

# The Anchor

## April 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 Kropp, 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...*

## WHO ME?

You will undoubtedly (hopefully!) hear something in the next few weeks about the Nominating Committee at Hope and its responsibilities. You may even be approached about the idea of serving on our Congregation Council yourself. For many people, of course, their first reaction is: “Who me?” That’s because many of us don’t necessarily see ourselves as leaders. Leadership is something for other people, we think; more talented people, special people. But consider this...

We all know Moses, right? He was the one God raised up to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. He was the one who then led them to the Promised Land as well. However, if you remember the story of Moses, even for Moses his initial response to God’s call was: “Who me?” He said, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now... but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” I’m guessing you have your own set of excuses as well. Just fill in the blank: “O God, I \_\_\_\_\_.” (I am not old enough. I’m too old. I’ve never served on Council before. I’ve served too many times already. I don’t have any special gifts or talents.) Everyone can probably find at least some reason (if not multiple reasons!) why they think they shouldn’t, or can’t, serve as a leader.

Now consider this. Moses might have said, “Who me?” But God said, “Why *not* you?” Moses claimed he was not eloquent enough; not a good enough speaker. To which, God replied, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?”

In other words, I didn’t call you because you already *were* a capable leader. I called you, Moses, because I will *make you* a leader. And God said to Moses, “Now go and I will be your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” Yet Moses *still* didn’t give up, did he? “O Lord,” he said, “please send someone else.” That didn’t go over so well with God, as you could well imagine. In Exodus 4:14, we read, “Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses...” Long story short: Moses ended up answering God’s call and accomplishing exactly what God sent him to do. That’s the way God works. Or to put it another way: ***“God doesn’t call the qualified... God qualifies the called.”***

You’re not qualified to serve on Council? Welcome to the club. The bottom line is that *none* of us are! St. Paul once put it this way: “Consider your own call, brothers and sisters; not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to

shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'" (1 Corinthians 1:28-31)

*Pastor Ed*

***Baptism....*** Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 10; ***Madeline Jean Fitzpatrick***. Parents are ***Joseph*** and ***Ashley Fitzpatrick*** and sponsors are ***Nicholas*** and ***Samantha Raffetto***. On March 17; ***Abigail Everly Levinson*** was received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her parents are ***Jared Levinson*** and ***Lauren Fensham*** and sponsors are ***Andrew*** and ***Mary Fensham***. Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 24; ***Connor Nicholas Bertsch***. Parents are ***Sean*** and ***Laura Bertsch*** and sponsors are ***William Bertsch*** and ***Kristine Hansen***.

***Membership....***

***Our Love and Sympathy.... Judy Canfield*** and her family grieving the passing of her father Thursday, March 28, service details will be emailed when they become available.

***More News....***

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



**Friday NIGHT – 6PM April 5, 2019**  
**Family Fun Night!**

*Requested Donation: Any clothes that you are willing to give away!*

*Let spring cleaning start early this year.*

*All clothes donated will help pay for the Youth Bosnia Trip*

*This is an event for ALL AGES, there will be a Kid's Corner to keep the little ones occupied! Fish tacos, side salads, iced tea and water will be served, with a grilled cheese and tater tot alternative.*

**Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Table,  
Please sign up so we can prepare properly!**

**Thank you, we HOPE to see you there!**





**Friday, April 12 at 6:26PM**

**\$5 per person**

**Face painting, craft, story, Pasta dinner...**

**Sign ups in the Narthex!**



**Palm Sunday – April 14 8:30AM and 11:00AM**

**Maundy Thursday – April 18 7PM**

**Good Friday – April 19 7PM**

**Easter Sunday – April 21 8:30AM and 11:00AM**

*Hot Cross buns, bagels, juice etc, will be served  
between services on Easter*

## **A Note from the Congregational Council**

As you know, there seem to be endless opportunities to offer our time and talent to the mission of Hope Lutheran Church. One of those opportunities is to have the chance to serve on the governing body.

At our June congregational meeting we place the names of individuals seeking to serve on our congregational council into nomination for selection by our members in attendance at the meeting. Members of our nominating committee (Chris Driscoll, John Drager, Siggy Kuehn, and Pastor Kropa) are beginning their work to present a slate of willing candidates. Please let any member of this committee know if you wish to be considered for these positions.

In addition, we are looking for two individuals willing to attend the NJ Synod Convention to be held at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick on the following dates: June 6,7,8, 2019. Please speak to Pastor Kropa if you would like to accompany him to this event.

We are also looking for a few individuals to serve on our Audit Committee. Susan Hu has volunteered to participate this year. This committee is mandated by our constitution to review the financial processes and insurance policies of our congregation.

Thank you for your consideration of these opportunities to serve.

*Mike Della Rosa*

## **Worship Planning Report – April, 2019**

1. As part of their warm-up, the choir is running through hymns planned for the coming Sunday. This seems to be working well; we have not received complaints recently.
2. To encourage worshippers to sit forward, not under the balcony, where acoustics are not as good, we have taken out a couple of rows at the back of the church. Those seats are in the Narthex.
3. The search committee for a new Minister of Music has met a few times, considering 4 candidates. Our search continues. John Ahern's last Sunday will be Easter, April 21. Following that, a team of member volunteers will provide worship music until a replacement is found.

#### 4. Plans for Lent, Easter...

a. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Friday, 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.

b. The Choir will provide Lenten Cantata entitled "Who is this King?" on April 14, Passion Sunday. We will gather around the Grace Cross (weather permitting) with Palms for a Processional into the church. If bad weather, we will gather in the Narthex.

c. For Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 18 at 7:00PM, we will hold the service at individual tables in the Narthex.

d. For Good Friday, April 19 there will be a mid-day community service (not at Hope) and a 7:00PM service of darkness, with minimal music, focusing on the cross.

e. Festival Easter services will be at 8:30AM and 11:00AM, with hot cross buns, bagels, juice etc, in between services.

5. We return to a single service on Memorial Day, May 26. At that time we will return to the blue book, *With One Voice*.

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



## Chime 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.





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

Sunday, April 21  
(Easter Sunday)

Wednesday, April 24

***Long Range Planning Meeting***  
**Monday, April 1 at 7:00PM**

**Women of Hope**

**Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of each month  
at 7:30PM  
April 9, 2019**



**Gathering of Men Breakfast**

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

**April 13, 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**







# First Communion Classes

Wednesday

April 3 at 7:00PM

*with First Holy Communion on...*

Sunday, April 7 at 11:00AM

**The Manor Worship Service**

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*

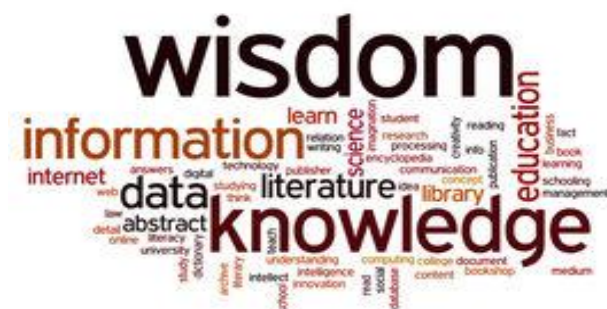


Monday, April 15

7:00PM

*Wisdom Club is meeting the  
THIRD Thursday of each month  
at 11:30AM here at Hope in the  
Narthex*

April 18, 2019





**WE NEED YOU!**

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

**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 are available at the Welcome Table!*

<b><u>HOPE STATS</u></b>					
<b><u>Sun/Wed</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Sun School</u></b>	<b><u>Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>-did NOT</u></b>	<b><u>+ reached</u></b>
<b>March 3</b>	120	9	\$4,649		<b>+\$514</b>
<b>March 10</b>	250	25	\$4,652		<b>+\$517</b>
<b>March 17</b>	127	39	\$4,303		<b>+\$168</b>
<b>March 24</b>	142	36	\$3,266	<b>-\$869</b>	
<b>March 31</b>					
<i>Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$215,000 is \$4,135</i>					



## Monday, April 25 at 5PM

*If you (or your committee) have any events from May – August, this meeting is made for you! Get your events approved for the date and time you desire.*

*There will be NO Wednesday Night Worship on April 17, but there WILL BE School that evening.*

*There will be NO Wednesday Night Worship OR School on April 24.*



**\*\*\*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.**





*APRIL BIRTHDAYS!*

**Ralph Werner  
Thomas Tyrrell Jr  
Mark Bondo  
Carolyn Gibson  
Robert Faint  
Laura Stewart  
Christina Krause  
Marisa Sapiezynski  
Joan Stefani  
John Carroll  
Tyler Carroll  
Tucker Clayton  
Carmen Alessi  
Linda Grayzel  
Jayden Kane  
Carrie Ruegger  
Joshua Afiriye  
Erica Bastry  
Paul Stewart  
Robert Taylor  
Connor Bertsch  
Dominick Devivo III  
Robert Spatzer**

**Scott Page Jr  
Ashley Frederick  
Jamie Faint  
Connor Brand  
Joshua Cottrell  
Janet Creech  
Serena DeFelice  
Cassidy Trojan  
Paige Trojan  
Laura Weiss  
Joan Nell  
Robert Hering  
Theodore Horton  
Ashley Bayles  
Dennis Duvelsdorf  
John Verdino  
Jacob Cottrell  
Anne Marie Denney  
Chris Frederick  
Alysa Seitz  
Emily Vandenakker  
Kate Raguseo  
Valeria Rodriguez**





