

The Anchor

October 2018

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church
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Worship Services with Holy Communion
Sunday Worship 8:30AM and 11:00AM
Sunday School and Catechism 9:45AM – 10:45AM
Wednesday Worship and School 7:00PM

Pastor: *The Reverend Doctor Edward E Kropa, Jr*
Minister of Music: *John Ahern*
Church Administrator: *Cheryl Hurd*
Hope Christian School Director: *Judy Canfield*
Communications Director: *Kathryn Johnson*

Congregational Council:

President	<i>Michael Della Rosa</i>
Vice President	<i>Sharryn Papinchak</i>
Treasurer	<i>Erica Driscoll</i>
Secretary	<i>Debbie Unger</i>
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Education	<i>Janet Creech</i>
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Maintenance	<i>John Fink & Stefan Martinsen</i>
Social Ministry	<i>Siggy Kuehn</i>
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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...

CONGREGATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

This past week (Friday and Saturday) I traveled to the Gettysburg campus of the brand new “United Lutheran Seminary,” which has resulted from the recent merger of what previously had been the Philadelphia and Gettysburg seminaries of the ELCA. I was there to begin an eight-month long program (September-April) focusing on faith formation in the congregation. Once a month I will travel to Gettysburg for two full days of class-time with 36 other individuals; including other pastors, seminary students, as well as congregational lay leaders who focus on Christian education.

First, I want to thank the Hope Congregation Council for giving me the time and resources (not to mention the encouragement!), to pursue this continuing education opportunity. I am very grateful for their support!

And second, I am excited to share with all the rest of you some of what I will be studying and learning. You see, I chose to pursue this opportunity because in recent years there has been a growing recognition that Christian education and faith formation are not something just for children, or even teenagers, but for ALL the baptized of EVERY age. Just as that passage from Deuteronomy above reminds us.

This month, then, I want to begin by briefly sharing with you the 6 places where our Christian faith is shaped:

- 1. Children and youth.** (I know, I know. I just got done saying that faith formation is not *just* for children and youth! But it does include them. Especially when we recognize that they are not merely the church “of the future” but need to be recognized and equipped *right now* as disciples of Jesus Christ.)
- 2. Homes.** (Like so many things in life, faith formation starts in the home and is modeled and encouraged and affirmed in the home. Someone once remarked years ago that we get children for about an hour each week to teach them about the Christian Faith; that is, Sunday school. But then we send them back into “pagan” households. They were only half serious when they said this – I hope! However, as we again heard in that passage above, parents have a responsibility to grow in their own faith so that they can then, in turn, pass it along to their children.)
- 3. Congregations.** (This is a key point. The congregation is that place where people of all ages should be given the opportunity to explore and grow in their faith; sometimes with their own age cohort and other times in inter-generational settings like worship. That’s right, worship! Sunday school and bible study are not the only places where faith is formed. Faith is also formed in the rhythms and flows of the church year in worship; through the liturgy, the hymns, the lessons, the sacraments, and the proclamation of the word.)
- 4. Community.** (The next place, after the home and the congregation, where we grow and live our Christian faith is out in the community, in particular as we love and serve our neighbor as Jesus commanded.)

5. **Culture.** (Christians also have an opportunity to experience and live their faith out in the world as well, as we’ve been seeing in recent weeks in worship through our focus on the book of James. In other words, faith formation is not simply about the accumulation of “head” knowledge, but also has to do with the “heart” and the decisions we make and how we go about our daily lives.)
6. **Creation.** (Finally, Christians live as “stewards” or “caretakers” of creation; the world around us. We have a God-given responsibility to care for nature and the other forms of life that inhabit this planet with us. Faith formation is also about growing in our understanding of this important responsibility and our recognition that the earth is not ours to do with as we please, but that we have a biblical and moral obligation to use our intellect and power to protect this wonderful creation in which we have been blessed to reside.)

There is so much more I could say, of course, just from the first weekend of this course. But I share these insights with you in the hope that you can understand what I’ve been doing and also, perhaps, join me – at least in part – in this journey towards understanding what Christian faith formation means for our own day and time. I look forward to sharing even more with you in the months to come!

God’s Peace,

Pastor Ed

HOPE STATS					
Sun/Wed	Attendance	Sun School	Offerings	-did NOT	+ reached
Sept 9	153		\$4,514	-\$6	
Sept 16	125	33	\$3,536	-\$984	
Sept 23	105	9 (W only)	\$3,640	-\$880	
Sept 30	107	30 (S only)	\$3,504	-\$1,016	
Average Offering needed weekly to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$235,000 is \$4520					

Official Acts....

Baptism.....

Membership....

Our Love and Sympathy.... Harry “Al” Madge has passed on into Life Eternal; their family helps us with snow plowing, and is very involved with Hope Christian School. He will be missed by many.

More News....

Women of Hope Memorial Fund Donations.... Wanda Nebiolo made a donation in loving memory of Sid Bensen, Reverend Tom O’Brien, Carol Casement, Erika Bondo, and Doris Bowen....

Hope’s Sunday Nursery Attendant is [Anna Maria Sirico](#)...

Her hours begin at 8:15AM and usually last until the end of our late service, 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!

PHOTO RELEASE FORMS....*They need to be filled out whether or NOT you would like to give permission to have photos published on our Website and Facebook page. Forms are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex and can also be emailed/mailed to you if you prefer. I have a green and red folder in the office where I am keeping track. If you do NOT want your photos shared, just hand in a blank form with your name on it PLEASE so I can ensure that your preference is known.*

SAINT PETER’S MEALS...Have been scheduled for the season. Friday, November 9, Friday, February 8, and Friday, March 22. More info to come!

ATTENTION GRADES 3-6

HOPE ANCHORS YOUTH GROUP WANTS YOU TO COME AND HAVE FUN!
JOIN US FOR GAMES, CRAFTS AND PIZZA! BRING ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE
GAMES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE TEXT OR CALL:

Sue England (732)915-3944

Clair Martinsen (516)567-7077



Women of Hope

**Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month
at 7:30PM**

October 9, 2018



Gathering of Men Breakfast

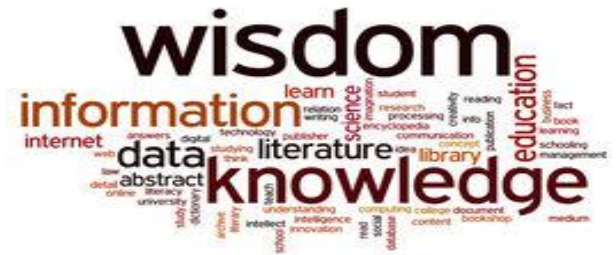
Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9AM

October 13, 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 WILL NOT

*meet this month
due to our Scholastic
Book Fair being in town...*



Flu Shot Clinic



Sunday, October 14, 2018

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Hope Lutheran Church
211 Elton Adelphia Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Flu shots are fully covered by the following insurance companies:

Medicare Part B

Cigna Medical

Aetna Medical

All federal employees are covered (Horizon)

Bring your insurance card with you to the clinic.

An annual flu vaccination is an important step in staying healthy and keeping others healthy as well!

For people over 65 years of age, the CDC recommends the high dose (Trivalent) and for others Quadrivalent. Trivalent covers 3 strains and Quadrivalent covers 4. These vaccines are used nationwide.

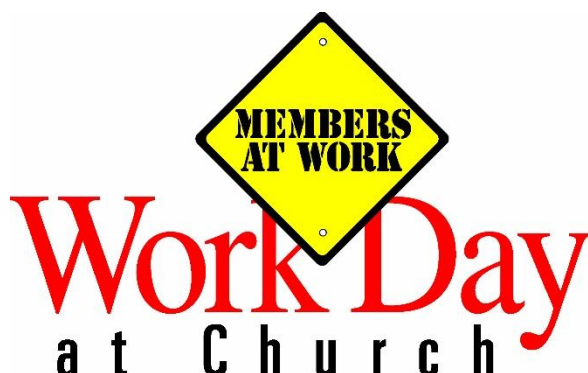
Both of these vaccines will be available on October 14th.



Meets the Third Monday of every month at 7PM

October 15, 2018

**Saturday, October 20 starting
at 10AM!!!**



***Please plan to come help...
Many hands make for lighter work!***

The Manor Worship Service

Sunday, October 21st 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.*

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

*The Freehold Area CROP Walk is organized by the Freehold Clergy Association, a group including the clergy and leaders of over twenty-five Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Muslim congregations, as well as the chaplaincy of CentraState Healthcare System. This year's walk will take place on **Sunday, October 21st**. The host site will be The Reformed Church of Freehold at 67 West Main Street. Registration will be held at 1:30PM and the walk is 2-4PM.*

*We are **CROP WALK CENTRAL!!!** All the information you need is right here in the office! If you know someone or you, yourself would like to join, I have everything you need to do so! Tell your friends, participate and donate to a GREAT cause!*



We have increments of \$25 and \$100 available at the office all year round! When we purchase these, Shop Rite gives us 5% off, we in turn, donate that percentage. It is a great cause and wonderful way to help those in need!

We offer beautiful floral arrangement dedications each week during our Worship services. The Dedication sheet is hanging up on the door of the Sacristy along with colorful envelopes in which to hand in your suggested donation to pay for the arrangement. We receive two each week and can always accommodate more if the need is there. The arrangements are ready to go home with you or your dedicated loved one on your designated Sunday for \$20. Your participation is always appreciated!





Church Council News:

Fellowship Volunteers Needed

Hope Lutheran Church has been blessed through the decades to have member volunteer generously with their time and talents to help us strive to achieve our missions: worship, social concerns, outreach, education (Sunday School and Hope Christian School), maintenance of the church and parsonage, youth ministries, support (stewardship), and fellowship.

I can assure our members that Pastor Kropa, the Church Council officers and commission chairpersons, and the entire staff, are working very hard to continue to meet the needs of the entire congregation and fulfill our state mission goals to the community and ELCA.

The role of fellowship in the life of our congregation is an important one. It enables us to gather in different settings, and allows us to get to know one another better and help us maintain the Hope family feeling throughout the year.

This year we have a specific need to express to you. We are asking you to consider participating in our fellowship commission which helps plan and execute fellowship events throughout the year. This can range from providing coffee and other refreshments in between worship services, to Oktoberfest gatherings, progressive dinners, and other events.

It will be difficult to successfully plan for such events without volunteer leaders. Please consider this request and let Pastor Kropa, Cheryl Hurd, or any of the church council members listed in this Anchor publication know of your interest.

Best Regards,

Mike Della Rosa

mdell425@optonline.net

908-380-8362



The Mineer Family thanks all of you so very much for helping and attending the celebration of their 50th Anniversary. What an amazing milestone! Thank you Chuck and Elaine for all you do for our church, we are so happy to have you as a part of our family too!

Lightweight Wheelchair and Walker STILL Available....
Mark Bondo still has these items available for anyone that may need them. The wheelchair is not ideal for independent use, but is lightweight and easy to get around with... PLEASE if you know anyone in need, contact us and we will get these to you!

*If you are interested in contributing to help with victims of Hurricane Florence, **here is HOW**. There are also hard copies of these forms on the Welcome Table...*

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
HURRICANE FLORENCE

SEPTEMBER 2018ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Florence is threatening more than 1 million of our neighbors in the Carolinas and elsewhere with dangerous winds, storm surge and potentially catastrophic flooding.

As a church, we're standing ready to assist our neighbors through their recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia and the synods in the hurricane's path to respond to this disaster. In the midst of a hurricane season that is producing strong storms, Lutheran Disaster Response is also

monitoring Hurricane Helene, Tropical Storm Olivia and Tropical Storm Isaac and is prepared to respond.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Florence and other hurricanes for years to come.

Your gifts designated for *hurricane response* will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Give now to support survivors of disasters.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane response

\$ _____ DDG0087

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most

\$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
Write "Hurricane response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS!



New Jersey Synod's YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR 2018-2019

NOV
16-18
2018

AMONG THE WOLVES

NJ Synod Middle School Youth Retreat

@ Camp Fairview Lake, Stillwater, NJ

A weekend of fun, music, hope, and faith exploration! Music by the Synod Youth Band and Larry Olson!

FEB
8-10
2019

WINTER YOUTH ASSEMBLY

NJ Synod Senior High Youth Retreat

@ Camp Fairview Lake, Stillwater, NJ

A time of friendships, music, games, service projects and faith building! Music by the Synod Youth Band and Larry Olson!

SPRING
2019

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

BUILDING SAFER AND MORE WELCOMING
CONGREGATIONS FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH

A day of celebration, story-sharing,
workshops, food and hope!

*For 7th-12th graders,
young adults and adults.*

SPRING
2019

S.M.Y.L.E.

NJ Synod Multicultural Youth Leadership Event

A day of celebration, leadership training,
fun, music and growing stronger!

For 7th-12th graders and adult leaders.

JUN
24-28
2019

SERVE DC

NJ Synod Middle School Service Trip
to Washington, DC

A week of fun, service projects, exploring
Washington, DC & and new friendships!

For 6th-9th graders and adult leaders.

JUL
7-13
2019

CONFIRMATION CAMP

NJ Synod & Cross Roads Camp Special Offering

A week of summer camp, fun, friends,
music and living the crazy Exodus story!

For 6th-8th graders and adult leaders.

For event registration, flyers, FAQs and more:

www.njsynod.org/youth

*There is always,
always, always
something to be
thankful for.*

First of all, let me start off by saying how blessed and grateful I am to be here at Hope. As some of you may or may not know, I was previously employed by a church that did NOT hire any members as their employees. I find this to be extremely

helpful within a congregation, I'm saying that as my opinion and experience, and certainly not representing as fact. It gives me the ability to be on the forefront of all the going-ons of a congregation, with a bird's eye view, an open-minded perspective, and a humbling necessity to always need help.

This is where all of **YOU** come in. Members volunteering is one of the most integral, important parts of what makes a congregation. It can be a large part of why some congregations fail. The togetherness I see here is beautiful, the willingness to help out, fill in where needed and even quietly supporting one another. Your time is so valuable especially these days where it just seems as if everyone is always in a rush.

I would like this to serve as my heartfelt thank you to every member of this congregation for helping me get acclimated into this role as Administrator. I understand change is difficult, but life is also what we make of it. I find that acceptance helps to make everything a bit more bearable when transition is happening. Nothing I do here is done alone, I'm blessed to have constant guidance and direction in this office. Thank you, all of you for all that you do for me and for our congregation. I'm incredibly thankful to be here and be a part of your Hope Family. I hope you all will continue to open up your time and hearts and continue to help us in all of our committees and ministries. We have so many opportunities coming up to help as winter is fast approaching! We can't do it without **YOU!!!**

Those who have done some "Extra" recently....

Gerry Bergh.... For going over my Weeklys with a fine-tooth comb and ensuring they are PERFECT. Moreover, for giving his time to do so.

John Fink... HUGE help with the Work Release Inmates, and always around whenever needed for Maintenance issues.

Letty Topp... Who donated her time, talents and supplies for our Church CPR Class.

Joe Toth... Who shares his talents with us consistently, making us whatever wood product we desire, quickly, neatly, and beautifully.

Mike Della Rosa and Sharryn Papinchak... For their ongoing support, listening ears, and helping hands throughout their transitions into their new Council positions.

Erica Driscoll... Who has been working endlessly on getting all of our finances accurate.

John Drager... A never-ending form of support, a wealth of knowledge in every aspect of this Church. What a great memory too!

Bill Unger... For taking the initiative with so many projects here and getting them put into action.

Debbie Unger... Always a life saver stepping up with information, suggestions, and the extra push I need sometimes to get things done.

Cindy Lynch... Who put together an up to date, well thought out Sunday School curriculum. Thank you for all the time and consideration that you put into this and helping to encourage all of the Hope parents and their children.

Tom Landes... Always willing to cook for any and every event that allows it!

Michael Quinn... Sharryn Papinchak's son-in-law who has helped direct us and offered his expertise when dealing with some contractor issues.

And last but certainly never least...

Judy Canfield and **Pastor Kropa**... for putting up with me on a daily basis, laughing at me and with me and helping to keep me sane.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Christian Cardelfe
Ashley Rosenburg
Julia Cohen
Karen Donmoyer
Richard Hering
Michelle Bresnahan
Steve Hering
Carol Kershaw
Jan Thayer
Marian Turek
Susan England
Monika Kania
Matthew Sprunger
Christina Green
Autumn Hedin
Jessica Somodi
Janice Neilan
Deanne Denney
Nicole Verdino
Marie Liebehenz
Richard Rodriguez
Augie Daesener Sr
Michael Burrows
Frank Bastry
John Black
Jack Horton
Tyler Hudak
Greyson Fitch
Laura Keller
Bonnie Paasch
Lucas Vandenakker
Pat Anderson
Teodoro Mancini
Pia Puzon
Robert Finnila
Ellen Hering

Lai Smith
Henry Finnila
Jayden Toucher
Gerry Bergh
Jennifer Caliendo-Fink
Peyton DiGregorio
Dan Hudak
Mark Koester
Shawn Megill
Kayla Caliendo-Walsh
William Romba
Tanner Shimko
Timothy Lynch
Leah Maja Cohen
Richard England
Kelly McCormick
Jordan Medley
Deanne Tash
Scott Page
George Rowohlt
Karen Kowalik
Thomas Schwartz
Stephen Hedin
Natalie D'Angelo
Kaley DeFilippo
Caren Brand
Andrew McGeady
Amanda Bresnahan
Beth Mezaros
Linda Devine
Tanja Schloeman
Carolina Okerson
Ray Finnila
Matthew Sapiezynski

