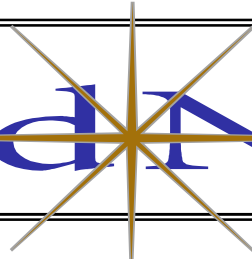

The Good News



Abiding Presence Lutheran Church



Sing Unto The Lord

Join the Chancel Choir!

You haven't missed it; now is the time! The first fall rehearsal of the Chancel Choir is THURSDAY, September 3rd at 6:30-8:00pm. Any singer in high school through age 110 is invited, welcomed, and encouraged to join. The Chancel Choir helps lead the liturgy and hymns at the 11:00 worship and at times offers special music anthems. In our rehearsals, we practice some fun warm-ups to enhance our singing technique and then practice the liturgy and hymns for the upcoming Sunday while also learning some special music anthems. It's a lot of fun! Come on out on Thursday evenings and make some music! If you can't commit to come every week, you can still be a part of the group; pop in and out whenever your schedule allows and make a joyful noise. Don't be afraid to use what God has given you! If you're planning on coming, please let Amanda know so she can have a notebook ready for you. ☺ Send e-mail to Amanda at amanda@abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org.

Calling All Kids Who Love to Sing!

You are invited! Do you like to sing songs and have fun, too? Do you like to praise God through music? Are you between the ages of 4 years old and eighth grade? Then the Singing Angels and/or Jubilee Choir are for you!! The Singing Angels and Jubilee Choir are two children's choirs that meet once a week to learn and practice new music. The practices are held every Thursday, with the kick-off on September 3rd, so mark your calendars, and I hope you can make it. The Singing Angels is made up of 4 year olds up through fourth graders, and they will begin practice at 6:00. The Jubilee Choir is made up of fourth graders through eighth graders, and their practice begins at 6:30. (Fourth graders may choose to be in either choir, or both!) Then, once a month, each choir will sing at one of the services. Please contact me with any questions/comments that you may have. I'm looking forward to making a joyful noise with you all!

Julie Schmidt
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Special points of interest:

- Sept 2: OWLS Fall Kick-off outing
 - Sept 3: Children's Choir and Chancel Choir rehearsals begin
 - Sept 5: STORM Team Meeting
 - Sept 12: Church Work Day
 - Sept 13: Sunday School begins, Youth Ministry Kick-off
 - Sept 14: Job Fair
 - Sept 15: Sharing and Caring team meeting
 - Sept 19-20: College Tours
 - Sept 26: ANEW Women's Group
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Pondering Pastor

September will bring with it the opportunity to reorient ourselves all-over-again. Beginning Sunday, September 6th our worship times will move back to the regular schedule including 8:30 early worship, 9:45 Sunday school, and 11:00 late worship.

Our Sunday school offers a divine opportunity for children and adults to grow in their faith as classes for all age groups will be available. If you've not yet registered, you may do so by going on-line to www.doveandcross.org where you may follow the registration link.

Over the course of the next few months we will be rolling out the new master schedule that will in-

clude the meeting arrangements for all the groups and organizations of our ministry. We will be posting this schedule in the narthex and on-line as soon as it is completed. It is our intention that by January it would be fully functional and offering a clearer picture of our ministry, as well as, a more accessible way for folks to get involved.

Finally, this summer has seen some dynamic changes to the ELCA and its approach toward public ministry. As some of the results of the August national assembly may be difficult to understand and to process on our own, we would like to offer a number of small group discussions on the resolutions that were accepted and the implications they may have for the future of our ministry together. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for you to place your name on the sheet with

the meeting date you intend to attend. This will be intended to supply ample information and meaningful dialogue in small groups of 8 people, or less, with the hope that we can learn together in a safe and comfortable environment in which every person's voice may be heard. And, even in the event of disagreement, we seek to provide this forum to share our thoughts and our understandings with one another as we seek to grow together in the stature of Jesus Christ.

So, September is a month of reorientation as we enter into the Autumn with our worship, our Christian Education, our ministry programming and our understanding of the church together.

In Peace,
Pastor Jeffrey Ingold

Combined Worship THANK-YOUS

What a wonderful worship and event we shared on August 30th! What a blessing to have worshipped together as a one congregation and to further fellowship with our church family after worship. This worship and event could not have happened without the help of MANY people.

Thank you so very much to all of the folks who put forth time, energy, donations, and care into the details of the day:

- Faith, Fun, Fellowship Team – planning and set-up/clean-up
- Worship, Music, and Arts Team – planning and set-up/clean-up
- Sent Forth Praise Team – leading music and worship
- Organist & Accompanist, Verla Fleming – leading music and worship
- Sarah Seigler (Smith) – congregational photo
- Corabel Peterson & Janet Batot – scissor help with the banner
- Sherry Hartman – donating banner materials
- Mary Doering – preparing banner materials
- Paul Worden – wiring for organ
- Debbie and Paul Worden – congregational nametags





REMINDER: Return to Regular Worship Times

September 6th, worships return to 8:30 and 11:00 am.

8:30 am: Contemporary style worship

11:00 am: Traditional style worship

September 13th, Sunday School Begins 9:45 am.



A New Liturgy Setting

As our seasons change, so do the liturgy settings. The liturgy is the part of our Lutheran worship that remains the same week to week: Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), Glory to God, Alleluia, Holy Holy Holy, and Lamb of God. At the 11:00 worship

throughout the month of September we will be learning a new musical setting for these liturgical pieces from the ELW.

Each week we will learn and incorporate a new portion of Setting 9 into our worship. By the end of September we will be fully introduced and will continue using Setting 9 throughout the fall until Advent. Led by the organ and piano, Setting 9 has beautiful melodies that enhance the tone of the liturgical text. Join us at 11:00 as we bravely expand our liturgical knowledge together all the while making joyful noises to the One who made us.

OWLS Fall Kick-Off Outing Camp Agapé, September 2nd

The OWLS will begin their weekly fellowship and Bible study with lunch and an outing at Camp Agapé on September 2nd. The camp will provide lunch at the cost of \$7.50 per person. Plan to meet at the church at 9:45. Our visit will include a tour of the camp. Transportation will be provided for those who are unable to walk.



We will also have time to discuss our weekly meeting program and review/update our service projects. Please plan to come and bring your ideas and share in the fun and fellowship of the OWLS group!

Mission statement: We are a community of vibrant seniors who gather together to study God's word and to provide a warm, inviting environment to share our faith, deepen friendships and seek ways to serve others.



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A.P.P.L.E. Seeds News

WOW! Seedlings summer camp is over and we are about to start a whole new school year! It has been a great summer with pirate treasure hunts, singing Christmas songs in July and cooking macaroni and cheese. The final Olympic games ended with trophy presentations and lots of good byes until next summer. Of course, with all the fun we had there was lots of praise and worship for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we begin a new adventure, the Staff of A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Preschool would like everyone to know how excited we are to be blessed with the return of many families to our program. We would also like to extend a big welcome to all of our new families who will be joining us this year. We still have one remaining 3 Year Old spot available so if you know anyone who would be interested, please direct them our way. We are also in need of substitute teachers, Board committee members and volunteers. If you have a calling to work with kids and have been approved through the APLC Volunteer background check process, please contact Valerie Jones for more information on how you can help with this ministry. Please stop by and see how much fun we are having at A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Preschool!



A.P.P.L.E. Seeds

APLC on Facebook



Did you know that Abiding Presence has a "presence" on Facebook? Please visit our page at <http://tinyurl.com/aplc-facebook>, or click on the Facebook box in the lower right corner of our church website. Once there, please become a **fan** which allows you to contribute and receive updates in your Facebook activity stream.

What will you find here? Some of the same information as on our main website, such as the theme for this week's worship, past sermons, and notices of special events, but hopefully more convenient and accessible for those who spend a lot of time on Facebook (you know who you are...). And there is room for much more – please contribute photos or videos from past events or just write on the wall.

Please help us in spreading the news of our ministries on Facebook. There are 25 APLC fans already; we hope to connect with you online soon!

Sharing and Caring Invites You

The Sharing and Caring Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th at 7 pm in the God's House of Rock. Everyone is welcome. Some of our activities include:

- ♥ Making and taking meals to people who have been hospitalized or laid up.
- ♥ Knitting prayer shawls and/or delivering them.
- ♥ Providing food for receptions after funerals.
- ♥ Being a member of our Prayer Group to pray for the concerns of the congregation.
- ♥ Volunteering to help at Camp Agapé (especially with mass mailings).

Please contact Carla Sajda at csajda@nc.rr.com or by phoning her at 771-1393 if you would like to help in any capacity and cannot attend the meeting.

Policies and Procedures

Are you looking for information on how to request use of our facilities? Or planning a wedding at APLC?

Our policies and procedures can be accessed online from our church website - look under the "Ministries" tab and click on the church policy graphic. A binder containing the same information is also available in the church office.





GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____
of this _____, but be _____
by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able
to _____ and _____ what _____ will do — his good,
_____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect



Youth and Children's Ministries News

Youth & Family Ministry Website: youth.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org

Affirmation of Baptism (A.o.B.)

(Affirmation of Baptism Ministry 6th-8th Graders)
A.o.B. Resumes with Sunday School in September

Parent Meetings: We will be holding two parents meetings in August for parents of 6th-8th graders. We ask that parents plan to be part of one meeting or the other (Sunday, August 30th 6:00-7:30pm or Thursday, September 3rd 6:30-8:00pm). This meeting will give you a chance to hear what the mission the AoB Ministry is all about and both your child and you will be able to learn together.

Parent Involvement: At APLC both parents and youth get involved in the Affirmation of Baptism Ministry. Parents will join youth for the monthly evening events and assist in running the ministry throughout the year as small group leaders, service coordinators, administrative help, dinner team or on the AoB leadership team.

AoB Starts: AoB will start with 6th-8th graders starting back to Sunday School on Sunday, Sept 13th from 9:40-10:40am. The 7th & 8th graders will then start the monthly evening session with their parents on Monday, Sept 14th 6:00-8:15pm.

How to get involved: Contact Charlie Klusman at charlieycm@embarqmail.com for details on getting your child registered and how you can serve in the AoB Ministries.

Information online: To see more information about the AoB Ministry at APLC, go to:
<http://youth.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org/aob>

AoB Full Schedule & Information available at: youth.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org

High School Youth College Tours

Please hold two dates for visits to NC colleges and universities:

September 19 to 20 - Participating in Lutheran Youth Day at Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory - please sign up on the poster on the bulletin board to indicate your attendance.

September 26 to 28 - Participate in a three day tour to several state colleges and universities (for those living in Wake County, Monday the 28th is a teacher work day). We are planning to visit several of the following schools over these three days:

- UNC - Greensboro,
- UNC - Charlotte,
- UNC - Asheville
- Appalachian, Western Carolina.

Plans are still in development. Please sign up on a separate poster on the bulletin board for this trip. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tad or Mary Doering at 919-772-3441 or at ncdoering@aol.com.



Youth and Family Ministries News Continued

Youth & Family Ministry Website: youth.abidingpresencechurch.org

Youth and Ministry Team Meeting

Are you a person who likes to plan or organize things? Do you get joy from being part of a fantastic team that brings great joy to others who serve? Youth and adults are invited Tuesday, September 8th 7:00-8:00pm to join us for another Youth and Family Ministry Team meeting. We will be putting our final touches on the Youth and Family Ministry calendar and we need your help to planning and preparing.

How can I help?

Youth and Family Ministry Team Members: These stupendous members work together to coordinate and plan fellowship, learning and service events for Family, 3-5th grade, 6-8th grade and 9-12th grade ministry groups. If you are a behind the scene person who likes communicating through email, making phone calls, planning and coordinating dates and people... we welcome you to join us.

Youth Advisors: These way cool adults are people who come spend time with youth (you can choose the age group) to hang out with them during the youth event and spend time with them being a positive Christian role model. We invite people with all different personalities, but we do ask that you have a love for children and ask that you complete the training and background check before starting.

Working With Our Amazing Youth and Families

Do you have a love for children? Do you have a love for Jesus Christ, the church and a sensitivity for children, youth and their families? God may be calling you use your gifts of time and talent with one of our youth and family ministries.

- Youth Ministries
- Sunday School
- Affirmation of Baptism
- APPLE Seeds Preschool
- Youth and Family Ministry Team

Check out our brochure outside Charlie Klusman's office or online at <http://youth.abidingpresencechurch.org> to see how you can serve in the youth and family ministries.

Youth Ministry Kickoff

The Youth Ministry Kickoff is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 13th from 3:00-5:00pm.



Youth and families are invited out to the youth ministry kickoff to celebrate the beginning of the 2009-1010 school year and to find out what cool opportunities there are for APE Kids (3rd-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th Grade), and High School (9th-12th Grade) youth and family ministries.

There will be games, food and Christian fellowship all rolled into one night for the entire family. At the kickoff, your family will receive the Youth & Family Ministry calendar. This calendar will share dates, times and events for each age group.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Klusman charlieycm@embarqmail.com.

LYO Rally & Hike-a-thon for Middle & High Schoolers

Friday and Saturday, Nov 6th & 7th

Get yourselves ready folks for another fantastic Eastern Cluster Lutheran Youth Organization Rally. All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to participate this year.

APLC has the distinct privilege of hosting this event on the Friday evening and then drive out to Camp Agapé for the annual Hike-a-thon celebrate God's creation and raise money for ACE Ed program. Sign ups will be available mid-September on the youth board to sign up.

We will also need youth advisors (adults who work with youth) to come to the event. Contact Cassie McIntosh cassie92@nc.rr.com or Matt Dohrmann mattdohrmann@hotmail.com with any questions.



Youth and Family Ministries News Continued

Youth & Family Ministry Website: youth.abidingpresence.lutheranchurch.org

Human Sexuality Education

A team is being formed to start putting together a human sexuality learning experience for our rising 5th & 6th graders this coming fall. The goal of this experience is to create a healthy dialogue for parent(s) and their youth to talk human sexuality and many surrounding topics.

In the coming months families will receive more information about when this learning experience will happen. The team is shooting for fall dates that will include a parent meeting, youth meetings (3), and a combined parent/youth meeting. You will hear more information in the following months about the details of this opportunity. If you would like to get involved, please contact Diane Youngman d2b2cy@embarqmail.com.

Youth Night Schedule 2009-2010

This coming year, we are going to make the 1st-4th Sunday nights of the month, 'Youth Nights'. This means that all youth events will be held on Sunday evenings to work with families busy schedules. We realize this is not perfect for everyone, but know this is an evening that will work for most folks.

The finalized youth schedule will be arriving no later than Sunday, Sept 13th, however we do have a format that we will follow throughout the year and try to stick by it, because we will only be able to have two of three age groups at a time at APLC due to space constraints.

On each Sunday, the planned groups will meet separately from 5:00-7:00pm unless it is changed for a special event.

- First Sunday - Middle School & High School
- Second Sunday - APE Kids and High School
- Third Sunday - Middle School & High School
- Fourth Sunday - APE Kids and High School

If you have questions, please contact Charlie Klusman charlieycm@embarqmail.com.

Teens Encounter Christ

What: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a 3-day retreat incorporating table discussions, skits, songs, and serious talks focused on Christ. TEC is an awesome opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and build lasting Christian friendships. There are many TECs and similar groups that use the same retreat format located across America.

Who: Those attending for the first time must be at least 15 and have completed at least a semester of 9th grade. Adults that wish to support this youth ministry first attend as guests. Both teens and adults may return to serve on later retreats.

Where: Share the Word TEC is located in Eastern North Carolina. Retreats will be held at Camp Agape!

When: There are two retreats per year. They are held Labor Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. weekends. [Sept 5-7, 2009 and Jan 16-18, 2010]

Sign Up/Register: Go to http://rtpnet.org/~stwtcec/whats_tec.html or pick one up a form on the Youth Board at church.

Family Retreat

Kure Beach Winter Family Retreat
February 26th-28th, 2010

You can spend two days and two nights of relaxing fun with your family spent focusing on spiritual growth and fellowship together.

Approximate cost: \$135 per family
(Only \$120 if registered before Nov 30th, 2009)

Group size: Room for 6-8 families.

Contact: Charlie Klusman for registration information.
557-0060 or charlieycm@embarqmail.com



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		7 pm Sent Forth	10 am OWLS	6 pm Singing Angels 6:30 pm Jubilee Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir		9 am-Storm team meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 am Service 11:00 am Service	Labor Day	7 pm Sent Forth	10 am OWLS AppleSeeds-begin	6 pm Singing Angels 6:30 pm Jubilee Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	7 pm-Boy Scouts-GHR	8-12-church workday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45 am Sunday School begins Adult Cat. Classes	8-12pm Job Fair	7 pm Sent Forth	10 am OWLS	6 pm Singing Angels 6:30 pm Jubilee Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir		
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27	28	29	30			
8:30 am - Lawler baptism 11 am - Miller baptism Adult Cat. Classes		Pastor out of office 7 pm Sent Forth	10 am OWLS			

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Mission Statement

We are the church growing in faith,
reaching out, inviting in,
and serving the needs of all of God's children.

Vision

Boldly sharing the gospel of Christ.
Enthusiastically building up the church, the body of Christ,
and joyfully witnessing to the love of Christ.

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Julie Schmidt, *Children's Choir Director*
Valerie Jones, *A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Director*

Worship Schedule

Contemporary Worship — 8:30 am
Traditional Worship — 10:15 am

AGAPÉ✝ KURE BEACH MINISTRIES

UPCOMING EVENTS: Call for information.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers for our summer program. It was a summer filled with fun and spiritual growth for all who attend.



- ✝ **Golf Outing October 5th At Echo Farms, Wilmington:** Get a 4-some together and help provide campership for summer camp.
- ✝ **Vibrant Faith Formation Oct 23-24 at Camp Agapé:** A conversation with Dr. Paul Hill Executive Director of the Youth & Family Institute. The church is one generation away from extinction!
- ✝ **Fall Work Day** October 31st at Camp Agapé: Lodging provided Friday night, breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday. Reservations required contact aceed@agapekurebeach.org or call Mir.
- ✝ **Sixth Annual Hike-A-Thon and basket raffle** November 7, 2009 at Camp Agapé. Hikers of all ages are welcome. (Benefit Environmental Education at Camp Agapé).
- ✝ **Open dates at Kure Beach:** October 23 to 25, Nov 20-22, Nov 27-29. All December weekends - winter rates \$875 per weekend. Weekend Dates Available 2010: Jan 22-24 - rates \$875 per weekend, Feb 12-14 - winter rates \$875 per weekend - call Susan @910.458.0783.

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

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