

The Anchor

May 2018

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church
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Worship Services with Holy Communion:
Sunday Worship 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Wednesday Evenings Worship and School 7:00 PM

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Anchored in Christ, Growing in Faith, Love and Service!
We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul....

One Body with Many Members

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.”

(1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

A candidate for church membership was once asked, "What part of the Bible do you like best?" He said: "I like the New Testament best. Then he was asked, "What Book in the New Testament is your favorite?" He answered, the Book of the Parables, Sir." They then asked him to relate one of the parables to the membership committee. And a bit uncertain, he began...

"Once upon a time a man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves; and the thorns grew up and choked the man. And he went on and met the Queen of Sheba, and she gave that man, Sir, a thousand talents of silver, and a hundred changes of raiment. And he got in his chariot and drove furiously, and as he was driving along under a big tree, his hair got caught in a limb and left him hanging here! And he hung there many days and many nights. The ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink. And one night while he was hanging there asleep, his wife Delilah came along and cut off his hair, and he fell on stony ground. And it began to rain, and rained forty days and forty nights. And he hid himself in a cave. Later he went on and met a man who said, "Come in and take supper with me." But he said, "I can't come in, for I have married a wife." And the man went out into the highways and hedges and compelled him to come in! He then came to Jerusalem, and saw Queen Jezebel sitting high and lifted up in a window of the wall. When she saw him she laughed, and he said, "Throw her down out of there," and they threw her down. And he said "Throw her down again," and they threw her down seventy-times-seven. And the fragments which they picked up filled twelve baskets full! NOW, whose wife will she be in the day of the Judgment?" The membership committee agreed that this was indeed a knowledgeable candidate!

Now to set the record straight, church membership does not depend on some kind of superior biblical knowledge (fortunately for the man in the story above!), or even superhuman faith. Church membership is simply the acceptance of a gracious invitation to become a part, or a member, of the body of Christ. Nothing more. Nothing less.

As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12, the human body – though one – nevertheless has many members or parts. And so it is with the church, the body of Christ, as well. Though we are many, we are part of one body – the body of Christ. Though we are all different, we all have a unique part or role to play.

Writing again, a little later in 1 Corinthians 12, Paul notes: *“If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.”* This month, between the worship services – on May 6, 13, and 20 – I will be offering a new member orientation for those interested in joining Hope Lutheran Church. It’s not a class and there’s nothing to learn. Consider it simply an invitation to come and see, to come and hear, what being a member at Hope is all about! Whether you’ve already decided, or just want to check things out, come and hear the Hope story and what it mean to be a Lutheran Christian in Freehold, NJ.

Most of all, I want you to know that there’s place for you here at Hope!

And so, if you know that you want to participate, give the church office a call (732-462-7545) to let us know, or send an email to HopeLutheran17@gmail.com. Or if you only decide last minute to just drop in; that’s absolutely no problem whatsoever.

I hope to see you then!

Pastor Ed

HOPE STATS					
Sun/Wed	Attendance	Sun School	Offerings	-did NOT	+ reached
April 1	291	8	\$9,846		+\$5,326
April 8	140	18	\$3,182	-\$1,338	
April 15	99	31	\$5,356		+\$836
April 22	118	33	\$2170	-\$2350	
<i>Average Offering needed weekly to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$235,000 is \$4520</i>					

*Official Acts....
Baptism....*

Our Love and Sympathy.... We extend our love and sympathy to the family and close friends of our beloved **Pastor Tom O'Brien** has entered Life Eternal on March 24, 2018.... A beloved member of ours, **Carol Freiburg** passed on in early March of this year. **John and Debbie Bonanno** lost their sister-in-law **Cathy Bonanno** after her courageous battle with cancer; **Kim Jones** lost her mother, **Jacqueline Fitzpatrick**. **Lori Burrows** and **Lisa Platt** lost their mother, **Jean Mayersick**.

More News....

Hope's Sunday Nursery Attendant is Anna Maria Sirico...

Her hours begin at 8:15AM and usually last until Noon, although some events may require extra time.

On that note...We need VOLUNTEERS!!!

We need some to fill in for services PLEASE in the event Anna Maria cannot make it... Call the office if you are able to help us out!



New and Improved!! And hopefully Accurate! They are out and about around the church Narthex for the taking!

Women of HOPE

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM
May 8, 2018

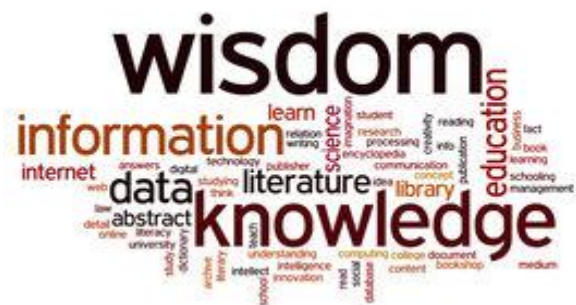


Gathering of Men Breakfast

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month
at 9AM
May 12, 2018

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.

Wisdom Club meets
Thursday, May 17 at
11:30AM in the Church
Narthex. *Third Thursday*
of every month!!





LAST CALL FOR USED BOOKS!!

The Freehold Branch of AAUW will be collecting used books until **May 15**... John Drager will continue to take any books brought to Hope until **May 13th** to the AAUW book sorters.

After that, they will be preparing for their annual book sale at the Methodist Church on Main Street in downtown Freehold, which will be held on **June 20-23**.

Catechism Classes

Sundays @ 6:30 PM to 8 PM

7th & 8th Graders continue their Catechism instruction.

May 6, 13, 2018

Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2018

The Wedgwood Gardens Worship Service

First Thursday of every month May 3rd at 3:30PM

3419 US Highway 9 North in Freehold

Worship Service with Holy Communion

*You are invited to join Pastor Kropa for assistance with this Nursing Home service,
please arrive at 3:15PM.*

The Manor Worship Service

Sunday, May 20th at 2:00PM

689 West Main Street in Freehold (right in front of CentraState)

Worship Service with Holy Communion

*You are invited to join Pastor Kropa for assistance with this Nursing Home service,
please arrive at 1:45PM.*



Congregational Meeting

It is creeping up on us!! The meeting is [Sunday, June 24th](#) The time to get started on reports and submitting them is [NOW!!!](#)

Upcoming Youth Trip

Registration for the NJ Synod Washington DC Servant Trip for Middle School youth is filling up, there are only a few spots left. If you plan to attend please email me **and** register on line at:

<http://www.njsynod.org/dc-servant-trip>

Details for the trip: Nicole Seitz – Chaperone

Cost \$250 includes food, transportation, and lodging (scholarships available)

Date: July 16-20, 2018

This five-day trip is an excellent opportunity for youth to serve Jesus in the people of Washington, DC! The group will see some of the sights of our nation's capitol and engage in a variety of community service projects. Take a look at the photo on the NJ Synod website for the DC trip - who do you see: HOPE YOUTH!! We have had several Hope youth attend this fantastic trip, don't miss out. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Tara Zigler



Easter Egg Hunt

Many, Many Thanks to all of our helpers!!! *Pastor Kropa, Sue England, Veronica Krause, Angie Hedderman, Jennifer Caliendo-Fink, Joey and Tanya Hedderman, Kayla and Connor Brand, Katie Weiss, Augie, and Maysie.* Despite the weather (SNOW!) everyone had a great time.

As always, Jersey Christian Clows created a festive look on all the faces of the children with their face painting. Each child took home a goodie bag, a dozen filled eggs with prizes, two crafts and a balloon. Most importantly, everyone enjoyed the Easter Story thought the use of Resurrection Eggs and told by our own Pastor Kropa.

God Bless you All!

Happy Spring!

Caren Brand and Diane Kless



Vacation Bible School

July 30, 2018 – August 3, 2018

Have a fun filled, active week, very rewarding!

Guides – Helpers – Game People

Contact Diane ladydijacks@optimum.net

or Debbie debbill@optonline.net

Have you ever wondered what your liver does? How does it work? Is my liver functioning the way it should? How can we help our liver do its job better? This is your chance to learn how to help keep your liver on track so it can do the 500 functions that it is supposed to do!!

Sunday, May 6 after the 10:45am service in Fellowship Hall... Information provided by Tom Landes



WORLD HUNGER GOOD GIFTS

A Very BIG THANK YOU to everyone for your generous donations AND your thoughtful voting! Between Hope's Sunday School and Hope Christian Preschool (and even some adults ☺), we received 162 piggy banks, and altogether **\$2860** was donated! **WOW!**

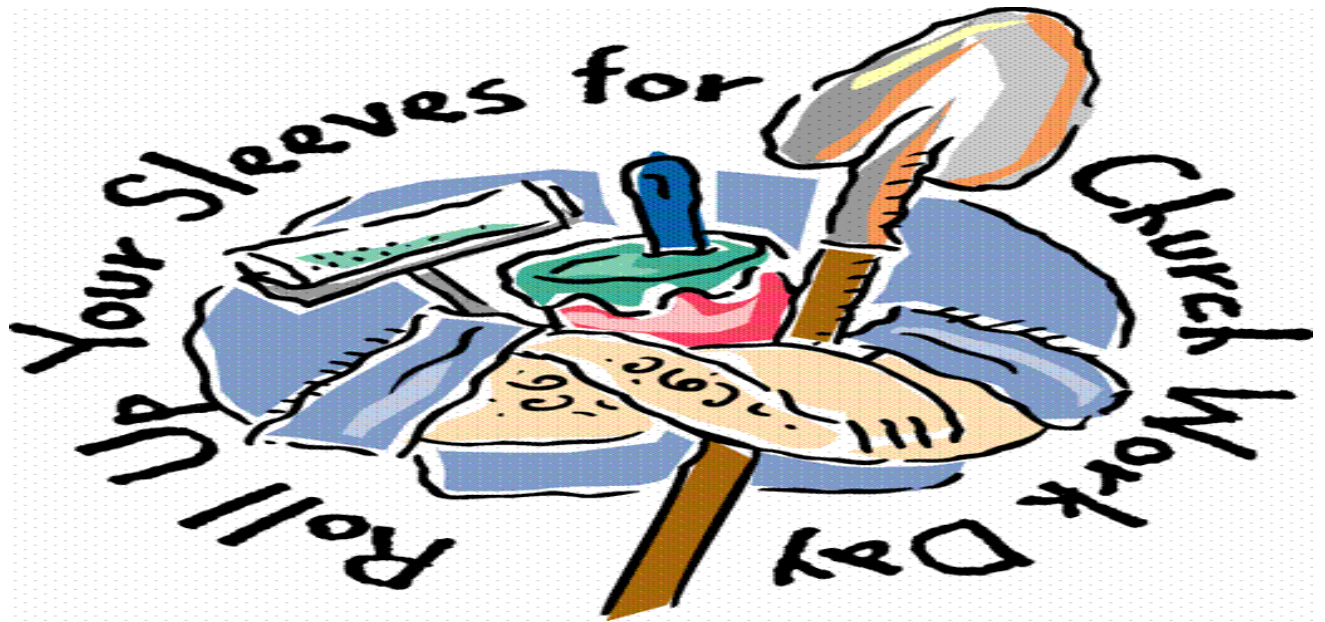
This past week the children voted on animals, as well as on whether we should use some of the money to support clean water projects. Thanks to HCS's kindergarten class for tallying and analyzing the votes! All the animals received votes, but the favorite was the **COW**, with **PIGS** in second place! 75% of the children voted to support clean water projects. To reflect the children's voting, the donations are being allocated as follows:

2 Cows (\$500 ea)
17 Pigs (\$30 ea)
1 Community Fish Farm (\$250 ea)
50 Goats (\$50 ea)
10 Honey Bee Hives (\$20 ea)
60 Chicks (\$10 for a group of 10)
2 Roosters (\$15 ea)
1 Share of a Pair of Oxen and Plow (\$100) *
1 Share of a Water Well (\$250) *
7 Water Filters (\$30)

* - A share is 1/10th of the total cost. Donations are combined to fund these more expensive items.

These animals and water projects will really help a lot of people. You are all awesome – know that you are helping to feed the world!

Cindy Lynch
Hope's Sunday School



Our favorite saying.... MANY hands make LIGHT work!!

Saturday, May 12

9:00AM... The Gathering of Men will be providing Breakfast

We will take you for anything you are willing to give us.

One hour, a half hour, whatever you can spare.

Our BIGGEST task we will have is gardening! All of our areas need to be weeded and have fresh mulch put down.

Let's all work together to get our church SPRING ready!

Any donations of flowers, shrubs, bushes will be GREATLY appreciated!

Sign up Sheet is in the Narthex...



**2 lawn drop spreaders--
contact John Drager 732-431-1077**

HAPPY 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.

Hunter Somodi
Shane Neilan
Sandy Wolven
Kelly Kuehn
Cindy Livingston
Patrick McCormick
Donna Schleuss
Leslie Taylor
Giovanni Weiburg
Edward Acosta
Erica Driscoll
Keith Jones
Kenneth Ng
Ella Madden
Michelle Verdino
Kelsey Donmoyer
Nicole Mezaros
Olivia McKay
Evie Freudenberger
Lisa DeVivo
Nancy Page
Carol Romba
Lyla Caruso
Brittany Grayzel
Faith DeFelice
Susan Lewis

Elaine Vanderveer
Olivia Caliendo-Fink
Gabriella Giacobbe
Joshua Grinberg
Robert Knoell
Wanda Nebiolo
Sandy Sandor
Marc Flury
Brian McMillin
Barbara Tyrrell
Susan Werner
William Becker Jr
Christopher Cleary
Connor Quinn
Mackenzie Quinn
Joseph Hedderman
Kristin Robertson
Nicholas Hedderman
Dina-Marie Cohen
John Bonevich
Ava Cottrell
Carly Fischer
Brett DePalma
Augie Daesener Jr
Marsha Pratt
Ben Wilber

*John Verdino, who I missed for April 26, sorry John! Happy Birthday!

