

# The Anchor

## June 2019

*The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church*  
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**Worship Services with Holy Communion**  
**Sunday Worship 9:30AM**  
**Wednesday Worship TBD**

**Pastor:** *The Reverend Doctor Edward E Kropa, Jr*  
**Minister of Music:** *Joshua Staudinger*  
**Church Administrator:** *Cheryl Hurd*  
**Hope Christian School Director:** *Judy Canfield*  
**Communications Director:** *Kathryn Johnson*

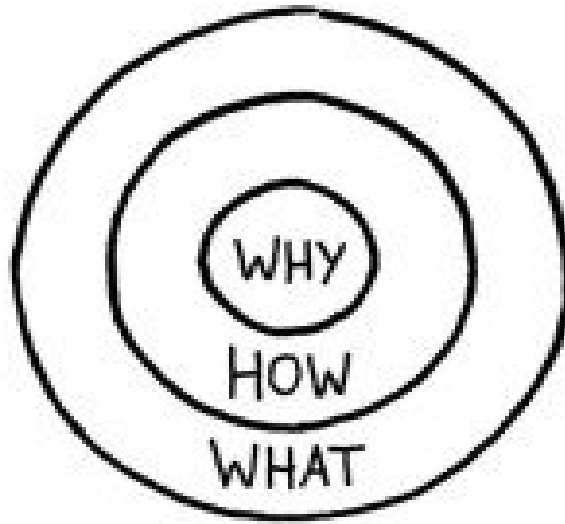
### **Congregational Council:**

<b>President</b>	<i>Michael Della Rosa</i>
<b>Vice President</b>	<i>Sharryn Papinchak</i>
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<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...*

# WHY?



In his book “Start With Why,” Simon Sinek talks about The Golden Circle depicted above. He argues that all companies and organizations attempt to answer these three basic questions.

*“Every single company and organization on the planet knows WHAT they do... Some companies and people know HOW they do WHAT they do... Very few people or companies can clearly articulate WHY they do WHAT they do... By WHY I mean what is your purpose, cause or belief? WHY does your company exist? WHY do you get out of bed every morning? And WHY should anyone care?”*

*“When most organizations or people think, act or communicate they do so from the outside in, from WHAT to WHY. And for good reason – they go from clearest thing to the fuzziest thing. We say WHAT we do, we sometimes say HOW we do it, but we rarely say WHY we do WHAT we do.*

*“But not the inspired companies. Not the inspired leaders. Every single one of them, regardless of their size or their industry, thinks, acts and communicates from the inside out.”*

(Simon Sinek, “Start With Why,” page 39)

What Sinek observes above is not just true for companies and other types of organizations, I would argue. I believe his insights apply to churches as well. Like all other organizations we, too, typically work from the outside in; from WHAT to HOW to WHY. Every single member of Hope could probably tell someone else “what” it is we do. Others may even be able to share specifically “how” we do what we do. But as Sinek observed, few if any of us would be able to articulate “why” exactly it is that we do what we do.

For example, one of our “whats” is worship. And the “how” might be answered: “On Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 am by using the liturgies and hymns found in the ELW (red hymnal) or WOV (blue hymnal). But the real question, the most important question, is why. Why do we worship?”

The same then can be said for Christian Education and literally every other “what” we do as a congregation. To be truly effective, you always have to start with “why,” says Sinek.

I was reminded of Simon Sinek and his book “Start With Why” after we met last week with Jeff Spann from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA to talk about church building programs. For over a year now, I have been pointing out our space needs here at Hope and how we are “maxed out” in terms of being able to do all the things we want to do as a congregation.

But that day Jeff challenged us with the “why” question. When putting together a plan, he said, you always need to ask why. Why do you need classroom space? Or office space? Or storage space? Or fellowship space? Or whatever space”

It’s not enough to simply identify these kinds of needs or priorities or possibilities. You also have to stop and think, and then articulate *why* you need it, he said.

Very good advice, it seems to me, whether we’re thinking about the possibility of a building program, or just considering how to refocus or revamp our current ministry efforts. Regardless of the situation, in each and every circumstance we always have to ask ourselves: Why?

Or at least we should.

*Pastor Ed*

*Baptism....* No Baptisms in May.

*Membership....*

*Our Love and Sympathy....*

*More News....*

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



There is currently NO nursery attendant so unfortunately it appears that we will not be able to provide this service throughout the summer. We are looking to hire someone to replace Anna Maria! If you know of anyone or are interested yourself, please let Cheryl know! 732-462-7545. Thank you!



## ***Worship Planning Meeting Monday, June 3 at 7:00PM***



### **Gathering of Men Breakfast**

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

**June 8, 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**



**Confirmation**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2019**  
**9:30AM**

*June 9 is Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit, Birthday of the Christian Church and Confirmation. To celebrate, please bring a red geranium, and place it in the window wells, and WEAR RED ON PENTECOST*



***Long Range Planning Meeting***  
***Monday, June 10 at 7:00PM***

**Women of Hope**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

**at 6:30PM**

**at 799 Eltone Road in Jackson**  
**Invites to come!**



**Monday, June 17**  
**7:00PM**

The logo for Blue Claws Lakewood features a cartoon crab wearing a blue and white rowing cap, positioned in the center of a blue rowing boat. The boat is shown with white oars and green blades. Above the boat, the word "LAKEWOOD" is written in a blue, stylized font. Below the boat, the words "BLUE CLAWS" are written in a large, bold, blue font with a white outline and a red shadow. A small "TM" trademark symbol is located at the bottom right of the logo.

Game starts at 7PM

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**The Manor Worship Service**  
**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</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.***





*We need  
Newspapers for a  
VBS project!  
Please bring in  
any that you have  
to spare! There is a large box for collection  
right inside the entrance door! Thank you!*



**VBS – August 5 -9, 2019**  
**9:00AM – 12:15PM**

***Team Members NEEDED!***

***We are going on a space mission this year and  
we need YOU to join us on our way to  
Mars...and Beyond!***

***Contact Debbie Unger 732-577-1218  
or Diane Kless 732-367-7081***

***to sign up for opportunities to serve and lead,  
and most of all.... Have FUN!***



**WE NEED YOU!**

*We need someone to lead the Greeters  
and Acolytes PLEASE!*



**Let's take a minute to Congratulate the  
high school and college graduates and  
wish them all the best in their next phases  
of life! We are SO proud of you all!!**

**\*\* Riley Wolven** will be graduating on June 26<sup>th</sup> from Monroe Township High School. Riley will be attending North Carolina State University in the fall studying elementary education with a STEM concentration and special ed minor.

**\*\* Simon Clarke** will be graduating from Freehold Township High School and will be attending Keene State College in New Hampshire. He has received scholarships for both Merit and French Horn. Simon will be majoring in Music Composition.



***\*\* Tyler Brand*** will be graduating from Red Bank Catholic this month. He will be attending Sacred Heart University in the fall.

***\*\* Tyler Sterrett*** will be attending Brookdale in the Computer Science program this upcoming fall.

***\*\* Michaels Woods*** will be graduating from Freehold Township High School International Baccalaureate Program. He will be attending the University of South Carolina in the fall.



***\*\* Tanya Hedderman*** is graduating from Jackson Memorial High School and heading to West Chester University in August to study early childhood education with goalsto continue her education to become an ESL teacher. Tanya was in the Italian Honor Society in HS and also spent her 4 years in HS as a member of the Color Guard and as a Senior was the Weapons Captain. She spent this past winter season spinning with the Empress Winter Guard and now also looks forward to continuing to spin with the WCU Color Guard as well. She spent a season in 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteering with her mother at Riding High Stables working with the special needs children in their rehabilitation riding program. Tanya has attended HOPE on a very regular basis since she was an infant and has been involved with the Sunday School program since pre-school and participated in the youth choir, VBS, where she grew into a leadership

*role, many many Youth Sundays and retreats to ATW and Crossroads over the years as well staying actively involved in the Youth Group. She spent many years looking forward to finally being old enough to participate in the Bosnia Mission Trip which she did in 2017 and looks forward to being able to a part of that Mission again in the future. Tanya and her family have also spent at least one Friday evening each month over the winter months preparing and serving meals to the Homeless Men of the Emergency Housing program since its inception. She will continue to remain active here at Hope as her schedule will allow and will certainly find new programs to be a part of once she is settled in at West Chester University.*

**\*\* Lauren Platt** is graduating from West Chester University with a Bachelors in Music Education. Lauren has been teaching music at Hope's VBS for 10 years and is planning to return again this summer!

**\*\* Ryan Rifenburg** is graduating with honors from Unity College, Unity Maine with a double degree in Wildlife Biology and Environmental Writing and Media. He is starting his careet at Virginia Tech doing a 6 month field study on white tailed deer.

**\*\* Andrew Hu** is graduating from Ithaca College with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. He is currently working on his final 3 month clinical rotation near Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Our BBQ was a HUGE success!!!!**

**THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH! If you helped with food, set up, clean up, brought something, made something, showed up, we so greatly appreciate everything you did! Without YOU, none of this is possible!**



*Worship's Thrivent Mother's Day Fundraiser brought in \$270 for our Bosnia attendees. Thank you John Drager for coordinating, and for my (Cheryl) corsage which is still beautiful and thriving!!*

**THANK YOU FROM US:**

*ALL of the members of Hope:*

*There is not enough thank you's in the world to express how grateful we are for your support and love while preparing for the 20<sup>th</sup> Bosnia International Servant Trip! The ministry is near and dear to each of our hearts for many various reasons and being able to share our passion and love with you is a blessing! Every penny has helped us to share peace and leadership building with the kids in this beautiful broken country. The kids each year remember who we are and even kids who are now adults in Bosnia remember our ministry and have shared how important it is to their life. YOU are a part of that beauty and growth and that is amazing! Thank you and please keep us in your prayers as we depart June 22<sup>nd</sup> until July 3<sup>rd</sup>!*

*Thank you, Grace Burrows, Nicole Seitz, and Scott Weiss*

<u>HOPE STATS</u>					
<u>Sun/Wed</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Sun School</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>-did NOT</u>	<u>+ reached</u>
May 5	107		\$2,658	-\$1,477	
May 12	119	8	\$6,274		+\$2,139
May 19	93	-	\$2,375	-\$1,760	
May 26	74	-	\$2,895	-\$1,240	
Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$215,000 is \$4,135					



*JUNE BIRTHDAYS!*

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Kyle England             | Lori Starsinic       |
| Jack Bonevich            | Shea Bresnahan       |
| Jackie Daesener          | Karin Frueh          |
| Matt Somodi              | Robert Lithgow Sr    |
| Emily Driscoll           | Matthew Rosenberg    |
| Kira Noseworthy          | Brady Mulcahy        |
| Bryan Platt              | Renee DiGregorio     |
| Shannon Mulcahy          | June Sprunger        |
| Jennifer Rinker          | Christina DiGregorio |
| Scott Weiss              | Ben Lynch            |
| Jessica Cottrell-Langley | Deloris Laub         |
| Daniel Hudak             | Jennifer Stenard     |
| Neil Rifenburg           | Aidan Sweeney        |
| Michelle Ward            | Robert Wilber Sr     |
| Jeanette Finnila         | Sean Bertsch         |
| Elaine Mineer            | Joseph Papinchak     |
| Emily Ruegger            | Karen Alessi         |
| Jane Wilber              | Melissa Dey          |
| Sarah Woode-Afiriyye     | Jennifer Miller      |
| Laura Becker             | Robert Robinson      |
| Sean Bresnahan           | Julian Alessi        |
| Joan Drager              | Grace Burrows        |
| Jessica Free             | Patricia King        |
| Madison Spicuzza         | Ryan Fischer         |
| Grace DeFelice           | Mark Jackson         |





