



# The ANCHOR

*The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church*

*October 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 Services 8:30 & 10:45 AM**

**Sunday School @ 9:30 AM**

**Wednesday Evening Worship @ 7 PM**

**Wednesday Church School @ 7 PM**



***YOU are welcome!***

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

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**Minister of Music: *Justin Ryan***

**HCS Director: *Judy Canfield***

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**President – *Bill Seifert***

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***Fink***

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**Social Ministry- *Siggy Kuehn***

**Support- *John Drager***

**Worship – *Carol Romba***

**Youth- *Michael Woods***

**Senior High Youth –*Tara Zigler***

## *Pastor Kropa's Message.....*

### ATTENDANCE IN CHURCH?

Perhaps you've noticed the attendance pads at the end of each pew in church. Maybe you've even filled one out once or twice. Most likely you never saw the need, or even thought it was a complete waste of your time. After all, why does anyone need to know you were in church that Sunday?

That's true. We don't really need to know who was in church on any particular Sunday. But, you see, that's not really why we have those pads. They're not to tell us who *was* there, but instead who *wasn't*. Maybe a little story will help explain. In his book "5 Keys For Church Leaders," Kevin Martin writes about an experience he once had while serving as the rector of an Episcopal parish out in Ohio...

*In the parish I served in Ohio, I was glad to have a new family join our church. After a year, I noticed that they were attending less frequently. Then one day, while reviewing the parish list, I remembered that I had not seen them for what seemed like two months. One afternoon I stopped by their house to visit. I noticed the grass in the yard was uncut and the screen door was torn. The wife greeted me with hesitancy, but she did invite me in and offered me coffee. Finally, after some chit-chat, I said that I had noticed that they were not around and wondered if there was a problem. I added that I missed them.*

*The young mother told me something that I have never forgotten. "Kevin," she said, looking directly at me, "we have not been to church for six months, since my husband left me... It is hard for me to believe that we could be gone for six months and that only now you have missed us."*

She was absolutely right, Martin conceded.

Now the problem was not that he was a bad priest. Or even that the people of his congregation were uncaring. It was simply that most churches do not have any process or mechanism for tracking worship attendance. Again, not to tell them who *has* worshiped, but rather to identify who *hasn't* so that the pastor and other members can reach out to these folks to see if everything is alright. Most of the time, it probably is. They've just been away on a trip or vacation and didn't tell anyone. But sometimes there is an underlying issue why they haven't been in church; a serious illness, family tragedy, or financial setback, like the loss of a job. And it's *those* people the congregation needs to be aware of before it's too late, and they – like that young wife in Ohio – feel as though nobody cares.

So the next time you're in church, take a moment and fill out that pad at the end of the pew. It's not the best way to track who isn't in church, and in the future we may want to explore other options. But it's all that we have for now. And it will only work if EVERYONE signs in so we can have an accurate picture of who is and, more importantly, who isn't in church that Sunday.

As the Hope family, we want to know if someone has a problem or is in need. And, sometimes, the only clue that something's wrong is by noting their absence. Think about it. Then think about how it would feel if no one noticed that you were gone. And then help us avoid this by filling out that pad on Sunday mornings. We're always glad to see you in worship. It's those who aren't there we especially want to identify. Thanks!

## Pastor Ed



### Official Acts.....

**Baptism.....**Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 27 was: **Hunter James Somodi**, born May 2, 2017 to **Matt and Jess Somodi**. Sponsors are **Michael & Jenna Hazekamp**.

**Welcome New Members.....** **Matt and Jess Somodi and son Ryan** joined when Hunter was baptized.

### Our Love & Sympathy.....

**Rev. Thomas J. Weber**, Retired, entered the Church Triumphant on September 12 while under hospice care. **Pastor Weber** was Hope's interim after Pastor Gibson retired and before Pastor Pat Medley was called to Hope.



		HOPE		STATS	
Sun/Wed Attendance		SunSch	Offerings	- did not reach	+ reached
Aug 27	129		\$4,719.50	- \$ 88.50	
Sept 3	88		\$3,177.00	- \$1,631.00	
Sept 10	119	42	\$5,551.00		+ \$ 743.00
Sept 17	125	32	\$2,956.00	- \$1,852.00	
Sept 24	147	24	\$2,928.00	- \$1,880.00	
Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed 2017 Budgeted Offerings of \$250,000.00 is \$4,808.00					

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## **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 Cuzzo and Sandy Sandor*** assembled the September Anchor. This would be a great opportunity for more volunteers to help assemble the Anchor. Please offer to join this group. The Anchor is assembled during the day (the last Tuesday of each month).
- ✦....***Thank you*** to everyone who supplied refreshments this summer.
- ✦....***Angelo Ranaudo*** picked up WAWA food some Fridays.
- ✦....Thanks to ***Tom Tyrrell*** for removing the tree in the triangle that had lost its growing power and replaced it with flowering plants.
- ✦....***Gerry Bergh*** proof reads the Weekly Bulletin that is sent to the congregation via e mail each week. Hope you enjoy reading this publication!
- ✦.... ***The Youth and Debbie Crawford*** prepared great pancakes on Rally Day. They were tasty.
- ✦....***Manny*** from Seventh Day Adventists supplied his scaffolding for the pre-release inmates to paint the narthex the end of August.
- ✦....***John Fink*** offers his expertise as Maintenance Chair on Church Council for the building and the modular unit.
- ✦....***An angel*** donated cases of copy paper, she has been here nearly every week in September with boxes of paper. Love you!
- ✦....***Siggy Kuehn*** coordinated the blood drive in September. Thanks to everyone who participated in the important Social Ministry project.
- ✦....***John Bonanno and John Fink*** helped ***Judy Canfield*** and ***Rebecca Benjamino and family*** load and unload a U-Haul with furniture that was donated by Bright Horizon's School. ***Paul and Jared Canfield*** also were among the crew. It was a huge project.
- ✦....***Ren Meisemen*** wanted to keep busy one day in September, so she helped in the office tallying the Sunday Worshipping/Fellowship/Communion forms.
- ✦....***Bill & Janice Seifert, Wayne & Diane Kless, Bill & Debbie Unger, Chris and Erica Driscoll, Wanda Nebiolo, Lorretta Hart, Kira Noseworthy, Naeem Reuben, Ryan Hart*** helped with Pastor Ed's Installation in September. There were many sandwiches, salads and desserts prepared and the Fellowship Hall was rearranged for the reception and the classroom made ready for the four-year old class to begin on Monday.
- ✦....***Lorretta Hart*** assists with the Catechism classes each week. Please offer to help ***Pastor Ed and Lorretta***.
- ✦....***Arthur Casement*** delivered a great sermon for Pastor Ed's Installation.

*Hope Christian School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

*Sunday, October 1*

*Reception to following 10:45 Worship Service*

*All are invited to attend this wonderful celebration.*



**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**



**Catechism Classes**

**Sunday, @ 6:30 PM to 8 PM**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders begin their Catechism instruction.**

**October 1, 8, 22 & 29**



**Gathering of Men Breakfast**

**Saturday, October 14 @ 9 AM**

**November 11 and December 9**

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.



**Sign up to bring refreshments – John Bonanno,**

**Fellowship Chair** would like to continue to offer

refreshments between services each Sunday and is looking for **YOUR HELP!** Please sign up as a family or a group to supply refreshments for one or more weeks. These refreshments are

enjoyed by all! You can do something simple, i.e., cheese and crackers (offering something that is gluten free), fruit or vegetable trays or use your imagination.

There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee center for you to place your name or contact John Bonanno if you have any questions @ [john.bonanno@gmail.com](mailto:john.bonanno@gmail.com).





## More News

.....**Timothy Lynch and Emily Hessney** were united in marriage on September 17 in Rochester, New York. Congratulations!

.....**The Webpage.....** The newly created Hope Lutheran Church webpage will be available to view the beginning of October. Please visit [hopelutheran.org](http://hopelutheran.org) to see the informative and visually appealing website.

.....**The Hope Christian School** had a wonderful launch to the new school year. The school has earned an outstanding reputation as a very caring environment with an age appropriate instructional program. This has led to the continued success and growth of the program.

.....**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 for their commitment. Christina's mom, **Veronica,** sometimes volunteers when a substitute cannot be hired.

.....**Timothy Weeden and Tara Cleary** were united in marriage on September 22 at the Ramada Inn in Toms River. Tim is **Wanda Nebiolo's** son.



### **CROP WALK, Sunday, October 15 @ 1:30 PM** **Sign up to walk.....**

The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 33 Throckmorton Street, with registration at 1:30 PM and the Walk stepping off at 2 PM. Walkers may participate until 4 PM. The walk begins and ends at the church, with a 2.8 mile route and a mini-route available.

CWS also responds to disasters in the U.S. like Hurricanes Irma, Harvey, Sandy, and Matthew. Your support of the CROP Hunger Walk forms the foundation of all Church World Service work and affords CWS the flexibility to respond as needed when disasters strike. In fact, last year CROP funds enabled CWS to respond to Hurricane Matthew in Eastern North Carolina with long-term recovery work.

Right now, over 100,000 kits are being sent to Hurricane Harvey affected areas and 30,000 CWS Hygiene Kits are on the way to our partners at the American Red Cross to be in position for immediate response to Hurricane Irma.

Your participation in the CROP Hunger Walk helps CWS:

- Provide blankets and Hygiene Kits to shelters
- Provide Emergency Cleanup Buckets and School Kits to families in need
- Coordinate assessments and emergency response needs with FEMA, the Red Cross, and other national and state emergency response groups.
- Provide technical training in disaster preparedness and long term recovery to state VOAD groups. (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters)
- Help organize faith groups for counseling support and assistance.
- Provide long-term recovery grants that aid beyond the immediate crisis.

For more information of how CWS is assisting with the recovery efforts, please visit

[www.cwsglobal.org/harvey](http://www.cwsglobal.org/harvey)



*You are invited to Women of Hope  
~~Tuesday, October 10 @  
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.*

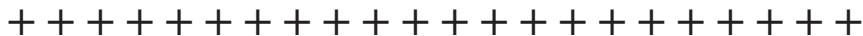


*The Manor Worship Service*

*Sunday, @ 2:00 PM*

*October 1 and Sunday, October 29*

*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.*



*Wedgwood Gardens, 3419 US Hwy 9 N, Freehold*

*Worship Service with Holy Communion*

*Thursday, October 5 @ 3:30 PM*

*You are invited to accompany **Pastor Ed** for assistance with this Nursing Home  
service. Please arrive @ 3:15 PM.*



**Wednesday Evening Worship and  
Wednesday Church School**

**@ 7 PM**

**Church School is the same as Sunday School.  
Come to Sunday School on Wednesday evening if you cannot  
attend on Sunday mornings.**

**Grace and Hope:** No, not the two congregations in Freehold that are now one: **GRACE** is undeserved favor, according to Martin Luther: things, gifts, blessings etc. that we receive that we haven't necessarily earned. In a certain sense, it describes history including where we find ourselves today. **HOPE** is the desire for things, or conditions, not yet attained, and as such, looks more to the future, based on the present.

As we enter the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2017, we look back and acknowledge how fortunate our congregation is, both financially and functionally. It is perhaps fortuitous that with the installation of Pastor Ed, we complete our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and begin our next 50(?) years of ministry.

I have been told that what we are (as a congregation and individually) is God's gift to us. What we DO with those gifts is our gift, returned to God. It is with this in mind that we should consider our own generosity in time, effort and money to determine what we want to do in 2018. You have no doubt read about the history of God's people in the Bible: how he continues to shower riches on them and us. So.....what is to be your response this year?

The most important contribution you can make to our ministry is the donation of your time and abilities. During 3 Sundays in October we will be reviewing the Ministries of Hope. John Bonanno, Angelo Ranaudo and I will each have about 5 minutes to review them. The Council is now considering the 2018 Spending Plan proposal and at our November Congregational meeting we will adopt it.

We gain insight into ministry by reviewing how we spend our money. It is the fuel that powers what we do. Consider the following analysis of the proposed spending plan:

- 6% for Action: (outward and inward)
- 16 % for Worship
- 39 % for Education
- 8 % for Administration
- 29 % for Maintenance and Capital Improvements

As you consider YOUR participation in the Church's ministry we will ask you to be generous, particularly with your time. We hope to do more within our community and for the Church in general, but we need your support and guidance. In late October we will also distribute estimate of giving and participation forms, to be returned at the Congregational meeting, Sunday, November 12. The Council will use this information to shape our ministry in 2018.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! *John Drager, Support Chair*



## OKTOBERFEST

**Saturday, October 14 – 4 to 8 pm**

Bratwurst, Leiberkasa, Sauerkraut

German potato salad and German beer

Hot dogs and Hamburgers,

German music, horse shoes and much more. Cost \$20/person \$40/family

Obtain your tickets from John Bonanno.



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

**Thursday, 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!**



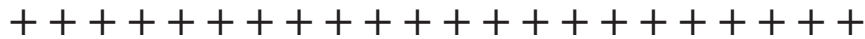
**Hi Siggy,**



Oh yes it was a HUGE success!!!! You are amazing and it was so great being with you on September 10!! All of your donors, including your pastor, were so kind and such a pleasure to be with as well!! Good hearted people, and as we said, you are all a family – thank you for letting me be a part of it!!!

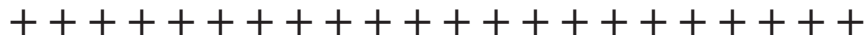
We registered 25 donors!!! 4 donors were deferred, and 3 of your donors donated Red Cells, (which as you know, count as 2 units each), giving us a total of 24 treasured units!! **Siggy**, you have quadrupled Hope Lutheran's blood drives – I cannot even express enough how much you and each and every person involved is appreciated!! Please know that so many people will be helped and saved because YOU made it possible!!

Thank you for being such a joy in every way **Siggy**, and for having such a beautiful heart!!! All my best wishes, **Karen McGowan**, Account Manager



In **1517 Martin Luther** changed the course of history by posting his 95 Theses on the castle door in Wittenburg, Germany. 500 Years later we are proud, but not too proud to be a celebrating such an influential man.

**"I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen." - Martin Luther**



**Scholastic Book Fair will arrive October 12.** There is always a great deal of activity when the fair is here. You may purchase books from the shelves once everything is assembled and during the week-long fair. This is the only Fund Raiser that HCS offers as this is a wonderful way to place books in children's hands.

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 October 4 on Wednesdays (call office for more information)**

**732.462.7545**



**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, November 12**

**@ Noon**



Church Council members, please have your report to the office no later than Monday, October 30. This will ensure that the booklet of reports will be ready for distribution the Sunday before the meeting.



***Freehold Area Open Door Report*** by Sandy Taylor, Trustee & VP

**In** July, Open Door supplied a three-day amount of food to 656 people. This was 93 people less than last July. We have received a great deal of produce from the Master Gardeners of Monmouth County, two community gardens as well as other gardeners. The clients are happy with the fresh produce.



Some cash donations were: Macy's Matching Gift of \$946.00; Schwab Charitable Foundation, \$1,150.00; Clayton and McGirr Funeral Home, \$1,295.00; Macy's Bag of Hunger Campaign, \$2,549.00; Dr. & Mrs. Rosenberg, \$1,000.00 and a volunteer, \$1,100.00.

**Our** Advocacy Director, Erika Woods, assisted 13 clients with utilities totaling \$3,366.26; ten clients with \$3000.00 in rent; six clients with gas. She was also able to secure housing for a single woman who was referred by Hope Lutheran. Besides providing financial assistance, Erika advocated for clients' medical needs, homelessness, veterans affairs, social services issues and unemployment.

**The** Food Bank has changed its name to ***FULFILL***, part of a change that highlights the many options for assistance. Other programs are: Kids Feeding Program, Mobile Pantries, Culinary Training, Tax Refund assistance, affordable Healthcare, and other hunger fighting programs.

**Thank you** is extended to everyone for bringing the food to fill Hope's food box. It is appreciated. Remember to bring toiletry items that you pick up at motels when on vacation.

**Our** After School Program has 24 children, with 20 adults and 20 high school volunteers



*God Bless  
Your  
Birthday!  
October*

<i>Timothy Fleming</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Christian Cardelfe</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Ashley Rosenberg</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Carol Casement</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Julia Cohen</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Karen Donmoyer</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Richard Hering</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Michelle Bresnahan</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Steven Hering</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Carol Kershaw</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Jan Thayer</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Marian Turek</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Susan England</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Monika Kania</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Matthew Sprunger</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Christina Green</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Autumn Hedin</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Jess Somodi</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Janice Neilan</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Deanna Denney</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Nicole Verdino</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>Marie Liebehenz</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Richard Rodriguez</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Augie Daesener, Sr.</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Michael Burrows</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Frank Bastry</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>John Black</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Jack Horton</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Tyler Hudak</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Greyson Fitch</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Laura Keller</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Bonnie Paasch</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Lucas VandenAkker</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Pat Anderson</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Teodoro Mancini</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Pia Puzon</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Robert Finnilla</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Ellen Hering</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Lai Smith</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Henry Finnilla</i>	<i>18th</i>

<i>Jayden Toucher</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Gerry Bergh</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Jennifer Caliendo-Fink</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Peyton DiGregorio</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Jaime McGeady</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Dan Hudak</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Mark Koester</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Shawn Megill</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Kayla Caliendo-Walsh</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>William Romba</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Tanner Shimko</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Timothy Lynch</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Leah Maja Cohen</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Richard England</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Kelly McCormick</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Jordan Medley</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>Deanne Tash</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>Scott Page</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>George Rowohlt</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>Karen Kowalik</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Thomas Schwartz</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Stephen Hedin</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Natalie D'Angelo</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Kaley DeFilippo</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Caren Brand</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Andrew McGeady</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Amanda Bresnahan</i>	<i>29th</i>
<i>Beth Mezaros</i>	<i>29th</i>
<i>Linda Devine</i>	<i>30th</i>
<i>Tanja Schloeman</i>	<i>30th</i>
<i>Carolina Okerson</i>	<i>31st</i>
<i>Ray Finnilla</i>	<i>31st</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.



*Thought for the Month  
You are important to God, whether  
you think so or not.*





# Military Bridge & Pot Luck

**Saturday Nov. 11 5pm- 9 pm**

Have you ever played Military Bridge? It's lots of fun. You do not have to know how to play bridge. Sign up to bring a covered dish and card tables and chairs. We need 20 people, minimum, hoping for 40. Please sign up. Thanks, John Bonanno



## 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.*



## Counseling Center for Human Development The 'Hope' Center

Dedicated to the healing of people. Hope is a satellite office with two 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, addiction & abuse.



## Coordinators for the Givers of Time and Abilities are:

Ushers – Rich Rifenburg – 832.866.0252  
Counters – Dave Lynch – 732.780.5438  
Assisting Ministers –  
Debbie Unger – 732.577.1218  
Acolytes & Greeters – Church Office  
Altar Teams – Diane Kless – 732.367.7081  
and Suzy Coulter – 732.809.9381

Make any changes in times scheduled on the monthly calendars through these coordinators.

### WAWA Food

*Over the past two years, Hope has teamed with Food Donation Connection, which has the moto “Let Nothing Be Wasted” and WAWA located on route 33 near Fairfield Road, to pick up sandwiches that were frozen after being removed from the shelf after a designed time on the shelf. This food is either transported to Hope’s freezer or if our freezer is full, it is taken to Prince of Peace or the Food Bank of Trenton.*

*During the winter months, when Hope houses the clients from Emergency Housing on Fridays, these sandwiches are given to them before they depart on Saturday mornings. There are several families who stop by weekly/monthly for these sandwiches. If you know of someone/families who could use food, please let the office know or have them call the office.*

*Angelo Ranaudo has been performing this run after 10 AM nearly every Friday, but would like others to get involved with this worthwhile ministry. Please contact the office or Angelo @ 908.839.3159 to offer your assistance.*



## New Directory

*New directories have been prepared and are available for pick up.*

*Located on the table in the foyer.*





# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**180 Turning Lives Around** is the local resource for those in need and who provide safe houses for women and their children. Their clients can always use a few items such as, *new towels, toiletries, any paper products, cups, utensils*. Please contact **Siggy Kuehn** 732-987-9439 if you are able to provide any of these items or drop off at church with a note for 180 Turning Lives Around. Thank you for your help & kindness to those in need."



**ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response Hurricane Harvey and Irma Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response** designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100%) for these disasters until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Write "Hurricane Response, United States" or "Lutheran Disaster Response" on your check's memo line and mail to:

**PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**



## Hope's Emergency Housing Ministry NEEDS

New or slightly used (clean) twin-sheets, pillow cases and blankets are needed for Hope's Emergency Housing Ministry. You may drop off at the church anytime. Please see John Fink or John Bonanno if you have questions.



## CROSS ROADS

*Camp & Retreat Center*

*One person's trash is another person's treasure!*

*There are many items that are needed at this retreat center. The list is posted on the bulletin board, but a sampling of items are:*

- Weedwhacker, Generator, Snow Blower, Shovels, Rakes, Paint Brushes, Drinking Glasses, Serving Dishes, Spoons & Dish Towels*

## CROSS ROADS

*October 7-8 – All Night Volleyball Marathon Fundraiser*

*October 16-18 – Music that Makes Community*

*Three-day workshop is hosted by the Music that Makes Community nonprofit organization whose mission is to help connect and learn through signing. This is done by developing and teaching a practice of paperless song leading grounded in a theology of welcome and generosity for the benefit of congregations and clergy.*

*October 20-22*

*Men's Retreat*

*This weekend of renewal is the perfect time to get away for a spirit-filled weekend in prayer, study, and fellowship with other men of faith. In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, we will explore its impact on understandings of marriage, sex, education and the roles of men and women.*

**To learn more or register for any of these events, please visit:**

[www.crossroadsretreat.com](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com)

**29 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, N J 07865 908.832.7264**



*Stories of Faith in Action, taken from ELCA magazine*

**TELLING THE STORY IN JERUSALEM.....**

Years ago Lutheran missionaries were sent to start new churches around the world, and now those churches run their own seminaries and ministries. What, then, is the role of the ELCA missionary today? Today’s missionaries are doctors, nurses, teachers, educators and community organizers—and the ELCA sends them to work alongside other Lutherans only when an invitation is issued by one of the ELCA’s global companion churches.

“Instead of approaching us for long-term people to help start and grow a church, (our global companions) are asking us to fill more specific technical positions,” said Heidi Torgerson, ELCA director for global service. “Our fractured world needs healing. ELCA missionaries are agents of healing through the work they do.” Adrainne Gray and her husband, Ben, for example, are missionaries working in technical positions as communicators for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

Whether they are taking photos, writing stories or preparing press releases, their charge is to connect the English-speaking Lutheran world to the reality of life for Arab Lutherans in Palestine, Jerusalem and Jordan. “The amazing thing is that (in spite of the conflict), our co-workers are joyful, hopeful people,” Adrainne said. “They are living.”

While the majority of ELCA missionaries are in their 20s, early 30s or close to retirement, the Grays are in the middle of their careers and raising their 14- and 11-year-old kids. They came to Jerusalem after Adrainne completed her training as a deaconess in 2015 and was looking for a call.

“We didn’t have this part of the world on our radar at all, but when we saw the opening, we knew immediately that our talents fit its need,” she said. “We wear the term ‘missionary’ proudly—it’s central to the work of the church.



*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.....*



**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.



**Veronica Krause and Suzy Coulter** attended the NJ Women of the ELCA 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at Good Shepherd in Somerville in September. **Veronica** was voting member.





**Classroom walls and Kindergarten modular unit.**

*Rebecca Benamino and 12 children are enjoying their space in the modular unit.*

*Judy Canfield, Director and new teachers, Elizabeth Nisi, Rachel Colbert, Karen Stiffler.*

*Returning teachers: Eileen Flohr, Nikki Adams, Tracy O'Neill, Melissa Tempest and Kelly Stefanacci.*

*Classroom Aides are: Sharon Black, Aditi Chinai, Evelyn Levine, Melanie Parks, Leslie Rifenburg, Anadi Saini, Connie Scalamandre, Patty Clinton-Luke, JoAnna Nowosacki, Anna Lardaro, Karen Mannuzza and Jennifer Bandilla.*



*Volunteers are:  
Sue DellaRosa in  
Kindergarten  
Lisa DeVivo, Bookkeeper  
Letty Topp, Health Officer  
Cindy Lynch, Classroom  
Aide  
There are 182 children  
enrolled.*



## Emergency Housing Wish List

Please consider donations for the Emergency Housing Clients:

32 liter backpacks, duffle bags, nail clippers, reading glasses (over the counter), inexpensive watches, Q-Tips in individual travel packages, tissue packs, body wipes, disposable cell phones, flashlights, inexpensive wallets, sweatshirts, boxer shorts & under shirts (sizes M, L, XL, XXL), socks, hats, gloves, food store gift cards, Walmart gift cards, toiletries (shampoo, razors, shaving cream, body wash, deodorant, etc.), Advil, Tylenol, Tums, Cough Drops  
Postage stamps, one-zone bus tickets

*Bring with you on Sunday mornings – a basket will be waiting for these items.*



**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**

**&**

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

**Molly Pitcher Stamp Group**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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.