



The ANCHOR

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

November 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.

Church Administrator: Cheryl Hurd

Minister of Music: Justin Ryan

HCS Director: Judy Canfield

Communications Director: Kathryn Johnson

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Hope Christian School's Web page: www.hopechristianschool.org

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Anchor Editor: Wanda Nebiolo

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President – Bill Seifert

Vice President – Debbie Unger

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Treasurer-Mark Bondo

Outreach- Sharryn Papinchak Education – Janet Creech Maintenance- John Fink

Action-Fellowship- John Bonanno

Social Ministry- Siggy Kuehn

Support- John Drager

Worship – Carol Romba

Youth- Michael Woods

Senior High Youth –Tara Zigler

Pastor Kropa's Message.....

WHAT ARE WE?

What are we? I've heard this question asked a number of times now since my arrival. Are we a church with a preschool? Or a preschool with a church? If I may be so bold, I would like to suggest to you that we are actually neither.

Both of these options set up what I would call a false dichotomy. The term or phrase false dichotomy is defined as "a situation in which two alternative points of views are presented as the only options, whereas others are available." In this case, as an either/or situation; that is, it must be one or the other.

Instead, I would argue, the mission and ministry of *both* our congregation and also Hope Christian School are one and the same; to be a Christian presence in the Freehold community.

On October 1, we had an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Hope Christian School. Given what I just said about a shared mission and ministry, it should come as no surprise to you then that 2017 *also* marked the 50th Anniversary of Hope Lutheran Church. That's because they have been inextricably bound together from the very beginning!

In other words, there has never really been a time, therefore, when there was a Hope Lutheran Church *without* Hope Christian School. Or a Hope Christian School *without* Hope Lutheran Church.

While it is certainly true that, from the very outset, Hope Christian School welcomed children from a variety of different faiths and backgrounds – a tradition that continues to this day, it is also true that the preschool was nevertheless unapologetically Christian in its focus and orientation. Bible stories and biblical concepts like respect, love, forgiveness, understanding, and compassion were as much a part of the curriculum as the ABC's. I can say this with some degree of confidence because, as many of you know, my mother – Gloria Kropa – was Hope Christian School's first teacher.

Today, of course, we live in a multi-cultural and multi-faith society where that Christian identity has to be lived out and shared with a high degree of respect and humility; not arrogance. But that basic, fundamental identity as Hope CHRISTIAN School nevertheless remains.

And it's the same for Hope Lutheran Church. In 2017, we too exist as a Christian presence in our community that always strives to be respectful of others, and not manipulative or coercive. Nevertheless that basic, fundamental commitment to faith in Jesus Christ still guides, empowers, and defines who we are.

So, again, are we a church with a preschool or a preschool with a church? Neither. We are a gathering of Christians who demonstrate and live out our faith as *both* a worshipping community *and* an early childhood education center.

Pastor Ed



Official Acts.....

Baptism.....Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 8 was: **Raymond Matthew Sprunger**. Parents are **Matthew and Susan Sprunger** and sponsors are **Linda Loennecker and Alan Spector**. On October 15 was: **Andrew Jon Reiman**, parents are **Christopher and Ashley Reiman**. Sponsors are **Samantha Wandrem and Kenneth Manning**.

Our Love & Sympathy.....**Charles Okerson III**, Alyson’s grandfather-in-law entered Life Eternal on October 19, 2017; **Joe Keller Sr.**, whom entered Life Eternal on October 29, 2017; **Michael Perkins**, Siggy Kuehn’s neighbor who has also passed on, leaving a 21 year old son behind.



		HOPE STATS			
Sun/Wed Attendance		SunSch	Offerings	- did not reach	+ reached
Oct 1	196	32	\$4,137.41	- \$ 670.59	
Oct 8	104	35	\$2,621.00	- \$2,187.00	
Oct 15	152	31	\$5,837.00		+ \$1,029.00
Oct 22	113	30	\$2,789.35	- \$2,018.65	
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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Set your clock BACK 1 hour at bedtime on Saturday, November 4th
Daylight Savings ends Sunday November 5 at 2 AM

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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 if you have any questions, contact John Bonanno via email @ john.bonanno@gmail.com.





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, Karen Alessi and Sandy Sandor*** assembled the October 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 November Anchor is scheduled for (Tuesday, October 24).
- ★....***Angelo Ranaudo*** picked up WAWA food some Fridays.
- ★....Thanks to ***Tom Tyrrell*** for doing weed patrol all summer long.
- ★....***Gerry Bergh*** proof reads the Weekly Bulletin that is sent to the congregation via e mail each week. Hope you enjoy reading this publication!
- ★....***John Fink, John Black, Diane Kless, Kenny Fink and Jaden Bulkley*** performed many tasks on Work Day in October. More items are listed in the body of this newsletter.
- ★....***Debbie Crawford*** donated the Crayola Calendar shelve that is now hanging in the education wing hallway.
- ★....***An angel*** donated cases of copy paper, she has been here nearly every week in September with boxes of paper. Love you!
- ★....***Joe Toth*** made beautiful wooden praying hands for the youngsters who Affirmed their Faith through the sacrament of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday.
- ★....***Andrew McGeady*** donated a key board to HCS.
- ★....***John Bonanno*** had a lot of help with the Oktoberfest: ***Augie Daesener, John Fink, Deb and Bill Unger, Tom and Barbara Tyrrell, Deb Bonanno*** as a sounding board, ***Suzy Coulter*** as a my shot gun rider, ***Arty Krause*** helped set up griddle on cooking day, ***Wanda Nebiolo*** made a Sams run for desserts, etc., ***Debbie Bonanno, Sharon and John Black*** helped prepare the Gathering Room by moving the portable HCS classroom back for Monday morning classes.



Catechism Classes

Sunday, @ 6:30 PM to 8 PM

7th & 8th Graders begin their Catechism instruction.

November 5 & 12

December 3, 10 & 17

January 2018, 7, 21 & 28

Women of Hope Giving Tree

It is the time of year when we think about all our blessings and how we can use them to serve God and help others. The Women of Hope's Giving Tree will again be on display in the narthex in the latter part of November as an opportunity for us to spread those blessings around.

If you have not participated in this program before, it is very simple. Choose an ornament from the tree, and make a donation of the gift card(s) or monetary donation indicated on the ornament. The amount is up to you.

Gift cards go to less fortunate families in our community to help them celebrate the holidays and purchase basic needs. ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response Donations go to help victims of disasters in the U.S.,

If the ornament you choose is for a ShopRite gift card, you can purchase the card directly from the church office at face value. It's easy, and for each ShopRite gift card purchased, a donation is made, which goes to support Open Door food pantry and Lutheran Social Services!

Gift cards and donations should be returned (with their ornament) to the church office no later than Dec. 10th.

If you have any questions, you can contact Cindy at 732-780-5438. You have always been so generous through this program, and we thank you for opening your hearts and spreading Christ's love throughout the world!



Gathering of Men Breakfast

Saturday, November 11 @ 9 AM

and December 9 @ 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.



Military Bridge & Pot Luck

Saturday Nov. 11 5pm- 9 pm No Charge

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. We need 20 people, minimum, hoping for 40. Please sign up.

Contact: Art Casement

ARCASEMENT@optonline.net

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 12 @ Noon

Plan to attend this very important meeting. There are several items on the agenda. The Church Council Members will provide brunch.

.....**Wanda Nebiolo** is retired from the Administrator's position here at Hope. **Cheryl Hurd** is now Hope's Church Administrator. Please welcome her.

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



We are very excited to announce the arrival of our new website! It is informative, easy to use, and a great representation of HOPE. There will be additional pages and new gallery photos to come in the near future. You can now submit your prayer requests directly online, as well as, sign up for a digital copy of our monthly ANCHOR

newsletter and weekly e-blast! Please continue to follow and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/HopeFreehold.

Also, we would like to put together a photo montage year in review of HOPE. Format to be determined based on quantity & quality of submissions. If you have any photos of HOPE hosted or attended events, it would be greatly appreciated. Photos can be emailed to Kathryn Johnson at [hopelutheranfreehold@gmail.com](mailto:hoppelutheranfreehold@gmail.com). Please include your name, and event & date. If you have any questions you can reach her by email. You can also download images to a thumb drive which we will return to you after we download!

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***You are invited to Women of Hope
Tuesday, November 14 @ 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, November 19 and Sunday, December 17
@ 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). 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.

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Wedgwood Gardens, 3419 US Hwy 9 N, Freehold

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, November 2 & December 7 @ 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.***

The Wisdom Club! Join us for Lunch!

Thursday, November 16 @ 11:30 AM

Thanksgiving together!

***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!***

Work Items that still need to be accomplished!

- *Kristina's garden in the front corner by room 1 and the narthex needs to be weeded**
 - *Butterfly Garden needs a great deal of attention**
 - *Ornamental Cherry tree needs to be trimmed**
 - *Gates need to be repaired**
 - *Fellowship Hall doors need to have cement replaced**
 - *Hosta plants cut back along Fellowship Hall and sidewalk**
 - *Reinforce wall cabinet in Room 3**
 - *Repair the blinds in Rooms 1 & 3**
 - *Chair rail in narthex on the wall of loft stair**
 - *Remove paint from shed to the janitor's closet**
- Please see John Fink regarding all of these items.**

It's been a good year.....

- The economy seems to have recovered; wages are up (for most of us); investments are very successful; unemployment is down (but many are under employed).
- We have seen devastating hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico; deadly fires in the West; and Earthquakes in various parts of the world.
- We elected new national leaders: some tweet, some dither, some cheat, some honestly do the best they can.
- Internationally, there is continued strife in the middle east; new threats in the far east, violence at home and abroad with senseless acts of hatred.
- We are preparing to elect new state leaders. Most candidates criticize their opponents and promise utopian results.
- Our church has gone through a transition: through vacancy to a new shepherd; continuing to integrate new members; planning for the future with optimism.

Looking at the list above you may conclude that perhaps the year hasn't been so good, but then you think of the Grace we have with our faith in the Lord, which gives us confidence as we go through life. We look forward to 2018 with Grace appreciating undeserved gifts and Hope, planning our ministry going forward.

We gain insight into ministry by reviewing how we spend our money. It is the fuel that powers what we do. At our semi-annual meeting in November, you will be asked to approve a spending plan that is over \$900,000, the largest in our history. We will also distribute an estimate of giving cards for you to review and return before Thanksgiving. 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

It's been a very good year. As you consider YOUR participation in the Church's ministry we will ask you to be generous, not only with your time but with your dollars. We hope to do more within our community and for the Church in general, but we need your support and guidance. In prior years we have fallen short of our target for contributions, but this year we are optimistic. We note that the consumer price index continues to increase, albeit moderately. The price you pay for goods and services has continued to increase, and we hope you will recognize that with your contributions as well. We give because we WANT to, out of thanksgiving that it HAS been a very good year and with a sense of mission and service to others.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! John Drager, Support Chair

All Saints' Sunday, November 5

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord pick a bunch for us. Place them in our loved ones arms and tell them they are from us. Tell them we love them and miss them, and when they turn to smile, place a kiss upon their cheeks, and hold them for a while. Because remembering them is easy, we do it every day, but there's an ache within our hearts that will never go away.

Unknown author

Listed below are those Saints who have gone before us since last All Saints' Day

Diane Funk-LaRue

Donna Schleuss' niece

Peter O'Brien

Veronica Krause's uncle

John Dubbey

Rachel Reed's father

James Lewis

Kelly Stefanacci's father

Steve Franklin Jr

Charlotte Shaw's cousin

Henry Paasch

Brandon Paasch's grandfather

Jodi Lazarchick

Angelika and Siggy Kuehn's HS friend

Dorothy Rinker

Steve Rinker's mother

Marsello Bozio

Patricia Steinke's father

Ralph Martinsen

Stefan Martinsen's father

Ray Rifenburg

Rich Rifenburg's uncle

Lenette Marshall

Charlotte Shaw's cousin

Connie Whitmore

Charlotte Shaw's cousin

Peter Gallagher

Eileen Flohr's father

Francis Andreas

Taylor Andreas' father

Reverend John Melin

Former Supply Pastor

Dee Beutel

Former Member

David Decker

Janice Neilan's father

Bruce Lennox

Former Member

Donald Coulter

Suzy Coulter's brother-in-law

Ray Bizzigotti

Former Member

Homer McCall

Former Member

Clare Fleming

Lisa Devivo's mother

Patricia McCormick

Pat's mother

David Olivencia

Wilson and Alba's son

Joseph DeVito

John Black's cousin

John Casey

Veronica Krause's cousin

Robert Allerton

Bill Allerton's father

James Allerton

Bill Allerton's uncle

Tony Schaible

Ashley Ranaudo's grandfather

Ron Johnson Jr

Dennis Johnson's nephew

Richard Slade

Kevin and Susan Slade's brother

Jerry Newsom

Suzy Coulter's brother

Ruth Denef

Larry Denef's wife

Vincent Basile

Isabella Basile's father

Doris Bowen

Wanda Nebiolo's sister-in-law

Angela Trabucco
Russel Yetman
Reverend Roger Spencer
Catherine Green
James Scott
Donna Dee Townsend
Samantha Anderson
Neill Paul
Brenda Garling
McMullen Family relative
Hazel Barnhart
Alice Egan Hanson
Reverend Thomas J Weber
Philip Baecker
Charles Okerson III

Tara and Jacki Kurtzo's mother
 John and Sharon Black's friend
 Retired Pastor
 Rob Green's mother
 Charlotte Shaw's nephew
 Wanda Nebiolo's cousin
 Blair Ward's sister
 Former Member
 Dennis Johnson's sister
 McGeady Family friend
 Rich and Dan Dudek's grandma
 Former Member
 Former Interim Pastor of Hope
 Former Member
 Alyson Okerson's grandfather-in-law

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Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship
Service Sunday, November 19
@ 7 PM at the Reformed Church, 67
West Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

November is Thanksgiving Food Items Collection for
Freehold Area OPEN DOOR Food Pantry, 39 Throckmorton Street

THANKSGIVING MEALS

As in past years Open Door Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving dinner baskets. We would appreciate your help in providing these meals for our clients. Please be as generous as possible in donating dinner items.

The baskets will be filled from **noon to 5:00 pm** on **Sunday, November 19th**. Frozen turkeys or chicken will be accepted **only** on that day (not after the 19th).

If you would care to make a donation to purchase turkeys that would be helpful, too. Donated items can be dropped off at the Pantry (39 Throckmorton Street) or left at church any time before then and I will see they are taken to the pantry.

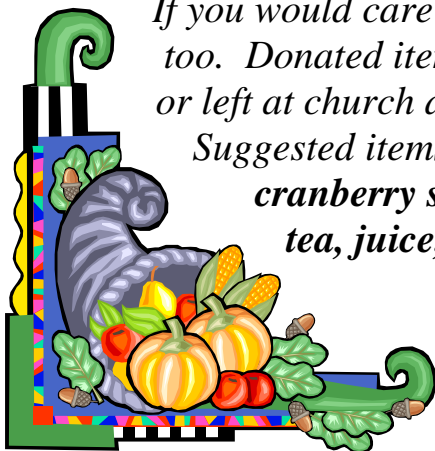
*Suggested items are **potatoes (yams, white, instant or fresh), gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables and fruit (2 varieties each), coffee, tea, juice, muffin mix, pie crust mix and filling, cake mix and frosting.***

No frozen pies!!!

You are also invited to help assemble the
Thanksgiving Baskets @ Noon Sunday, November 19
at the Open Door Pantry, 39 Throckmorton Street.

Thank you for helping in this mission.

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It is Hope Family Covenant Renewal Time!

This tradition began in 1970.

It is time for the people of Hope to review and renew the membership covenant we have with each other. It is our custom to do this every year so that our membership together in the Hope Lutheran Family might be vibrant. During Advent – **First Sunday in Advent is December 3** – the Covenant document will be at the altar. Renewal of membership takes place by your prayerful consideration of the principles of the agreement and the inscribing your signature to the document.

Having been called into a living loving relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we respond with a covenant in which we express our intent to: Actively participate in the worship service and programs of the church. Make diligent use of the Means of Grace – God’s Word and Sacraments – Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Prayerfully consider giving a proportion of our substance to support the work of the congregation and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, live a Christian life in accord with God’s Word, assume a ministry of Christ as dictated by our talents. This is our covenant with God and by the help of God.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Among The Wolves Youth Retreat - Registration Open!

Among The Wolves (ATW) is our synod's annual middle school retreat, and is a wonderful weekend full of music, games, worship, service projects, prayer and fun. This year ATW will be held up in the northwestern part of the state at Fairview Lake Camp in Stillwater, NJ. Registration is now open! Event flyer, registration link and further information at www.njsynod.org/among-the-wolves.

Serve DC 2018

We have begun planning Serve DC 2018, our synod's annual middle school servant trip to Washington, DC. You are invited to fill out [this brief survey](#) to help us select the trip's 2018 dates for congregations that might be interested in joining this trip this coming summer.



180 Turning Lives Around is a private non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence in our community. They serve clients such as individuals and families who have gone thru domestic violence or trauma, some of whom are living in safe houses. ***These are the families that need our help.*** This year we are working in our community with 180 Turning Lives Around to help spread holiday joy to families living in safe houses. Your donations help assist the 180 clients celebrate the holidays in their own special way. Families are invited to “shop” at a holiday boutique in order to provide a joyous holiday for everyone, as well as have a visit from St. Nick. What we need is to collect **NEW items for all ages**, this can be clothing(all sizes, all ages), Winter wear, beauty products, books(all ages), dvds, games, sports gear, Barbies, legos, art & craft items, any type of toys. Look for a **donation box** to be set up or set up a time to meet with Siggy to arrange drop off/pick up thru end of November. For more detailed list suggestions or any questions please **contact Siggy Kuehn at 732-987-9439**. Thank you in advance for your kindness in helping others!



*God Bless
Your
Birthday!
November*

<i>Lisa Russo</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Kevin Werner</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Betty Baumgaertner</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Brett Miller</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Ryan Hart</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Kristine Hansen</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Skyler Toucher</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Caden Ward</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Riley Wolven</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Tanya Hedderman</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Andrew Stenard</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>John Freiburg</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Tyler Sterrett</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Maria Egan</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Dena Cardelfe</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Walter Peterson, Sr.</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Leighton Shimko</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>Harper Hedin</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Riley Hedin</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Jackson Langley</i>	<i>13th</i>
<i>Ashley Verdino</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Douglas Kneipher</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Ashley Lashenick</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Holly Potochar</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Joanne Bujalski</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Todd Lewis</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Irene Mihaly</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Susan D'Angelo</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>William Becker</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Noah Cohen</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Jeff Shimko</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Audrey Afiriyie</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>John Andre'</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Helen Coons</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Ryan Somodi</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Scott Frueh</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Joe Brand</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.



*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.

***Please offer to assist on
Christmas Eve as Ushers,
Acolytes, Assisting Ministers!***

***We will have 4, 7 & 9 PM
Services, Sunday,
December 24***

Please call or e mail the office to volunteer for one of these services by ***November 14***. Two Acolytes and Ushers are needed for each service. It would be great to have the Givers of Time schedule ready for the December/January Anchor which will be assembled November 21.

732.462.7545 or

hopefreehold@aol.com



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 will no longer pick up the WAWA food beginning November.

Other churches in the area will become a partner with Food Donation Connection.



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.



***Decorating
the Sanctuary
and Narthex
for Christmas
Friday,***



December 1

@ 6 PM

Bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Sign up on the sheet located in the foyer.

Plan to join us as many hands make light work.



**December & January’s Anchor
Anchor Deadline for
December/January’s newsletter is
produced as one.**

**The Anchor crew will assemble the
newsletter for bulk mailing on
Tuesday, November 21 @ 9:30 am.**



Anchored in Christ, Growing in Faith,

***Love and
Service***

The Hope

Anchor

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based on

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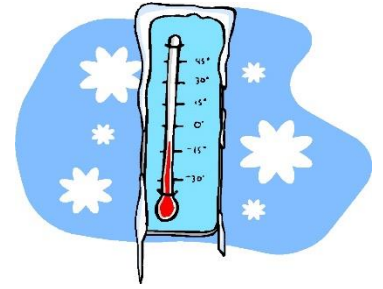


Emergency Housing Program at Hope Volunteers Needed!

No one should have to spend a cold winter night freezing outside. It's that time of year again! The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association has begun another season of service.

Share your hearts and God's love! We have opened our doors to local homeless gentlemen on Friday nights at Hope Lutheran. Hope begins hosting on **Friday, December 1**.

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 McGeady** at 732-363-8520 or **Pastor** at 732-462-7545. Thank you for your anticipated support!



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.



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Are you a Thrivent member? If yes, you could have two \$250 gift cards waiting for you to use!! It only takes about 10 minutes to complete the necessary forms online at www.thrivent.com. You can use your "action team" event for any community outreach (i.e. the Open Door Food Pantry, LWR Quilting, Shawl Ministry, Outreach Meals or another favorite charity of yours). If you need assistance, please contact John Drager, Janice Seifert or call 800.847.4836. Thrivent members may obtain two \$250.00 Gift Cards per year. This is a great way to help a fund raiser or any of the above activities. So, go on line at thrivent.com or call the 800 # to apply for a gift card. It is rather easy.

Flu Shot Clinic ... A Success!

A Flu Shot Clinic was held at Hope on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and was offered to the congregation as well as the local community. We would like to thank Hope Lutheran Church and Acme Pharmacy for partnering together for this event. Thank you especially to **Siggy Kuehn** and **Wanda Nebiolo** for all their help and support. Twenty-one people received flu shots. Through such programs as this, we can work together to help raise awareness about the importance of seasonal flu vaccinations.

Respectfully submitted,

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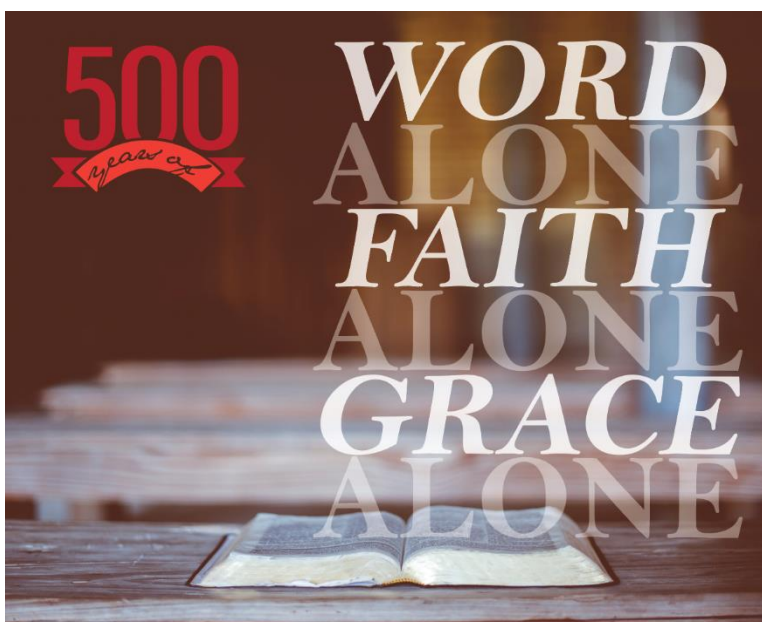
Caribbean Synod, ELCA - Hurricane Maria

We have been in contact with the Caribbean Synod to offer support. Working with Lutheran Disaster Response and local partners, they indicated a need for the following items **which you can send directly to this address:**

Iglesia Luterana Bethel
Calle 7 #76 El Cotto Maguayo,
Dorado, Puerto Rico, 00646

Items needed:

Potable Water Pills / Water / 9V, AA, AAA, D & C batteries / Flashlights /
Insulin / Portable Water Filters / Solar Chargers / Children Meds / Money



We have Martin Luther to thank for the 3 “solas” which had great influence in the Reformation. In a time of celebrating the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation, we are reminded of this truth and wisdom...

1. Solo Gratia ***“only by grace alone”***
God’s grace comes from the outside ourselves. Faith is not a human possibility, it is a radical and free gift from God.
2. Solo Fide ***“only through faith alone”***
Justification by faith alone. Our justification comes from God alone. Our righteousness not only comes from Christ but is infused into us through faith.
3. Sola Scriptura ***“only through the Scriptures alone”***
The Bible dictates our lives, not the church tradition. Luther believed that everyone should be able to read scripture and to grow under the direction of the Holy Spirit. The living God confronts us through the scripture.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

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)

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

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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.