

# **The Anchor**

## **February 2019**

*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:**

<b>President</b>	<i>Michael Della Rosa</i>
<b>Vice President</b>	<i>Sharryn Papinchak</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Erica Driscoll</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Debbie Unger</i>
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	<i>Tara Zigler</i>
<b>Education</b>	<i>Janet Creech</i>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<i>Tom Landes</i>
<b>Support</b>	
<b>Maintenance</b>	<i>Stefan Martinsen</i>
<b>Social Ministry</b>	<i>Siggy Kuehn</i>
<b>Outreach</b>	<i>Bill Seifert</i>
<b>Worship</b>	<i>John Drager</i>
<b>Youth</b>	<i>Michael Woods</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...*

## WHERE ARE WE GOING?

In my sermon this past Sunday (January 27), I talked about the importance of knowing who you are. I also argued for the importance and relevance of worship in helping us to discover our identity, both individually but also collectively as well. In other words, Sunday morning is nothing more, and nothing *less*, than a family gathering – a weekly family reunion, if you will – where our family stories from the Bible are remembered, and shared, and taught. As David Jones once noted, these family stories help shape our character and form our family values.

That's why worship is so important, why the reading and interpretation of scripture in worship is so important, and why gathering together as the family of God on Sunday mornings is so important. Again, it forms and shapes us; our values and beliefs and behaviors and priorities. It forms who we are, and who we are becoming, and *that* then will also determine where we are going.

Albert Einstein, the great physicist, was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of each passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached into his vest pocket, but he couldn't find his ticket. So he reached into his *other* pocket, but it wasn't there either. So he looked in his briefcase, but still no ticket. The conductor said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. *We all* know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it." Einstein nodded appreciatively and thanked him.

So the conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. Just as he was about to move to the *next* car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees, now looking under his *seat* for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, "Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry. I know who you are. There's no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one."

Einstein stood up, looked at him, and said, "Young man, I too know who I am. What I *don't* know is where I'm going!"

It's important, of course, to know who you are. Here at Hope, we know that we a part of the family of God. That's our identity. It shapes our values and priorities, the actions we take and the decisions we make. That much we know.

The big question still before us, however, is – now that we know who we are – where exactly are we going? That's a question, I would argue, we need to address in this coming year. And I'm looking forward to the conversation!

*Pastor Ed*

*Baptism.... Brody Decasse*, born August 9, 2018; was received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on January 20, 2019. Parents are *Robert Decasse* and *Alyssa Hansen*. Sponsors are *Brian Decasse* and *Emily Verrilli*.

*Membership...* We are looking forward to welcoming new members in the next upcoming months!

*Our Love and Sympathy...* *Irene Booth* long standing member of Hope Lutheran, served as one of the first Altar Chairs, passed on to Life Eternal in mid-December 2018. *Tracy O'Neill's* father in law recently passed on to Life Eternal suddenly and sadly in January.

*More News...*

*Women of Hope Memorial Fund Donations....* No donations were reported to the office for the month of January. 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!*



**Saint Peter's Meal hosting is**

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

**SIGN UPS AND PANS ARE**  
**AVAILABLE!**





Monday, February 4  
at 7:15PM

*HCS Valentine's Day Drop Off –*  
*Friday, February 8*

Sunday, February 10!!

*We need CONTESTANTS,  
everyone will be JUDGES!  
Sign up sheet will be on the  
Welcome Table*

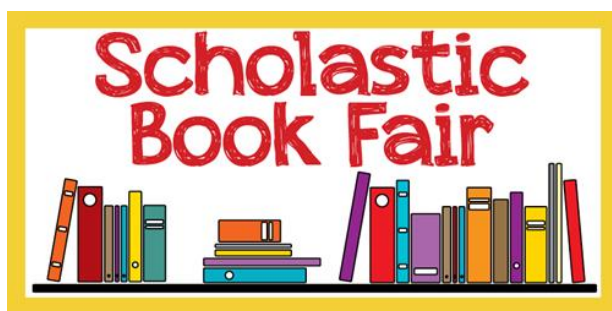


*Worship Planning Meeting*  
Monday, February 11 at 7:00PM



Monday, February 18  
at 7:00PM





Sunday, February 24 – Friday, March 1

*We will need **TWO** volunteers for **Sunday, February 24** to run the registers! Cheryl will train you, call to set up a time convenient for you to do so, 732-462-7545.*

### **Member Giving Statements!!!**

*Are available, I have them in the office for pick up, if you are not able to pick them up, send me an email or call and I will put them in the mail right away! They will be out in sealed (and labeled!!) envelopes in the Narthex this Sunday, alphabetized by last name.*

### **HELP!!**

*If anyone has a pick up or a large vehicle that can be used to transport some items from the church to the Recycling Center...? We need to coordinate a date to move some large items out of the church. Please call Cheryl at 732-462-7545 or email so we can arrange for a group to get this accomplished.*

**THANK YOU!!**

## Notes from the congregational council:

As you are aware, the congregational council is composed of selected congregants who serve as chairpersons of our commission committees. Currently, we are asking any member who is interested in serving as the support commission chairperson to please contact a member of the council or Pastor Kropa.

The support commission is involved in conducting our annual stewardship program which includes preparing an opportunity of all of us to share our time, talent, and treasure. We are able to indicate in which ministry of the church one would be interested in participating, and also state our estimate of giving to the mission of Hope Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

*Mike Della Rosa*

*Thank You!*

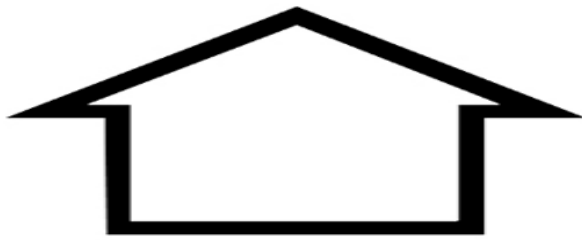
I would like to thank everyone that donated to the Hope Family Giving Tree. The gifts were graciously accepted by veterans, senior citizens, families, and homeless individuals. For many, it was the only gift they received this holiday season, and it was completely unexpected. I cannot thank you enough for lifting their spirits and showing them all that it is truly better to give than receive.

*Erika Woods  
Advocacy Director  
Freehold Area Open Door*

<b>HOPE STATS</b>					
<b>Sun/Wed</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sun School</b>	<b>Offerings</b>	<b>-did NOT</b>	<b>+ reached</b>
<b>Jan 6</b>	106	34	\$2,999		
<b>Jan 13</b>	107	5	\$3,561		
<b>Jan 20</b>	127	28	\$3,045		
<b>Jan 27</b>	120	11	\$3,776		
<i>Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$215,000 is \$4,135</i>					

**Worship in Lieu of  
Sunday School Days:**

Sunday, February 10  
Wednesday, February 13  
Sunday, March 3 (Youth  
Sunday)  
Wednesday, March 6 (Ash  
Wednesday)



**EMERGENCY  
HOUSING**

**Emergency Housing Program at Hope: Volunteers Needed!!**

The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association has really taken off with great success so far this season! We are most grateful to all of our volunteers! Share God's love with others! We are in need of hosts, meal providers, and drivers. What a great way to help our neighbors in need, and serve the Lord with gladness! For more information, please contact *Andrew* or *Zinke McGeady* at **732.363.8520**  
Thank you very much for your ongoing support!!

**Please Note: we are not hosting Friday, February 8, 2019**

**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!!



## Symbols of Epiphany



You may notice some minor changes in the church, now that the Christmas decorations are gone. We have entered the season of Epiphany, which runs through Transfiguration Sunday, March 3. During this season, we reflect on Jesus' "coming out", where he begins his ministry. Epiphany is a season of light, as indicated by the blue lighted banners on the Sanctuary wall. The little mobile in the left front window well symbolizes our reflection of God's light in the world.



**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 (\*Dunkin' Donuts products DO contain several allergens, please be mindful when purchasing their products!)*

***Thank you so much!!***

**\*\*\*Please Note:** *There is no longer an amount line on the new giving envelopes for 2019, if you can, please try to remember to write the amount of your giving on the outside of your envelope before putting it in the basket. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!***



***ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS (parents of confirmands)***

**There are F.R.O.G gifts to be picked up in the office! There is a brown two door closet behind the office door, there are labeled gifts on the top shelf.**

**UPcoming  
EVENTS**



Sunday, March 3 at  
11:00AM



*Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30PM – Shrove Tuesday  
Wednesday, March 6 at 1130AM and 7:00PM – Ash  
Wednesday Services*

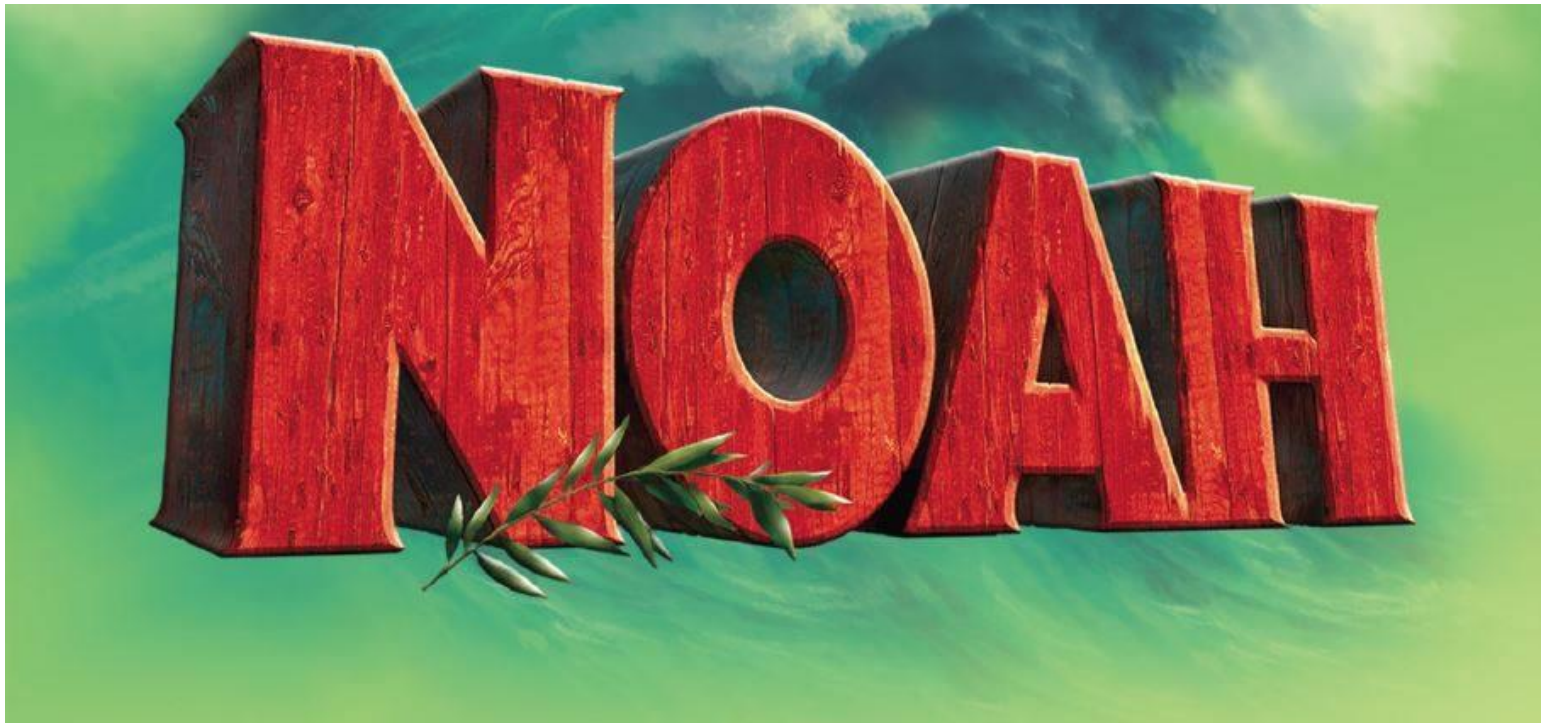


*Classes will be held on Wednesday  
nights at 7:00PM....  
March 13, March 20, March 27, and  
April 3 with the First Holy  
Communion being held on Sunday, April 7 at 11:00AM*



**Sunday, March 3 between services**

Tom Landes will be doing a presentation in Fellowship Hall on the book “The Healing of Archangel Rafael”



**Saturday, March 23 at 6:30PM –**

Movie Night!!! Food, FUN, and Fellowship

***ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!***



## *FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!*

Sharon Moffitt

Julie Kuehn

Samantha Schloeman

Hunter Cardelfe

Jake Minniear

Thomas Mezaros

Jan Karl Puzon

Logan Madden

Rita Corn

Blair Fink

Letty Topp

Kristin Natoli

Lauren Platt

Kyle Tash

Fred Lithgow

Ken Fink

Kelsey Neilan

Grace Hagemann

Allison Landers

Ann Rofulowitz

Payton Toucher

Markus Bastry

Joe Keller

Jared Okerson

Madison Rodriguez

Mason Rodriguez

Andrew Fensham

Karli Varner

John Bonanno

Veronica Krause

Donald O'Connell

Juliet Bonevich

Phyllis Castello

Kimberly Jones

John Kowalik

Carolyn Link

Matthew Bertsch

Jacob Tash

Paul Giacobbe

Cheryl Kane

Catherine Borna

Suzy Coulter

Stefan Martinsen

Emily Ward

Jennifer Bayles

Gail Cottrell

Linda Bastry

Patricia Martinsen

Daniel Natoli

Ed Nell

Stephen Kropa

Betty Pear

Charlotte Shaw

Lily Russo

Richard Rifenburg





