker systems, organ moving, pews, folding

tables and chairs, Food Pantry shelving and just giving money towards insuring our new home at 2402 W. Grandview is complete and ready for service to our Lord. Prayerfully consider how you can help.

Catechism Treasure Hunt

Be a part of the NWPA Synod Reformation 500 Catechism Celebrations. Conduct a treasure hunt of your library to find a unique, old, or precious copy of Luther's Small or Large Catechism. While you're searching, look for a book or curriculum materials that were used for catechism instruction from various eras of

Christian Education and Confirmation in the Lutheran Church. If you find something that is interesting for display and are willing to share it, please contact Pastor Sandra Jones ([814-589-7660](tel:814-589-7660) or sjones@nwpaelca.org). Your items will be well cared for and returned. Thanks and Happy Hunting!



**First Sunday
Fellowship Hour**
Sunday, September
4th
**10:30 AM following
the 9:30 AM service**

Hosted by the
Outreach Committee

Come and share good
eats, fellowship and
meet Pastor Allie

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Lutheran World Relief 2016 Kit Drive

Drive coordinated by Lamb of God Lutheran Church is now underway. A flyer with instructions &

September collection dates is on the Bulletin Board as well as copies on the table in the gathering area.

Questions, call Chris @ 825-8830.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOLE SEARCH



**USE YOUR SOLES TO DISCOVER
THE SOUL OF OUR HISTORIC
NEIGHBORHOOD**

WHEN

**Saturday, Sept. 17
1:00 – 4:00 pm**

WHERE

**Bethany Outreach
Center**

254 East Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16503

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org and click "donate" using PayPal. To purchase tickets by mail, send your check to Bethany Outreach Center.

TICKETS

\$10 for an individual

\$15 for a family

WHAT

**Explore Erie's First
downtown
neighborhood**

- How it has changed
- How it has remained the same
- Bethany's role today

Grand Prize

"A Night on the Town"

- Night at the Sheraton
- Dinner at 1201 Kitchen
- Playhouse Tickets
- Cash

SOLE SEARCH WALKS

PERIOD REENACTORS

MUSIC & FOOD

CHINESE AUCTION

SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE

Benefiting

**The many services
and programs of
Bethany Outreach
Center**

*Helping to Restore Hope
Through Life Change*

**FOR INFORMATION CALL
(814) 456-6254**



**Abigail Liora Meier,
daughter of Scott &
Mary Elizabeth**

Meier was baptized by her grandfather into God's family on July 31st at Abiding Hope's 10:30 service. May God Bless our newest member, her parents, family and sponsor.



UNDERSTANDING AND DEALING WITH STRESS**Physical and Mental Signs of Stress**

You've heard before that recognizing when you are under stress is the first step in learning how to deal with your stress, but what does that mean? Sometimes we are so used to living with stress, we don't know how to identify it.

Whether you are experiencing immediate or short-term stress or have been experiencing stress for a long time or long-term stress, your body and mind may be showing the effects. Here are some 'warning signs' that stress is affecting your body and mind.

Physical and Mental Signs of Short-term Stress

Often occurring in quick 'bursts' in reaction to something in your environment, short-term stress can affect your body in many ways. Some examples include:

- Making your heartbeat and breath faster
- Making you sweat more
- Leaving you with cold hands, feet, or skin
- Making you feel sick to your stomach or giving you 'butterflies'
- Tightening your muscles or making you feel tense
- Leaving your mouth dry
- Making you have to go to the bathroom frequently
- Increasing muscle spasms, headaches, fatigue, and shortness of breath

While this burst of energy may help you in physical situations where your body needs to react quickly, it can have bad effects on your mind and performance if there is no outlet or reason for your stress. These effects

may include:

- Interfering with your judgment and causing you to make bad decisions
 - Making you see difficult situations as threatening
 - Reducing your enjoyment and making you feel bad
 - Making it difficult for you to concentrate or to deal with distraction
 - Leaving you anxious, frustrated or mad
- Making you feel rejected, unable to laugh, afraid of free time, unable to work, and not willing to discuss your problems with others

Physical and Mental Signs of Long-term Stress

Long-term stress or stress that is occurring over long periods of time can have an even greater effect on your body and mind.

Long-term stress can affect your body by:

- Changing your appetite (making you eat either less or more)
- Changing your sleep habits (either causing you to sleep too much or not letting you sleep enough)
- Encouraging 'nervous' behavior such as twitching, fiddling, talking too much, nail biting, teeth grinding, pacing, and other repetitive habits
- Causing you to catch colds or the flu more often and causing other illnesses such as asthma, headaches, stomach problems, skin problems, and other aches and pains
- Affecting your sex life and performance
- Making you feel constantly tired and worn out



Celebrating the Life of Gordon Wunch

Friday, September 2,

2016 - 7:00pm

22458 Westview Dr. -

Canadohta Lake

All are invited to this

Celebration of

Gordon's Life.

A Message From Parish Nurse, Jeanne Tropper RN

Long-term stress can also have serious effects on your mental health and behavior. If you are under stress for long periods of time, you may find that you have difficulty thinking clearly, dealing with problems, or even handling day-to-day situations as simple as shaving, picking up clothes or arriving somewhere on time. Some mental signs of long-term stress include:

- Worrying and feeling anxious (which can sometimes lead to anxiety disorder and panic attacks)
- Feeling out of control, overwhelmed, confused, and/or unable to make decisions
- Experiencing mood changes such as depression, frustration, anger, helplessness, irritability, defensiveness, irrationality, overreaction, or impatience and restlessness
- Increasing dependence on food, cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs

- Neglecting important things in life such as work, school, and even personal appearance
- Developing irrational fears of things such as physical illnesses, natural disasters like thunderstorms and earthquakes, and even being terrified of ordinary situations like heights or small spaces

While occasionally experiencing one or two of the above symptoms may not be cause for concern (everyone has a few nervous habits and difficulties in their lives!), having a number of these symptoms may mean you are under more stress than you think. But realizing you are under stress is the first step in learning to deal with stress. We recommend you take our stress test then read on to learn more about dealing with stress.



Musical Notes

Adult Choir continues meeting on Wednesday's at 7:40 PM under the direction of Edwina Gesler. All are welcome to join this fun group. Come and sing at our special services.



Note: No adult choir practice on Sept. 21st.

Marriage Encounter Weekends

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: The September 16-18 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is now full. (You may contact the Directors listed below to be on a waiting list.) However, there is still room for YOU at the October 21-23 Weekend at Olmsted Retreat in Ludlow, PA. Please consider whether it is time for you to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty that God intends.

Olmsted Retreat is a beautiful, serene location in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh. Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at approximately 3 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for

each of you, and all supplies are covered by a \$100.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of

whatever amount you wish that you are given the opportunity to make toward the end of the weekend. Registrations are limited, so sign up TODAY by going to the website:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the fee with a credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



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Abiding Hope Building Use Guidelines

Members can make use of our new facility on W. Grandview Blvd. as available. Please contact the church office at (814)868-8685 Monday through Friday from 9AM to noon or via email at ahadministrator@hotmail.com to schedule your date, time and confirm availability of our Community Room or Fellowship Hall.

Guidelines for Use:

Abiding Hope's Community Room and Fellowship Hall are simple, basic, friendly spaces with limited amenities. Please plan to abide by the following guidelines.

1. Trash should be removed from the wastebaskets and taken to the outdoor receptacle. A new trash bag should be placed in the trash can.
2. Use of tobacco and alcohol are not permitted on church grounds.
3. Please return all furniture to its original location after your event is finished.
4. We do not have a janitorial service. Therefore, you will need to sweep and clean the

area upon completion of your event.

Brooms and mops are available in the maintenance rooms on both floors.

5. Be sure that the coffee pots are turned off and unplugged, with the pots and filters cleaned after each use. Restock supplies used. Please wash any dishes and return to their proper place.
6. The building must be secure at all times. If you, as the responsible party, must leave the building for any reason, the doors must be locked.
7. Please do not leave minor children alone in the building.
8. Upon leaving the building all inside doors should be closed and outside doors should be checked to make sure they are locked and all fans and lights turned off.

Note: Abiding Hope accepts Building Use monetary gifts as the member sees fit.

If you have questions call June Beard at 450-1579 or Bob Hicks at 868-8560.



Do you know a member of Abiding Hope who could use a card of encouragement or support? Please communicate with Carol Whitbred at cew6@psu.edu

Crop Walk is September 25th

This year Erie's **CROP WALK** will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 2PM.

CROP WALK is a mission of [Church World Service](http://ChurchWorldService.org). Church World Service is working with partners in the U.S. and around the world to build interfaith and intercultural coalitions to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice. Together, we're supporting sustainable grassroots development, disaster

relief, and refugee assistance. The Erie Community is proud to be in-

involved in this critical mission that benefits both global and local charities. Sponsor a walker or walk yourself! To donate or sponsor Abiding Hope walkers please see Analee Cree. Proceeds will support Kearsarge Area Food Pantry.



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Building Committee Report

We have moved into our beautiful building, God's newest house in Millcreek Township. Much work needs to be done to complete our new home. Grass and trees are being planted; a new temporary sign is being made, a new outdoor storage shed needs to find a home on W. Grandview Blvd.; coat racks need to be purchased and hung; boxes need to be unpacked and contents given a new home. But we are home and it is a lovely place to worship God as his family and share his word with new folks in the neighborhood. A wonderful future for Abiding Hope. Thank you Lord for all your blessings. Help us to fulfill your ministry and mission in this new place.



Kearsarge Area Food Pantry Volunteers

are urgently needed to cover volunteer vacations and illnesses.

Twice a month the Food Pantry distributes food and other household products to over 60 area families.

For more information contact Mary Christie at 814-490-7618 or 814-796-4115.

Mission Support = Benevolence

Throughout 2016, articles defining how our Mission Support dollars to the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod are used have helped us understand our partnership in ministry with the wider church. Remember that 50 cents of each dollar sent to our synod is forwarded to church-wide ELCA to support additional ministries. This month we look at our synod-supported Mid-Atlantic Region 8 (\$2,250). According to the ELCA Constitution, the region's primary mission is to connect resource, support and network those serving in leadership in our synods and congregations. The following examples represent aspects of that work: *Candidacy and Assignment of First Call Candidates* is handled through Region 8. *First Call Theological Education* is a natural extension of candidacy's preparation of rostered leaders and first call assignment's work to match candidates' gifts with congregations'

missional needs. *Support of newly called synod staff* is another aspect of Region 8 ministry. *Global Gathering efforts* is yet another facet of ministry in Region 8. • **We Are Church Together** – Region 8 Networks for Mission Gathering is scheduled for October 6-8, 2016 in Waynesboro, PA; this effort (in collaboration with Chicago-based staff) brings together six church wide networks (Global Mission/Companion Synods, Mission Interpreters, Synod/Congregation Communicators, World Hunger/Malaria, Disaster Response, and Stewardship) and two Region-based networks (youth/young adults and green initiatives).



Full event registration is \$100 and registration will close on Tuesday, September 20th. If you are interested in attending contact Jessica Fairfax at phone: 1-800-638-3522 Ext 2713, or E-Mail: networkevent@elca.org.

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NWPA Synod of the ELCA 500 Anniversary Calendar

Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

2016

October
10/29/16 4:00 pm
Reformation Topic: TBA
Rev. Hans Kasch
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
2402 W. Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA

October
10/30/16 4:00 pm
Opening Anniversary Liturgy
Rev. Hans Kasch
The Good Hope Lutheran Church
800 Moran St., Oil City, PA

November
11/13/16 4:00 pm
Catechism Celebration
Rev. Dr. Ralph Jones, Bishop
First English Lutheran Church
104 N. Gilpin, Punxsutawney, PA

December
12/11/16 4:00 pm
Catechism Celebration
Rev. Dr. Ralph Jones, Bishop
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
3325 Morefield Road, Hermitage, PA

2017

January and February
Cluster & Congregation
Events

March
03/26/17 4:00 pm
Lutherans & Social Ministry
Charlotte Haberaecker
Christ Lutheran Church
396 Buhl Blvd, Sharon, PA

April
04/30/17 4:00 pm
Organ Recital
Dr. Ann Labounski
Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
One Trinity Place, Greenville, PA

May
05/21/17 4:00 pm
The Tragedy & Necessity of the Reformation
Rev. Dr. Jane Strohl & Dr. James Drane
Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic
Church
720 Liberty Street, Clarion, PA

June
06/04/17
Reformation Concert
Dr. Christine Clewell
Zion Lutheran Church
100 S. 6th St., Indiana, PA

June
06/15-17/17
Synod Assembly
Rev. Dr. Derek Nelson
Thiel College
75 College Ave., Greenville, PA

July
07/08/17 4:00 pm
Women of the Reformation
and the Lutheran Movement
Rev. Dr. Kirs Stjerna
Twelve Apostles Lutheran Church**
363 Erie Street, Saegertown, PA

July
07/12-22/17
On the Trail of Martin Luther
Collette Travel
Pittsburgh-Frankfurt-Berlin

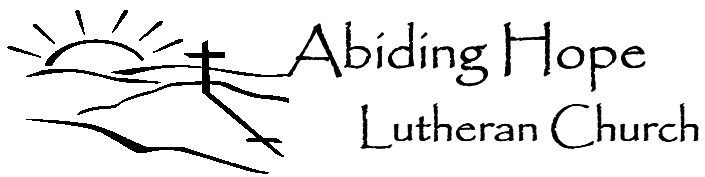
August
08/27/17 4:00 pm
Lutherans in North America
Rev. Dr. Maria Erling
Tabor Lutheran Church
200 Dawson Street, Kane, PA

September
09/9/17 4:00 pm
Lutherans & Global Mission
Rev. Dr. Raphael Malpica-Padilla
First Lutheran Church
109 Third Avenue, Warren, PA

October
10/29/17 4:00 pm
Closing Anniversary Liturgy
Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
One Trinity Place, Greenville, PA

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Save the date:

October 16th 3:00 PM—Bishop Jones will
preside over a special service dedicating our
new church building at 2402 W. Grandview
Blvd.

Worship Services with
Holy Communion
Sunday - 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.



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