

# **The Anchor**

## **March 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*

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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...*

## Sharing Space

Over at the parsonage, I share the house with my wife Jeanette and our adult daughter Kaitlin (and, sometimes, guests as well). Jeanette and I have our own bedroom and Kaitlin has hers. But the rest of the house is “shared” space. We each have access to and reasons for using the spare bedrooms, living room, family room, dining room, kitchen, bathrooms, basement, and garage. On any given day, at any given hour, one or more of us may be using one or more of these spaces. (Oh, I forgot, we also have two dogs. Add them to the mix!)

The only way this works, of course, is if we agree to actually *share* these “shared” spaces, and then *respect* each other’s usage. For instance, if my daughter Kaitlin is watching something on TV in the family room, I don’t go in and change the channel to something I want. Or if Jeanette is grading her student’s papers on the dining room table, I don’t move them to somewhere else. (And, if I have to, I make sure to put Jeanette’s papers back in the exact place I found them when I’m done.) Just as the two of them are respectful of whatever I may be doing.

And now, during the winter, if one of us feels chilly, we may turn the heat up in the house. But at bedtime we then turn it back down for overnight. It’s called common courtesy.

Well, the very same dynamics are at work in our church building. In fact, it’s just like a house. (We even refer to a church facility as “God’s house,” don’t we?) In other words, it’s a “shared” space. It’s shared by our congregation, Hope Christian School, and outside community groups as well. Now some spaces are reserved for special people and special purposes (for example the pastor’s study or the church office), just like our bedrooms over at the parsonage. But much of the rest of the building, including the narthex, classrooms, fellowship hall, and even the nave on occasion, consists of that “shared” space that all of us are free to use.

So on any given day, at any given hour, these shared spaces may be used by a church group, a Hope Christian School class, or one of over a dozen outside groups that hold their meetings or gatherings here at Hope. Common courtesy, of course, is absolutely necessary. Each group has to be respectful of the others. And if one of our shared spaces is used, it needs to be left in the same exact way that it was found.

From time to time, and especially in recent weeks, unfortunately, we've forgotten to keep this in mind. Often the result is simply inconvenience for the next group using that space. But two weeks ago a pair of scissors and a stapler were left where the preschool children play. And this past weekend, the heat was left on high in one of the classrooms with one of the plastic storage containers pressed up against the baseboard heating register causing the container to melt and the contents to be ruined. We were lucky that it didn't start a fire!

So I would simply ask that everyone be aware of this situation and, most of all, be respectful of all the others who share the space here at church with you.

Here are some helpful hints:

1. Always remembers that you are not the only one using that room.
2. Always remember to leave the room the same way you found it. (This includes turning the heat back down if you turned it up.)
3. Give the room a quick "once over" before leaving it to make sure that everything is back in place where it needs to be, and there are no potential hazards like dangerous objects left out where younger children could find them.
4. If you're a parent, keep an eye on your kids to make sure they don't wander off into places where they shouldn't be. First, we don't want them to get hurt. And second, we want to make sure they don't disrupt anything that belongs to another group.

It's all basically common sense. We are so privileged to have a facility that is used so often, in so many ways, and by so many groups. But in order to maximize the experience and safety of all, let's be sure to be courteous to others.

*Pastor Ed*

*Baptism.....* Stay tuned! We have **THREE** scheduled so far for March!

*Membership....* On **February 17, 2019**, we welcomed **EIGHT** new members to our Hope Lutheran Family! Let's make sure we take the time to warmly welcome **Greg Vozar, Joseph** and **Ashley Fitzpatrick** (their daughter **Madeline Jean** will be baptized in March and also join our Hope Family!), **Jared** and **Erica Widman**, along with their children, **Carter, Christopher** and **Keira**!

*Our Love and Sympathy....*

*More News....*

*Women of Hope Memorial Fund Donations....* No donations were reported to the office for the month of February. 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 are in **NEED** of a NEW coordinator for the Saint Peter's Meals. It is important that we find someone by our next hosting (**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>!**) so you can take the opportunity to work along side our current coordinator, Karen Donmoyer, before taking on this worthwhile volunteer position in our Church and Community. Call the office for more information if you are interested and speak with Cheryl!



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

Sunday, March 3  
(Youth Sunday)

Wednesday, March 6  
(Ash Wednesday)

**Hope Sunday School Collection  
For Open Door Food Pantry!**

Our Hope Sunday School hunger project this year is focusing on the needs of people in our local community, through the Freehold Area Open Door Food Pantry. It would be great to have everyone in the congregation participate along with the children!

Each week in March, we will be collecting a different, much-needed item for the food pantry (see below!). A message will be sent out each week to help you remember what's being collected.

Week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Boxes of Facial Tissues

Week of March 10<sup>th</sup> – Juice boxes or Bottles of Juice

Week of March 17<sup>th</sup> – Toothpaste and Toothbrushes (single or multipacks)

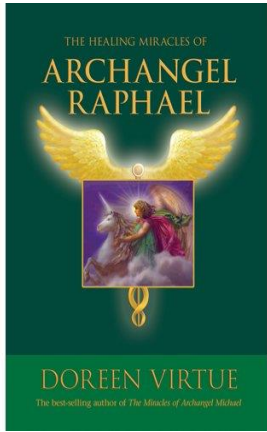
Week of March 24<sup>th</sup> – Cooking Oil (small or medium bottles)

Week of March 31<sup>st</sup> – Complete Pancake Mix (the kind that you just add water to) and Pancake Syrup

Thank you so much for working with our children to help the community!  
Contact me at [lynches4@optonline.net](mailto:lynches4@optonline.net) or 732-780-5438 if you have questions

*Cindy Lynch*





**Sunday, March 3 at 9:45AM –**  
***Refreshments and a book review from  
Tom Landes on the book “The Healing of  
Archangel Raphael” in Fellowship Hall***

*Whether it's a life-threatening condition, a painful injury, or a troubling health issue, Archangel Raphael is able to heal it. In this truly inspiring book, Doreen Virtue shows you why Raphael has long been regarded as the healing angel. He is a nondenominational miracle worker who helps everyone who asks. The true stories of miraculous healings within these pages will give you hope and faith that Heaven does hear you. You'll read about the ways in which Raphael answers your requests and learn how to recognize his health-saving advice. He even heals pets. Even some doctors are using Raphael to heal their patients.*



**Sunday, March 3 at the  
11:00AM service**

*We will be having a special guest, Mrs. Edna from the Mary Jane Home Enrichment Center in Philadelphia. There will be a special free will offering during this service as well if you wish to participate. Tax forms will be made available and are also in the office if you need them! Please try to plan to attend this very special Youth Service.*



**Monday, March 4, 2019  
at 7:00PM**



***EVERYONE IS WELCOME!***

**Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30PM**

*Fellowship Hall featuring Jersey Comics!*

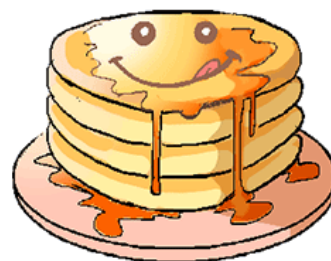
*Entertainment for the whole family... Pancake*

*Breakfast prepared and serve. Please call to*

*RSVP so we can properly prepare*

***(732) 462-7545***

**A sign up sheet is also on the Welcome Table!**



*Shrove Tuesday*



**Ash  
Wednesday  
Service**

**Wednesday, March 6**

**11:30AM and 7:00PM services**

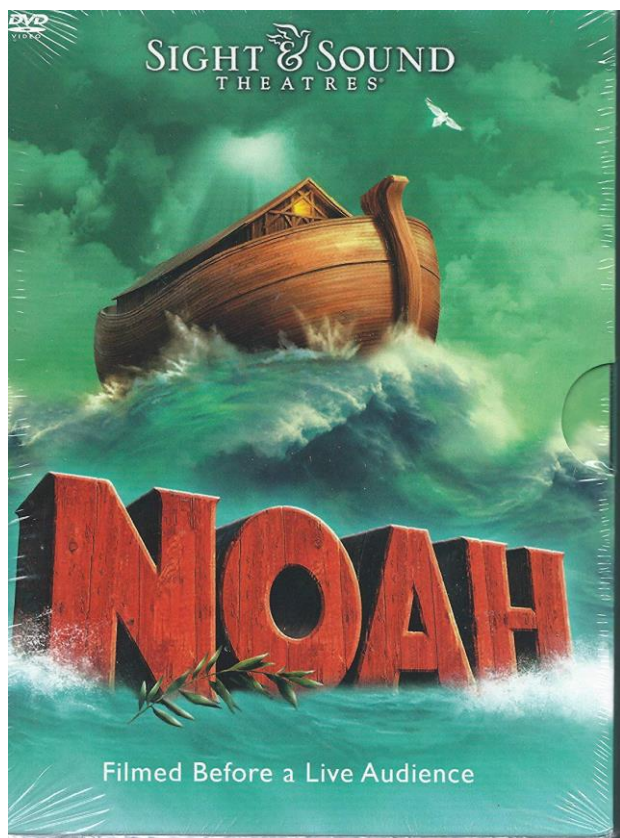


**Gathering of Men Breakfast**

**Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month  
at 9AM**

**March 9, 2019**

**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**



## Saturday Night at the Movies with Popcorn and Hot Dogs!

March 9, 2019 at 6:30PM

*Please join us for our video presentation of the epic story of Noah and the building of his incredible ark. I think you will get a real appreciation for the problems that he faced trying to get everything together. You will be in awe when they show the inside of the ark with all the individual animals in their*

*stalls. Sight and Sound theatrical productions are fantastic and I think you will really like this one. And you will NOT have to drive all the way to Lancaster to see it! Please bring your own beverages!  
\$1 Donation per person is suggested...*



*For the Five Sundays of Lent  
(March 10 – April 7)*

*Pastor Ed will be focusing on the 5 parts of the Lutheran Catechism as the theme for Worship. This will definitely be informative and worthwhile to plan to attend!*

### Women of Hope

**Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of each month  
at 7:30PM**

**March 12, 2019**







# *Worship Planning Meeting*

## Monday, March 25 at 7:00PM

### *Worship Planning Report*

1. We reviewed November, December, and January worship services and determined to keep the current schedule until we go to a single service, May 26. We will try to schedule the choir to sing more at the early service.
2. Scheduling “family” worship services, in lieu of Sunday School has not increased attendance. We will discontinue the current schedule at the end of Sunday School year (May), and discuss other approaches to encourage better attendance among families.
3. As part of their warmup, the choir will be asked to run through hymns planned for the coming Sunday.
4. We will continue to explore ways to encourage worshippers to sit forward, not under the balcony, where acoustics are not as good.
5. Our music director has submitted his resignation effective at Easter, citing personal needs, as well as the desire to spend more time in his PhD program. A search committee has been formed (members are: Pastor Ed, Janice Seifert, Suzy Coulter, Tara Zigler, Catherine Burger, Kate and Mike Raguseo). We have reviewed and updated the current job description, and plan to begin our search the week of February 18. The goal is to have our replacement in place by May 1.
6. We reviewed the current bulletin formats and contents. We will keep the current format, including liturgical music, and publish meetings held by the congregational organizations. Because of privacy concerns we will not include building usage by outside groups, since this information is already included in the monthly calendars. Individuals planning on using the church should always clear usage with the Administrator.
7. Plans for Lent, Easter
  - a. Plans for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper include appearance of Jersey Comics. We will expend more effort publicizing the event, and include Hope Christian School families. Gathering of Men will cook. The Administrator will put out a signup sheet so that we can estimate attendance.
  - b. We will have an Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes at 11:30AM and 7PM on March 6. The service inserts of prior years will be used.
  - c. The theme for Lent, will be the 5 parts of the Lutheran Catechism, culminating in First Communion celebration on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 12 at 6:24PM. Diane is in charge, and will enlist teenagers and others to help run it. Cheryl will inform outside users of the event.

- e. We determined to ask the choir to provide a Lenten Cantata on April 14, Passion Sunday, wherein they will serve as the sermon for the day. We will gather around the Grace Cross (weather permitting) with Palms for a Processional into the church. If the weather is bad, we will gather in the Narthex.
- f. For Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 18 at 7:00PM we will hold the (standard) service at individual tables in the Narthex. The choir will be asked to provide an appropriate anthem for the evening service. Pending agreement of the Wisdom Club, there will be two services, one at 11:30AM and one at 7:00PM.
- g. For Good Friday, April 19, there will be a 7:00PM service of darkness, with minimal music, focusing on the cross.
- h. Festival Easter services will be at 8:30AM and 11:00AM, with hot cross buns, bagels, juice, etc, between services.

8. Acolyte, Assisting Minister Training, after Easter... we will enlist and train new Acolytes, Ushers, and Assisting Ministers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Drager*

## Bell Choir



It has come to my attention that there are some members of Hope who fondly remember taking piano or instrumental lessons in their youth. Do you know you can put those experiences to good use by joining our chime choir? Many of our present members are enjoying refreshing those skills but then others have had no musical background and are learning the art of reading music. We also make it easy by marking R and L (hand) over the notes to make things easier. There is such a wonderful sense of accomplishment when a piece has been played with just a *few* wrong notes and perhaps even compliments received. Another bonus is a wonderfully supportive group that is just fun to be part of. If you would like to join the chime choir or just give it a try, please let **Janice Seifert** know (732) 364-7196 and you will be included in rehearsal notices. We try to squeeze rehearsals in on Sunday mornings between services and other convenient times have been arranged by the group.



**WE NEED YOU!**

*Volunteers are needed to Usher, Greet, Assist, and Acolyte for the following Worship Services...*

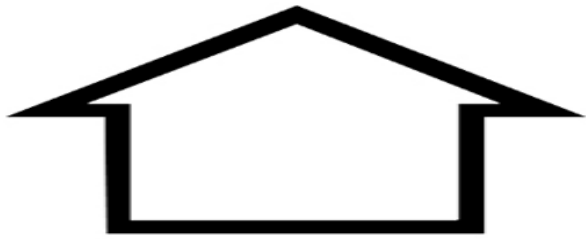
Wednesday, March 6 11:30AM and 7:00PM  
for Ash Wednesday  
Thursday, April 18 at 7:00PM  
for Maundy Thursday  
Friday, April 19 at 7:00PM  
for Good Friday



*Dedicate an Easter Lily for a loved one this season! Forms will be made available at the Welcome Table next week!*

HOPE STATS					
Sun/Wed	Attendance	Sun School	Offerings	-did NOT	+ reached
Feb 3	100	2	\$2,259	-\$1,876	
Feb 10	105		\$6,566		+\$2,431
Feb 17	120	41	\$3,415	-\$720	
Feb 24	107	26	\$2,854	-\$1,281	
Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$215,000 is \$4,135					





## EMERGENCY HOUSING

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

The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association is in its final month for this season, concluding on March 31st! We are most grateful to all of our volunteers! We are in need of hosts!! What a great way to help our neighbors in need, and serve our Lord with gladness! For more information, please contact

***Andrew or Zinke McGeady at 732.363.8520***

Thank you very much for your ongoing support, as we end on a successful note!!

***THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH for unselfishly giving of yourself to the program, and may God Bless You!!***

### 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!!



Saturday, March 23, 2019



# ART AUCTION

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## EMERGENCY HOUSING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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*Fellowship Refreshments **will be suspended during the Lenten period** and will resume after. Thank YOU all so much for your participation! Keep up all the GREAT work!*

**\*\*\*\*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.**



***Thank you, Thank you!***

***The ongoing support and guidance of all the members of this congregation is a daily blessing...***

***Gerry Bergh for editing my publications EVERY WEEK!  
Andrew McGeady for editing the Anchor EVERY MONTH!***

***EXTRA BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in getting all the damaged furniture to the Recycling Center!***

***And to the ladies who helped us with the Scholastic Book Fair!***



## ***MARCH BIRTHDAYS!***

**Shannon Neilan  
David Lynch  
Dawn Mulcahy  
Jenna Platt  
John Platt  
Allison Fink  
Erin Behn  
Danielle Knoell  
Doris Green  
Michelle Koester  
Ray Vender  
Katie Hudak  
Nicole Seitz  
John Fink  
Nicholas D'Angelo  
Chuck Mineer  
Joanne Quinn  
Carolyn Gibson  
Anthony Russo  
Hannah Robinson  
Jeffrey Strandberg  
Ann Marie Hagemann  
Kayla Brand  
Sonja Dennis  
Lorraine Cain**

**Sue Hu  
Brandon Paasch  
Daniel Spicuzza  
Gary Devine  
Molly McMillin  
Sally Russo  
Ann Finkbeiner  
Maia Cardelfe  
Dolores O'Brien  
Landen Rosenberg  
Henry Sprunger  
Nicolette Birnbaum  
Michael Soutar  
Lucas Becce  
Cindy Lynch  
Santino Giacobbe  
Andrew Bayles  
Ashley Lashenick  
Brenda Johnson  
Kim Shimko  
Matthew DeFelice  
Janice Seifert  
Heather McGinn  
Mackenzie Miller**



