



# The Good News

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church



## Rally Day — Opening of Sunday School

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we kick off the 2010-2011 Christian Education year of faith formation.

The whole Sunday school, children and adults, are invited to the opening in the sanctuary beginning at 9:40 a.m. Register online at [www.doveandcross.org](http://www.doveandcross.org) and follow the links.

If you feel called to help with any of our Christian Education offerings, please contact Jeffrey Ingold at [jeffrey-ingold@embarqmail.com](mailto:jeffrey-ingold@embarqmail.com), Charlie Klusman at [charliecm@embarqmail.com](mailto:charliecm@embarqmail.com) or Susan Crisp at [sscrisp@johnstoncc.edu](mailto:sscrisp@johnstoncc.edu).



Rally Day

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### Special points of interest:

- Sept. 1 — A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Open House (4's and 5's), Women's BLB
- Sept. 2 — A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Open House (3's), Chancel Choir practice resumes
- Sept. 5 — Worship returns to normal schedule
- Sept. 7 — A.P.P.L.E Seeds classes begin
- Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 — OWLS
- Sept. 9 — Dance Team practice resumes
- Sept. 10 — Friday Night Light
- Sept. 11 — Church Work-day
- Sept. 12 — Sunday School Rally Day, classes begin
- Sept. 15 — Men's BLB
- Sept. 24-25 — Bag Ladies @ Agapé

## Adult Catechism

Beginning Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jeffrey will lead a six week adult catechism on Lutheran/Christian teaching.

These classes are geared toward those who may be coming to Abiding Presence from another denominational tradition, are new to the faith, or who may simply want a refresher course based on the Lutheran *flavor* of the Christian faith featuring Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

The class will meet in the sanctuary from 9:50 to 10:40 a.m.

### Who Can Come?

- New adult members/disciples coming from other denominations
- Adult members/disciples new to the Christian faith
- Adult members/disciples seeking a refresher on the major components of Lutheran/Christian teachings

## Worship Times Change

Beginning in September, our worship times shift back to our regular schedule. Please note that beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> worship times will be:

8:30 am: Contemporary Style  
11:00 am: Traditional Style

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## Join the Choir!

You haven't missed it; now is the time! The first fall rehearsal of the Chancel Choir is **THURSDAY, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:30-8:00pm. Any singer in high school and up is invited, welcomed, and encouraged to join. The Chancel Choir helps lead the liturgy and hymns at the 11:00 worship and often 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 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. You do not need to be able to read music; simply bring your voice, perhaps a water bottle, and a worshipful heart! 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. ☺ Call the church office and leave a voicemail message or e-mail at: [amanda@doveandcross.org](mailto:amanda@doveandcross.org).

## New Members / Disciples Reception

Individuals and families desiring to unite with the ministry of Abiding Presence will have that opportunity on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (Reformation Sunday), at both worship services.

## New Church Directory

It is time for a new church directory! Please mark your calendars for October 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Time blocks will be available for sign-up beginning at the end of September. Additional photos can be ordered and will be available in time for Christmas. Look for more information to come. Contact Julie Malone if you have any questions. ([jojumalo@aol.com](mailto:jojumalo@aol.com))

## 11:00 Worship Music

As we begin September we remain in the church season of The Time after Pentecost. While we have continued to use the ELW liturgical Setting Three throughout this church year, we have been rotating the Offertory Response and the Song After Communion with the seasons or about every three months. It is time to rotate these again at the start of September.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 worship, please note the following updates:



Offertory Response: The first verse of #686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" will be replaced with the first verse of #679 "For the Fruit of All Creation."

Song After Communion: #885 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" will be replaced with the first verse of #840 "Now Thank We All Our God."

## Upcoming Seasonal Worship

It may seem like Fall is a long way off, but it will be here before we know it! Here's a little preview of upcoming special worship services — mark your calendars now and plan to participate:

October 31<sup>st</sup>, Reformation Day – Martin Luther will be around before and after worship.

November 7<sup>th</sup>, All Saints' Day – During worship, worshippers are invited to bring forward a photo of a departed loved one who was influential in your faith life.

November 21<sup>st</sup>, Christ the King Sunday – This is the last Sunday of the Church Year (Cycle C).

November 28<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday in Advent – This is the beginning of a new Church Year (Cycle A).

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday evening Advent Worship services – Holden Evening Prayer.



# S.T.O.R.M. CENTRAL

Service To Others Resource Ministry



**S. T. O. R. M.**

*Service To Others Resource Ministry*

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## Migrant Dinner

The S.T.O.R.M. Team thanks all from Abiding Presence who so generously provided food and donations and volunteered to serve the migrant workers in our community. Over 100 migrant workers were provided hamburger and hot dog meals with all of the fixings at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church on August 15. We also helped provide medical screenings to these men. Extra food provided by our Church was delivered to workers in migrant camps later in the week. Thank you again for your support of this ministry where we reach out to all of God's children.



## Backpack / School Supplies Drive

Thanks to everyone who participated in the backpack Drive! What a blessing it is to provide for the children in our community!

## Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had our best turn-out ever (43 pints) at our last drive --- let's see if we can top that! Beth Hartzell is the ministry lead.



**American Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

# Storm Alert Sunday

The next S.T.O.R.M. ALERT Sunday is September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The next S.T.O.R.M. Team Meeting is September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the church work room.



*Meet the Need*



## A.P.P.L.E. Seeds

Here we are again, about to embark on a whole new school year. We had a blast this summer with Seedlings Summer Camp. We were pirates on a treasure hunt, we went "camping" and we paper plate skated our way into the Olympics, just to name a few fun things. Now we are gearing up for school to begin and are getting ready to welcome back some familiar faces and to meet some new friends. We have some Three Year Old Program openings, so if you know any three year olds who are looking for an awesome faith-based preschool, please send them our way! As we look forward to a new year, I would like to remind everyone that, as always, we welcome you to come and visit, volunteer or just stop by to see what fun and exciting things we are up to. If you have a special talent that you would like to share with the preschool, please let us know!



## VBS Was Awesome!

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) event was amazing. The message or theme was "God gives us hope!"

So many cool events took place that made VBS the place to be! They had all sorts of face painting stations with makeup, but the boys called it war paint! There were various crafts and other things, such as writing in hieroglyphics (which is a way of writing using picture symbols to represent meaning or sounds) and wrapping up like mummies. The kids made blankets that were given to other kids who have been in the hospital or haven't been feeling well lately. And they had an outdoor activity too, where they made bricks using mud and straw just like the people in Egypt did long, long ago. The kids must have had fun with all this cool stuff to do!

Amanda and Charlie Klusman both supported VBS as celebration leaders at both the beginning and end of each VBS day. Amanda was the dance teacher and she taught the kids all the new songs. Pastor Jeffrey even shaved off all his hair just for VBS! He played the role of Joseph, the main character. During worship service following VBS, he said, "There's nothing I wouldn't do for the kids of APLC". Would you cut off your hair?



By: Brooke Hartman,  
Your Youth Newsletter Reporter

## Seminarian Corner

Is it really August? Wow, that means classes start again! After being blessed to work with our youth for the summer doing service and learning experiences, camp and planning for the fall, I'm ready to hit the books again. This year I will continue my studies at Campbell University Divinity School for a Masters in Christian Ed. After focusing on the Old Testament last year, my new focus will be the New Testament. I'm excited to dig deeper into how both Testaments work together to bring God's Word to us. So many times, I hear that the New Testament promise negates the Old Testament law but I don't think that is the case. The Old Testament is filled with huge amounts of stories, laws, wisdom, praise, laments and speaks of our Savior. Examining how these Testaments work together is very exciting to me.

As both Kris Dohrmann and I start back to school, please pray for us as we continue our studies at Campbell Divinity School so that we can use the knowledge that we are gaining to glorify our God. We also invite you to ask us about our experience and how it's shaping our relationship with God.

This fall, I encourage you to get involved in a bible study, Sunday school class or personal devotion to dig into God's word to see how God is at work in this world. Please email me if you have questions on how you can get involved in the classes or studies that APLC offers [charlieycm@embarqmail.com](mailto:charlieycm@embarqmail.com). (For information on our small groups, you can also contact Murney Rinholm at [bqr@nc.rr.com](mailto:bqr@nc.rr.com).)

Peace,  
Charlie Klusman



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# Youth and Family Ministries News

Youth & Family Ministry Website: [youth.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org](http://youth.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org)

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## Affirmation of Baptism (A.o.B.)

(Affirmation of Baptism Ministry 6<sup>th</sup> — 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)

**A.o.B. Sunday School** — Starts Sunday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 9:40am for 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Fellowship Hall.

**A.o.B. Monday Evening Gatherings** — Starts Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and their parents!

**Find Your Bibles, Handbooks and Bags!** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade families should start digging out their red A.o.B. bags, get a folder, marker and highlighter ready for Sunday School and A.o.B. Monday Evenings. Each student is expected to bring these materials each week.

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

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**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 years old and have completed at least a semester of 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Agapé!

**When:** There are two retreats per year. They are held Labor Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. weekends. [Jan 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2011]

**Sign Up/Register:** Go to [http://rtpnet.org/~stwttec/whats\\_tec.html](http://rtpnet.org/~stwttec/whats_tec.html) or pick one up a form on the Youth Board at church.

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## Youth and Family Ministries News Continued

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### LYO Rally and Camp Agapé Hike-a-thon Friday & Saturday, November 12-13<sup>th</sup>



Get yourselves ready folks for another fantastic Eastern Cluster Lutheran Youth Organization Rally.

All 6<sup>th</sup> — 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to participate this year as we head to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham on the Friday evening, stay overnight and then drive out to Camp Agapé for the annual Hike-a-thon to 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 in the Narthex. We will also need youth advisors (adults who work with youth) to come to the event. If you have questions, you can email Charlie [charlie-ycm@embarqmail.com](mailto:charlie-ycm@embarqmail.com) or find Lindsay Crisp or Eddie McIntosh on Facebook to ask questions about the event!

### APE Kids at Camp Agapé (Fall 2010/Spring 2011)

Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> — 5<sup>th</sup> graders get ready for opportunities to go out to Camp Agapé Sept 18-20<sup>th</sup> for an APE Kids overnight and then in late Feb/Early March for an entire weekend for the Building Youth Groups Retreat (BYG). These are great opportunities for your children to explore how God works in their lives and build those relationships with others. Get more details online at: <http://youth.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org>.

### Youth Ministry Schedules

Youth Ministry Schedules will be available on Sunday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at worship! If you have a 4-year-old to senior in high school, we have opportunities for your youth to get involved at APLC!



Grab your family's Youth Ministry Calendar to see how your family can sing, play, laugh, serve and learn together about God's amazing love!

### Follow APLC Online!



**New look for website:** You may have noticed a new look for our church website this past month. At either [www.doveandcross.org](http://www.doveandcross.org) or [www.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org](http://www.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org) you can find our new layout, which provides more space for congregation announcements on the front page, existing content including worship information, newsletters, and sermon recordings, a new space for highlighting serving opportunities (please check this out), and a few other surprises yet to come.

**Facebook and Twitter:** Our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/doveandcross](http://www.facebook.com/doveandcross)) has been in place for several months, and now has over 75 "fans". Each week you can find a preview of the worship theme and readings, recordings of recent sermons, our monthly newsletter, photos, and selected events (generally those of interest to the surrounding community). You can also follow us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/doveandcross](http://www.twitter.com/doveandcross)) and receive the same updates provided on Facebook. And for those of you using iTunes with your iPhone or iPod, search for "Abiding Presence" in the podcast section for another opportunity to download past sermons.

If you have additional suggestions for improving our online presence, please send e-mail to [web-servant@doveandcross.org](mailto:web-servant@doveandcross.org).



# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			9:30 am A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Open House 4 & 5 year olds	9:30am A.P.P.L.E. Seeds Open House 3 year olds		
			7:00pm Women's BLB	6:30pm Chancel Choir		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am Worship 11:00am Worship	<b>Labor Day</b> Office Closed	A.P.P.L.E. Seeds classes begin 7:00pm Sent Forth	10:00am O.W.L.S.	6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Dance Team	7:00pm Friday Night Light @ Rinholm's	8:00am Church Workday 9:30am S.T.O.R.M.
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26	27	28	29	30		
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### Worship Schedule

**Contemporary Worship — 8:30 am**

**Sunday School — 9:45 am**

**Traditional Worship — 11:00 am**

### 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.

## AGAPÉ ☩ KURE BEACH MINISTRIES

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 attended.

### UP— COMING EVENTS: Call for information

- ☩ **Golf Outing October 4<sup>th</sup> at Echo Farms, Wilmington**  
Get a 4-some together and help provide campership for summer camp.
- ☩ **The first ever Quilt & Folk Art Auction Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Agapé.**  
Saturday will be full of activities for kids and families in addition to a first class auction.
- ☩ **Fall Work Day October 30<sup>th</sup> at Camp Agapé.** Lodging provided  
Friday night, breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday.  
Reservations required contact [aceed@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:aceed@agapekurebeach.org) or call Mir.
- ☩ **Seventh Annual Hike-A-Thon and basket raffle. November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Camp Agapé.**  
Hikers of all ages are welcome. (Benefit Environmental Education at Camp Agapé).



**Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.**

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