



The ANCHOR

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

September 2017

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

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

WORSHIP SERVICES with HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, September 3 Worship @ 9:30 AM
Sunday, September 10, Hope returns to two
Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School @ 9:30 AM



YOU are welcome!

Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion @ 7 PM

Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Edward E. Kropa, Jr.*

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Minister of Music:

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Youth- *Michael Woods*

Senior High Youth –*Tara Zigler*

Pastor Kropa's Message.....

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

One of the more memorable numbers in the hit Broadway musical *The King and I* was entitled “Getting to Know You.” Two lines in particular came to mind when I sat down to write this, my first newsletter article here at Hope. They go like this:

Getting to know you
Getting to know all about you

You see, I believe that one of my first tasks as your pastor – perhaps my main task initially – is simply taking the time and making the commitment to get to know you and, in turn, make it possible for you to get to know me. This will not happen overnight, I realize, nor will it be accomplished with just a few, short interactions. So it will require some intentionality on both of our parts. For me, it will require making myself available to visit with all of you in your homes, or offices and places of employment, or anywhere else that seems to make the most sense. For your part, I would merely ask that you think about the best time and place for us to meet in order to spend some time getting to know each other.

Of course, for many, if not most of you, this will involve my coming to visit in your homes and having the chance to meet your entire family. For others, however, meeting for coffee or lunch, or stopping by your workplace, might make more sense. I'll leave that up to you.

I am going to start this process by first spending some time getting to know the members of the Call Committee, who have agreed to serve as my initial “Pastoral Relations Committee,” and also the Congregation Council. I hope to accomplish these visits/contacts by the end of September. At that point, I will then begin visiting with everyone else in the congregation.

In order to facilitate this, beginning in October I want you to look for a sign-up sheet that will be posted on my office door indicating the days and times during the upcoming week that I will be available. This way you can check your own schedules and availability and “sign up” for an appointment time that works best for you. Don't worry if you're not available right away. We have plenty of time to do this. Again, it's not going to happen overnight. It will take a while, months I'm sure, for me to get around to all of you.

Just so you know, there are two basic goals that I have set for these visits. The first, again, is simply to get to know all about you; where you're from, what you like to do, etc.

My second goal, however, is to also spend some time specifically talking with you about Hope:

- What do you feel are the main challenges facing our congregation at the present time?

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- What is your dream or vision for Hope's future?
- Are there any programs or ministries that you *personally* have a need for, or interest in, that aren't currently available at Hope?

While there may also be some formal fellowship events to help us get to know each other, not to mention informal conversations on Sunday mornings, I nevertheless feel that these one-on-one visits are also a great way to help us to get to know each other.

Needless to say, I'm really looking forward to it!

Oh, and one more thing... Mark your calendars. The Synod Office confirmed with us that my Installation Service will be on **September 24 at 10:45 am.** (Please note: there will be Sunday school, but no early service that morning.)

Pastor Ed

*Pastor Ed's first Sunday, August 6.
Welcome Rev. Dr. Edward E. Kropa, Jr.*



Official Acts.....

Baptism..... Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 6 was [Giovanni Anthony Weiburg](#), May 5, 2017 to ***Anthony & Krystle Weiburg***. Sponsors are ***Angelise & Neal Decker***; and on August 27 -- [Hunter James Somodi](#), born May 2, 2017 to ***Matt and Jess Somodi***. Sponsors are ***Michael & Jenna Hazekamp***.



Our Love & Sympathy..... We extend our love & sympathy to the following: ***John & Sharon Black's friend, Russel Yetman***, entered Life Eternal on May 20; ***Rob Green's mother, Catherine***, entered Life Eternal on June 10; ***Sal Tinagero, Jr.***, the coordinator for the Friday Night 12 Step Program, entered Life Eternal on June 17; ***Wanda Nebiolo's cousin, Donna Dee Townsend*** of Arlee, MT, entered Life Eternal on July 4; ***Blair Ward and family*** on the death of his sister, ***Samantha Anderson***, entered Life Eternal on July 18. Friend and former member of Hope's Choir and Gathering of Men, ***Neill Paul***, entered Life Eternal on July 27; ***Dennis Johnson and family*** on the death of his ***sister, Brenda Garling***, entered Life Eternal on August 1.



HOPE STATS

Sun/Wed Attendance		Offerings	- <u>did not reach</u>	+ reached
June 4	86	\$2,575.00	- \$2,233.00	
June 11	125	\$4,302.00	- \$ 506.00	
June 18	81	\$3,073.00	- \$1,735.00	
June 25	80	\$4,814.00		+ \$ 6.00
July 2	71	\$3,141.00	- \$1,667.00	
July 9	74	\$3,120.00	- \$1,688.00	
July 16	76	\$6,523.00		+ \$1,715.00
July 23	82	\$2,509.00	- \$2,299.00	
July 30	79	\$3,188.00	- \$1,620.00	
Aug 6	142	\$4,360.00	- \$ 448.00	
Aug 13	72	\$3,659.00	- \$1,149.00	
Aug 20	89	\$2,462.00	- \$2,346.00	

Average Offering needed weekly to meet the proposed
2017 Budgeted Offerings of \$250,000.00 is \$4,808.00

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*Hope's Bosnia Team in
June/July: Tara Zigler, Scott
Weiss, Chelsia Zigler, Tanya
Hedderman, Tyler Sterrett,
Nicole Seitz, Casey
McCormick. Ryan Rifenburg*



**Back Pack Blessing
Sunday, September 3
@ 9:30 AM**

**Children, bring you back packs
to church this Sunday to be
blessed.**





Gathering of Men Breakfast **Saturday, September 9 @ 9 AM** **October 14 and November 11**

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.

15th Annual WALK WITH JOE "Joe Driscoll" ***SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9*** ***Monmouth Battlefield State Park***

"Our nation will eternally honor the heroes of Flight 93"
and all those who lost their lives on that tragic day!

Registration 8:30, Rte 33 West, Manalapan @ 10 AM

www.walkwithjoe.com 732.446.9870



NEVER FORGET ***9-11-01***

RALLY DAY – SUNDAY, SEPT 10

Hope returns to two worship services and

Sunday School begins!

Worship @ 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

Catechism Orientation @ 9:30 AM in the
Sanctuary

All Seventh and Eighth Graders and parents are encouraged to
attend this orientation. Please let the office know that you will attend

– 732.462.7545





THANKS A BUNCH Good and Faithful Servants!!!

You've earned our deep appreciation with your gift of volunteer service. By offering your compassion, time, commitment and talents, you help our church family. Each single task you carry out, each act of kindness you perform and each hour you spend volunteering makes a difference and adds up to an immeasurable contribution.

★.... **Joe Cuozzo, Charlotte Shaw and Sandy Sandor** assembled the June, July, August Anchor. The office had the part time Assistant, Suzy Coulter, help.

★....**Thank you to outgoing Council Members, Bill Unger, Pam Taylor, Angelo Ranaudo, Erika England.** Your tenure has been greatly appreciated.

★....**Angelo Ranaudo** picked up WAWA food some Fridays.

★....Thanks to **Tom Tyrrell** for clearing the over-grown bushes from the far corner of the parking lot and planting grass. Now the landscapers can mow that area each week.

★....**Gerry Bergh** proof reads the Weekly Bulletin that is sent to the congregation via e mail each week. Hope you enjoy reading this publication!

★.... **An angel** planted the red geranium plants and pulled weeds and unwanted trees from the butterfly garden. It is nice to see these plants, as well as the Butterfly Garden, bloom all summer. Thank you to those who brought the geranium plants for Pentecost.

★....Helping **Karen Donmoyer** with the **St. Peter's Outreach Meals** in June were: **Gerry Bergh, Rita Corn, Ralph & Sue Werner, Wanda Nebiolo, The Wolven family,**

★.... Helping with the "Meet and Greet" were **John & Debbie Bonanno, Diane Kless and Wanda Nebiolo.**

★....**Diane Kless** picked up the cake for Pastor Detweiler's last Sunday.

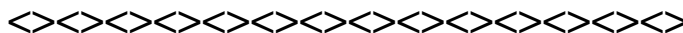
★....**John Fink** replaced the light switch in the men's room after it had thrown sparks and triggered the breaker in the electrical room.

★....**An angel** donated cases of copy paper. You are the greatest!

★....**Rebekah Mancini** picked up the cake for Pastor Ed's first Sunday.

★....**John Bonanno** carted many items to recycling.

★....**Ren Meisemen** donated a princess phone to replace the old phone in the hallway.



Hope Lutheran Blood Drive

Sunday, September 10 @ 9 am to 1 pm

***Contact Siggy @ 732.987.9439 for more information and to
schedule your appointment time.***

More News

.....**The clothing drive for Bosnia Servant Trip** resulted in \$1,000.30.
Thanks to everyone who contributed to this clothing drive.

.....**The closing service for Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia Community** as we remember and commemorate 153 Years of Educating and Forming Public Leaders for Engagement in the World was held on June 30th. The new name for the Seminary is United Lutheran Seminary, which is the consolidation of the ELCA seminaries in Gettysburg, PA. and Philadelphia . The President, Theresa F. Latini who began her term in July is a Presbyterian pastor and professor at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich. (article in June issue of "Living Lutheran")

.....**Rev. Tom O'Brien** has recently retired from fulltime ministry. He and Dolores continue their membership with Hope Lutheran.

.....**Hope's Nursery Attendant is Christina Krause.** She has been on our staff for several years. When she is not able to be here on Sunday mornings, she finds someone to be substitute. Either **Erika England or Ashley Bayles**. These subs are paid. Her mom, **Veronica**, sometimes volunteers when a substitute cannot be hired.

.....**The Reformed Church of Freehold Celebrates 175 years of Ministry** with an anniversary dinner on Saturday, September 30 @ 5 PM at Aurum Events and Catering, 17 South Street, Freehold. \$35. PP. RSVP by 9-7 to Reformed Church, 67 W. Main St.



Worship Planning Meeting: Monday, September 11 @ 7:30 PM

You may join this group to help plan future worship experiences.

We meet in the narthex.



You are invited to Women of Hope

~~Tuesday, September 12 @

7:30 PM

***All are invited to attend this discussion group
each month or come when you can. There are refreshments too.***

***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.



Church School is the same as Sunday School.

Wedgwood Gardens, 3419 US Hwy 9 N, Freehold

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, September 14, @ 3:30 PM

Counseling Center for Human Development

The 'Hope' Center

The Manor Worship Service

Sunday, September 17 @ 2:00 PM

and Sunday, October 22

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). You are invited to help ***Pastor Ed and the Minister of Music*** with this worship. Plan to be at The Manor @ 1:45 to help bring the patients from their rooms to the meeting place.

Catechism Classes Begin

Sunday, September 17 @ 6:30 PM to 8 PM

7th & 8th Graders begin their Catechism instruction.

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The Wisdom Club! Join us for Lunch!
Thursday, September 21 @ 11:30 AM
and October 26 @ 11:30 AM

{Please note the date in October, due to Scholastic Book Fair, Wisdom Club will move to the fourth Thursday.

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!

30th Annual NJ Women of the ELCA
Convention will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran, 300
Union Ave., Somerville, N J 08876
Saturday, September 23 beginning at 9 AM
until 3:30 PM



There are registration forms available in the foyer.
Contact Linda Holscher (856) 858.1512 for more information.
Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dorothy A. Patterson
First female pastor of Wallace Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Bayonne, NJ
Workshops: Mental Health – dealing with anxiety and stress
NJ Synod Diversity Team, Stress Busters for Teens
NJ Synod LGBT Task Force, Bible Study on Anxiety
Women of the ELCA Churchwide Rep.
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Pastor Ed Kropp's Installation

Sunday, September 24 @ 10:45 am
There will NOT be an 8:30 am Worship service
Sunday School will be held @ 9:30 am
Installation Service will be @ 10:45 am

The Bishop, Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew will officiate
Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall
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“Tell out my soul” --- Our Voices in the World

A Woman's Retreat at Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center
September 29 – October 1 or October 13 – 15

Christ Center Cost: \$195 Other Facilities Cost: \$155

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow called the human voice the “organ of the soul”.
Let us look, together, at how we express ourselves in a world of constant
communication, sound bites, and ear buds.

Register: www.CrossRoadsRetreat.com



College Bound 2017....Good luck and God speed to all our College Bound members... be sure to keep in touch with your Church family while away at school by sending your new address (e-mail address) to the Church office. We will keep you updated on the happenings at Hope. Also, those graduating in the near future please let us know the particulars. We wish all of you the best of luck in your endeavors!!!

Erica Bastry	Montclair 15	Daniel Natoli	<i>will grad spring 18</i>
Nicolette Birnbaum	West Chester U **	Kristen Natoli	New Jersey City 16
Catherin Borna	Stockton U 14	Kelsey Neilan	Felician, Rutherford 14
Justin Bujalski	Fordham U 14	Shannon Neilan	NC State U 17
Grace Burrows	Brookdale 17	Melissa Ng	West Chester U 14
Christina Denney	Stockton U 15	Lauren Platt	Monmouth U 16
Emily Driscoll	TCNJ 16	Kelsey Reed	West Chester U
Rosie Driscoll	TCNJ 14	James Reed	West Chester U 16
Erika England	Stockton U 17	Samuel Reed	NJIT 17
Kevin Fallon	Seton Hall 16	Sean Rifenburg	TCNJ 15
Allison Fink	Brookdale 16	Ryan Rifenburg	Seton Hall 16
Kyle Hart	Steven's Institute 17	Thomas Robertson	Unity, Maine 16
Nicholas Hedderman	Ocean County 15	** Master's Degree	Montclair**
Robert Hering	14		
Nicholas Hornak	OCC 13		
Taylor Hornak	U of Tampa 14	Hope family serving our country	
Emily Kneipher	Montclair State 14	Andrew Black	US Air Force
Zachary Koester	U/Arts, PA 16	Stephen Dennis	US Marines
Amanda Lashenik	U of Delaware 16	Stanley Zigler	US Army
Tom Mezeros	Georgia Tech		

-- small number next to college is the year graduated from high school
IF WE HAVE MISSED ANYONE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
– (732) 462-7545.



OKTOBERFEST

October 21

Mark your calendar for this fun event.

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*God Bless
Your
Birthday!*

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.

<i>Melody Burger</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>James Shaw</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Beverly Bressler</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Kay Lithrow</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Devon Cardelfe</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Andrew Hansen</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Robert Woods</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Tyler Brand</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Anthony Carlino</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>James Bonevich</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Ashley DeVivo</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Andrew Kneipher</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Adrianna Mancini</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Evelyn Anderson</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Alex Alessi</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Cheryl (Stefani) Caputo</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Grant Landers</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Nancy Kneipher</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>Keith Flury</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Lex Keller</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>David Mezaros</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Kristen Dennis</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Ramona Pappas</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Leslie Rifenburg</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Susan Rinker</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Olivia Woods</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Marina Kania</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Christina Denney</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Scott Koester</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Kelly Berg</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Jake Byford</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Tara Grinberg</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Debra Unger</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Gregory Lacko</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Barbara Noseworthy</i>	<i>18th</i>

<i>Maja Carlino</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Sieglinde Kuehn</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Jacqueline Becce</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Lily Christ</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Anthony Ng</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Mark Page</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Jeremy Kane</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Rebekah Heilman-Mancini</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Denise André</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Erika England</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>David Kropa</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Bethanie vandenAkker</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Alison Ng</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Alexandra Bujalski</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Lori Burrows</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Pat Fensham</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Rachael (Johnson) Sarkar</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Lloyd W. King</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Leanne Reed</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Kory Werner</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Adam Vender</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>John Sera</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Erin Megill</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Steve Campanelli</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Becka Reeves</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Leanne Creech</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Eric Kania</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Barbara DiNonno</i>	<i>29th</i>
<i>Mike Behn</i>	<i>30th</i>
<i>Victoria Hu</i>	<i>30th</i>
<i>Meredith Varner</i>	<i>30th</i>



Thought for the Month
God has unlimited anytime minutes.



Mark your calendar!
Hope Christian School 50th
Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, October 1
Reception to following 10:45
Worship Service



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.***



Hope Lutheran Church

***in partnership with
Acme Pharmacy
will hold a
Flu Shot Clinic***

***Sunday, October 1, 2017
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM***



Vacation Bible School – Super Heroes Report

Our Super Heroes had a blast during VBS this year – playing games, doing crafts, experimenting in the wonderful world of science, engaging with our Super Heroes of the Bible and jamming to our hip-hop music.

But the true Super Heroes were our amazing teachers, *Sue England, Nancy Page, Leslie Rifenburg, Karen Donmoyer, Lauren Platt and Debbie Crawford* and all these wonderful helpers, *Chelsea Zigler, Jordan and Kelsey Donmoyer and friend Julianna, and Andrew Bayles*. Hats off to our Game Heroes, *Joseph Mendes, Danny Goetz, Joey Chuisano, Mark Page and John Platt*. Many thanks to *Erika England, Kayla Brand, Kelsey & Shane Neilan, Tanya & Joey Hedderman, Gianna Chuisano, Kelly Kuehn, Shannon Neilan, Jenna Platt, Angie Kuehn, Ashley*

Bayles and Vincent Mendes who all guided our special heroes from station to station. Special thanks to *Scott Page, Bill Unger and Wayne Kless* for their support and help.

All of the above mentioned people are an unique team, most of them have been doing VBS for many years. I like to refer to them as my “followers”. With their dedication and help can VBS be a success.

Many, many thanks and God Bless each and everyone of you!.

With Gratitude,

***Debbie Unger – Diane Kless
VBS Coordinators***



Ending the cycle of hunger starts with nutrition.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in 60 countries around the world, including the United States. Right here at home, our congregations and partners are at work to identify the unique needs of their communities and tailored solutions that can put an end to hunger – for good. In Muskegon, Mich., where there’s limited access to affordable and nutritious food, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are teaching residents about urban gardening and providing fresh produce to the community. Together, we are creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed. **GIVE TODAY!**

ELCA World Hunger

PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



**Freehold Area CROP Walk for
Hunger - Sunday, October 15
Sponsored by the Freehold Clergy
Association**

**C/O St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
33 Throckmorton St.
Freehold, NJ 07728**

**732-822-0711 (CROP Walk Director)
732-431-8383 (St. Peter’s Office)**



Bosnia and Herzegovina 2017: Where I found the presence of God

Being a nature lover, I found God in the beautiful mountains, flowing rivers, and the lush gardens and rose bushes, in the children of Bosnia and Herzegovina; the big smiles, their voices as we sang music with **Larry Olsen from Dakota Road, Nicole Seitz, and Scott Weiss**, their curiosity of these strange Americans, their expressions of peace while making the peace mandalas with **Chelsea Zigler**, their laughter as they played games with **Sean Rifenburg & Tyler Sterrett**, their participation in Dr. Seuss's Sneetches play performed by **Casey McCormick & Tanya Hedderman**. In the relationships that I built with some of the adult participants on the trip; **Bishop Tracie Bartholomew, Pastor Jill Collict, Cindy Henry, Shelby Matioli, and Azra Saje**, they helped me to care for our young adults in body and spirit and kept me sane. I found God in the strangers that open their hearts and shared their pain with us.

There is one special relationship that I made with a young interpreter, **Lazar**, a Serbian from Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Lazar, about 20 years old, has been an interpreter for the trip for several years. Lazar and I talked on the long bus rides, many dinners, and visits to café's. As I got to know him I could see the man behind the mask. He shared personal stories and what it is like for a young adult living in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Lazar gave us a tour of Sarajevo and shared his church with us, Serbian Orthodox, and many of his traditions. He shared a video from Christmas. His family gathers in the country and before the break of dawn the boys and men go by horse and sleigh to chop down a tree. Then they bring it back to burn in a great bonfire, giant yule tide log. Everyone is covered head to toe in traditional furs and woolens. The women

serve drinks and food, everyone is joyous. No one seemed unhappy about the bitter cold or snow on the ground. I observed Lazar bonding with each of our Hope travel team members. He is generous, funny, loving, compassionate, caring, and respectful.

When our Friendship Camps came to an end, the entire travel team gathered for a final farewell where we were asked to share who we appreciated. I knew immediately it was Lazar. I soon came to realize that Lazar was my Bosnian son, and for the short time we were together he carried a heavy burden that was on my heart. With my husband's surgery just 3 weeks prior to the trip and with all of the preparations, I did not have time to process that my son **Stanley** will leave for the Army two weeks after I return. Lazar's friendship eased my burdens so that I could be fully present and joyous while away from my family. Through Lazar's friendship I am reminded that God is there, even when we are not looking. God will carry our burdens.

"Cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you", Psalm 55:22

"I carry your burdens every day", Psalm 68:19

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ", Galatians 6:2

After 9 years of sharing stories about the servant trip it was such a joy to finally share those experiences with such a wonderful group of youth. Thank you to everyone for making this trip possible. We had each of you in our hearts as we served the children of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and in that way you were present with us. We look forward to sharing more stories with you. Please visit Facebook and search for @HopeFreehold to look at our postings and photos from our trip.

Peace and Love, Tara

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Dear Council Members,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Hope's treasurer for the past two years.

The confidence you placed in me, and, your words of encouragement along the way, mean more to me than you will ever know.

I feel very blessed having had the opportunity to get to know each of you, and, it has been a pleasure working with you.

You are truly an awesome group as a whole, and, amazing individuals with so many wonderful talents. Hope Lutheran Church is surely in good hands.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be Hope's treasurer. I would like to wish each of you, and, your families God's Blessings today, and, always.

Very sincerely, and, with love,

Pam Taylor



Thank you....

I want to send out my dearest appreciation for the scholarship (*Women of Hope Memorial Scholarship*) you have given to me. This money will help me with paying for upcoming expenses like school supplies and books. I am extremely grateful that you have selected me for this scholarship and it will definitely make a difference and help me with my education. Once again, I want to send my thanks for you and for your generosity, I am forever grateful for what you have provided me.

Kelsey Neilan

Editor's note: Kelsey is attending NC State University this fall.



Dear Women of Hope,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous gift of the college scholarship. I was very pleased and appreciative to learn that I was one of this year's recipients, and I would like you to know how much it means to me. This scholarship will be put to good use towards college expenses and will help support me as I begin my studies in elementary education. Thank you again for choosing me for this award and for all of your support!

Erika England

Editor's note: Erika is attending Stockton University this fall.



A few years ago, **Janice Seifert** assembled a Confirmation Pictorial Directory. There are several years of missing group pictures. Some of the names that may have a connection with families who are still members or receiving The Anchor are listed next to the year. 1975, 1976 (**Robert Campbell, David Dickinson, Sheryl McCall, Mike Myers, Tim Schofield**), 1977 (**Valarie Booth, Greg Gilbert, Lori Rosenberg**), 1980 (**Andrew Booth, Wesley Christ, Kristen Myers, Camron Sloan**), 1984 (**Brian Freudenberger, Jennifer Kless, James Shaw**), 1986, **Wayne Kless, Jennifer Moffitt, Robert Nell, Lisa Schwochert, Carrie Topp**), 1987 (**Dina-Marie Carlino, Brian Della Rosa**), 1988 (**Zachary Voeltz**) 1990 (**Robyn Carlino, Jeanne Cory, Sherry Mineer, Mike Topp**), 1994 (**Kate Bennett, Ellen Carter, James Venditti**). 1998, 2000 (**Erin Tyrrell**), 2002 (**Lindsey Vestyck**), 2016 (**Shane Neilan, Neil Rifenburg, Emily Ruegger, Michael Burrows, Scott Weiss, Michael & Olivia Woods**).



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*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.....*  
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*Confirmation date is set.....
Confirmation for Ninth Graders who
completed the two-year Catechism
instruction is scheduled for Sunday,
October 29 – Reformation Sunday.
Please mark your calendars.*
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## 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.



## **New Directory**

*New directories have  
been prepared and are  
available for pick up.  
Located on the table in the foyer.*  
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*Did you read “After the media leaves,
Lutherans stay” article in the July issue
of the **Living Lutheran**? There are
several articles where Lutheran
Disaster Response (LDR) are among the
first to respond to a disaster and
continues to be present even after five
years here in New Jersey after
Hurricane Sandy hit.*

*Did you read?? 50 things you may not
know about Luther in the June and July
issues of Living Lutheran of
“Reformation 500” article?*
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## **Hope Christian School** is

*ready to begin a new school year with  
Class Orientations on September 6 & 7  
and classes beginning on September  
8. Along with returning staff, there are  
three new teachers, **Rachel Colbert,  
Elizabeth Nisi, and Karen Stiffler.***

***The modular unit has arrived. The  
plan is to plant evergreens, install  
skirting around the bottom, and  
paint the trim. The Kindergarten  
children and teacher will enjoy their  
larger surroundings.***

***Hope Christian School Celebrates!  
This September, HCS is celebrating  
50 years of providing a quality  
education for children in a secure,  
caring Christian environment.***

***Gloria Kropa was the first teacher  
with 20 children, eight of those were  
Hope members. The monthly fee was  
\$8.00.***

***The following year, there were 52  
children enrolled.***





**HCS end of year closing  
programs and staff appreciation  
luncheon**

**Judy Canfield, Director**

**Wanda Nebiolo, Administrator**

**Teachers: Nikki Adams, Chris**

**Bell, Rebecca Benjamino,**

**Sharon Black, Amy Chinai,**

**Laura Fariello, Eileen Flohr,**

**Eileen Ko, Jennifer Lawrence,**

**Evelyn Levine, Tracy O'Neill,**

**Melanie Parks, Leslie**

**Rifenburg, Anadi Saini, Connie**

**Scalamandre, Kelly Stefanacci,**

**Doris Teijeiro, Jelissa Tempest**

**Volunteers:**

**Letty Topp, Health Officer,**

**Lisa DeVivo, Bookkeeper,**

**Cindy Lynch & Sue DellaRosa,**

**Classroom Aides**



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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. 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.*

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.....

Our building is used often for the following

12 Step & Trauma Programs

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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

Saturdays @ 7:30 PM

Other groups using the Fellowship Hall

Jersey Comics (clowns)

2nd Monday @ 7:30

Molly Pitcher Stamp Group

1st Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

Seventh Day Adventist

Fridays from 8 – 9 PM

and

Saturdays from 9 AM to 4 PM

in Sanctuary/narthex/FH

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

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.