Hope Anchor for October 2025



211 Elton Adelphia Road Freehold NJ 07728



Growing in Faith, Love and Service











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Council Minutes – September 15, 2025

- *Meeting opened at 7:05 pm
- *Attendance: Pastor, Bill, Dave, Sarah, Matt, Josh, Mike, Judy, Sue, Pat. Jess and Steve via Zoom.

Devotions: Matt presented three quotes, relating each to Hope's possible expansion.

- "If you build it, they will come." Field of Dreams
- "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." ML King Jr.
- "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch the tent curtains wide, do not hold back; length your cords, strengthen your stakes. Isaiah 54.2
- *Bill made motion to accept minutes from August 18th 2025. It was mentioned that the minutes had Cheryl making a motion even though she is not a Council member. Sue restated the motion to present to the congregation for approval at the November meeting possible altar renovations, new carpeting, new chairs and painting. Matt 2nd. Motion approved.
- *Discussion of recent roof leak. Matt suggested checking old roof contract from 2006 for possible warranty. Pat arranged 3 roofing estimates. Tim O'Neill, Joe the roofer, and A-Top.
- *Preschool Report: Judy reported school is off to a smooth start. August expenses higher than usual due to 3 year license renewal. Radon testing, water testing, Playground mulch, employee background checks.
- *Financial Report: Mike stated the September's treasurer's report will contain financial data from our recently completed financial period ending August 31, 2025. Listed several expenses: trailer rental, landscaper, mulch, flooring, \$3,000 donations each to Open Door and Texas flood victims. New

piano cost taken from Organ Fund. Suggested new audit be done within 12 months. Last done 2022.

- * Crop Walk Bill motion to donate \$200, Matt 2nd. Motion approved.
- *Pastor's Report: Pastor distributed very detailed Pre-Construction Proposal from Blue Rock. They are available to come again to discuss and answer any questions. Council members to review proposal and forward any questions to Dave to collate. Pat contacting Freehold Zoning to check viability of Butler building and circular driveway.

Tim O'Neill (contact from Sarah) came September 3rd to tour possible expansion site and give feedback for second estimate. Will set up meeting to bring his architect.

- *Sarah created a 3-question anonymous survey for the congregation to provide the council with feedback about Hope's programs and possible expansion. Discussed Google Docs versus Qualtrics.
- *Mike suggested setting up separate finance meeting to address church's financial commitment for expansion project. Discussion about previous financial calculations and different projections. What can the church afford without causing financial strain in the future? Josh volunteered to do a financial overview to start with a new, single set of current figures. Council formed Council Finance Sub-Committee to further finetune facility expansion affordability: Mike, Josh, Bill, Pastor, Matt, Sarah, Dave, Judy. First meeting: Monday, September 22nd, 7:00.

^{*}Pastor closed meeting with a prayer at 9:00 pm.

^{*}Next Council meeting October 20th, 7:00. Devotions: Sarah.



Meet the first Saturday of each month in Hope's Kitchen at 930am (October 4th)



Meet the second Saturday of each month in Hope's Kitchen at 9am (October 11th)



Our Next **BOOK CLUB** meeting will be: **Sunday**, **October 26**th *at 10am* in the *Kitchen* and we will be discussing....



Join or donate to our Crop Walk Team!!!

2025 CROP Hunger Walk -Hope Grows Here

Saturday, October 19 starting at 130PM Meeting at the Reformed Church of Freehold - 67 West Main Street



DONATIONS NEEDED -

Toiletries – shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, body wipes, razors, shaving cream

Medicines – Tylenol, advil, antacids

Clothing – belts, caps, shoes (men and women) all sizes, sweat pants and sweat shirts (men and women) all sizes, t-shirts (men and women) all sizes, men's boxers all sizes, adult pull-ups (large and extra large)

Other – Wallets, bottles of water, snacks (crackers, granola bars, breakfast bars, etc)

Bus Tickets donations are a PRIORITY!!!! Zones 1, 2, 3



We served over 4,000 households this past month!

We are in great need of the following items: Ground Coffee, Instant Coffee, Tea Bags,

Cookies Jello/Pudding Crackers Cake Mix

Spam Canned Frosting
Salt & Pepper Sugar (5lbs or less)
Salad Dressing Flour (5lbs or less)

Ketchup Grits

Mayonnaise Pancake Mix

Canned Beets Syrup

Canned Pasta Canned Coffee

Cooking Oil - No jumbo sizes Instant Coffee Vinegar Tea bags

BBQ Sauce Bread Crumbs
Canned Olives Baby Wipes
Yellow Rice Toilet Paper

Juice Boxes/Pouches 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.



Confirmation classes START!!!! Sunday, October 12 and October 26 for one hour from 630pm – 730pm Let us know if you are interested and haven't received the info to get started – hopelutheran17@gmail.com





Outreach Meal Schedule



We will be serving breakfast for dinner (by request!) *Friday*, *November 14* sign up here

Hope Lutheran Church: November 14
Outreach Meal



Chili Dinner! Friday, January 23

Friday, April 24 – Meal to be determined at a later date!!



Join us!
Wednesday Nights @
6pm (classes should not run more than an hour!)
February 25, March

4, March 11 and March 18

A parent or guardian will have to be present for the March 4 class to assist with making their banners - Please volunteer for 1-2 classes so we can have extra hands each Wednesday!

Register Here: First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion -Sunday, March 22 @ 11am



Annual Memorial Scholarship Fund

Your donations help fund scholarships for our graduating high school seniors.

Please consider donating at any time to honor a friend or family member or to celebrate a special event or memory.

Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church with a note included on the check.



HLC SUNDAY SCHOOL



CLASSES/CURRICULUM

- Classes take place Sunday Mornings from 10am-10:45am
 - o 3 year olds-Second Grade meet in room I
 - Third Grade-Sixth Grade meets in room 3
- We use the Spirit and Truth Curriculum, which follows the church calendar.
- There is no cost for Sunday School, but we always accept donations! Our PayPal e-mail is is HopeLutheranl7@gmail.com
- · Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay for fellowship during Sunday School hour.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Jess Somodi Sunday School Director JessicaAcker@Gmail.com 732-832-1585

Please contact for more info or to register!

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 7- Rally Day and Backpack Blessing
 - o (In Person Registration and Sunday School Begins)
- November 30- Family Advent Craft
- · December 28-No Sunday School
- · January 4-No Sunday School
- March 29- Easter Egg Hunt
- April 5- No Sunday School
- · May 17- Family Bingo/Last Day of Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS

We could always use help in Sunday School! No experience required! Please reach out to Jess if you are interested.

Scan for more information or to register!







GROWING IN **FAITH**, **LOVE** & **SERVICE**

ABOUT HOPE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

The HLC Youth Group is a welcoming ministry at Hope for young people in grades 6–12 who are looking to deepen their faith and make a meaningful impact in the community we serve. We meet every Sunday at 10AM in between services for conversations, hands-on activities, and reflections that connect faith to everyday life.

In addition to our weekly gatherings, we host monthly social events to build friendships and have fun together. Youth can also participate in monthly service opportunities, like making sandwiches for St. Peter's Lunch Program, which allows us to put our faith into action. Whether you're drawn to music, worship, community service, media, or technology, there's a place for you to grow, serve, and shine.

Be sure to check the monthly calendar for any changes to our weekly schedule and to stay updated on upcoming social and volunteer events.

All are welcome!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Josh Staudinger Director Of Music & Faith Formation (732) 757-8630 hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com

> Inhyoung Chae Youth Group Leader Inniesmail@gmail.com

FALL/WINTER 2025 DATES

09/07 RALLY DAY

09/24 Sandwiches For St. Peters (Monthly)

10/19 CROP WALK

11/14 ST.PETERS MEAL SERVING

11/15 Bake for open door

11/21-23 NJ SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT

> 11/29 Christmas Decorating

11/30 ADVENT CRAFT

12/14 Christmas caroling



Here is an idea of <u>SOME</u> of the things we have planned for our upcoming church year of September 2025 – June 2026

September

Sept 7 –Back to two services,
Sunday School and Youth! 9am
Traditional, 10am SS/Youth
11am Contemporary
Backpack Blessing
Sept 24 – Sandwich Making!

October

Confirmation Classes begin again! Let the office know if your child/ren will be starting their first year!

Oct 19 – Crop Walk

November

Nov 14 – Outreach Meal

Nov 15 – Open Door Bake Sale

Nov 21-23 – Synod Youth Retreat

Nov 29 – Decorating Pot Luck

Nov 30 – Advent Craft

December

Dec 5, 12, 19 – Pageant Practice

Dec 14 - Christmas Caroling

Dec 22 – Christmas Pageant

Dec 24 – 4pm and 7pm Services

No SS/Youth Dec 28

January

No SS/Youth Jan 4

Jan 10 – "UN" decorate

Jan 23 - Outreach Meal

February

Feb 8 – SOUPerbowl Sunday

Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18 – First Communion Classes

March

March 22 – First Holy Communion

March 29 – Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt

April

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

April 3 – Good Friday

April 5 – Easter Sunday

No SS/Youth April 5

April 24 – Outreach Meal

May

May 10 – Muffins with Mom

May 17 – BINGO! Last day of SS and Youth!

May 24 – Summer Schedule – One Service @ 930am

June – August

June 21 – Donuts with Dad

VBS WEEK

August 10 – August 14

MONTHLY

Women of Hope – First Saturday of each month at 930am in the Kitchen

Gathering of Men – Second Saturday of each month at 9am in the Kitchen

Book Club – Third Sunday of each month at 10am in the Kitchen

Congregation Meetings

One in *November* and one in *June* each year – dates to be determined



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

HOPE FAMILY PRAYER LIST

<u>Carol Bulcroft</u> could use prayers for health and healing while she rehabs at Applewood...

Kira Noseworthy; Tracey Radosti's sister; Charles Sona;

Teddy Mancini; Unger Family Friend, Helene; Bob

Smith, Jeanette Kropa's father; Becky Davino's father,

John Wolgast; Rob Iadanza; Bill Becker; Bob

Robinson; Ashley Rosenberg; Gerry Bergh; Alyssa

Manco, friend of the Somodi Family; Kaitlin Kropa; Bill

Seifert; Colin Alaia, family friend of the McGeady

Family; Jennifer, family friend of Brenda and Dennis

Johnson; 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		
	NON COUNCIL MEMBERS		
	HOLDING POSITION/S		
Treasurer	Mike Della Rosa		
Open Door	Rebekah Heilman		
Worship	Jackie Peters		

	Assisting	Altar	Counting
Oct 5	Sue	Pat F	Pat & Debbie
Oct 12	Debbie	Sue D	Sue & Steve
Oct 19	Rebekah	Rebekah	Sarah & Michelle
Oct 26	Rita	Barbara T	Bill & Barbara
Nov 2	Ken	Diane K	Mike
Nov 9	Steve	Debbie U	Mike & Sue
<i>Nov 16</i>	John	Christine H	Matt & Chris
<i>Nov 23</i>	Debbie	Rachel R	Mike
Nov 30	Tom	Pat F	Pat & Debbie
Dec 7	Rita	Sue D	Sue & Steve
Dec 14	Bill	Rebekah	Sarah & Michelle
Dec 21	Debbie	Barbara T	Bill & Barbara
Dec 28	Ken	Christine H	Matt & Chris

<u>Traditional Acolytes –</u> *Cara S and Melody B*<u>Contemporary Acolytes –</u> *Hedin Girls, Joey M and Ryan S*

<u>USHERS</u>	9am	11am
Oct 5	Ken & Mark	John & Chuck
Oct 12	Rebekah & Chris	Diane & Matt S
Oct 19	Matt & Andrew	John & Chuck
Oct 26	Ken & Mark	Wayne & Dominick
Nov 2	Rebekah & Chris	Matt & Diane
Nov 9	Mark & Bill	Chuck & John
<i>Nov 16</i>	Matt & Ken	Dominick & Matt
Nov 23	Andrew & Bill	Wayne & Diane
Nov 30	Rebekah & Chris	Chuck & John
Dec 7	Mark & Ken	Matt & Diane
Dec 14	Matt & Andrew	Wayne & Dominick
Dec 21	Bill & Chris	Chuck & John

<u>GREETERS</u>	9am	11am
Oct 5	Pat F	
Oct 12	Jill W	Sarah K
Oct 19	Suzy C	Diane
Oct 26	Barbara	Kathy
Nov 2	Pat	Sue D
Nov 9	Jill	Janine
<i>Nov 16</i>	Suzy	Diane
Nov 23	Barbara	Sarah
Nov 30	Pat	Kathy
Dec 7	Suzy	Sue
Dec 14	Jill	Janine
Dec 21	Barbara	Diane

October





2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step 7p – Praise Band	3 7p – 12 Step	930am – WOH 12p - Counseling
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9a – Traditional 10a – SS/Youth 11a – Contemporary	530p – WW Group	7p – Zoom Yoga 730p - Choir	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step 7p – Praise Band	7p – 12 Step	9am - GOM 12p - Counseling
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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