

The Anchor

May 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:
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>
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Secretary	<i>Debbie Unger</i>
Youth Ministry	<i>Tara Zigler</i>
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Fellowship	<i>Tom Landes</i>
Support	
Maintenance	<i>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...

Gathered to be Scattered

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”
(John 20:21b)

“I remember being sent; it made me ten feet tall. How dignifying to walk in borrowed prestige down that winding road to the country store. I carried a note, not in my handwriting, of course, because I couldn’t write; but I could scribble. I never scribbled on that note. And I was careful, so careful lest it fall in the dirt. I was content just to carry it.

“To be sent is an exercise in being third. First, there’s the sender; second, the one to whom you’re sent; and then, you, the sent one. Any two without the other won’t do.

“ ‘He called to him the twelve,’ the scriptures say, ‘and began to send them two by two... and he charged them...’ He called them, he sent them, he charged them. What an honor to be carriers of his love!”

(Gerhard Frost, “The Sent One”)

In this season of Easter, as we bask in the love and forgiveness of our risen Savior and Lord, the temptation is to do *only that*. Just sit back and bask, soaking it all in.

To be sure, there is good and ample reason *for us* to bask! But is that *all* we’re called to do? Just sit back and enjoy what Christ has done; sit back and simply *experience* the incomparable joy of his victory over sin, death, and evil?

Or are we called to do something more? To *be* something more?

Not even a day had passed when Jesus appeared to his disciples, hiding in that locked room out of fear, and said to them, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Not even a day had passed when he gave them their marching orders on that first Easter evening!

No sitting back. No basking. No soaking. No time for any of that. As the Father sent me, *now I send you*, he said.

As Christians, we are not merely *recipients* of good news we are also *bearers* of that good news. To use Gerhard Frost’s term, we are the “Sent Ones.” Send by Christ out into the world to share the hope, and joy, and promise of the resurrection. What a privilege! What an honor!

Doug Pollock has said that the church is “gathered” on Sunday mornings in order to then be “scattered” from Monday through Saturday. Scattered throughout our communities and neighborhoods to bear witness to what God has done in Jesus Christ; the depth of God’s love for us demonstrated in Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. It doesn’t get any better than that!

Pastor Ed

Baptism.... No Baptisms in April.

We would like to congratulate our First Holy Communicants, who celebrated on Sunday, April 7; ***Travis DiGregorio, Theo Horton, JT DeFelice, Autumn Hedin, Rebecca Hudak, Ashley Hansen, Connor Bertsch, Carter Widman.***

Our members, ***Rob*** and ***Danielle Knoell*** welcomed a baby girl, ***Kayla Anne***, to their family, born April 28 at 9:50AM, 8 pounds 3 ounces, 20 inches long. All are well and heading home soon!

Tom and Barbara Tyrrell welcomed a new granddaughter, ***Everly Mariner Sauro***, on April 19, 2019, 7 pounds 10 ounces and 10 inches long!

Membership...

Our Love and Sympathy.... Friends and family of ***Pastor Arnie Hansen***, who passed on to Life Eternal April 25; Pastor interned here at Hope in 2006 under Pastor Pat Medley; while here he was very active in Christian Education, Gathering of Men, and other fellowship activities.

More News...

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



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

Sunday, May 12

~and~

Wednesday, May 22



*We will be having a special
“Thank you” coffee hour to show
our appreciation for all of our
Emergency Housing volunteers
that worked tirelessly all winter to
keep this Ministry thriving at our
church.*

**May 5, 2019 between the
services!**



*Join the Thrivent Action Team, Support the
Bosnia Mission AND give a corsage to someone
special on Mother's Day...*

*The thrivent action team is selling cymbidium
corsages for Mother's Day for \$5. All proceeds
will go to support this year's Bosnia
Mission. You can purchase the corsages on
Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 -*

*beginning at 9 am (while supplies last). See John Drager, Diane
Kless or Cheryl Hurd for more information.*



Gathering of Men Breakfast

**Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month
at 9AM**

May 11, 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**

Women of Hope

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

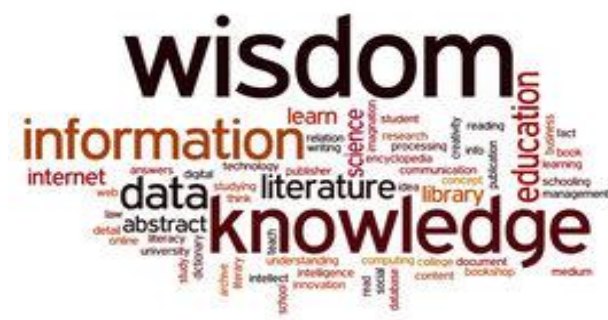
May 14, 2019



Emergency Housing will be hosting a Thank You recognition event sponsored by the Freehold Clergy Association on **Wednesday, May 15th, 7:30-9pm at Temple Shaari Emeth, Craig Road in Manalapan**

NJ. This event welcomes all of the churches who participated in and gave their time, talents and service to the Emergency Housing Program this season.

May 16, 2019



Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 6:30PM

Stay tuned for more details!

The Manor Worship Service

Sunday, May 19th 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.*

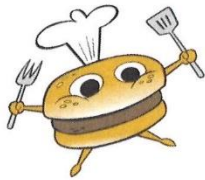


Monday, May 20
7:00PM

Coming Soon... Don't miss:

The Hope Christian School/Hope Lutheran Church

BACKYARD BBQ NIGHT



All invited for

Food, Fellowship and FUN!

May 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

in the playground area

serving hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, side dishes, watermelon, lemonade, iced tea and a Make your own Ice Cream Sundae Bar!

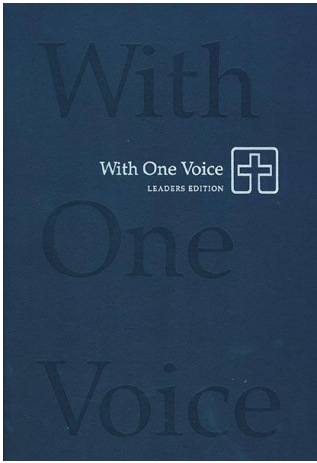
Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert if you wish... not required!

Bouncy House and Kids Activities

For more information or to RSVP

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Or call the office at (732) 462-7545



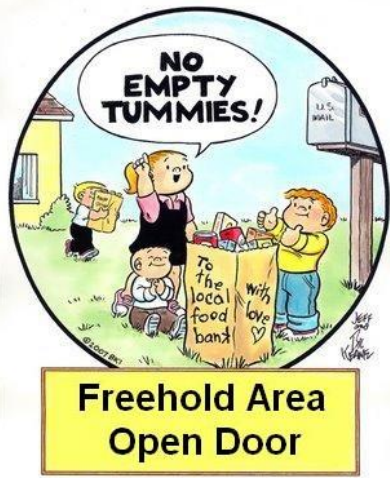
Back to one service and With One Voice Hymnals starting Sunday, May 26 9:30AM



WE NEED YOU!

We need someone to lead the Greeters and Acolytes PLEASE!

HOPE STATS					
Sun/Wed	Attendance	Sun School	Offerings	-did NOT	+ reached
April 7	231	21	\$3,194	-\$941	
April 14	163		\$3,911	-\$244	
April 21	398	8	\$9,420		+\$5,285
April 28	87	14	\$2,667	-\$1,468	
Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$215,000 is \$4,135					



A VERY BIG Thank You to everyone at Hope for sending in items to give to Open Door Food Pantry! Your response was so awesome! After identifying items that Open Door was most in need of, Hope's Sunday School, Hope Christian School and our congregation donated over 740 items. We were so appreciative of your generosity, as were workers at the food pantry each time we brought in a delivery, and know that the families who receive these items will be very grateful too. Thank you

for sharing God's love with our community and helping those in need!



After 8 years of coordinating Hope's Sunday School program and over 25 years of teaching, I have made the difficult decision to take a step back from the role of coordinator at the end of this Sunday School year. Although I find this experience to be very fulfilling, I believe it is time for a change, for younger folks to bring their perspective and new ideas to the task of helping Hope's children develop their faith. I plan to continue in a teaching role with Sunday School, and am happy to help with the transition of its coordination, as needed.

The tasks and coordination management can be done by a team of individuals, and a good portion of it can be done from home:

Involve and coordinate volunteers to teach and help

Choose curriculum along with the teachers, Pastor, etc., obtain needed materials, and develop calendar/schedules for the school year.

Plan Sunday School-wide activities.

Introduce new families to the Sunday School.

Communicate with volunteers and families – keep them abreast of what’s happening with Sunday School, as well as other areas of the church

Communicate with Pastor, Church Administrator, Minister of Music, HCS Director, and Education council person, in order to coordinate events, space needs, etc.

I ask you to prayerfully consider serving as a member of this team. We each are part of God’s family at Hope, and everyone’s service is needed for it to function. It is a pleasure and inspiration to work alongside the many talented and dedicated people who are involved in our Sunday School and who support it. They are an awesome and hardworking bunch, and we are fortunate to have them. I look forward to continue working with them in a different capacity.

*In Christ’s Love,
Cindy Lynch*



Many, MANY thanks to Veronica Krause, Sue England, Leslie Rifenburg, Jeanette Kropa, and Siggy Kuehn who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a huge event. Our deepest appreciation to the Youth of our church – Kayla Brand, Kelly and Julie Kuehn, Joey Hedderman, Madeleine, Olivia and Nathan Raguseo, and Emily Hansen. They worked very hard hiding the eggs, serving the food and many other tasks throughout the evening. Last but not least, we would like to thank Judy Canfield for “handling” the door, collecting the money, and gathering everyone in as quickly as possible.

***Once again,
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
Caren Brand and Diane Kless***



Gifts for Confirmands are in the F.R.O.G closet – in the office behind the door to the right inside the wooden closet with two doors.



Are you a senior graduating high school this year? Please contact the office with your information so we can make sure you have the required information for our Women of Hope scholarship opportunity.

Submit your graduation photo with your college plans if you would like to be featured in the June Anchor for your fantastic accomplishment!



MAY BIRTHDAYS!

*Laura Schwochert
Hunter Somodi
Shane Neilan
Sandy Wolven
Kelly Kuehn
Cindy Livingston
Patrick McCormick
Donna Schleuss
Leslie Taylor
Giovanni Weiburg
Edward Acosta
Erica Driscoll
Keith Jones
Kenneth Ng
Ella Madden
Michelle Verdino
Kelsey DonMoyer
Nicole Mezaros
Olivia McKay
Evie Freudenberger
Lisa DeVivo
Nancy Page
Carol Romba
Elaine Vanderveer
Olivia Caliendo-Fink
Gabrielle Giacobbe
Joshua Grinberg
Robert Knoell
Michael Raguseo*

*Wanda Nebiolo
Sandy Sandor
Marc Flury
Brian McMillin
Barbara Tyrrell
Susan Werner
William Becker Jr
Christopher Cleary
Connor Quinn
Mackenzie Quinn
Joseph Hedderman
Kristin Robertson
Payton Kania
Kensington Kania
Nicholas Hedderman
Dina Marie Cohen
John Bonevich
Zachary Ferchak
Ava Cottrell
Carly Fischer
Brett DePalma
Brittany Grayzel
Augie Daesener Jr
Faith DeFelice
Marsha Pratt
Susan Lewis
Ronald Pearn III
Ben Wilber
Lyla Caruso*

