



# The ANCHOR

*The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church*

*February 2017*

*211 Elton-Adelphia Road (Rte 524), Freehold, NJ 07728*

**Anchored in Christ, Growing in Faith, Love and Service!**

**WORSHIP SERVICES with HOLY  
COMMUNION**

**Worship @ 8:30 & 10:45 AM**

**Sunday School @ 9:30 AM**

**Wednesday Church School @ 7 PM**

**Worship with Holy Communion @ 7 PM**

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 PM**



*Come Worship With Us*

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**Minister of Music: Dean Poulsen**

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**Chime Choir Director – Janice Seifert**

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# *Pastor Detweiler's Message.....*

From the *Interim Pastor*

## Transition Update

Our Transition Team completed their work of preparing the Ministry Site Profile and a Pastor's job description in December and submitted both of these to Council for their approval. The Council acted to approve them at their December meeting and they were submitted to the New Jersey Synod.

On Tuesday, January 10, the Council and Transition Team met with Pastor Aaron Richter from the Synod office to review the two documents. As the synod staff considers candidates to recommend to Hope, it is helpful for them to know what is behind the statements in the Ministry Site Profile. This meeting provided Pastor Richter with an opportunity to understand Hope and its leaders, and what are your hopes and dreams for the future. The next step is for Pastor Richter to meet with the Call Committee. The composition of that committee will be finalized at the January 23 Council meeting. It is expected that they could be considering their first candidate by late February.

This process has moved quickly at Hope because of the capable work of the Transition Team. Dave Lynch chaired the team and kept the process moving via email between meetings. The team members - ***Brian McMillin, Chelsea Zigler, Debbie Crawford, Gerry Bergh, and Suzy Coulter*** - worked together comfortably. They had some very frank discussions, and produced a profile that honestly portrays Hope as a congregation with much potential and a young membership, but looking for clear direction and goals for the future.

We have no idea how long the call process will take. It could be over in a few months, or it could take many months. Since seminaries are producing fewer pastors than the number who retire each year, there are always many congregations looking for pastors. The most important thing we can do as members of the congregation is to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to be patient. As a Spirit led process, it cannot be rushed. We can pray every day that the Holy Spirit will guide the Call Committee, and will move in the heart of the person who is being called to be the next pastor of Hope. Please join me in prayer every day for our Call Committee, and for the next pastor.

In Christ,

*Pastor Detweiler*



## Official Acts.....

**Baptism.....**Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on December 18, 2016 was, **Anthony Michael Wilkerson**, born August 15, 2016. Parents are **Charles and Nikki Wilkerson**. Sponsors are **Eric and Chynna Palek**.



**Our Love & Sympathy.....** We extend our love & sympathy to the following to **Steve Rinker and family** as his mother, **Dorothy Rinker**, entered Life Eternal on November 23; **Patricia Steinke and family**, her father, **Marsello Bozio**, entered Life Eternal on November 23; to the **Martinsen family** as **Stefan Martinsen's father, Ralph**, entered Life Eternal on November 23; to the **Rifenburg family**, **Rich's uncle, Ray** entered Life Eternal on December 5; **Charlotte Shaw's cousin, Lennette Marshall** entered Life Eternal on December 9 and **her cousin, Connie Whitmore**, entered Life Eternal on December 13. Friend and former member, **Dee Beutel**, entered Life Eternal on January 14. A memorial service will be held on February 3 at Grace Lutheran, Camp Hill.



<b>HOPE STATS</b>					
<b>Sun/Wed Attendance</b>	<b>Wed&amp;Sun Sch</b>	<b>Offerings</b>	<b>- did not reach</b>	<b>+ reached</b>	
Nov 27	155	40	\$3,692.58	- \$ 347.42	
Dec 4	121	39	\$3,669.30	- \$ 370.70	
Dec 11	122	48	\$4,419.00		+ \$ 379.00
Dec 18	202	52	\$6,068.31		+ \$ 2,028.31
Christmas Eve	4 pm – 70	7 pm – 71	9 pm – 113		
Dec 25	44		\$11,491.15		+\$15,531.15
<b>2017</b>					
Jan 1	54		\$2,475.00	- \$2,333.00	
Jan 8	96	snow/Anniversary	\$3,652.55	- \$1,155.45	
Jan 15	128	32	\$4,503.27	- \$ 304.73	
Jan 22	121	32	\$4,269.00	- \$ 539.00	
Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed 2017 Budgeted Offerings of \$250,000.00 is \$4,808.00					

**Embracing Hospice from Wall TWP offers a  
Bereavement Group every other Monday @ 2:30P in Hope's Sanctuary.  
Monday, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22  
Anyone who feels the need for this group, may attend.**



★.... *Cindy Lynch* went shopping for foam board for HCS to make an Advent poster.

★.... *John Bonanno* picked up the permit for the water heater from the township.

★....***Diane Kless*** recruited the following to light the Advent Wreath: ***Dennis & Jennifer Duvelsdorf and Ashley & Andrew Bayles; Bob, Debbie, Kaitlyn and Hannah Robinson; Diana Carney and Tucker Clayton; Steve, Scott, Katherine & Julia Weiss; Wanda Nebiolo; Keith & Kim Jones; Bill & Debbie Unger; and Robert, Erika, Michael, Olivia & Jack Woods.***      ***Thanks so very much!***

✦....A goodly number of helpers arrived for *the Sanctuary and Narthex decorating* – Diane Kless, Debbie & Bill Unger, Keith & Kim Jones, Sandy & Sydney Wolven, Suzy Coulter, Wanda Nebiolo, Siggy, Kelly & Julie Kuehn, Susan & Tyler Sterrett, Debbie Seitz, Loretta, Kyle and Ryan Hart, Janice and Bill Seifert, Olivia & Kayla Denney, Steve, Tori & Grant Sikkema, Kira Noesworthy, Ben vanderAkker, Connor & MacKenzie Quinn, Brigitte Fedorow, Mark Bondo, and Rich & Letty Topp. Lots of wonderful food and desserts were brought in to share. We were finished by 9 pm.

★....*Cindy Livingston* donated a large wooden manger set that we placed at the parsonage.

★....*Our Angel* brought four cases of copy paper in December. **Thanks!!!**

★....*Debbie Unger, Suzy Coulter and Diane Kless* arranged the poinsettia plants and prepared the sanctuary for Christmas Eve Services.

★....**Bill & Debbie Unger** placed the sidewalk lights up for Christmas Eve Services and put them away before the snow of January 7.

★....The helpers for un-decorating the sanctuary and narthex were: ***Rich & Letty Topp, Bill & Debbie Unger, Suzy Coulter, John Drager, Bill & Janice Seifert, Tanya Hederman, Kelly, Julie and Siggy Kuehn.***

★....Helping **Cindy Lynch** assign the Giving Tree Gift Cards was **Kim Jones**.

# LWR Quilting Projects

## Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM

LWR Quilting Projects  
@ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

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## **SM Superbowl of Caring Soup Making – Super Bowl 2017 is February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Hunger and poverty have a negative impact on individuals and the communities in which they live, yet there is joy in serving and giving to those in need.

**On Sunday, February 5, 2017, you can participate!**

Please bring **cans of soup** to donate to the Open Door Food Pantry and/or purchase homemade soup from the Senior High, 100% of the proceeds go directly to Open Door Food Pantry.



### **Gathering of Men Breakfast**

**Saturday, February 11 @ 9 AM**

Join the Gathering of Men for breakfast, fellowship and sharing. We'll have breakfast and conversation. Any questions may be directed to: Gerry Bergh, 732-972-2799.

### **Confirmation Classes-Sunday Evening Program**

**February 12, March 5 and 12**

**From 6 to 8 PM each evening.**

**This program is for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders.**



**Wednesday Church School**

**@ 7 – 8 PM**

*{same as Sunday School} – check calendar for scheduled dates!*

**Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**Bible Study every Wednesday**

**Worship @ 7 PM - Bible Study follows @ 7:30 PM**







## ***You are invited to Women of Hope***

***~~Tuesday, February 14 @ 7:30 PM***

***We Must Plant The Church - The Story Of Lutherans In America***

***Session 1: On New Soil: The Colonial Lutherans***

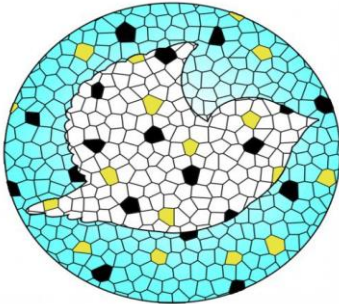
***Basic Theme: How the church faces and adapts to the current realities of the day.***

***Discussion and refreshments.***

***Women of Hope Memorial Scholarship Fund Sponsored by: The Women of Hope  
Donations may be given directly to Wanda Nebiolo, Women of Hope Treasurer.***

***Checks should be made out to Hope with notation in memo line Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please be sure Women of Hope Treasurer is aware of your donation so proper acknowledgement may be directed.***

***This is tax deductible and 100% of the money donated is used for Scholarship grants. Thank you! Your generous donations have made it possible to award scholarships each year since this fund was established in 2003 in memory of Karen (1961-1986), the daughter of Janice and Bill Seifert.***



## ***Get Crafty!***

***Join us for a Night of Fellowship and Fun!***

***Wednesday, February 15***

***7 to 9 PM***

***Hope Lutheran Fellowship Hall***

***Stained Glass and Stone Pendant Making***

***\$25. pp***

***Refreshments will be served.***

***Proceeds to help fund the Hope Lutheran Bosnia Servant Trip Travel Team!***

***RSVP: 2-13 Susan Sterrett 732.642.5117***

***[Tz.sterrett@gmail.com](mailto:Tz.sterrett@gmail.com) or***

***Nicole Seitz 732.614.3328 [nseitz3595@gmail.com](mailto:nseitz3595@gmail.com)***

***Thrivent is supporting this event through a \$250.00 Action Team Card.***



***The Wisdom Club! Join us for Lunch!***

***Wednesday, March 1 @ 11:30 am at Hope***

***We will have lunch then attend the Ash Wednesday Service @  
12:30 pm***

***Anyone who remembers when there were only black & white TV's, rotary-dial phones and party lines, or those who have received AARP Memberships are invited to join this group!***

# The HOPE Bosnia team is doing a clothing drive FUNDRAISER!

Please consider taking the time over the next few months to clean out your closets and bag up items that you would like to give away. We are accepting any clothes, handbags, purses, backpacks, hats, gloves, scarves & belts, pillows, blankets, quilts & sheets, curtains & table linens, stuffed animals & other soft toys, hard toys & even bicycles. Please do not bring items to the church as we don't have the space to store them.



We will have a truck to pick up all the donations in late March from a location to be determined. If you have something you would like to give please contact me, **Tanya Hedderman** at 732-569-7450, or **Angelica Kuehn** at 732-534-2930, or [tant@write.me](mailto:tant@write.me). PLEASE feel free to share our FUNDRAISER with friends, family, co-workers, etc. ***Clean up to help the travel team!***

## THANK YOU

*.....Thank you from Freehold Area Food Pantry for the collection of food received before Thanksgiving from HCS and Hope LC.*

*.....Thank you -- Words cannot fully express how touched we were by your very generous and thoughtful gifts! We are so grateful for your kindness. We feel so blessed! Very glad to be a part of this church family! Our hearts are moved by your incredible generosity! Thanks for helping to make our Christmas merrier and sharing God's love. We are touched by your kindness and generous gifts given from the Family Giving Tree. Margot & Jeff Strandberg, Jessica & Alexa Free & baby Noelle Rios*

*.....Thank you received from Pack 158 – Dear Rev. Bartholomew, Our most sincere thanks for the recent legacy gift from Grace Lutheran Church. Pack 158 and the church have enjoyed a long and fruitful relationship; we were so sad to hear of the church's closing. We appreciate their support. Thank you, Ryn Fernandez, Treasurer, Pack 158*

*.....Thank you received from Freehold Area Open Door, Inc. – Dear Bishop Bartholomew: On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Freehold Area Open Door, I would like to thank you and Grace Lutheran Church for your recent \$69,000.00 donation. As you may know, we have worked closely with Grace Lutheran for many years, and we are saddened at the loss of this congregation in Freehold. Their generous legacy to Open Door will allow us to fund our programs for the coming year. Our Food pantry serves up to 400 households each month, our advocacy program helps up to 150 households with emergency funds each year, and our After School and Scholarship Programs provide homework assistance and small college scholarships to graduates of the After School Program. Please be assured that we will use these funds carefully to fulfill our mission to alleviate hunger in our community. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and blessings. Jeanne Yaecker CVA, Director*



## ***Gentle Yoga Classes!!!***

***Every Tuesday evening here at Hope @ 7 PM***

***Classes are held in the narthex.***

***This is a wonderful way to better yourself, so come to check it out.***

***Classes are conducted by Debbie Crawford, Yoga Instructor.***



### ***More News***

.....***Zach Koester*** made the Dean's List at University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Congratulations.

.....***St. John Lutheran Church***, 140 Lexington Ave, Passaic is ***125 years old***. The church is a fine example of High Victorian German Gothic architecture, designed by Ludwig Becker, who was a renowned German cathedral master builder from Mainz, Germany. Most of the materials constructed in and imported from Germany by local textile and woolen companies. Ludwig Kick supervised the construction by the Flint construction company. Send them a card. Passaic's zip is 07055.

.....***Two of the renters – GA and Saturday AA*** gave an extra donation at Christmas for the use of our building. They are thankful for our nice warm building.

### ***Emergency Housing Program at Hope: Volunteers Needed!***

Share your love for God and for others! The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association is in full swing! We have opened our doors to local homeless gentlemen on Friday nights at Hope Lutheran. Volunteers are needed to help, either by bringing a meal, hosting the men, or volunteering to be a driver for transportation between St. Peter's and Hope. Please look for sign-up sheets in the narthex.

For more information, please contact ***Andrew or Zinke McGeedy*** at ***732-363-8520***. Thank you for your anticipated support!



### ***The Manor Worship Service***

***Sunday, February 26 @ 2:00 PM***

This service is held once a month at The Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their residents. It is located @ 689 W Main St., Freehold (just in front of the CentraState Hospital). Pastor Detweiler and Dean invite other members of Hope to accompany them and assist in the worship. Plan to be at The Manor @ 1:45 to help bring the patients from their rooms to the meeting place. **You are welcome!**



**First Holy Communion Instruction  
Will begin in March for third graders and up.  
You will receive a letter explaining the program and  
instruction dates.**



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Family  
Event**

**Tuesday, February 28**

**6:30 PM**

**Please sign up to attend so we will have a  
place setting for you at the table.**

***Dr. Seuss/Scholastic Book Fair***

***Family Fun Events***

***Sunday, February 26 (after services)***

***Tuesday, February 28 (during pancake supper)***

***Thursday & Friday, March 2 & 3 (during school)***



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***New Altar Flower Chart***

A new Altar Flower Chart for the dedication of gifts of flowers is hanging on the Sacristy door. Honoring or remembering a special person or event in your life, and donating \$20.00 for each bouquet, may be done by placing your name along with the name of those being remembered or honored on the month/date you'd like (please print--one line per entry). When you sign up for the bouquet, please place a check in the flower envelope located near the chart with date of your dedication and put in offering plate or on desk in the office.



You may also donate to the Altar Fund (or any other fund) in memory or to honor someone by notifying the Church Office 732-462-7545.

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## ***Thank you from Women of Hope, WELCA***

We would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all the families and friends of Hope who participated in our annual WELCA Giving Tree Program. Each year, we are overwhelmed by your caring generosity to help those in need, and this year was no exception. Your contributions of over \$3,500 helped 47 people in 12 families, as well as Lutheran U.S. Disaster Relief and Lutheran World Relief's Refugee Relief. Know that your gifts bring the love of Christ to many and are truly appreciated by the recipients! Thank you again and we wish you many blessings in this New Year, as you have blessed others!

In Christ, *The Women of Hope*

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### ***Ash Wednesday Worship Service***

**March 1**

**12:30 PM and 7:30 PM**



Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion

Assisting Ministers are needed for these services.

Please contact the office if you are willing to serve.

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**Mary Jane Enrichment Center, PA.** is in need of slightly used sheets, blankets and towels. Mary Jane Enrichment Center is in Philadelphia and its mission is to help individuals who are in need of food and clothing. Please see ***John Bonanno*** for more information.



### ***Winter Youth Assembly Senior High Youth February 10-12 @ Harvey Cedars, LBI***

High School Retreat held in February @ Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Center on Long Beach Island NJ. Connect with other Lutheran youth and explore God's Love and how together we can make a difference in the world. To register contact Tara Zigler 732-666-1074 by February 1st. Registration fee: \$115.00

***And***

### ***Mark your calendars! 2017 Cross Roads Middle School Retreat***

Arrive March 10th at 7pm -- Depart March 12th at 1pm

Cost: \$95 To chaperone or participate contact Tara Zigler 732-446-6117.

Join us for our Middle School Retreat at Cross Roads. A fun-filled program, where we will learn about God and strengthen our Faith together.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and start a lasting relationship with them.

There will be Games, Music, Great Food and much more!!!!

## Christmas Pageant News and Thanks



Our children began the program singing "Get Ready" – get ready for the birth of Jesus; telling the real meaning of Christmas with their angelic voices. We were all amazed as they sang "Silent Night" in German. Following the program, we enjoyed a Birthday cake for Jesus, it was yummy!



Did you witness the miracle at Hope? We did! Once again our Sunday School Children put on a spectacular program telling the Christmas story through song. We are all so proud of them as I am sure all the parents are also. We would especially like to thank the parents who participated in the opening skit showing the hustle and bustle of preparing for the holidays today.



Many thanks to all the parents who diligently worked behind the scenes, we could not have put on this program without your help.

God's Blessings to all of you,

***Cindy Lynch, Janice Seifert, Leslie Rifenburg  
and Diane Kless***

## Safe Haven - Donations for Unaccompanied Minors -

The High School youth are collecting in-kind-offerings for their upcoming NJ Synod retreat, "Winter Youth Assembly". The in-kind-offering is for Safe Haven, a program through Lutheran Social Ministries. **The Safe Haven program provides shelter, meals, education, legal counsel, and behavioral counseling for unaccompanied minors.**

***Items that we are collecting are:***

***Spanish children's bibles, coats, hats, gloves, scarves***

In January, I attended a Three Kings Day party for the children in Safe Haven, sponsored by the Synod. Attending were several pastors and the NJ Synod Youth Band. I went with ***Sue England, Erika England, Tanya Hedderman***, and two youth from Asbury Park. The Synod brought gifts for the children, ages 5-17, and provided lunch and craft activities. The experience was very humbling and eye opening. Feel free to ask any of us that went how we witnessed God. If you would like to donate items please contact **Sue England or Tara Zigler.**

Peace, ***Tara***



# SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, April 2**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate this anniversary at Our House Restaurant

420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

from 1 to 5 pm.

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*God Bless  
Your*

*Birthday!*

<i>Sharon Moffitt</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Julie Kuehn</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Samantha Schloeman</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Hunter Cardelfe</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Casey Heinzmann</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Jake Minniear</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Thomas Mezaros</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Jan Karl Puzon</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Logan Madden</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Rita Corn</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Blair Fink</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Letty Topp</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Kristin Natoli</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Lauren Platt</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Kyle Tash</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Fred Lithgow</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Kelsey Neilan</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>Grace Hagemann</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Allison Landers</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Ann Rofulowitz</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Payton Toucher</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Markus Bastry</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Joe Keller</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Arthur Krause</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Jared Okerson</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Mason Rodriguez</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Madison Rodriguez</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Andrew Fensham</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Karli Varner</i>	<i>16th</i>

<i>John Bonanno</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Veronica Krause</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Donald O'Connell</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Juliet Bonevich</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Phyllis Castello</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Kimberly Jones</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>John Kowalik</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Carolyn Link</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Matthew Bertsch</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Jacob Tash</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Paul Giacobbe</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Cheryl Kane</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Catherine Borna</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Suzy Coulter</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Stefan Martinsen</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Emily Ward</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Jennifer Bayles</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>Gail Cottrell</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>Linda Bastry</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Patricia Martinsen</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Daniel Natoli</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Ed Nell</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Stephen Kropa</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Betty Pear</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Charlotte Shaw</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Lily Russo</i>	<i>29th</i>
<i>Richard Rifenburg</i>	<i>29th</i>

If we have missed you, we apologize – it's probably because our records are incomplete. Please give us a reminder so we can place your name in this column next month & proper month next year.





Where do the Senior High Youth  
meet every Sunday?

Senior High Youth meet in room  
between room 1 and 3 on Sunday  
mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 with  
Mrs. Zigler



### *Thoughts for the Month*

*Empower yourself, lean on the Lord  
Faith makes things possible, not easy.*



*Many thanks to Diane Kless and  
Suzy Coulter – Altar Coordinators!  
There are added duties at Christmas  
and Easter.*

*We never know how any communion  
trays will be needed for the three  
Christmas Eve worship services. They  
prepare the initial four or five trays  
and then additional is prepared  
between the services. They arrange  
the poinsettia plants along the  
chancel area and keep them watered.  
We don't know what we would do  
without you both!*



*Wedgwood Gardens  
3419 US Hwy 9 N, Freehold  
Worship Service with Holy Communion  
Thursday, February 9  
@ 3:30 PM  
Pastor Detweiler invites other members of  
Hope to accompany him and assist with  
this Nursing Home service. Please arrive  
@ 3:15 PM.*



## CALLING ALL GROCERY SHOPPERS!!

Do you shop for groceries? Do you want  
to help **Open Door & Lutheran Social  
Ministries of NJ**? Here's an easy way –  
purchase food cards on Sunday



mornings or any day  
during the week.  
Every Sunday  
morning following  
worship we offer food  
“gift” cards from ShopRite for you to  
purchase at the face value and use them  
like cash at ShopRite. *It costs you*  
*absolutely nothing extra!!!* Hope  
receives 5% back from the ShopRite for  
selling their cards.



The **Weekly ‘E’ Bulletin** is sent via e  
mail to over 200 families and friends.  
This weekly is a great opportunity for  
you to learn all the scheduled  
happenings here at your church. Please  
read and enjoy each week.



### HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Offers Mommy & Me Program  
Enroll NOW for the fall classes of  
Mommy/Daddy and Me  
Classes begin in October  
Toddlers, mommy, daddy or  
grandparents are invited to enroll in this  
wonderful program will begins in  
October on Wednesdays (call office for  
more information) 732.462.7545**



# Hope Christian School Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment Began in January  
for 2 ½, 3, 4 & Kindergarten.  
Registration forms are available on  
the registry desk entrance.

*Living Lutheran Magazine*  
December issue

*"The face of the church is changing"*  
article by Megan Brandsrud

*"Finding God in a parking lot of Home  
Depot in Passaic, N J – Rev. Ignaki  
Unzaga (pastor of St John's Lutheran in  
Passaic) goes to the parking lot every week  
for the last four years with a hot breakfast,  
serving between 40 & 50 men.*

They do a holy service of word and  
sacrament in about 15 minutes. Some of  
the men volunteer to help with the service  
to read the lessons, etc. *Unzaga said*  
*Mision Pan de la Vida* helped reawaken  
the spirits of the people at St. John and  
deepen community relationships.

Read more in the *Living Lutheran* located  
on the table in the foyer.

*Anchored in Christ, Growing in Faith,  
Love and Service*

*The Hope Anchor Cross is based on  
Hebrews 6:19*



*We have this  
hope, a sure  
and steadfast  
anchor of  
the soul.....*

## Bikes and Books

❖ Hope continues to support the  
ministry of the *Asbury Park Bicycle  
Ministry* led by *Keri Martin*. Children  
and young adults learn to rehabilitate  
and repair bicycles and in doing so earn  
the right to own one. If you have an old  
(or not so old) bike that you no longer  
need, drop it off at the church and *John  
Drager* will take it from there.

❖ The *Freehold Area American  
Association of University Women*  
continues its used book program.  
Throughout the year they gather used  
books (hardback, paperback, books on  
CD but no text books). Their Annual  
Used Book Sale takes place in June at  
1st Methodist in Freehold. If you  
have books to donate, drop them off  
at the church and we will get them to the  
AAUW.

## Counseling Center for Human Development

### The 'Hope' Center

Dedicated to the healing of people.  
Hope is a satellite office with three  
counselors on site  
by appointment only – 908-276-0590.  
Offering the community its skills and  
expertise in: adult problems,  
marriage & family problems, child &  
adolescent problems, stress  
management,  
separation & divorce, addition & abuse.



***God's Work. Our hands.***

***Camp Able Welcomes Youth With Disabilities.....taken from ELCA-***

*The campaign for the ELCA Report*

Last summer, Joy Ranch near Watertown, S.D., started a camp program for youth with disabilities called Camp ABLE. The camp offered these youth the opportunity to participate in the same activities as other campers, but instead of using the regular summer curriculum, Bible studies were specifically geared toward them.

"On the first night of camp, we talked about the bad names the world often uses for people with disabilities and discussed how they hurt us," shared the Rev. Brian Krause, the lead pastor of the program.

"We then discovered that Jesus is the one who takes away all of those negative labels in his own body on the cross. In return, he gives us new names – Child of God, Son, Daughter, Royal Priest and Chosen."

**The Fellowship Hall** has a classroom for HCS students. The classroom furniture of both sections is able to be moved to the section closest to the window facing the parking lot if the Fellowship Hall is needed for larger events..... see next column

Our building is used often for the following

**12 Step & Trauma Programs**

**Mondays @ 7:30 PM**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM**

**Women's Trauma**

**Overeaters Anonymous**

**Narcotics (Women) Anonymous**

**Thursdays @ 7:30 PM**

**Gamblers Anonymous**

**Gamanon Anonymous**

**Fridays @ 7:30 PM**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Saturday @ 7:30 PM**

Other groups using the Fellowship Hall

**Jersey Comics (clowns)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 7:30**

**Molly Pitcher Stamp Group**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 7:30 PM**

**Scout Troop 150**

**Thursdays @ 7:00 PM**

**Adult Scout Coordinator**

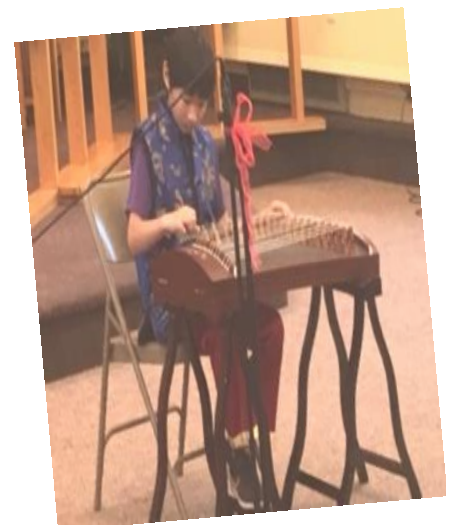
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 PM**

**Seventh Day Adventist**

**Saturdays from 9 AM to 4 PM**

**in Sanctuary/narthex/FH**

**Board of Elections Tuesdays for  
Primary, General & School elections**



***Hope Christian School had the Fidelity Chinese School here in January. It was so much fun to see the children in their costumes and perform their beautiful dance, yoyo and music.***





**AND THE DRAGON!!!!!!**

# Newsletter

Hope's newsletter, the "Anchor" has been produced with activities and calendars. You have received it via email or snail mail and it is located on the website [www.hopefreehold.org](http://www.hopefreehold.org). The Anchor is a great opportunity for you to stay in "the know" of everything that happens here at Hope!

*If you would like to help the crew, please stop in the day they are scheduled, they would be happy to have you join them.*

## HOPE'S CLASSIFIED:

Several parishioners own their own businesses or offer services in which you might be interested. If you would like a family business listed, please let the church office know.

**COMPUTER TECHNICIAN** – Tyler Sterrett – Tz.sterrett@gmail.com

**PERSONAL TRAINER** – Laura Weiss – (732) 614-9984

**STAINED GLASS IMAGES** – Gifts & Customer Work Welcomed Bill Unger (732) 577-1218

**HOME IMPROVEMENT & REPAIRS** -- Brett Miller (732) 845-9413

**ENERGY SAVINGS** – Dawn Sera (732) 610-4061 – Electric & Gas Energy Provider

**WEDDING CONSULTANT** – Tracee Wright – (732) 980-6224

**NOTARY** – Wanda Nebiolo – (734)-462-7545 John Bonanno – (609) 259-7932

**Healing starts with a Horse**–The Cleary Family 732-610-4511– lessons/events, etc.