

Hope Anchor for October 2022

WORSHIP WITH HOPE

Sundays

9am - Traditional Service

10am - Sunday School

11am - Contemporary

in-person and online on facebook and youtube.com/hopefreehold

 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

211 Elton Adelpia Road
Freehold NJ 07728



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Congregational Council Minutes

September 19, 2022

Present: Bill U, Brian M, Kate R, Jess S, Judy C, Pastor Ed, Deb, Dave L, Mike D, Sarah, Pat

Absent: Steve R, Michelle V, Matt S, Sue H

Jennie Wolf Smith from GSB was zoomed into the beginning of the meeting to review a capital campaign proposal. She explained background of the company. This would be for a capital campaign for the expansion/renovation of building. Advent is not a good time. Easter should be avoided, but we could do it either before or after. Several teams would be needed: Info Team – Inspiration Team – Asking Team – Event Team. Volunteer for each would be needed. The largest group (Asking Team) would need one volunteer for every 10 families. Preschool parents could be approached after our fund raising is done. It was discussed that we need more people who volunteer for all different jobs during service and during the week, as well as for a capital campaign. Brian suggested making up a GIVING TREE – not asking for \$\$ donations but volunteer jobs = small commitments.

August minutes were approved – Motion to accept was made by Mike, and seconded by Pat. Motion carried unanimously. Devotions – Pastor Ed

Preschool report – See attached. School Security Report attached. Council felt we should also think about preparing an emergency plan for weekends – what would we do if a threat came into building during service. Let's aim for November for getting someone here to talk to Council. Council decided to NOT follow through with ADT for additional preschool safety at this time.

Pastor's report – See attached

Treasurer report – Mission fund still has a few hundred dollars after giving away \$20k. Bill suggested that we give it to Crop Walk. Also we have some donations that never stipulated what to use it for. We can use this toward Crop Walk. Seconded by Pat. Motion carried unanimously. Dave answered many questions by Council members.

Mike reported on Accounting Consulting Firm & CPA – Padden Cooper. The accountant search subcommittee (Mike, Rich Topp and Sue Hu) met with Katie Campbell. This company would be third party oversight to make sure that everything is above board and correct. Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Executive committee will talk with this representative and figure out what would be helpful from this firm. Perhaps after the holidays.

Architects: Mike, Bill, Pastor & Brian (members of the architect search committee) met with two architects and are collecting proposals. Two have already submitted proposals, still waiting on the third one. Brian took plans to several well qualified people for thoughts on final cost. Both stated over \$4 million would be more likely to be the final cost. It is VERY LIKELY that our plans will need to be downsized in order to afford it.

Recognition Event – This has become rather complicated since we do NOT want to overlook anyone. Council suggested that we do it by volunteer groups (Education, Social Ministry, Worship, etc). Bill will do the Emergency Housing group recognition on October 23 at the 11am service.

Fund raise discussion tabled to next month
Next Meeting October 17 Sarah Devotion

Bill made a motion to hold the Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 20 immediately following the 11am service. Seconded by Deb.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm – seconded by Mike

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Crawford

Sunday School Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v7f9kcCUSRic_b7mXoUEt9nGD0b9cABsJhl9Her_Zcc/edit

Sunday School Teachers needed!

No experience needed! You do not need to be a Bible expert. Everything is already planned out. You also do not have to commit to every Sunday!

Our kids range from age 3 to 12. We meet Sunday mornings from 10-11am.

Please contact Jess for more Information.

JessicaAcker@gmail.com
or 732-832-1585



Men's Fellowship

The Gathering of Men are back in person here at the church on the **SECOND** Saturday of each month at 9:00AM

WOMEN OF HOPE

Women of Hope.....

have planned to meet on the **FIRST SATURDAY of each month beginning October 1 at 930AM in the kitchen.** We will discuss the study from the Gather magazine. Plan to attend! Let Suzy Coulter know that you are attending so we may have a copy of the study ready for you if you do not subscribe to the Gather magazine. We will also discuss the “Giving Tree” for Christmas.



ATTENTION – GRADES 6-12

First Meetup

@ Romeo's Pizza –

177 Elton Adelphia Road

Freehold NJ 07728

Sunday, October 2 @ 5PM

*Transport will be provided to Confirmation Class
Each Child will have to pay for their own pizza,
drinks, etc.*

***We are looking for ONE additional Parent
Volunteer to help us out!!***

Please RSVP by the end of next week
(Friday, September 23) using Sign up Genius:

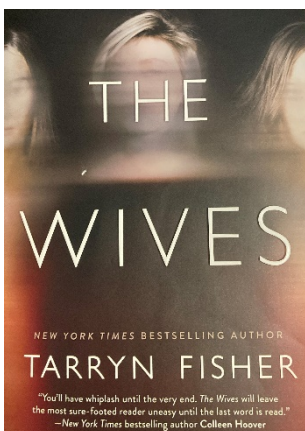
**[Hope Lutheran Church: Youth Group Meet
\(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)**



**We are looking to start the FIRST Sunday of October
from 10-11am during Sunday School
in the Counseling Room**

Light refreshments and coffee will be provided

We can go over the details at the first gathering



**I picked the first book – The Wives by
Tarryn Fisher - I use thriftbooks.com to
purchase, it's cheaper!**

**Any questions or concerns, call me!
Cheryl @ 732-462-7545 or email
HopeLutheran17@gmail.com**



Hope Lutheran Church
in partnership with
Acme Pharmacy
will hold a

Flu Shot Clinic (*Ages 18 and up*)

Sunday, October 23, 2022

8:30AM – 12:30PM

**at Hope Lutheran Church -
211 Elton Adelphia Road
Freehold NJ 07728**

Flu shots are fully covered by the following insurance companies:

Medicare Part B

Cigna Medical

Aetna Medical

Horizon Blue Cross

All federal employees are covered

Please bring your insurance card with you to the clinic!!

PLEASE RSVP

contact 732-462-7545

*An annual flu vaccination is an important step in staying healthy and
keeping others healthy as well!*



Starting Sunday, October 2
630pm – 8pm

If you have not signed your child up and are interested in Confirmation classes, email or call Cheryl!



JOIN THE TEAM!!!!!!!

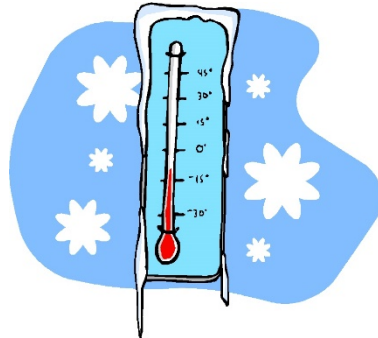
Hope Lutheran Church -

2022 CROP Hunger Walk - Hope Lutheran Church - Freehold, NJ

Sunday, October 16

from 1PM – 4PM starting at the
Reformed Church in Freehold Boro NJ

Emergency Housing Program at Hope:
Volunteers Needed!



Friday's December 2022 to March 2023

The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association will begin at Hope on Friday December 2.

We have, over the last two decades, opened our doors to local homeless gentlemen on Friday nights at Hope Lutheran. We have had many who were able to step up and support for the care of others who were in need for basic housing and nutrition during the winter.

Volunteers are needed to help, either by bringing a meal, hosting the men over night, or volunteering to be a driver for transportation between St. Peter's and Hope.

Please look for sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Meals

Overnight host(s)

PM drivers (pickup from Saint Peters' around 630/645pm)

AM drivers (pickup from Hope around 645/7am)



New Jersey Synod
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New Jersey Synod Youth Retreat
November 18 – 20, 2022

At the Sheraton in Edison!

More details and early registration will be open soon -

<https://www.njsynod.org/youth-events>



THRIVENT
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Hope Lutheran Church has partnered with Thrivent Financial to support our local food pantry, Freehold Area Open Door.

We are looking to collect 500 items starting Saturday, October 1 and having them ALL by Sunday, October 16. We must take a picture of our participants (wearing Thrivent shirts if/when possible!!) with our 500 items and send the pic to Thrivent. Upon receipt, Thrivent will in turn donate \$500 to Open Door on our behalf! What an exciting opportunity to be a part of. I will also be looking for help with transport of those items Monday, October 17! I have full and complete confidence that

WE CAN DO THIS!

Please refer to the following for the most updated “Most Needed List”



Freehold Area OPEN DOOR

Most Needed List – September 19, 2022 (most recent to date)

All items are desperately needed

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| Canned Soups | Ranch & Italian Salad Dressing |
| Jelly | Flour – up to 5 lbs |
| Pasta | Sugar – up to 5 lbs |
| Orzo/Pastina | Cake Mix/Frosting |
| Salt and Pepper | Birthday Candles |
| Bread Crumbs – no jumbo! | Ensure, Boost, Glucerna |
| Spam | Cooking Oil – no jumbo! |
| Mayo | Vinegar – no jumbo! |
| BBQ Sauce | Juice Boxes/Pouches |
| Ketchup | 64 oz Juice Bottles |
| Boxed Cereal | Pasta Sauce |
| Cookies | Canned White Potato |
| Crackers | Canned Whole Tomato |
| Granola, Protein, Cereal Bars | Canned Tomato Paste |
| Canned or Pouch Coffee | Canned Diced Tomato |
| Boxed Tea | Canned Crushed Tomato |
| Sugar Packets | Canned Fruit |
| Chicken Broth | Knorr Mixes |
| Beef Broth | Rice A Roni |
| Sauerkraut | Brown Rice |
| Beets | Bar Soap |
| Olives | Baby Wipes |
| Jello/Pudding | Toothpaste |
| Paper Towels | Toothbrushes |
| Tissues | |

Upcoming

EVENTS

Sunday, October 30 ~OR~ Sunday, November 6:

Decorate your Family's Hope Christmas Tree Ornament in the Narthex *scheduled for between the services 10am – 10:50am*



*Saturday December 3 at 5PM
Annual Decorate for Christmas Pot
Luck!!!*

*(Undecorating will be a Soup/Chili Pot Luck Saturday,
January 7 at 5PM)*

*Family Advent Craft – Sunday, December 4 in lieu of
Sunday School class*



December 18 at 11AM Service



*Is anyone interested in a Cookie Swap??
Let me know and we can set a date!!
Cheryl 732-462-7545*

**IT'S THE MOST
WONDERFUL
TIME OF THE YEAR**

**NO Sunday School
and ONE Worship Service at 9:30am –
Sunday, December 25
Sunday, January 1**



David Lynch and Mark Bondo have consistently been coming in every other Monday to do the counting after all HCS students and staff leave at 4PM. They very graciously volunteered to donate their time doing this until times change.

We are receiving donations via mail, or you can drop them off and physically hand them to me during office hours (Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 4:00PM) by arranging an exchange in the parking lot.

We are also still utilizing PayPal and Tithely.

September Donation

Member Envelopes: \$ 7358

Online Giving: \$ 2836.94

PayPal Giving Link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=GW3GZWS8YYRH4

Tithely Giving Link:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1377524

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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