

The Anchor

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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

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Communications Director: *Kathryn Johnson*

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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...

DREAMING

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”
Eleanor Roosevelt

Do you dream? I do. Do you think about the future? I do. Do you see things, not as they are, but as they could be? I do...

So I invite you this month to do a little dreaming with me; to spend some time and thought, effort and energy, thinking about the future; to envision some things that don't currently exist, but *could* if enough of us were to dream the same dream together.

Can you picture a fellowship hall large enough so that the entire Hope Family could gather for a meal together? I can.

Can you picture that same space with the tables taken down and the chairs rearranged for a congregational meeting... or a play... or a concert... or a lecture... or a special ceremony... or even a contemporary worship service? I can.

Can you picture that same space with the chairs then put away as well, and converted into a basketball or a volleyball court for our youth and families? Or to hold a lock-in or retreat? I can.

Can you picture a safe space where the children of our congregation could just run around and get their energy out when it's raining outdoors? And even when it isn't? Or where our seniors could come to walk and get exercise without having to pay any gym fees? I can.

Can you picture that same space, with the tables and chairs back in place, where young couples could hold their wedding receptions? Or families could have enough room to celebrate baptisms, birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries? And where they could gather with loved ones for family reunions and in times of mourning? I can.

Can you picture a more adequate space than the narthex for Tuesday Night Yoga, Stroller Moms, and Soccer Shots? And where Hope Christian School could hold its gatherings, activities and assemblies without having to use the nave (our worship space)? I can.

Can you picture a multi-purpose room that could fulfill all of these various needs and uses, and probably dozens more as well? I can...

Can you?

Pastor Ed

Baptism.... Samantha June Kinion, born December 14, 2017; was received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on December 2, 2018. Parents are **Jacob Bryan** and **Kerry Ann Kinion**. Sponsors are **Richard** and **Susan Sheridan**.

Dalton Joseph Zawaski, born February 22, 2018; was received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on December 9, 2018. Parents are **Timothy Zawaski** and **Jessica Langley**. Sponsors are **Charles Sganga** and **Jordan DeFrancesco**.

Membership... Kerry Kinion and her daughters, **Sienna Sheridan**, **Brianne** and **Samantha June Kinion**; were welcomed as members of Hope Lutheran Church by Affirmation of Baptism on December 2, 2018. The family has already become involved in our Sunday School programs and Hope Christian School! Welcome to our family ladies!

Thomas Landes was officially welcomed as a member of our Hope Family and has stepped up to serve as our Fellowship Chair on Church Council. Thanks Tom!

Bonnie Palamara transferred her membership from Emanuel Lutheran Church in Ohio upon her move back to New Jersey. She was a member here at Hope prior to her out of state move, and is back with us again! Help her feel welcome as part of our family!

Our Love and Sympathy.... Nila Peterson, long standing member of Hope Lutheran Church, sadly passed on to Life Eternal earlier in the month of December; **Brian Weeden**, **Wanda Nebiolo's** stepson lost a courageous battle to cancer and has gone on to Life Triumphant; **Carmela DiPeri**, **Jessica Somodi's** great aunt, passed on to Life Eternal. Extra support and prayers to all of our friends and family grieving their loved ones at this especially tough time.

More News...

Women of Hope Memorial Fund Donations.... No donations were reported to the office for the month of December. Any dedications in honor of loved ones should be submitted through the office to document the dedication.

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!



We need YOU!!! The NEW 2019 refreshment sign up for Coffee Hour is out and ready for volunteers! Pick a Sunday and show off your baking skills to your fellow friends. We appreciate anything that you can provide! Please NOTE that we are a NUT-FREE facility... Thank you so much!!



Sunday, January 13 right after the early service head to Fellowship Hall for Tom Landes' presentation on "Recent breakthroughs in Memory Care: The end of Alzheimer's?" The presentation will include a book review of the book called "The End of Alzheimer's, the First Program to Prevent and

Reverse Cognitive Decline" by Dale Bredeesen. Dr. Bredeesen is internationally recognized as an expert in the mechanisms of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's. His protocol was developed in 2012 and since then he has successfully treated over 200 dementia patients and trained some 450 physicians and health practitioners from 7 countries how to use his ReCode protocol. He has been studying dementia for at least 20 years. It is a drug free program that uses our own disease resistance to push back the 36 things that he says cause dementia. *Everyone knows a cancer survivor. Nobody knows an Alzheimer's survivor.....until now.*

WOW! Don't miss this!

Sunday, February 10!!

***We will need CONTESTANTS
AND JUDGES!***

***Sign up sheet will be on the
Welcome Table SOON!!***



Notes on 2019 Estimates of Giving

This year, at the request of Hope’s executive committee, we are applying a little more rigor to your estimate of giving cards (the orange ones on the table in the Narthex). Of course, any amount you estimate or whether you fill one out is ENTIRELY up to you. We don’t use the estimates to establish our spending plan; rather the finance committee uses history and projections to establish the offering line item, and consequently our giving to the NJ Synod. Rather we believe the estimate is a good stewardship discipline for you, to reflect on your individual participation in the work of our mission at Hope.

For those of you, who have already done so, THANKS. Our level of participation and the total amount estimated exceeds the numbers from last year. For those who haven’t yet done so, if you are so motivated, please consider this a reminder. The orange cards and “ballot box”, will remain out on the table in the Narthex through Epiphany.

And on that Note...

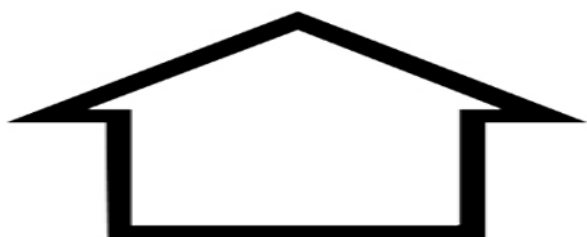


PLEASE pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes and Pledge Cards!!! They are on the table in the Narthex...

HOPE STATS					
Sun/Wed	Attendance	Sun School	Offerings	-did NOT	+ reached
Dec 2	136	35	\$5,195		+\$675
Dec 9	111	37	\$4,557		+\$37
Dec 16	194	Pageant	\$4,091	-\$429	
Dec 23	128	Parties	\$5,758		+\$1,238
<i>Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$235,000 is \$4520</i>					

Nila Peterson, a True Advocate Lovingly submitted by Wanda Nebiolo

Our dear friend, *Nila Peterson*, has gone to be with our Lord in December. She had been on hospice for several months. Hoyt and Nila moved to Perrineville in a mother/daughter home of her daughter and son-in-law Linda and Carmen Alessi. After Hoyt entered Life Eternal, Nila decided to volunteer in the office at Hope. For over six years she was faithful every Friday proofreading the bulletins. She offered many valuable suggestions that were implemented to improve the Anchor and bulletins. She was an advocate of Lutheran World Relief Quilts and encouraged the Women of Hope to form a quilting group. She put her blood and love in assembling every quilt top always expressing her thought, "this may be the recipients only possession, so it needs to be made to last". Nila was very generous at Hope and Koinonia Camp and Retreat Center in New York State with her time and talents. She was extremely wise, a very lovely, elegant, classy lady. She knew when it was time to give up driving and graciously handed her car keys to her grandson. She loved her children and grandchildren and boasted of her great grandchildren.



EMERGENCY HOUSING

[Emergency Housing Program at Hope: *Volunteers Needed!!*](#)

The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association, is well underway! We have been opening doors to local homeless gentlemen on Friday nights at Hope Lutheran. Volunteers are needed to help, either by bringing a meal, hosting the men, or volunteering to be a driver for transportation between Saint Peter's and Hope. Please look for sign-up sheets on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. For information, please contact

Andrew or Zinke McGeady at 732-363-8520.

Thank you for your anticipated and **MUCH NEEDED** support!

[Donations we can use for Emergency Housing!](#)

MOST URGENT: 32 liter backpacks, Boxer Shorts (M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL), Under Shirts (M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL), Sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL, XXXL), Men's socks, Men and women's gloves, Unisex hats.

IMPORTANT: Duffle bags, Nail clippers, Small flashlights, Tissue packs, Q-Tips (individual travel pack size please), Stamps, Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Body wash, Deodorant, Body lotion, Body wipes, Toothpaste, Dental floss, Advil, Tylenol, Tums, Cough drops, Band-aids, One way bus tickets, Food store gift cards, Walmart gift cards, and Small umbrellas.

JOE TOTH made us an awesome wooden box (similar to the Open Door one!) for Emergency Housing donations, it is on the far side of the Welcome Table, right next to the Restrooms. Kindly place any donations you are able to contribute in that box please (it's labeled!) Thank you in advance for all your help and generosity!!

happy birthday

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

*Ryan Ann Fitch
Michael Hering
Amber Okerson
Lauren Trojan
Wayne Freudenberger
Mark Mihaly
Duane Christ
Daniel Kropp
Matthew Rinker
Susan Robertson
Erin Varner
Jackson Sapiezynski
Patricia Marino
Bridget McCormick
Samuel Hu
Lindsay DiGregorio
Scarlett Dey-Basile
Amy Lacko
Robert Taylor
Zinke McGeady
Kirsten Frueh
Randy Minniear
Emily Hansen*

*Ashley Hansen
Steven Page
Grace Caputo
Dennis Johnson
Courtney Soutar
Christopher DiGregorio
Tyler Burns
Vincent Burns
John Natoli
Olivia Denney
Kayla Denney
Isabella Denney
Robert Carlino
Robert Green
Bill Unger
Stephan Dennis
Christopher Koester
Michael Koester
Emily Faint
Elizabeth Stenard
Michael Ruegger
Gary DiGregorio
Cathy Verdino*

