



THE ANCHOR

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SERVING OUR LORD AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVICES AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 30TH THRU SEPT. 5TH

9:30 AM

SERVICES HELD OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING

OFFICE HOURS: SECRETARY

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DOLICH:

In this unbelievably crazy, busy, nonsensical world, we are all attached to something – family, a job, sports teams, ideas about the world and other people. Many attachments are positive and help bring us closer to God. But the opposite can also be true. It is easy to get caught up in everything the world has to offer. After all, it is a beautiful place. But you will eventually become confused and disoriented if you do not keep God at the center. As you have probably discovered, in the midst of events that make no sense, in the midst of a society that has lost its compass, the Christian life is not always easy. There are plenty of problems to keep you from being filled with the joy of the Lord. But God is committed to setting you free from traps that wreck your peace, even if all you can do is change your internal response. The church has an awesome role to play in today's world, as more and more people are looking for the truth. Since you belong to Christ, you are always an integral part of His body –not just while in a church building or serving in ministry. In fact, you represent the church to others whether at home, at work, or even online. The more time you spend with the Lord, the more you will reflect Him.

When you get caught up in everything the world has to offer, let James 1:17 remind you that “Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.” Being mindful of this will help put your focus where it should be, even as you enjoy the blessings of your heavenly Father. I encourage you to enjoy His loving presence, the closer you stay to Him, the easier it becomes to find and follow His will for your life-which leads to the best blessings of all.

As you spend time with the Lord, set your gaze on Him so His faithfulness becomes the light that guides you.

In Christ,
Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Saturday, July 3rd Fireworks at Hope, presented by Terry Cressman and his family.
- Saturday, July 17th Private Baptism of Emilia Rae Davis, daughter of Sean and Jessica (Frace) Davis.
- Sunday, July 18th Musical Guests – Smith Sisters
- Monday, July 26-30 Vacation Bible School @ 9:00 – 11:30 am
- Wed., Sept. 8 Quilters Group @ 9:30 am
- Sunday, Sept. 12 Rally Day and Outdoor Church Picnic (stay tuned)
- Sunday School - 9:00 and Church - 10:30 am
- Tues., Sept. 14 WELCA @ 10:00 am
- Sunday, Sept. ? Blessing of the Animals (stay tuned)
- Sunday, Sept. 26 Memorial Service: A Celebration of Special Lives
- Wed., Oct. 13 WELCA Bus Trip – Queen Esther

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 26 to July 30
9:00 to 11:30 am



At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. All children ages 3 to those who have completed 6th grade are welcome!

ATTENTION GRADS:

Students who are graduating from High School and attending college in the Fall can apply for a small Grant from Hope. Also returning students to college may re-apply for the Grant. Please see Diane at the church office for an application. Deadline for applications will be by the end of July. Applications will then be reviewed by the Church Council.

Graduates for this year:

Trent Cressman, Nazareth High School
Zoe Mendonis, Nazareth High School
Collin Wade, Easton High School, also
Abigail Warren, University of the Arts in Philadelphia

(We apologize if we missed a name, please contact the office with corrections.)

CHURCH COUNCIL

GREG DRENNAN, PRES.	2021
JULIE KNOWLES	2021
ALEXIS WARREN	2021
TINA KRUG, SEC.	2022
DARREL MENGEL	2022
DAVE MEREDITH	2022
BILL KEIFER, VICE PRES.	2023
BRENDA KNOWLES	2023
RICHARD PETERSON	2023

COUNCIL NOTES FROM JUNE

- Hope Lutheran Church has received a small land donation from a company called, CTHL1, which owned a small tract of land. This parcel of land runs along 8th Street from the rear of the house on Mill Race to our driveway and is approximately 10’ deep. There will be no cost to Hope for this land title transfer.
- Pastor’s knee surgery is scheduled for June 25th and the second one in July. Coverage for each week in July and August has been arranged.
- COVID update – no restrictions, masks are optional and ropes in sanctuary can be removed. We will continue to live stream the services and the social hall will also be available for view the services.
- Bethany Warren will be attending Bear Creek this year.
- A new computer will be purchased in the secretary’s office.
- Envelopes for 2022 will be reviewed and revised.
- Street clean-up dates will be July 18th, Sept. 19th and Nov. 7th.
- Donations are still being accepted for the “Furnace Fund”. The new furnace was installed in the summer of 2020 – total cost of the project was \$35,686. To date we have received your very generous offerings totaling \$18,036.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

- Every first Saturday of the month Hope Lutheran Church needs volunteers to pick up food donations at Wegmans and deliver them to Save Harbor in Easton. Please see the sign-up sheet on bulletin board to see available dates.
- If you know of someone who should be added to the prayer list, please see or call Pastor or Diane.
- Please consider signing up to be a lector on Sundays
- Reminder, we are still collecting canned and non-perishable items for our area food bank. There is a box under the coat rack in the Narthex to place the items.
- If interested in purchasing Giant Gift Cards, see Stan Smith. The church receives 5% of the face value on gift card purchases. The gift cards come in \$100, \$50 or \$25.
- Altar flower and bulletin dedications are available – please consider signing up as an act of remembrance or celebration for someone you love.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



All birthdays and anniversaries are found in the weekly bulletins, the monthly calendars on the table in the narthex, and on the church's website at hopetatamy.org. Starting in October, we will only be listing birthdays of the shut-ins.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Frace	7/04	Diane Ricker	7/25
Lindsay Gocek	7/04	David Vough	7/25
Thomas Schomaker	7/14	Linda Spangler	7/27
Markies Dolich	7/18	Keith Correll	7/28
Kristen Wallace	7/19	Collin Wade	7/28
Garry Dorney	7/21	Chris Schomaker	7/29
Brian Frace	7/21	Braden Bergstol	7/30
Rosie Lichner	7/21	Christopher Lichner	7/30
Sherri Meyers	7/25		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

J. J. Burke	8/05	Jessica Davis	8/18
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Kathy Houch	8/09	Sandra Gates	8/18
Brook Wallace	8/10	Ella Reed	8/18
Kristin Wade	8/12	Eric Riedinger	8/18
Karen Woolley	8/13	John Semos	8/20
David Meredith	8/15	Darrell Mengel	8/21
Marie Ricky	8/15	Connor Gleason	8/24

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Allie Lichner	9/01	Stan Smith, Jr.	9/19
Donna Lee Cresina	9/10	Diane Hewett	9/20
Barbara Green	9/10	Ashley Camps	9/23
Robin Kostenbader	9/10	Bart Wagner	9/23
Chuck Werkheiser	9/11	David Weasner	9/23
Michael Frace	9/13	Rodney Kessler	9/24
Cheryl Karba	9/14	Paighton Wagner	9/25

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Susan & Stan Smith	7/07	Jen & Brad Woolley	8/09
Sandra & Bob Gates	7/09	Gail & Greg Drennan	8/17
Marie & Garry Dorney	7/13	Cindy & Dan Dewey	8/19
Kathryn & Jeff Raub	7/13	Jen & Terry Cressman	8/21
Kathy & Robert Houck	7/20	Diane & John Ricker	8/23
Suzanne & Richard Peterson	7/28	Norma & Tom Dutt	9/06
Tracy & Mike Riedinger	7/28	Kathy & Kevin Correll	9/08
Brittney & Josh Cressman	7/29	Rosie & Joe Lichner	9/15
Gloria & Anthony Jaskowiec	8/02	Cindy & David Vough	9/20
Jessica & Sean Davis	8/05	Diane & Bruce Hewett	9/23
		Tina & Eric Krug	9/29

We apologize if we missed a birthday or anniversary – please contact the office with any changes or additions. Thank you.

WORLD HUNGER

The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger.

We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by

listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

We at Hope have a good track record with our support of the Hunger Campaign. My only concern is that with the country’s lockdown, we as a nation, might have become less concerned with God’s greater world. Please take a moment and revisit the needs of our world’s hungry. We say we are starving when supper is later than usual. Some go days without a decent meal. Always remember, “When I was hungry...”.

Submitted by Stan Smith, Jr.

JOYFUL NOISES



To Sing ...

As a lively one-year old, I managed to embarrass my mother IN CHURCH! According to her story, the choir had just finished singing their anthem and I stood on her lap, clapped and yelled “More, More!” Music has always had a profound effect on me.

Did you know that the word “sing” is mentioned 121 times in The Bible? (If you have the New English Version, it’s 209 times). I won’t try to write the Hebrew letters, but in Hebrew the word for “sing” is pronounced “La-Inyan”. It literally means “a ringing cry with a sense of joy”. “A ringing cry”. I like that!

Nowhere in The Bible does it say to sing with a beautiful voice. It simply says to sing. Psalm 95 “Sing to The Lord”. Psalm 96 “Sing a new song”. And “Then the trees of the forest shall sing for joy”. Psalm 98 “Break forth into joyous song and sing praises”. Psalm 101 “I will sing of loyalty and justice”. Psalm 104 “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live”. And my last example...Ephesians 5:19 “Be filled with the Spirit as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to the Lord in your hearts”.

So – the next time a hymn speaks to you, or your hear an anthem that you really like, don’t yell “More! More!” Instead, make your joyful noise to the Lord. Make your song a ringing cry with a sense of joy! Sing to the Lord and bless His name. Sing!!

Submitted by Lenna Harris

If anyone has information that you would like to see in the next Anchor, which will come out in late September, early October, please give it to Diane in the office.



Dear faithful:

Most of 2020 and the beginning of 2021 have been a time of challenges, of hurts, of discernment. Amid our pain, disappointments, and challenges, we continued to support each other, and we came together as a family of faith and in faith toward each other.

During this period of turmoil, we as a church, and as society, have had to adapt to the circumstances, with imposed restrictions and guidelines; we have lost loved ones, many of us still look for closure at such a loss.

Because of restrictions, we have not been able to properly say goodbye to loved ones and we have not been able to recognize –as a family of faith- these saints in Christ. For that matter, the leadership at Hope Lutheran Church has set aside **Sunday, September 26, 2021 as a Sunday of “Memorial Service: A Celebration of Special Lives.”** During this special service, we will celebrate and recognize the lives of those who are no longer in our midst, those who have left us too soon. Special music and anthems have been selected for this service, and the names of those who have passed away will be elevated during this special celebration.

We humbly ask you to consider attending this service so that, together with all the faithful at Hope, we may celebrate the lives of those whom we have lost.

Please, feel free to contact the church office if any questions may arise.

In Peace,
Pastor

