

Hope Anchor *for July/August 2025*



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Sunday, July 6 – Traditional
Sunday, July 13 – Traditional
Sunday, July 20 – Contemporary
Sunday, July 27 – Traditional

Sunday, August 3 – Traditional
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Sunday, August 17 – Traditional
Sunday, August 24 – Contemporary *New Member*
Sunday, August 31 – Traditional

Sunday, September 7 – RALLY DAY!!!
Back to TWO services and Sunday School/Youth
Resume

Minutes from June 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

Attendees – Pastor, Bill, Dave, Mike, Josh, Sue, Brian, Pat, Sarah and Matt via Zoom

Meeting focused on Financial status and building options.

Dave Peters presented detailed reviews of options and costs Council has considered since 2024. He presented options priced at \$300-\$400 sq ft for Hard Costs. Soft Costs would be added expense priced at 25 – 40%. Parking lot estimated at \$300,000 Data suggests most options not affordable presently.

Total assets as of May 31st between various savings and checking accounts are \$1.4 million

Points to consider:

- * Two classes in Fellowship Hall produce \$65,000 year
- * Each classroom in school generates \$38,000 net based on 40/60
- * Trailer lease expires in 2027
- * Church needs Fellowship Hall
- * 3 new classrooms needed to replace student space presently housed in FH
- * 1 new classroom needed to replace trailer
- * These 4 new classrooms would not increase income, just replace trailer and make FH available for congregation needs

Comments/Suggestions:

Pastor: Need exact sq footage, cost per sq ft, soft costs, size to determine added operating costs

Sarah: Update loan options MIF best option but do not do fixed loans

Mike: What can we afford monthly? Don't want to saddle congregational with financial commitment that might not be affordable. He proposed adding 4 classrooms, bathrooms, restore Fellowship Hall and repair paving.

Brian and Matt: Need more accurate estimates. Brian suggested hiring outside consultant to analyze exactly what can afford. Take middle of road option to get realistic sq ft from a contractor.

Actions:

- * Obtain architectural plan for contractor estimate
- * Connect with churches that have done expansion projects.
- * Update finances

Next Council Meeting – July 28th 7:00pm

Meeting closed 9:15pm



**Saturday, July 12th @ 9am
in Hope's kitchen**



WOMEN OF HOPE

**Friday July 18 – 1130AM
Front patio of Applewood**

**RSVP – Janice Seifert -
janeseif6@yahoo.com**



***Save the date –
Saturday, July
26 for a FUN
night!!***



Pastor will be away from
Sunday, July 20 through
Sunday, July 27
(contact the office in his
absence!)



Cheryl will be away
with NO cell service -
Thursday, July 24 and
will be back in the
office Monday, August
4 *(Josh or Pastor are*
available in my
absence!)



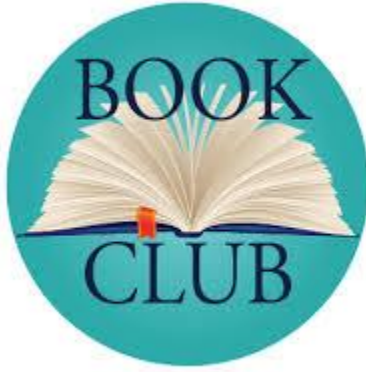
**We can use volunteers also! Please see
Josh for registration and to sign up to
volunteer if you can!!**

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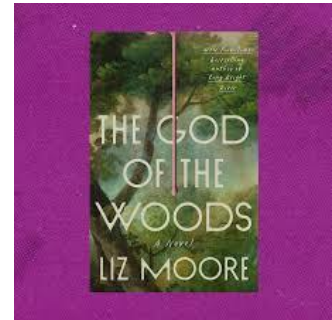


**Our week for the Work Release
Program is **August 18 – August
22** – Please sign up if you'd like
to provide lunch!**

**[Hope Lutheran Church: Work Release
Program Lunches](#)**



Our Next **BOOK CLUB** meeting will be: **Sunday, September 21st at 10am** in the ***Kitchen*** and we will be discussing....

A circular logo with a white background. In the center is a green tree with a brown anchor as its base. The words 'HOPE GROWS HERE' are written in green below the tree. The words 'COMMUNITY', 'GENEROSITY', 'IMPACT', and 'MINDS' are written in a circle around the tree. The word 'ENGAGEMENT' is written vertically on the left side.

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A square QR code with a small tree logo in the center.

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Dear Youth and Families,

Summer Choir

Choir will continue throughout the summer on weeks when there is no contemporary service, unless otherwise noted. If you've been feeling the pull to sing, this is your invitation—just sing! 🎵 No pressure, no auditions, just joyful voices coming together. I am always happy to help anyone with music as well!

Technology Help Still Needed

We're still seeking volunteers to assist with PowerPoint, video, and other technical aspects during services. It's easier than you think, and I'm happy to guide you through everything. Both youth and adults are welcome—your help makes a significant difference in how we worship together!

VBS Volunteers Needed – August 11–15

We're starting to look for volunteers to assist with Vacation Bible School, which will be held this year from August 11–15. Last year was a tremendous success, and we're eager to build on that momentum. If you're interested in helping—whether it's leading a group, organizing supplies, or lending a hand wherever needed—please don't hesitate to reach out! Additionally, if you are interested in signing your child up, the form is available on the narthex table and the website!

Just a quick heads-up: I'll be away from July 1 to 8, so please plan accordingly if you have any questions, scheduling needs, or require support. Upon my return, I'll be excited to keep things going strong into the rest of summer! Thank you for continuing to support our youth, ministries, and one another. If you have any questions or your child is interested in volunteering, don't hesitate to reach out.

With Blessings,

Josh Renik-Staudinger



Freehold Area OPEN DOOR

We served over 4,000 households this past month!

We are in great need of the following items:
Pickles, Sauerkraut, Condiments, Salt & Pepper

Pasta Sauce
Crackers
Spam
Salt & Pepper
Salad Dressing
Ketchup
Mayonnaise
Canned Pasta
Cooking Oil - No jumbo sizes
Vinegar
BBQ Sauce
Canned Olives
Rice a Roni
Yellow Rice
Brown Rice
Juice Boxes/Pouches

Canned Soup
Chicken/Beef Broth
Cake Mix
Canned Frosting
Sugar (5lbs or less)
Flour (5lbs or less)
Grits
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Canned Coffee
Instant Coffee
Hot Cocoa Mix
Tea bags
Bread Crumbs
Baby Wipes
Paper Towels

Nonperishable Donations - Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at our back door in the Broad Street parking lot entrance behind our building at 39 Throckmorton St.

Kindly DO NOT leave anything outside when we are not here.

HOPE GROWS HERE!

GENEROSITY

There is a very strong connection between being generous and using that generosity to assist others in need.

Generosity **extends beyond the mere act of giving material possessions; it encompasses the sharing of time, knowledge, compassion, and love.** The impact of generosity is profound, transforming both the giver and the receiver in life-affirming ways.

Generosity exhibits itself in various forms:

- **Material Giving:** Donating money, food, clothes, or other resources to those in need is the most common form of generosity.
- **Time:** Volunteering time for community service, helping friends and family, or mentoring someone can be one of the most valuable gifts.
- **Knowledge:** Sharing knowledge and expertise can empower others and foster growth and innovation.
- **Emotional Support:** Offering a listening ear, providing encouragement, or simply being there for someone in times of need.

Generosity can be cultivated through planned practices and a shift in mindset.

- **Mindful Living:** Practicing mindfulness helps individuals become more aware of their abundance and the needs of others, fostering a natural inclination towards generosity.
- **Gratitude:** Developing a habit of gratitude for what one has can inspire a desire to share and give back.

- **Community Engagement:** Being actively involved in community activities and causes can provide opportunities to practice and witness generosity, reinforcing its importance.
- **Educating and Leading by Example:** Teaching children and young adults the value of generosity through education and by setting examples can cultivate a culture of giving in future generations.

In conclusion: Generosity is more than an act; it is a way of life that enriches the giver, the receiver, and society as a whole. By embracing the essence of generosity and overcoming its challenges, we can create a world rooted in kindness, empathy, and shared prosperity. The ripple effect of one generous act can inspire countless others, creating a legacy of giving that transcends generations. Let us all strive to be generous, not only in our deeds but in our hearts, for in giving, we truly receive.

Bill Unger, for the Congregation Council



We take lots of pictures at our events and post them on our website and social medias to show our community how we help others and what we offer as a Church Family. If you do NOT want your picture taken and posted please let Josh know by sending an email requesting not to have any of your pics posted to hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com

The Altar Flowers this upcoming Sunday (July 6th) are to celebrate Wayne and Diane Kless for their 60th anniversary!!!

HOPE FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Bob Smith, Jeanette Kropa's father, could use prayers for health; Fred and Connie Cruger, Suzy Coulter's neighbors are also in need of prayers for health and healing...

Rob Iadanza; Bill Becker; Bob Robinson; Ashley Rosenberg; Gerry Bergh; Alyssa Manco, friend of the Somodi Family; Joan Drager; Ruth Furco, Kaitlin Kropa; Unger Family former work friend, Larry Qualter; Verdino Girls' Grandpa, Edward Rader; Erika Woods; Bill and Janice Seifert; Colin Alaia, family friend of the McGeady Family; Jennifer, family friend of Brenda and Dennis Johnson; Charles Sona; Ryan McAuly, Kless Family nephew; Courtney Volk; Deloris Laub; Dolores O'Brien; Marilyn Wolter, Cindy Lynch's mother; Margaret Holen; Jim Mulligan; Dani Hulsart family friend of the Donmoyer Family; Pam Renouff;

Those serving as first responders and in the armed services.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Volunteers NEEDED

President	Bill Unger
Vice President	Sarah Kozak
Secretary	Volunteer NEEDED
Education	Jessica Somodi
Financial Secretary	Sue Hu
Open Door Alternate	Pat Fensham
Architecture Team	Brian McMillin
Architecture Team	Matthew Malanuk
	Dave Peters
	Steve Weiss
	<u>NON COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>
	<u>HOLDING POSITION/S</u>
Treasurer	Mike Della Rosa
Open Door	Rebekah Heilman
Worship	Jackie Peters

	<i>Assisting</i>	<i>Altar</i>	<i>Counting</i>
<i>July 6</i>	Dave P	Sue	Della Rosas
<i>July 13</i>	Tom T	Rebekah	Weiss/Tyrrell
<i>July 20</i>	Bill U	Barbara	Ungers
<i>July 27</i>	Rita C	Debbie	Fenshams
<i>August 3</i>	Rebekah	Diane	Della Rosas
<i>August 10</i>	Bill	Christine	Weiss/Tyrrell
<i>August 17</i>	Debbie	Rachel	Ungers
<i>August 24</i>	Sue	Pat	Fenshams
<i>August 31</i>	John	Sue D	Della Rosas

Traditional Acolytes –
Cara S and Melody B
Contemporary Acolytes –
Hedin Girls, Joey M and Ryan S

	<i>Ushers 930am</i>
<i>July 6</i>	Ken & Steve W
<i>July 13</i>	Matt M & Mark
<i>July 20</i>	Ken & Bill
<i>July 27</i>	Matt S & John S
<i>August 3</i>	Chuck M & Dave P
<i>August 10</i>	Matt M & Mark
<i>August 17</i>	Chris F & Rebekah
<i>August 24</i>	Ken & Bill
<i>August 31</i>	Matt S & John S

July

2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
		7p – Zoom Yoga	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step	OFFICE CLOSED 7p – 12 Step	12p - Counseling
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
930a – Traditional	530p – WW Group	7p – Zoom Yoga	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step	7p – 12 Step	9am - GOM 12p - Counseling
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
930a – Traditional	530p – WW Group	7p – Zoom Yoga	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step	1130a – WOH Luncheon 7p – 12 Step	12p - Counseling
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
930a – Contemporary <i>Pastor Away</i>	530p – WW Group	7p – Zoom Yoga	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step	7p – 12 Step	Family Game Night 12p – Counseling
27	28	29	30	31		
930a – Traditional <i>Cheryl Away</i> <i>Pastor Away</i>	530p – WW Group <i>7p – Council Mtng</i>	7p – Zoom Yoga	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step		

August

2025

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
930a – Traditional	530p – WW Group 7p – Council Mtng <i>Work</i>	7p – Zoom Yoga <i>Release</i>	7p – 12 Step <i>Program</i>	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step <i>ALLLLL</i>	7p – 12 Step <i>Week!</i>	12p – Counseling
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
930a – Contemporary/New Member Welcome	530p – WW Group NEW HVAC INSTALL	7p – Zoom Yoga	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step	7p – 12 Step <i>Powerwash</i>	12p – Counseling
31						
930a – Traditional						

