



The Good News

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church



Worship Time Change

Beginning in September, our Sunday morning worship times return to their regular schedule. Please note that beginning on September 4th worship times will be:

- 8:30 Contemporary music style
- 11:00 Traditional music style

Sunday School begins on September 11th at 9:40am.



Worship With Us!

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Special points of interest:

- Sept 4 — Worship Time Change
- Sept 7 — KOINONIA Wednesdays begin
- Sept 7, 14, 21, 28 — OWLS
- Sept 8 — Chime Choir Practice Resumes
- Sept 10 — Church Work Day, Altar Guild Team
- Sept 11 — Sunday School Begins, Prayer Service for Peace
- Sept 12 — Evangelism and Publicity Team
- Sept 13 — Finance Team
- Sept 17 — SWFCA Fundraiser
- Sept 19 — Council Meeting
- Sept 24 — Anew Women's Group, First Annual Princess Ball
- Sept 25 — National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting
- Sept 27 — Memorial Garden Team

First Holy Communion & Orientation

Christ the King Sunday, November 20th, will mark the occasion for the *First Holy Communion* of a number of our new communicants.

On Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. all candidates and their parents/guardians planning to receive their first holy communion will meet with Pastor Jeffrey Ingold for an informative orientation and mock communion practice.

All baptized children are eligible to receive this sacrament at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Please sign up using the form outside Pastor Jeffrey's office.

Upcoming Seasonal Worship Services

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 30th, Reformation Day
- November 6th, All Saints' Day and celebration of Holy Baptism
- November 20th, Christ the King Sunday — *This is the last Sunday of the Church Year (Cycle A).*
- November 27th, First Sunday in Advent — *This is the beginning of a new Church Year (Cycle B).*

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Festival of Baptism

On *All Saints Sunday*, November 6th, Abiding Presence will hold its second *FESTIVAL OF BAPTISM*, presented as a part of the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. At the most recent festival of baptism 10 infants, children and adults were baptized into the body of Christ - a symbol of the communal nature of the sacrament of baptism.

All candidates for baptism from infants to adults may communicate their desire to Pastor Jeffrey Ingold at jeffreyingold@doveandcross.org or call 961-3850. Pastor Jeffrey will hold an orientation class for the baptismal candidates and their parents/guardians on Monday, October 31st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

KOINONIA Wednesdays! Gathering Momentum Join Us!!

Sign up on Sunday mornings —see the tables located in the Narthex.

- **Fishes and Loaves Meal:** A meal will be provided each Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person.
- **Abiding Presence Elementary (APE) Kids:** 3rd through 5th grades
- **Adult Bible Study:** "The Greatest Story" Bible overview video and discussion series
- **Adult Book Study:** "The Shack" by William Paul Young
- **Adult Prayer Study:** Explores a number of resources and forms of prayers
- **Affirmation of Baptism (AoB):** 7th and 8th grades
- **Areas in Ministry Teams:** Teams will be developing their schedules including some meetings on Wednesdays
- **Chancel Choir:** 9th grade and up singers for late worship
- **Childcare:** Childcare for infants and up
- **Evangelism & Publicity Team:** Share the faith in our congregation and in our community
- **Guitar Jam:** 3rd grade and up
- **High School Youth:** Youth group
- **Homework Room:** A space for those who desire a quiet study environment (tutors may be available as needed)
- **Middle School Youth:** Youth group
- **Mustard Seeds Youth:** 4 year olds through 2nd grade youth group
- **Wee Rejoice!** Fun with music for 3 year olds through Kindergarten
- **Singing Angels Choir :** 1st through 5th grades
- **Worshipful Dancers:** ALL ages
- **Youth Band:** 6th through 12th grade

Help Needed:

- Childcare Providers (adults and teens)
- Tutors
- Youth Leaders/Advisors for all Youth Groups
- Fishes and Loaves Team



If you have any questions please call Jim Nelson at 919-900-7751, or e-mail him at colg86@gmail.com.

Please note these activities highlight the **new** KOINONIA Wednesdays! only. There are a number of other ministry opportunities which meet on other nights. More information is to come for these opportunities.

S.T.O.R.M. CENTRAL

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Thank You!

The APLC S.T.O.R.M. team would like to thank those at Abiding Presence who gave so generously of their time, talents and treasure to provide and prepare food, transportation and medical screenings for the migrant worker dinner. We fed close to 100 hungry men and their families. It was wonderful to see so many of you reaching out and serving the needs of all of God's children.

Backpack/School Supplies Drive

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations to the backpack and school supplies drive. Abiding Presence donated over 20 backpacks with LOTS of school supplies to Ballentine Elementary School.

Blood Drive

We will be hosting a blood drive in the bloodmobile on Sunday, October 2nd from 9:00 until 1:30. Please consider donating. In the wake of Hurricane Irene supplies are running low.

SWFCA Fundraiser



You are invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support **Southern Wake Faith Community in Action (SWFCA)** on Saturday, September 17th, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Fuquay-Varina Applebee's, 1480 North Main Street. Tickets, at \$7 per person, include 3 large pancakes, bacon, and beverage, and must be purchased in advance. For information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Jim Nelson at (919) 900-7751 or at colg868@gmail.com. Good food for a good cause!

Prayer Service for Peace Marking Ten Years Since 9/11

On Sunday evening, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m., Abiding Presence Lutheran Church will hold a quiet communion and prayer service. Within the setting of the worship service participants will be given opportunity to reflect on the events of 9/11, offering remembrances and observations about how that event has changed life as we know it. But, more poignantly each participant be challenged to sustain the message of The Gospel of Jesus Christ and support each other in the understanding that as followers of Jesus, we are instruments of peace. Our prayers and reflections will culminate in the sharing of the Eucharistic Meal (Holy Communion), as we remember who we are, whose we are and how we are called to live our lives in the face of all that life can bring.

Music and Arts Opportunities

Many of our congregation's music and arts groups are resuming rehearsals this fall. If you have a joy for sharing music or dance with others, you are welcome to join us. Check out all of the groups below and learn how you can share your musical or dance gifts! Contact Amanda if you are interested: amanda@doveandcross.org

Wee Rejoice! – ages 3 through Kindergarten

Children ages 3 through Kindergarten who love music will have a great time in Wee Rejoice! Parents do not need to attend with their children. The children will move with music, sing songs about Bible stories and themes and have a lot of fun praising God together. Wee Rejoice meets at 6:00pm on the Wednesdays in October and May.

Singing Angels – 1st-5th grade

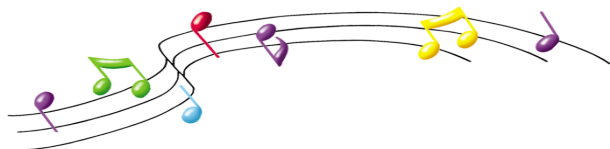
Young singers in first-fifth grade will have a great time in the Singing Angels. Singers will learn a variety of fun songs of faith that will likely stick with them for the rest of their lives. As they learn the songs and motions, and sometimes even sign language, they will also be building worship leading skills as they prepare songs to offer in worship. The Singing Angels meet at 6:00pm on the Wednesdays in October and May.

Youth Band – 6th-12th grade

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, this is for you! Do you enjoy singing Christian pop songs?—join the Youth Band. Do you enjoy playing guitar or keyboard or have skills and experience as a drummer?—join the Youth Band. Youth band musicians will combine their musical gifts and skills to sing and play through worshipful songs. The Youth Band meets at 6:00pm on the Wednesdays in September and January.

Guitar Jam Session – 3rd grade - adults

If you like to play guitar and want to practice your chords with friends, you'll have a great time at Guitar Jam Session. Guitarists in 3rd grade through adults will have fun reviewing basic chords as they play through a variety of worship songs. The supportive large group instruction is casual as guitarists work on transitioning from chord to chord and build on their skills. More experienced guitarists are encouraged to attend and sit near a newer guitarist to help aid in instruction. Guitar Jam Session meets at 6:00pm on most Wednesdays in November and February.



Worshipful Dancers – all ages

If you like to dance and love God, you will enjoy being in the Worshipful Dancers. This group learns choreography to a variety of musical styles. They offer their dances in worship as a visual expression of the music's message and worshipful inspiration. The Worshipful Dancers meet at 6:00pm on the Wednesdays in September and January.

Chancel Choir – 9th grade through adults

If you like to sing in choirs, this is a really fun group to join! The Chancel Choir helps lead the liturgy and hymns at the 11:00am 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! You do not need to be able to read music to join; although, you may end up learning how to read a little bit. J If you can't commit to coming every week, you can still be a part of the group; pop in and out whenever your schedule allows and make a joyful noise--bring your voice, perhaps a water bottle, and a worshipful heart! Don't be afraid to use what God has given you! The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00pm on most Wednesdays September through May.

Praise Team - Sent Forth – Adults

If you enjoy Christian music in a band-style, you'll enjoy the Praise Team! The Praise Team is a group of adults who lead the liturgy and songs at the 8:30am worship and often offer special music anthems. In rehearsals, we run-thru upcoming liturgy and songs. The Praise Team's current instrumentation is made up singers, guitarists, drummers, keyboardists, bass guitarist, and flute. The singers and instrumentalists take turns leading the worship music on Sunday mornings and do not need to commit to leading every week. You also do not need to be able to read music to participate in the group. The Praise Team meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays.

Chime Choir – ages 13 through adults

If you have always wanted to play an instrument, you will enjoy participating in the Chime Choir. It is easy to learn to play the chimes—no special skills are required—if you can count, you can ring! As you learn to play beautiful music on a couple of chimes, you will experience how all of the parts together make an even more beautiful musical sound! Anyone from 13 to 93 is welcome. The Chime Choir meets on Thursday evenings from 6:45-7:45 beginning September 8th; join us for some musical fun and fellowship. Please contact Gaylene Henry iplay-piano@cdix.org if you have any questions.

First Annual Princess Ball

September 24th 6 pm!
Less than a month away!!!



Abiding Presence will host its First Annual Princess Ball on Saturday, September 24th at 6 pm! This is sure to be a fun-filled night for girls ages Pre-K through Grade 6 and their fathers, granddads or uncles, etc. All young ladies can wear their best to the Ball and be escorted by their favorite gentleman of their choosing. Dinner will be served followed by a great make your own sundae bar! There will be good music and fun games, a photo booth and goody bags will also be included. Tickets will be sold soon.

We are looking for adult volunteers as well as Middle and High School youth who are willing to help with the Princess Ball. The following jobs are up for grabs and a sign-up will be posted in the Narthex.

Parent and/or Teen Jobs:

- Set up and/or Clean up
- Reset the Fellowship hall for worship when done
- Procurement of donation items for dinner
- Donate dinner items and dessert
- Help with serving drinks
- Decorations and goody bag assembly
- Help heating up food, laying it out, setting up ice cream sundae bar

Middle School / High School Jobs:

- MC for the Event: Do you have a great personality and are in Middle or High School? MC this event for us! We will provide you a script so all you have to do is just dress, come, and have fun!
- Decorations
- Photo booth: take pictures, print pictures
- Goody bag assembly

E-Mail Jill Cassone at jill@success4school.com if interested in helping with this Fun & Fellowship Event or to let her know you want to attend.

Nursery Relocation

Our Sunday morning nursery has moved! The nursery services are now offered in Classroom 6 (in the fellowship hall beside the Women's restroom). We are excited about this move as it offers more space, more toys and activities, and a carpeted area for floor play. The nursery is available during both worship services for use by infants and toddlers and for children up through 5 years of age. Parents can drop off their children before worship begins and then pick up their children at the start of Holy Communion; children will commune/receive blessing with their parents and remain with their parents for the rest of the worship. If you would like to volunteer as a nursery attendant in this new space, please contact Kelli Wilson at kelliwilson@gmail.com. Please note that per our youth policy all nursery attendants must complete a background check before serving in the nursery.

A.P.P.L.E. Seeds

The new school year is fast approaching and we have been busy bees getting ready! If you have not noticed all of many wonderful



changes, look around and you will see how busy we have been. The education wing classrooms have all been painted and look fantastic. Thanks to the teachers and wonderful volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication for making the room look all bright and cheery! Also, there are two new portable classrooms that have been set up in the Fellowship Hall that will become two Five Year Old Program classes. And, the new nursery room will also be a new Two Year Old Program room.

Lids for Agapé

One of the ways we care for God's creation is to re-use things for educational purposes as much as possible. They eventually wear out, and we're finding that we need to replace some of the lids we have for some of our displays and activities.



Specifically, we need circular lids that are 4-6" diameter -- Clorox wipes lids, Baby Wipes, or similar products. We're also in need of lids for frosting containers: 3.5" diameter.

If you happen to have any lids that fit the bill, please bring them to church. It's fine to leave them beside the praise band keyboard; I'll be sure to get them there. Thank you so much for those who have already provided lids. Keep them coming!

Mir Youngquist-Thurrow
Environmental Education Director

Youth and Family Ministries News

Youth & Family Ministry Website: youth.abidingpresencelutheranchurch.org

Affirmation of Baptism (AoB)

(Affirmation of Baptism Ministry 6th — 8th Graders)

AoB 2011-2012 Sunday School and Weeknight AoB Events: Wednesday evening events start September 7th for all 7th & 8th grade families and Sunday School begins on September 11th. Contact Charlie Klusman if your family was unable to be at the July 24th meeting.

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

Youth and Family Ministry Opportunities

Working w/ youth and children (Being a youth advisor!): At APLC adults who work with the youth and children are called 'Youth Advisors'. These individuals have the opportunity make a difference in a young person's faith journey by leading or assisting in leading youth group events on Koinonia Wednesdays, and/or participating at service events and lock-ins. They make a difference in a young person's life by being a positive presence who is willing to listen and share their life experiences with others. Adults are asked to be present at one-two youth events a month. Youth Advisors are asked to complete a brief training with the director of youth and children's ministry before participating.

High School Youth Ministries: Hey 9th-12th grade youth! Join us as we serve, laugh and play, learn and praise God together. You will have opportunities to lead other age groups, join youth your age in discussion about your journey with God and get away from the stresses of school and other extra curricular activities.

Middle School Youth Ministries: Hey 6th-8th grade youth! Join us as we serve, laugh and play, learn and praise God together. You will have opportunities to lead other age groups, join youth your age in discussion about your journey with God and get away from the stresses of school and other extra curricular activities. **6th graders are invited to be leaders w/ the Mustard Seeds group on the 1st and 3rd Weds of each month while the 7th & 8th graders are in AoB.

APE Kids Youth Ministries: 3rd-5th graders are invited to explore their faith journey with other youth their age and caring leaders. Youth will have opportunities to serve, play and laugh, learn and praise God together. Your youth will have the opportunity to build solid relationships with other youth their own age before they begin middle and high school.

Mustard Seeds Children's Ministries: 4 year olds to 2nd grade children now have the opportunity to gather at APLC with caring leaders! This young group will focus on relationship building, learn how much God loves them and how we can spread that love in the world.

How do I get involved? To get you or your family involved in any of these groups as participants, leaders or helpers, please contact Jim Nelson colg868@gmail.com.



Youth and Family Ministries News continued

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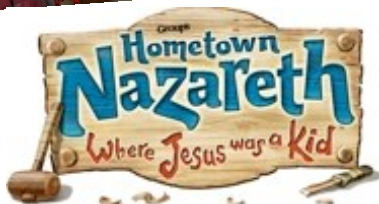
National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

Rising 8th - 12th graders are invited to join other youth and adults from APLC (and across the United States) on a journey to New Orleans, LA for the ELCA National Youth Gathering (NYG). The NYG enables participants to understand and experience that they are part of a larger church. At the gathering, we will worship God in new ways, serve in a totally new community and build relationships with youth from APLC and beyond! Parents, youth and potential adult leaders should plan to meet on Sunday, Sept 25th at 6:30pm to begin preparing for the national youth gathering. Registration forms are available on the youth and family ministry bulletin board in the narthex.



2011 Vacation Bible School

Over 55 children, youth and adults enjoyed a weekend adventure at VBS as we traveled to Nazareth and learned about how Jesus was a kid just us! Highlights of the week were singing great songs about God, sharing with others what we learned about God, stomping grapes, craft time, silly games and meeting Mary (Jesus' Mom!).





Agapé † Kure Beach Ministries — News and Events

Golfers Invited: Monday Oct 3rd is the twelfth annual fall Golf Outing in Wilmington to support Agape + Kure Beach Ministries. Funds raised send kids to camp with Campership funds. Our goal is a at least two foursomes from APLC. Contact Randy Youngquist-Thurrow or visit the camp web site to sign-up. <http://www.agapekurebeach.org>. If you don't golf, how about being a prize or hole sponsor – gifts of \$25 to \$125 will make a difference.

Camp Agapé Work Day: Saturday Oct 22nd. Come for breakfast and stay through mid-afternoon or join us for a couple of hours. We have tasks for the entire family; carpentry, trail work, cleaning, mailings and more. Contact Randy or Mir Youngquist-Thurrow or call the camp office to let us know you are coming. Call (919) 552-9421.

Quilt and Folk Art Auction: Saturday Oct 29th in conjunction with the downtown Fuquay festival. We will have quilts and fine handcrafted items to auction off at 4:30 p.m. at Shoppes on Main, downtown Fuquay. Do you have an item you would like to donate? This is an exciting new friend building and fund raising event. Join us and get some great Christmas gifts.

Hike-a-thon: Saturday Nov 12th at camp Agapé. The day includes hiking, basket raffles, prizes, tee-shirts, free lunch and closing worship. Come and support our environmental education program with a gift or sponsorships to recognize your hiking on these beautiful trails in the midst of the changing colors around you.

O Holy Night: Dec 17th and 18th at camp Agapé. Put this special evening on your calendar now. This popular Christmas pageant around the pond at Agapé has drawn up to 200 people. Bring your family or come and join other friends in faith and experience the real reason for the season. Each showing is less than an hour. Many of the summer staff will return to make this event extra special for summer campers.

Please check our web site at www.agapekurebeach.org for details on all of these great opportunities. Remember camp is only 12 miles from the Church and these are wonderful opportunities to get to know your camp better.

Fish and Loaves Team

The Fish and Loaves Team is a ministry that provides meals for families, couples and individuals who want to participate on KOINONIA Wednesdays! This group works together to plan, prepare, serve and clean up the meal to provide a meal. People who enjoy cooking, coordinating, set up/takedown, and corresponding with people via phone/email are all invited to be part of this team.



How Can We Help You?

Are you going through a hard time? Maybe had a surgery, getting settled with a new baby, or dealing with a difficult diagnosis? Your APLC family can help you in many ways! The Caring and Sharing team can make and deliver meals to your family. We can provide a prayer shawl to keep you warm and remind you people are praying for you. We can pray for any need you submit as a prayer request.

Do you like to visit people, cook, crochet, and generally make people feel better? Caring and Sharing is the group for you! So far this year we have delivered 14 meals to families with new babies, sent numerous "sunshine" cards to members, given away two prayer shawls and 39 baby caps, prayed individually and as a group for those in need, and so much more.

To request help or for more information, e-mail Megan Perry at megansperry2003@yahoo.com.

September 2011

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| Change in Worship Times 8:30am Contemporary 11:00am Traditional | Labor Day | 7pm Sent Forth | 10am OWLS 5:30pm KOINONIA Wednesday! | 6:30pm FV Women's Group 6:45pm Chime Choir | | 8:00am Work Day 10:00am Altar Guild |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 9:40 am First Day of Sunday School 7:00pm Prayer Service for Peach | 7pm Evangelism and Publicity | 7pm Finance Team 7pm Sent Forth | 10am OWLS 5:30pm KOINONIA Wednesday! | 6:30pm FV Women's Group 6:45pm Chime Choir | | |
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Worship Schedule

Contemporary Worship — 8:30 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

UP-COMING EVENTS:

- ✚ Golf Outing October 3th at Echo Farms, Wilmington. Get a 4-some together and help provide camperships for summer camp.
- ✚ The second annual Quilt & Folk Art Auction Oct 29th in Fuquay-Varina Shoppes on Main. Saturday will be full of activities for kids and families.
- ✚ Fall Work Day October 22nd at Camp Agapé. Lodging provided Friday night, breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday. Reservations required contact aceed@agapekurebeach.org or call Mir.
- ✚ Eighth Annual Hike-A-Thon and basket raffle is November 12th at Camp Agapé. Hikers of all ages are welcome. (Benefits Environmental Education at Camp Agapé).
- ✚ BYG Leader Training December 2nd-4th. Learn more about the Agapé model. Contact Katie for more information.



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