

The Anchor

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The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church
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Sunday Worship 8:30AM and 11:00AM
Sunday School 9:45AM – 10:45AM
Catechism Classes 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month
Wednesday Worship and School 7:00PM

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“HOPE”

Fall 2019 Sermon Series

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our HOPE of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces HOPE, and HOPE does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
(Romans 5:1-5)

The Greek word for “hope” can be translated as “expectation.” In addition, as a verb, “to hope” (in something or someone) can also be translated as “to trust.” Interesting, don’t you think?

Because for many of us the word hope is thought of more in terms of a “wish.” And, therefore, to hope in something or someone is “to wish” for some result or outcome.

However, the biblical notion of hope seems to be much stronger than that. Again, it’s much more of an expectation as opposed to a wish. And, therefore, to hope for something is to trust that it will actually take place or occur.

Hope, of course, is a foundational word for us here at *Hope* Lutheran Church. And so I’d like to take some time to explore it with you during a five-week sermon series beginning on October 27. I *hope* that you will come and be a part of that experience!

DATE	SUNDAY	SCRIPTURE	SERMON THEME
10/27	Reformation	Romans 3:19-28	The Hope of Faith
11/3	All Saints	Luke 6:20-31	Hopeful Living
11/10	Pentecost 22C	Job 19:23-27a	Hope in Suffering
11/17	Pentecost 23C	Luke 21:5-19	Hope in the Future
11/24	Christ the King	Colossians 1:11-20	Our Hope in Christ

“We have this HOPE, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...”
(Hebrews 6:19)

Pastor Ed

HOPE STATS					
Sun/Wed	Attendance	Sun School	Offerings	-did NOT	+ reached
Oct 6	118	39	\$4724		\$589
Oct 13	83	20	\$3913	-\$222	
Oct 20	108	28	\$1636	-\$2499	
Oct 27	102	30	\$3928	-\$207	
<i>Average Offering needed weekly to meet the proposed budget offerings of \$215,000 is \$4,135</i>					

Baptism.... Received into the Church of Jesus Christ on October 20, 2019 through the Sacrament of Baptism; **Colette Grace DePalma**; born October 30, 2018; Parents are ***Brett DePalma*** and ***Krista Huebsch***; and sponsors are ***Karissa Campbell*** and ***Anthony Tallo***.

Our Love and Sympathy... We continue to pray for families and friends during their times of grief and loss; **Jeanette Kropa** lost her sister, **Chris Dvorak** to a long and courageous battle of her terminal illness; **Debbie Robinson** lost her father, **Howard Heinsohn**; Tanya, Nicholas and Joey lost their father, **Tom Hedderman** to pancreatic cancer.

The ***Kropa family has started a ***Gloria Kropa Scholarship Fund*** which will go towards Hope Christian School families in need. Checks can be made out to ***Hope Lutheran Church*** with **“Gloria Kropa Fund”** written on the Memo line. We can accept donations for this fund at any time.

More News...

Women of Hope Memorial Fund Donations.... No donations reported to the office for the month of October. We can accept donations for this fund at any time.



Gathering of Men Breakfast

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month
at 9AM

November 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



*The second Tuesday of each
month at 7:30PM, all women are
welcome for Bible Study, food
and fun!*

Tuesday, November 12, 2019



*The annual congregational meeting will be held directly
after the 2nd service on Sunday, November 17, 2019.*

*Refreshments will be served. Important topics to be
presented and discussed will be the 2020 budget and a
report from the Visioning and Planning "Dream Team"
regarding space needs for our church and school. Please
make every effort to attend.*

Refreshments and Child care will be provided!



**DUE no later than
Thursday, October 31**

The Manor Worship Service

Sunday, November 17th 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.*

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT:

**November 15 – 17 NJ Synod Youth Retreat at
Fairview Lake YMCA Camp – inviting 6th to
12th graders, for information or registration,
contact Tara Zigler [-tzigler2@gmail.com](mailto:tzigler2@gmail.com)**



**Save the Date Sunday School!
Advent Crafts**

**Wednesday, November 20
Sunday, November 24**

(Details in following article)



HELP WANTED!!

Church Sponsored Blood Drive

For many years, our congregation has enabled the Central Jersey Blood Center to conduct blood drives as part of a community wide effort to supply this life saving tissue to local hospital. The Central Jersey Blood Center has ceased operations effective last December. Its past Director of Donor Services, Jerry Antoine, is now serving with Vitalant Blood Services, the second largest collector and distributor of blood and blood products in the nation.

He has contacted us to see if we are able to develop a new partnership with Vitalant. If you are interested in meeting with Jerry and his representatives to enable a renewal of our partnership with them and enable a blood drive at our church, please contact Cheryl (732) 462-7545 for further information.

UPDATE ON SPACE ISSUES



In the life of a congregation there are circumstances and needs that create a path leading to a crossroads in determining the future of the church. We are beginning to enter one of those times when what we decide for the future of our church will effect its members and ministry for years to come.

The Visioning and Planning “Dream” Team, led by Debbie Crawford, had been having discussions regarding the ability of our building to house all the different spiritual, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries we currently provide. The evaluation of the current space present and the potential future needs of our church have been the main focus of this committee.

The committee members have been tasked with creating a wish list of physical enhancements and why each one of those items is needed. This is being done without any consideration of cost at this time.

The congregation council, our church administrator, the Hope Christian school director, and the Dream Team will be prioritizing items and finalizing this wish list. It will be presented to the congregation in the relatively near future for comment and discussion.

A special congregation meeting will be called after the comments are received and reviewed by the committee. At that time, the congregation will be asked to decide if we should or should not proceed to the second phase, formation of a building team, and ultimately the building finance team.

It is important to repeat and underscore to all that the wish list being compiled is not taking into account any financial cost projections. The modified wish list, if approved by the congregation, will be subject to evaluation by the building and building finance committees. The final project presented to the congregation for comment and approval will have been vetted and further modified by architects, engineers, and financial experts to conform all code requirements, site plan restrictions, and the financial capabilities of our congregation.

It is also important during this initial congregation wide stage that we accumulate your wishes, thoughts and hear from every member. Only then can we succeed to work towards our common goals.

We look forward to working with and hearing from all of you as proceed forward.

Hope's Family Advent Workshop:

Hope's Sunday School would like to invite you to our 6th annual Family Advent Workshop! Each year our families gather to craft something that can help them remember the real meaning of Christmas during their holiday preparations. This year, each family will create a Holiday Village Advent Calendar. Families personally decorate their calendars, so each will be unique! **Materials are being prepared for this craft, and we need to make sure we have enough for everyone. You may invite other families, but we need to know that, to have a calendar ready for each family.**

The workshops will take place during our SS hour on:

Wednesday, Nov 20th, 7:00-8:00 PM

&

Sunday, Nov 24th, 9:45-10:45 AM

This craft is for parents & their children to do together. Parents should plan to attend with their children.

RSVP is required for this craft.

RSVP to Cindy Lynch at lynches4@optonline.net

before **Nov. 15th** with:

Which session you'll be attending,
How many families attending (if you invite others),
of people attending

Looking forward to seeing you there



*Is anyone interested in becoming a Greeter?
It's an easy and fun way to meet new people
and only requires a few minutes of your time
once a month! You can express your interest
in which service you wish to serve at as well,
8:30AM or 11:00AM – contact Cheryl if you
are interested PLEASE!!!*



***YOU** are all invited
to Hope's Annual
"Deck the Halls" Party
Saturday, December 7th at 4:00PM
Dinner at 6:00PM
Please bring a covered dish to share!*



It is that time of year again! The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association is beginning on **Friday, December 13th!** Hope Lutheran Church is blessed to be the host site for our homeless neighbors in need. Would you be interested in hosting, preparing a meal, or driving? Please contact *Andrew or Zinke McGeady at 732-363-8520* with any questions or for more information about this ministry. Together we are serving our Lord with gladness! Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Sign ups are available NOW at the Welcome Table!



Save the Date!!

Sunday, December 15th at 2:00PM

We are having a Christmas Cookie and Ornament exchange!

(so start searching for your favorite recipe!)

Fun

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Food

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Games



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES!

4PM – Family Service

7PM – Candlelight Service

9PM – Candlelight Service

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Greeters, Acolytes, Ushers, and Assisting Ministers
for **EACH SERVICE!****

**Please let Cheryl know which service you are able to serve
and at which position!**

UPCOMING OUTREACH MEAL DATES!

*We will host and serve dinner at Saint Peter's on the
following Friday Nights...*

December 27, March 13, and April 24

A HUGE thank you to **ERIKA WOODS for taking over
coordinating these meals! And HUGE thank you to
KAREN DONMOYER for her many years of dedication
and loyal service to this worthwhile ministry!**

All Saints' Sunday November 3, 2019

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord pick a bunch for us. Place them in our loved ones arms and tell them they are from us. Tell them we love them and miss them, and when they turn to smile, place a kiss upon their cheeks, and hold them for awhile. Because remembering them is easy, we do it everyday, but there's an ache within our hearts that will never go away. *Author unknown*

Listed below are those Saints who have gone before us since last All Saints' Day:

<i>Nila Petersen</i>	Hope Member
<i>Brian Weeden</i>	Wanda Nebiolo's Stepson
<i>Carmela DiPeri</i>	Jess Somodi's Great Aunt
<i>Reverend Edward Peppler</i>	Erica Driscoll's Father
<i>Kevin Irwin</i>	Creech Family Friend
<i>Michael Behn</i>	Hope Member
<i>Richard Peterson</i>	McGinn Family Friend
<i>Irene Booth</i>	Former Hope Member
<i>Joseph O'Neill</i>	Tracy O'Neill's Father in Law
<i>Denise Barton</i>	VBS Volunteers' Mother
<i>Francis Durkin</i>	Judy Canfield's Father
<i>Pastor Arne Hansen</i>	Interned at Hope
<i>Joan Matthews</i>	McGeady Family Friend
<i>Jim Geiss</i>	McGeady Family Friend
<i>John Shaw</i>	McGeady Family Friend
<i>Mary Nelson</i>	Hope Member
<i>Gloria Kropa</i>	Pastor Kropa's Mother, Hope Member
<i>Tom Hedderman</i>	Father to Tanya, Joseph and Nicholas
<i>Elaine Hurd</i>	Cheryl Hurd's Grandma
<i>Howard Heinsohn</i>	Debbie Robinson's Father
<i>Chris Dvorak</i>	Jeanette Kropa's Sister
<i>Michael Jankowsky</i>	McGeady Family Friend
<i>Ted Bell</i>	McGeady Family Friend
<i>Joan Norman</i>	McGeady Family Friend
<i>Dan Keating</i>	McGeady Family Friend
<i>Joseph M Amoroso</i>	McGeady Family Friend

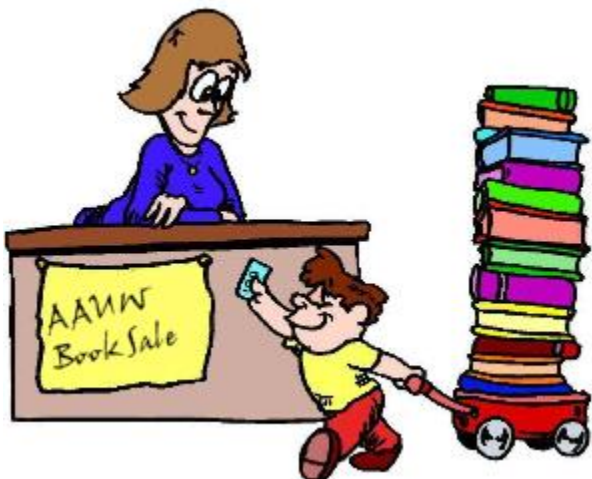
No Church Worship or School on Wednesday, November 27

Special Sunday School Class

Hope will be offering a Sunday School class once a month geared for children with special needs to learn about God. If you're interested, contact the church office at 732-462-7545 or hopelutheran17@gmail.com



We now have ***Christina Krause*** as our Nursery Attendant! She will arrive at 8:15AM and stay until the completion of the 11:00AM worship service. She may also be available to stay for extra events as well, such as Congregational Meetings. We have also implemented the ***KID'S CORNER*** located in the far corner of the Narthex near the speakers by the choir loft stairs. There are several games, activities, coloring pages, etc for all ages to sort through and stay occupied while their family can still listen to the services!



BIKES AND BOOKS!!!

The Freehold Area AAUW is again collecting books for its used book sale in JUNE. Please drop off any hardback or paperback fiction and non-fiction (no text books or readers digest condensed books!) at the church anytime between

NOW and **MID-MAY**. *Joan Drager will take it from there- Thanks Joan! Also, John Drager will take any used bicycles to 2nd TURN AROUND, the bike ministry in Asbury Park – Thanks John!*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mark your calendars!

March 14, 2020

Enjoy a chartered bus ride to and from the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster PA to see the story of Queen Esther!

Cost for Adults \$145

Cost for Children \$78

This includes theater ticket, bus transportation, and dinner at Miller's Sporgasbord.

Gather at Hope at 11:30AM to board a charter bus, theater performance at 3:00PM, dinner following, returning to Hope by 9PM.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW!

Contact Tara Zigler at tzigler2@gmail.com



*Sign ups for November and December are available at the Welcome Table! Please sign up for a Sunday! Coffee and all the paper products are provided by the church, we just ask that you bring a **NUT FREE** refreshment to share. We average about 35-40 members weekly.*

AVAILABLE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



There is always a readily available supply of gift cards in the office!

Monday – Friday 9am-4pm.

There are \$25 and \$100 increments available currently.

Shop Rite gives us 5% off of the gift cards, we in turn take that 5% and donate it either to Lutheran Ministries or Open Door. This has NO effect on your purchase, you give \$25, you get a \$25 gift card. Consider picking one up before your next shopping trip!



Give the gift of a floral dedication

Dedicate a floral arrangement in honor of your loved ones.

*Celebrate their life by dedicating during a birthday month, anniversary, graduation, or any other momentous occasion. The arrangements are **\$20 a piece** and can be taken home at the end of the Worship Service. We have **MANY** open spots during the upcoming months.*

*The **FLOWER CHART** is located on the Sacristy door. Write in what you would like advertised in the bulletin and be on the lookout for it during your designated week. Payment can be made directly to the office, just be sure to clearly label it as a **“FLOWER PAYMENT”**.*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Lisa Russo
Kevin Werner
Betty Baumgaertner
Brett Miller
Ryan Hart
Kristine Hansen
Skyler Toucher
Caden Ward
Riley Wolven
Tanya Hedderman
Andrew Stenard
John Freiburg
Tyler Sterrett
Maria Egan
Dena Cardelfe
Walter Peterson Sr
Leighton Shimko
Harper Hedin
Scott Frueh

Riley Hedin
Jackson Langley
Ashley Verdino
Douglas Kneipher
Ashley Lashenick
Holly Potochar
Joanne Bujalski
Todd Lewis
Irene Mihaly
Susan D'Angelo
William Becker
Noah Cohen
Toni Berlow
Jeff Shimko
Audrey Afiriye
John Andre
Helen Coons
Ryan Somodi
Joe Brand

