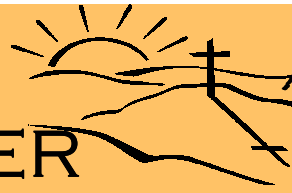


OCTOBER 2016

LIFE TOGETHER



Abiding Hope
Lutheran Church
2402 W. Grandview Blvd.

A Message from Pastor Allie

Dear Abiding Hope Family,
Fall Kickoff Season is here! Are you watching? It's an exciting game here at Abiding Hope. We are in our new building... finally! We rejoice in this gift! We give thanks for all the hard work of so many AH people who have brought us to this place. Now in this Fall kickoff season, plays -new and old- are being run. Keep watching to see what is happening.

This Sunday, October 2nd, is our KIC Kickoff. KIC: Kids In Christ. We want all our children to grow strong in their faith relationship with God. The plan is to expand from the traditional Sunday School approach to developing the same theme over a number of week. I want to thank Missy Smith, Traci Teudhope, Mary Elizabeth Meier, Nancy Cunning, and June Beard for their creativity in our initial planning session. Missy would be glad for input from anyone who has ideas. Would that be you?

We've also got plans beginning for a Saturday November 5th open house, welcoming the neighbors to check out Abiding Hope. We've had interested people dropping in already, to check out the new building or to check out our worship service. November 5th will be more of a party so we can begin to get to know our neighbors. Be watching for how you might help to get ready for the open house, with food prep or delivering invitations door to door in the neighborhood.

Planning is underway for a stewardship focus for the first three Sundays in November. Details will be coming soon.

And at Abiding Hope we aren't just spectators, everyone is invited to play. Just watching won't exercise our faith muscles. We need to play to grow. We grow in relationship with God and with one another. We grow in service and in understanding. We grow in compassion and love.

My goal for us is taken from Ephesians 3:17-19:

"... that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; and that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled up to all the fullness of God."



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
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A Message from Pastor Allie cont. from page 1

I am so happy to be in this game with you. Much more than a game, this is Faith and Life, and we are playing to win the world with the love of God.

Peace & Joy!

Pastor Allie***From the Mailbox***

On August 20 at the D-day reenactment in Conneaut Ohio, one of our founding members, our father and WWII veteran, LeRoy Doehrel was awarded the French Legion of Honor medal. LeRoy was an Army Technical Sargent with the 256th Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division stationed in Steinbourg, France. He was presented this medal by a representative from France along with six other veterans. To experience this honor with him, gave us another reason to be proud to call him "Dad". All four of his children and their spouses were present, along with three of his grandchildren, their spouses and two of his great-grandchildren, some traveling from Columbus to salute him. It was a day none of us will forget. May we all remember to thank every veteran we see for fighting for our freedom and remembering those who gave they lives so we can continue to tell the story.

Andrew, Analee, Aaron and April

***Attention Young People: Organ Pedals For Sale***

Attention Young people 16 years and under: Want to OWN a piece of our organ? Pick out your note on the organ pedal board on the poster in the narthex. 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.

Thank you Note from Denise

Dear Abiding Hope Family:

Many thanks for thinking of me, for your prayers, beautiful cards and thoughtful words while I've been on the mend following surgery. with heartfelt appreciation, *denise*

p.s. returning to the office by Wednesday, Oct 5.

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KIDS IN CHRIST Program Begins Oct. 2nd

"MAY CHRIST LIVE IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH. BE ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE",
Ephesians 3:17

This is the verse we are going to work with and expound on with the children. We want to bring new and fresh ideas to Abiding Hope so that we may continually grow our programs for the children.

On Monday, September 26, 2016 we had an exciting meeting to begin our exploration of growing the faith in our children. We will begin this Sunday, October 2nd and will mirror somewhat our schedule last year. Each Sunday, after the Children's Sermon, we will take the children of all ages downstairs to begin our exploration of our faith in Jesus. The children will come back upstairs to join in the giving of peace.

After the October 2nd service, we will host a "social hour" for our "KIDS IN CHRIST, GROWING IN FAITH" to share our vision for our children and continue to gather more ideas from our adults and children. If you are able, please bring a treat to share.

On November 5th we will be hosting an open house at Abiding Hope for the community and we want to get the kids involved and help us share our faith to the community, therefore we are going to work with the kids in continuing our tradition of giving out plants to new members and visitors. Over the next several Sundays the children will be decorating pots and planting new plants for the Open House along with learning a song, and a lesson will be tied in.

Here is the schedule for October:

October 2nd- Decorate pots

October 9th - planting plants in the pots

October 16th - Music Time - learning of "Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed"

October 23rd and October 30th - children will work on their bulletin board to keep it updated with all the exciting event our kids will be and are involved in.

October 30th - our annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of Abiding Hope. All children (and adults) are invited to dress up for service; after service we will have a light lunch and then the kids will trunk or treat. We encourage the adults to decorate their "trunks".

We will arrange the next meeting and make and announcement soon of our next meeting so that everyone who would like to be involved in the spiritual growth of our children are able to. We are also asking if anyone is interested in hosting/arranging an event for the children to let us know; anything from an event at church to an outing - maybe a pumpkin farm, musical activity or anything else of interest.

Looking forward to a wonderful and adventurous year for our children.

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October Birthdays

10/1	Linda Hancock
10/2	Don King
10/4	Sara Burgess
10/5	Peggy Kaeberlein
10/7	Chetta Crosby Marcia Santabene
10/8	Heather Hughes Caylen Spano
10/9	John Coleman
10/12	Cheryl Lata
10/15	Diane Farnsworth
10/16	Jacque Holmberg
10/18	Cheryl Hicks
10/19	Don Huth Lauren Pacileo
10/20	Kathryn Hart Arya Penn
10/21	Morganna DiPlacido
10/22	Nick Burton Macy Loutzenhiser Ernie Robinson
10/23	Barry Davis Elmer Lawrence
10/25	Kathy Coleman
10/27	Josh Paris
10/28	Connor Teudhope



October Anniversaries

10/2	Pr. Allie and Barry Elena and Matt Thompson
10/12	Rick and Therese Penn
10/20	Lee and Diane Farnsworth
10/21	Carrie and Mike Kaziska

Prayer requests

Going forward this prayer list will concentrate on critically ill members, family and friends of Abiding Hope as well as our families in mourning. As always we need to remember other members of the congregation in need of prayers but this space will acknowledge those in current need. A prayer request form is on the table (on a clipboard) in the narthex. 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.

Please pray for: Marianne Grumblatt & families, Barry Davis, Marge Katarzynski, Mark, Mike, Tammy, Fred Johnston, the Gray family, Brian Edinger, Sue Ziniach, Kenna Andrews, Connie Burgert and Family, Eric Christie, 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.

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 Heritage Room.

October items: Hair Care—Combs, Brushes Barrettes



Transportation Needed

We would like to be sure that our shut-in's attend our Dedication Service on October 16th at 3:00 PM at 2402 W. Grandview Blvd. If you could provide transportation on either or both of these days

please contact Carol Whitbred @ 866-6552 or email her at cew6@psu.edu.



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 ncunning3125@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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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



October Scriptures

10/1 Matthew 20:29-34

10/2 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37: 1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

10/3 James 1:2-11

10/4 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21

10/5 Mark 11:12-14; 20-24

10/6 2 Timothy 1:13-18

10/7 2 Timothy 2:1-7

10/8 Luke 5:12-16

10/9 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

10/10 Acts 26:24-19

10/11 Ephesians 6:10-20

10/12 Matthew 10:5-15

10/13 Acts 17:22-34

10/14 2 Timothy 2:14-26

10/15 Mark 10:46-52

10/16 Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

10/17 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

10/18 James 5:7-12

10/19 Luke 22:39-46

10/20 2 Timothy 3:1-9

10/21 2 Timothy 3:10-15

10/22 Luke 1:46-55

10/23 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

10/24 1 Peter 4:12-19

10/25 1 Peter 5:1-11

10/26 Matthew 21:28-32

10/27 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

10/28 2 Peter 1:1-11

10/29 John 8: 39-47

10/30 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

10/31 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Pacileo family "Thank You" Dinner

The Pacileo family is planning a "Thank You" dinner for all in our congregation. Everyone has contributed big and small to get us where we are. The dinner will be Saturday night, November 12th at 6 p.m. The number that can be accommodated will be around 70, so we will need your RSVP.

A sign up sheet will be posted at the back of the church or you may call the church office and give your rsvp to our secretary. The menu will be as follows:

Italian Wedding Soup 🍴 Salad and Italian bread

Cheese Stuffed Shells

Meat Stuffed Manicotti

Lasagna

Rigatoni and sauce

Meatballs in sauce

Sweet Italian sausage in sauce



Baskets will be on the table to help the Pacileo's offset the cost of this dinner.

To help keep costs in line, your RSVP is really necessary.

Buon Appetito

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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.



**First Sunday
Fellowship Hour**
☺
**Sunday, October
2nd at 9:30 AM
following the 8:15
AM service**

Hosted by the
Caring Committee
☺

Come and share good
eats and fellowship.

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.

Lutherlyn Campership Fund – Quilt Show

Woodland Quilters' Quilt Show
*Saturday, October 15th - 10am-5pm
and Sunday, October 16th - 11am-4pm*

Enjoy a weekend display of quilts and quilting in the autumn splendor at Lutherlyn. This show is a non-judged exhibit of the art of quilting. Enter the show at the Dining Hall where there is a beautiful display of small quilts and other works of art. The Dining Hall also houses the flea market, make-it-take-it projects, the two quilts that will be raffled, a Chinese auction, and a dream

basket raffle. Our main exhibit hall is Rice Hall where there is a beautiful display of large quilts, all created by local quilt-

ers. There is a merchant mall for you to shop and some quilts are for sale. A complete list and prices will be in the entries section of the program booklet. Admission is only \$5.00 for the show, no registration is required. All proceeds benefit the Lutherlyn Campership Fund.



Welcome to the Neighborhood Abiding Hope

The Peace Lily "Welcome" plant in the narthex was sent to us from your Neighbors at Village on Pacific.; Sister Phyllis McCracken, SSJ and Sister Ann Stephanie Stano, SSJ.



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Cooking for Crowds: A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling

Thursday, November 10, 2016 - 6:00 PM
- 8:30 PM (deadline to Jacque

Holmberg - November 1)

Penn State Extension, Morgan Village, Meadville, PA 16335



Now that we are in our new church building with an updated kitchen – it seems to be a good time to update our kitchen skills. All members who may be working with food

in our facility (or with another non-profit) are invited to join us for this course. (There may be a small fee charged to you. A few years ago when we last took this class it cost

\$10.) Course description: Preparing food in large quantities is different than food preparation in the home. "Cooking for Crowds" helps non-profit organizations and their volunteers understand the risks involved with preparing large volumes of food and the important food safety practices that need to be implemented to ensure a safe event. The program is geared to volunteers preparing food for events such as church fund raisers, fire company barbecues, booster club food sales and the many other types of events where food is served to the public. Volunteers will learn the causes of food-

borne illness as well as safe food handling practices related to:

- Preventing Cross Contamination
- Controlling Time and Temperature
- Good Personal Hygiene
- Cleaning and Sanitizing
- Planning a Successful Food Event

Even if your organization has been doing this for years, things change and it is important that volunteers are up to date and knowledgeable about rules and regulations governing food safety. Don't risk everyone's health or your organization's reputation. "Cooking for Crowds" was developed in collaboration with the PA Department of Agriculture and participants can receive a certificate of completion after attending the program. Penn State Extension educators and other faculty serve as instructors and are certified by the National Restaurant Association. All have received training on the most current research on food safety.

Abiding Hope members and friends can register by contacting Jacque Holmberg at 864-3797 or jholmberg@roadrunner.com. We will come up with a plan to car pool, if possible. Deadline: Monday, November 1, 2016.

Thank You!

Special Thanks

to all those who volunteered to sing in the choir for Diane Reyes funeral service. It was inspiring to hear so many voices join in God's praise.

Eduwina Gesler

Keys to Peach Street Building

If you have a **keys** to the 5312 Peach St. building, please turn them in to Bob Hicks or the Church office.



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Abiding Hope Dedication Service



International Gifts Festival

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Countries

Fri. Oct. 13 10am –6pm

Sat. Oct. 15 10am –6pm

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Route 6

Featuring Ten Thousand Villages, the largest non-profit fair trade organization in America. Includes baskets, jewelry, nativities and much more.

Call 814-665-5465 or
www.beaverdammennotitechurch.org.



Dedication Service

Sunday, October 16th

3pm

This is such a special celebration, we thought we might end our festivities with a tea. We will invite our guests to our lovely fellowship hall. We will be serving delicious tea sandwiches and plates of small “tea size” cookies.

If you would be willing to bring a dozen or two of small any kind of homemade cookies, please sign a sheet we will put at the back of our church.

Please and thank you all you good cooks.

If you would like to be part of the “Tea Team”, i.e. help make the sandwiches and set up our room and serve and make punch, coffee and tea;

PLEASE SEE JUDI PACILEO OR CHERYL TUFTS.

pacjud42@gmail.com

814-756-5383

or

cttufts114@yahoo.com

814-882-6860

thank you!!



Boy Scout Troop 109 Invitation

Snoopy's Tribe" Troop 109 – Boy Scouts would like to invite all boys between the ages of 10 ½ with 5th grade completed and 18 to attend a recruitment meeting on Monday Nights between 6:30pm and 8:30PM. Snoopy's Tribe Troop 109 is one of the oldest Boy Scout troops in the Erie area. Camping, canoeing, community service are several of the troop's activities. Troop 109 is a non-denominational troop that meets on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 32nd and Greengarden Blvd. If you are interested, please call Mike at 397-2627 or Paul at 464-6711 or email erietroop109@gmail.com.

MLK Thanksgiving Dinner donations

It's not too early to begin collecting cranberry sauce and boxed stuffing for the annual Martin Luther King Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 20, 2016 from 1PM to 3PM. Watch this space and Parish Notes for more information.

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3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Youth Event

Abiding Hope's youth and adults are invited to participate in the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event. Youth (and adults) will dress in Halloween costumes and, after a light lunch, parade around our parking lot for treats from our members open car trunks. Last year's event was a great success. Mark your calendar and plan to bring the kiddos and bags of candy to share. For more information call Missy Smith at 814-490-6323.



Reformation Breakfast ~ Sunday, October 30th

Everyone's invited to breakfast on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, in celebration of the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation. This breakfast is delicious and provides a time for fun and fellowship. The scrambled egg and sausage entrée with sides is prepared by your Hospitality Committee members and friends. Your free-will offering is accepted to help cover expenses. Breakfast will be served between 9:20 and 10:15 am.



WELCA Conference 1 Fall Gathering

Make plans to attend the Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering to be held Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 at Christ the Redeemer Church, 863 Silliman Ave., beginning at 9:30 AM. Lunch: \$10. Offerings: Baby items. For additional information contact Cheryl Hicks at 868-8560.



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.

Retirement Educational Event at St. John's



You're Invited to attend an educational retirement event sponsored by

Thrivent Financial representatives Vince Kremer, MBA, FIC, CTLC and Terry Hokaj, ChFc, FIC.

Turn your retirement concerns into confidence. Get positive, professional guidance from membership organization of Christians that has been helping our members—owners be wise with money and live generously for more than 100 years.

Event One Wednesday, October 19, 2016 1:30pm or

Event Two Wednesday, October 19, 2016 6:30pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

2216 Peach St. Erie, PA 16502

To reserve your place call Gina Sims at 814/878-5727 or email gina.sims@thrivent.com by October 17th.

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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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Thank You

from Sauder Pews

Dear Abiding Hope,
It has been a pleasure to
serve you. We hope you
enjoy your new pews for
years to come and look
forward to assisting you
in any way possible in
the future.

Thank you,
Jeff Kreitz
National Sales Manager

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*You're Invited to the Inaugural Events of the
 Reformation 500 Observances in the NWP A Synod, ELCA*

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, 2402 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA

4:00 p.m. Meet 'n Greet with Rev. Hans-Wilhelm Kasch, Director of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Center in Wittenberg and representative from our Companion Synod, The Protestant Church in Central Germany. Light refreshments will be served.

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship with the Abiding Hope congregation

6:00 p.m. Presentation by Rev. Kasch: *Reformation 1517 – What does it mean in 2017?*

Sunday, October 30, 2016

The Good Hope Lutheran Church, 800 Moran St., Oil City, PA

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum with Rev. Kasch: *Stories of Philip Melancthon*

4:00 p.m. Opening Anniversary Liturgy

Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Jones, Bishop, presiding -- Rev. Hans-Wilhelm Kasch, preaching

Joint choir directed by Ms. Beth Orris

Clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red.

Congregations are invited to bring a Reformation banner (and stand) and provide a member to take part in the procession. Please contact Ellen at the synod office (814-589-7660 or nwpasynodelca@gmail.com) to indicate your congregation's participation.

Please share this information and invite your friends. We encourage you to carpool. For question or more information contact the NWP A synod office.



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.

Calling all NW PA ELCA World Hunger Congregational Leaders

Join us on Saturday, October 22 from 1 PM to 3 PM
at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church ~ 2402 W. Grandview Blvd in Erie.

You will be equipped with:

1. Current updates from ELCA World Hunger
2. New stories and videos to use in worship & forums
3. The latest resources for learning and action
4. Ideas for Advent and what to expect for Lent
5. Understanding that as Church for the Sake of the World we are agents for change, social justice and peace.*



RSVP by emailing names to jklaber@velocity.net by October 18th.

*ELCA World Hunger works creatively and courageously for a just world where all may be fed.

2016 All Saints Observances

Wednesday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 6th

Remembering those who have passed on before us in faith is very important.

This year at Abiding Hope, we will have two opportunities for remembrances.

On November 6th, All Saints Sunday, as part of our worship service, we will name aloud those known to us who have died during the past year. In addition, there will be a memorial insert in the bulletin with names of loved ones you would like remembered by our Abiding Hope Family of Faith.

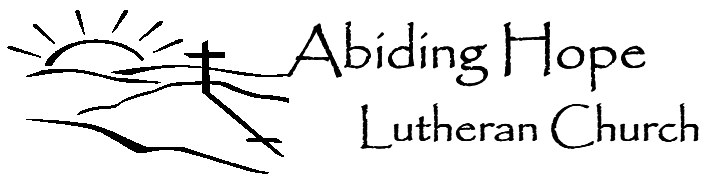
On Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m., we will hold a special prayer service that will include lighting candles and speaking the names of those who have died recently or in years past.

If you have loved ones you wish to be remembered during our All Saints services, we invite you to list their names clearly in the space below. Please indicate with a check mark those who have died during the past year so we can be sure to name them aloud in our prayers.

Submitted by _____

**Please print clearly and place completed form in offering plate
or return to church office by October 31st. Thank you.**

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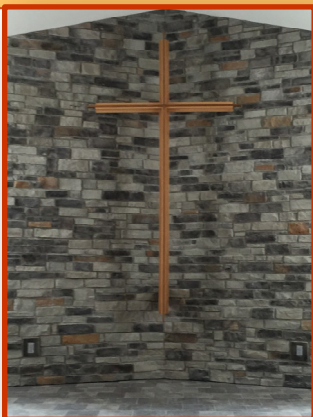
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Mark your Calendars!

October 16th 3:00 PM—Bishop Jones
will preside over a special service dedi-
cating 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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